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## Beta Gamma Sigma inducts 15 new members

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**KOKOMO, Ind.** – The Indiana University Kokomo chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma inducted 15 new members during a ceremony on campus Friday morning. Beta Gamma Sigma is an international honor society for business students and scholars.

Inductees included recent graduates, students and faculty members of IU Kokomo. Faculty members honored were Chancellor Michael Harris, Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Susan Sciame-Giesecke and School of Business Dean Frank Wadsworth.

Current students inducted were Lynn Cooper, James Geiger, Abram Jenkins, Christopher Lammer, Jianmei Lin, Mitzie Johnson, Marc Slick and Aaron True. IU Kokomo M.B.A. scholars installed into the honor society were Christopher Dale, Rodney Mayberry, Ronald “Andy” Miller and Marcena Stahl.

“The mission of Beta Gamma Sigma is to encourage and honor academic achievement in the study of business and personal and professional excellence in the practice of business,” explained Chapter President Marilyn Kintzele, professor of accounting.

Beta Gamma Sigma is Greek for honor, wisdom and earnestness.

“Worthy members of Beta Gamma Sigma consciously seek to act honorably at all times,” said David Rink, professor of marketing and faculty member of the society. “They confidently pursue peace of mind and happiness for themselves, even as they serve as an exemplar for others. Honor is a guiding star which encourages altruism, enlightened social responsibility and service, rather than selfishness.”

In recognition of their induction, the key of Beta Gamma Sigma was presented to candidates. Faculty members were also presented with an honor stole .

“I’ve been told and have read that being inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest achievement a student or faculty in business can receive,” said Aaron True, a junior. “First I’m extremely humbled. Some days you get so caught up with what is the next class and when is the next test, so that you forget to sometimes look far ahead. Being inducted is very significant, humbling and encourages you to display the values the society is based on.”

Both Chancellor Harris and Sciame-Giesecke also expressed much humility, noting the honors were due to nominations from their colleagues.



“I am tremendously humbled that my colleagues find me worthy of this recognition,” said Harris. “There really isn’t a higher honor than being recognized by colleagues.”

For junior Mitzie Johnson, an accounting major, it only seemed right that the first person she shares her honor with is her friend and encourager, Carol Garber, who teaches folklore as well as the coordinator for nursing services at IU Kokomo.

“I’m so honored to be invited and inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma,” said Johnson. “Carol pushed me along and I’m really glad she did.”

A chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma was established at IU Kokomo in 2001.

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