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School of Business faculty with Beta Gamma Sigma inductees

Nursing, business students honored for academic excellence

KOKOMO, Ind. — Indiana University Kokomo students in the Schools of Nursing and Business were recently inducted into honor societies, rewarding academic excellence.

The School of Nursing inducted 25 students, its largest class ever, into Sigma Theta Tau Alpha Chapter. Six IU students founded the honorary in 1922, “so our new members are carrying on a very proud tradition,” Dean Linda Wallace said.

“Those chosen are graduates who have demonstrated superior scholastic achievement and leadership potential,” Wallace said. “This is a wonderful accomplishment.”

Alpha Chapter has a long and distinguished history of providing leadership to the profession of nursing, including supporting nursing education, nursing scholarship, and nursing service.

IU Kokomo’s new members include undergraduates Daniele Hoffman and Jacqueline

Vaughn, Carmel; Cristy Mullinix, Converse; Alicia Dellen and Michelle Harrison, Fishers; Mary Shelby, Gas City; Mary Peterson, Greentown; Tricia Hatfield, Victoria Johnson, Ashley Lay, Shawn Owings, Kristen Radford, Lauren Thurston and Kristin Tucker, Kokomo; Eric Emery, Marion; Tammy Staley, Markleville; Tracy Burdine, Peru; Lysie Carter, Russiaville; Guillermo Trejo, Sweetser; Kara Moulder, Tipton; Alexis Martin and Karyn Wilcox, Wabash; and Laurie Walsh, Westfield.

Graduate students inducted were Leigh Swartzendruber and Beth Robbins, Greentown.

The School of Business inducted nine new members into Beta Gamma Sigma honorary. Undergraduates must be in the top 10 percent of their class to be inducted, while graduate students must be in the top 20 percent.

David Rink, professor of marketing, noted that Master of Business Administration student Megan Mathews received the honor for the second time. She was previously inducted as an undergraduate.

He said the organization's mission is to encourage and reward academic achievement, and to promote high standards for business leaders.

"These students are the best and brightest future business leaders," he said.

IU Kokomo's new members include undergraduates Cynthia Ballard and Emily Barnard, Flora; Derek Lawhead, Boyd Marler, Lisa Ortega, and Anthony Wood, Kokomo; and Debra Smith, Kempton Graduate students selected were Jordan Lee and Michael Vas, Kokomo, and Megan Mathews, Converse.

Indiana University Kokomo serves north central Indiana.

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