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### Top News

#### Don Brown, MD, to give 2017 commencement address

Donald E. Brown, MD, an Indianapolis tech entrepreneur and IU School of Medicine alumnus, will give the school's 2017 commencement address on Saturday, May 13, in the Sagamore Ballroom at the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis.

Last December, **Dr. Brown** gifted \$30 million to IU School of Medicine to establish the **Brown Center for Immunotherapy**, which aims to develop new treatments and cure disease through the use of cell-based immunotherapies. Dr. Brown's gift is the largest ever from an IU School of Medicine alumnus.

Dr. Brown received a bachelor of science in physics from Indiana University Bloomington in 1978 and later enrolled in a combined MD/PhD program with the intent of becoming a laboratory researcher. He later switched his focus to computer science, earning a master of science in computer science in 1982 before finishing medical school in 1985.

Dr. Brown launched his first software company, Dealership Programming Inc., while still in medical school. The company made it easier for car dealerships to calculate monthly loan payments for customers financing cars. In 1988, he co-founded Software Artistry Inc., a developer of customer support software that was later acquired by IBM. In 1994, Dr. Brown started Interactive Intelligence, which became a leader in call center and communication technologies. Interactive Intelligence was acquired in December 2016 by Genesys Telecommunications Laboratories Inc.

For more information about 2017 commencement, visit the **Medical Student Portal** on MedNet.

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## Film about Dr. Brantly's battle with Ebola releases today

Medical missionary Kent Brantly, MD, an IU School of Medicine alumnus and the first person to be treated on U.S. soil for Ebola, is sharing his survival story through a film entitled "Facing Darkness." The movie is being screened in select cinemas across the U.S. today and again on Monday, April 10.

Dr. Brantly, who graduated from IU School of Medicine in 2009, was serving as a medical missionary with Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization, in Monrovia, Liberia, from October 2013 to August 2014, when he contracted the deadly Ebola virus. Subsequently, he was evacuated to Emory University Hospital and successfully treated with the experimental drug Zmapp.

In May 2015, Dr. Brantly gave the IU School of Medicine commencement address. "Facing Darkness" was produced by Samaritan's Purse. The film is being screened in cities across Indiana. For more details and to purchase tickets, [visit the movie's website](#).

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## Dean Hess thanks class of 2017

In a special [video tribute](#) to the Class of 2017, IU School of Medicine Dean Jay Hess thanked students from this year's graduating class for their hard work and dedication to medical school.

The dean additionally encouraged the students to complete the Medical School Graduation Questionnaire (GQ) survey, given the importance of the feedback to supporting future students. To date, about 31 percent of eligible students have completed the survey.

For a list of frequently asked questions regarding the GQ survey, click [here](#).

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## Today is National Doctors' Day

The United States celebrates National Doctors' Day each year on March 30 to recognize physicians for their hard work and contributions to society. National Doctors' Day has been celebrated since 1933, but it wasn't formally recognized until 1991, when it was proclaimed by President George Bush.

The March 30 date was chosen because it marks the anniversary of the first use of general anesthesia in 1842 by Dr. Crawford W. Long, who used ether while removing a cyst from patient James Venable's neck.

IU School of Medicine appreciates the contributions of physician alumni and faculty who have chosen to pursue a career of service and healing.

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## Alpha Omega Alpha induction is tomorrow

The annual Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society induction ceremony will be held Friday, March 31, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. Election to AOA recognizes scholarship, character, service and leadership. Since 1902, more than 150,000 physicians and scientists have been inducted into the prestigious society.

Steven Isenberg, MD, IU School of Medicine volunteer assistant professor of clinical otolaryngology--head and neck surgery, and founder of Medals4Mettle, will give the keynote address, "Simple Gesture. Profound Impact. Global Reach."

This year's Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award recipient is Dr. Robert Hagen from Lafayette Orthopaedic Clinic, and The Harikiran Vasu, MD, Award recipient is fourth-year student Rafid Mustafa.

The 2016-2017 student, faculty, house staff and alumni AOA inductees are:

### MS3

Bryce C. Biberstein, Peter Coleman, Caleb A. Cooper, Lee-Wei Kao, Amber L. Lichtenbarger, Brian M. McGowan, Peter J. Nicksic, Cory M. Powers, Daniel L. Robinson, Christopher A. Schneble, Abhi Seetharam, Alex G. Sieg, Sydney M. Spagna and Joseph E. Thomas

### MS4

Kenaz Bakdash, Allen B. Barton, Maraya M. Baumanis, Stacy L. Blank, Trevor Crafts, Anton J. Crepinsek, Taylor A. Curry, Korbin M. Davis, Romina Deldar, Carter E. Duggan, Mackenzie A. Eagleson, David A. Eichenberger, Susan E. Ellsperman, Brian D. Fogler, Christian C. Frye, Jeffrey R. Gehlhausen, Lindsey N. Grabek, Andrew H. Huck, Colin Ip, Aava Khatiwada, Weston R. Kitley, Lindsay S. Leech, Amalia S. Lehmann, Nathaniel B. Linna, Elizabeth A. Lucich, Brittany M. McCoy, Brook N. Munger, Adam C. Murphy, Andrew M. Nguyen, Anne E. Oesterling, Josue Ordaz, Stephen F. Overcash, Kelsey J. Peters, Sonia Phadke, Kurt Y. Qing, Stephen V. Scheller, Adam Snoop, Cullen M. Taylor, Stefani S. Tica, William T. Turchan, Benjamin M. Wahle, Peter R. Wasky, Samuel I. Wilhite, Emily K. Willey and Raquel K. Zemtsov

### House Staff

Joal D. Beane, MD; General Surgery

Kyra D. Reed, MD; Emergency Med-Peds

### Faculty

Eugene P. Ceppa, MD; Surgery

John C. Christenson, MD; Pediatrics

### Alumni

W. Graham Carlos III, MD; Medicine

Jean A. Creek, MD; Medicine

Richard D. Feldman, MD; Family Medicine

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## Friday evening upgrade of MedNet and school website

MedNet, IU School of Medicine's intranet, as well as the school's website, [medicine.iu.edu](http://medicine.iu.edu)., will be unavailable from 5:30-6:30 pm on Friday, March 31.

This is a temporary outage to upgrade the network. Neither MedNet nor the school's public website will be available during this one-hour period.

This does not impact other system accessibility such as Outlook or web browsers. Please notify MedNet support should any problems persist after 6:30 pm. The help desk request form is located on [MedNet](#).

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## Research News

### IU to participate in study to improve care for TBI patients

IU School of Medicine will participate with six other Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) centers nationwide in a study led by a research team at University of Washington School of Medicine. The lead research team, based at the University of Washington, received \$12.7 million to improve post-acute care for patients with TBI. The funding, announced this month, comes from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, an independent nonprofit organization established by the U.S. Congress in 2010 to improve patient outcomes.

The University of Washington team plans to enroll 900 people with moderate to severe traumatic brain injury who are discharged from inpatient rehabilitation at one of six TBI Model System Centers: University of Washington, Indiana University, Ohio State University, Mt. Sinai in New York, Moss Rehabilitation in Philadelphia and Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation in Dallas.

The patients will be randomized to one of two groups: standardized discharge care, which includes advice and referral sources, and standardized discharge care with a care manager who will assess for unmet needs and assist with coordination of care via telephone over six months. The project team will compare functioning and quality of life at three, six, nine and 12 months in these two groups.

For more information about the study, visit [Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute](#).

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### Research study compares hospice care in multiple venues

A new study from the Indiana University Center for Aging Research and the Regenstrief Institute has found only minimal differences in the intensity of hospice services provided in nursing homes as compared to hospice services provided to patients in assisted living facilities or their homes. However, the mix of services did vary by site type.

Researchers, led by Center for Aging Research and Regenstrief Institute investigator Kathleen Unroe, MD, MHA, IU School of Medicine assistant professor of medicine, analyzed data from more than 32,600 men and women in 18 states who received routine hospice care from 2009 to 2015. Approximately 43 percent had short--less than two weeks--hospice episodes while 20 percent were in hospice care for greater than six months.

"It has been a concern that patients who live in nursing homes or assisted living facilities may be getting potentially less hospice care than people receiving hospice care at home," Dr. Unroe said. "We found that not to be the case. However, while the intensity of hospice services across settings was quite similar, people living at home were more likely to get more hospice nurse care, while those living in nursing homes or in assisted living facilities received more hospice aide care across the hospice episode."

For more on the study, visit [IU School of Medicine Newsroom](#).

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## Faculty and Staff News

### Deadline for Vitality Survey is April 28

The Faculty Vitality Survey© was recently sent to all full- and part-time faculty, including affiliates. The survey measures the synergy between satisfaction, productivity and engagement to increase understanding of the faculty experience, with a goal of making improvements.

The survey has been conducted at IU School of Medicine every other year since 2006. Results of the Vitality Survey provide rich data for making changes and improvements. Examples of changes at IU School of Medicine, based on the survey's findings, include lengthening the tenure probationary period from seven to nine years and the approval of a paid maternity leave policy in the multi-specialty practice plan.

The deadline for completing the survey is Friday, April 28. To learn more, visit the [survey website](#).

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### June 30 is deadline for promotion dossiers

Faculty dossiers for promotions effective July 1, 2018, are due in the deans' office

(Academic Administration) no later than June 30, 2017. Dossier materials are available online at [Promotion and Tenure @ IUSM](#).

Departments will have an earlier due date that should be available from the department chair or regional campus director's office. Email Lynn Wakefield at [lwakefie@iu.edu](mailto:lwakefie@iu.edu) no later than June 1, 2017, to inform the dean's office of your intent to submit a dossier for promotion. With questions about dossier preparation, contact Deb Cowley at [dcowley@iu.edu](mailto:dcowley@iu.edu). [Sample dossiers](#) are available. A more concise [list of documents](#) is available for department or regional campus administrators.

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## Student News

### Shirey to present at National Graduate Student Symposium

Carolyn Shirey, an IU School of Medicine-South Bend graduate student, is among 42 young researchers selected from 1,500 applicants to present at the 2017 National Graduate Student Symposium at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. She will discuss her work regarding the survival of cancer cells.

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### Need info about student health services? Check the policy

The [Statewide Health Services for Medical Students](#) policy is now available online in the IU School of Medicine [student handbook](#). The handbook, which includes a wide variety of updated policies, is housed on the IU School of Medicine website.

Feedback from learners and faculty played a key role in encouraging the Curriculum Council Steering Committee (CCSC) to consider policy updates. As policies are approved, they are tagged and indexed in preparation for housing on MedNet. Ultimately, all policies will be available within a single verified official portal on MedNet, which will be linked from the student handbook and other online locations.

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## Opportunities

### Internal grant applications due May 1

The application deadline for the IU School of Medicine internal grant programs is 5 pm, Monday, May 1. Two grant programs are included:



## Biomedical Research Grant

## Research Enhancement Grant

Investigators interested in an administrative review of the application components to ensure compliance with the posted submission guidelines must submit the proposal to [iusmoper@iu.edu](mailto:iusmoper@iu.edu) at least five business days before the deadline.

If a proposal is not received five business days prior to the deadline it is assumed the principal investigator has waived administrative review rights; consequently, the proposal should be uploaded directly to the Indiana CTSI website and may be subject to administrative withdrawal if not compliant with guidelines.

[Application forms](#) and additional information are available.

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## Foundations of Clinical Practice instruction positions open

IU School of Medicine Medical Student Education is now accepting applications for small group instructional positions for the Foundations of Clinical Practice (FCP) Year One and Year Two courses, which are part of the school's new curriculum.

Foundations of Clinical Practice (FCP) Years One and Two are an integrated series of lectures, small-group discussions and simulated patient encounters along with a clinical component. The courses provide instruction in fundamental clinical skills such as taking a patient history, documenting a patient encounter, and performing a physical examination of a normal adult and creating a differential diagnosis. Students are also introduced to social determinants of health, barriers to care, fundamentals of communication, interprofessional education, and systems-based practices. Professionalism, ethics and the student's emerging role as a health care provider are addressed throughout the course.

Master clinician and co-instructor positions are available. For job descriptions or to apply for opportunities on the Indianapolis campus, refer to the [2017-2018 AY-FCP Small Group Instructor Interest Form](#). For information about opportunities on other IU School of Medicine campuses, contact the appropriate regional campus directors.

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## Apply for Hester scholarship by May 1

The IU Simon Cancer Center Marilyn Hester Scholarship Fund was created to assist medical and/or doctoral students pursuing degrees in biomedical sciences who have demonstrated an interest in and potential for conducting pediatric hematology or pediatric oncology research. Applicants must not have received any other type of scholarship or grant for the upcoming academic year.

Funding is up to \$8,000 a year with the number of awardees determined by the quality

of applications and available funds in a given year. [Submission guidelines and application](#) are available now. Application deadline is Monday, May 1.

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## Cancer Research Day abstracts due April 21

The IU Simon Cancer Center is currently accepting abstracts for posters to be presented at Cancer Research Day on Wednesday, May 17. Cancer Research Day is an annual event that aims to increase understanding and awareness of IU Simon Cancer Center research endeavors and encourage collaboration with other Indiana cancer research institutions. Abstracts should be submitted for one of the following research categories:

- Basic science
- Behavioral
- Population science/epidemiology
- Translational/clinical research

Abstracts will be divided and compared by the following groups within each research category:

- Clinical nurse
- Graduate student
- Medical student
- Post-doctoral/medical fellow
- Research technician
- Faculty (not eligible for cash award)

Students, fellows and faculty conducting cancer research at IUPUI, Indiana University-Bloomington, Purdue University, and the Harper Cancer Research Institute, a collaboration between the IU School of Medicine and the University of Notre Dame, are eligible to present at Cancer Research Day. Cash awards will be given for best poster(s) in each research category, by group. A panel of judges will be assigned to review abstracts and posters by research category and group.

Visit [cancer.iu.edu](http://cancer.iu.edu) to complete the abstract submission form. The deadline is 5 pm, Friday, April 21.

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## Apply by April 14 for Wright scholarship

The IU Simon Cancer Center William J. Wright Scholarship Fund rewards third- and fourth-year medical students who are strong academically and desire to pursue a career caring for cancer patients. Successful applicants have also displayed strong humanitarian qualities throughout their medical careers.

The expectation for this award is that the student will devote at least two months of the academic year to a project furthering the care of patients with cancer, including a formal basic, translational or clinical science research project, quality improvement project, health outcome research or cancer awareness program. Award recipients must attend Cancer Research Day on Wednesday, May 17.

Application deadline is Friday, April 14. [Submission guidelines and application](#) are available. Students with research grants already supporting their education are not eligible.

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## Around Campus

### South Bend-Joint replacement topic of April 5 Mini Medical School lecture

Mark Klaassen, MD, Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Center, Elkhart, will speak about the evolving landscape of joint replacement at 7 pm, Wednesday, April 5, as part of IU School of Medicine-South Bend's Mini Medical School public lecture series. For more information, see the [March 2 issue](#) of INScope.

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### Indianapolis-Modern HIV/AIDS myths talk is April 5

Critical Conversation: Modern Myths about HIV/AIDS is the subject of a presentation at noon on Wednesday, April 5, in University Library, Room 1126, on the IUPUI campus. The presentation is sponsored by the IUPUI Office of Intercultural Literacy, Capacity and Engagement.

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### Indianapolis-April conference to highlight gender disparities in pay

The National Center of Excellence in Women's Health will host its annual conference, Negotiating the Divide: The Trend of Men Earning More than Women, from 5:30-8 pm,

Tuesday, April 11, at Fairbanks Hall, Room 1110. The conference will address gender disparities in pay and promotion, and is designed to encourage female leadership. [Registration](#) is available.

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