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## Business professor inducted into FACET

**KOKOMO, Ind. —** Jason VanAlstine earns recognition for outstanding work in the classroom, from the Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching (FACET).

VanAlstine, assistant professor of economics at Indiana University Kokomo, was recently inducted into the organization, which has the goal of promoting and sustaining excellence in teaching among IU faculty.

"FACET includes a lot of the faculty members I have looked up to as mentors since I came to IU Kokomo," said VanAlstine. "To be a part of that group is a big honor. They are very passionate about teaching. I am excited to be part of this group I can learn from, and hopefully others can learn from me as well."

Michael Tully, acting dean of the School of Business, called VanAlstine "one of the School of Business' most engaged, student-centered, creative and effective instructors," and said he is the kind of faculty member the organization was created to recognize.

"His students leave IU Kokomo well-prepared for success in the world of business, which is by far the best evidence of his exceptional classroom skills," Tully said. "He brings a high level of enthusiasm to all his involvements on this campus, whether as a coach, student organization advisor, or a rising star faculty member in this dynamic academic unit. The continued success of the business school and the campus depends on faculty such as Jason, who can touch and inspire students through his high-quality teaching, mentoring, and modeling of good academic habits and citizenship."

VanAlstine had planned to be an accountant, but discovered a talent for economics while he was an undergraduate. He accepted a teaching assistantship to pay for his graduate studies at IU, and was surprised by how much he enjoyed teaching.

“Once I taught a couple of classes, I realized that’s what I wanted to do,” he said. “I really like working with college level students. You have students who have lived with their parents their whole lives, and by the time they complete their degrees, they are expected to leave home and start their lives. I like my role in helping them transition though that stage in life.”

In addition to teaching, VanAlstine coaches the IU Kokomo men’s and women’s cross country teams, and is co-sponsor of the Enactus student organization. He appreciated support from Chulkov and Dianne Roden, professor of finance, who led his peer review, and Julie Saam, associate professor of education, who guided him through the FACET selection process

FACET was established in 1989 as the service oriented teaching academy of IU. Members are chosen annually through a peer review process. Each year, members are involved in collaborative activities at the campus, university, and national level, promoting inquiry and engagement in teaching and learning.

*Indiana University Kokomo serves north central Indiana.*

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