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Top News

IU School of Medicine to graduate 431 doctors, scientists on Saturday

More than 400 future physicians and scientists will be recognized Saturday when IU School of Medicine holds its annual commencement ceremonies at 10 am in the Sagamore Ballroom of the Indiana Convention Center.

Donald E. Brown, MD, IU School of Medicine alumnus and software entrepreneur, will give the keynote address. In December, Dr. Brown gifted \$30 million to IU School of Medicine--the largest gift ever from an alumnus--to establish the Brown Center for Immunotherapy.

Dr. Brown's business ventures include founding Dealership Programming Inc., Software Artistry Inc. and Interactive Intelligence. In addition to his MD, Dr. Brown holds a Bachelor of Science in physics and a Master of Science in computer science. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in biotechnology at Johns Hopkins University.

On Saturday, IU School of Medicine will award:

331 Doctor of Medicine degrees

29 Doctor of Philosophy degrees

71 Master of Science degrees

Following the formal hooding ceremony, IU School of Medicine Dean Jay L. Hess, MD, PhD, MHSA, will lead the new doctors in reciting the time-honored Physician's Oath, promising, among other things, to practice their profession "with conscience and dignity" and always considering the health of their patients first and foremost.

In a ceremony Sunday afternoon, Christopher A. Sinsabaugh, MD, current resident in radiology and imaging sciences, IU School of Medicine, will address 131 associate and bachelor's degree graduates of the school's **Health Professions Programs**. The programs include clinical laboratory science, cytotechnology, histotechnology, medical imaging technology, nuclear medicine technology, paramedic science, radiation therapy, radiography and respiratory therapy.

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Carlos to speak at Senior Banquet

The IU School of Medicine Class of 2017 Senior Banquet, which begins at 6 pm, Friday, May 12, will feature William G. Carlos, MD, as the keynote speaker. The event will be held at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis.

Dr. Carlos, associate professor of medicine and graduate of IU School of Medicine, returned to IU to complete a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine. He also serves as the section chief of pulmonary and critical care medicine at Eskenazi Health and is co-chair of the Clinical Component Committee.

His achievements include two-time winner of the Golden Apple award, presented to the best overall educator at IU School of Medicine, and the 2017 Achievement in Medicine (AIM) award, which honors management-level members of the Eskenazi Health team who uphold the tradition of excellence in health care.

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June 9 is deadline for GQ survey

IU School of Medicine fourth-year students are reminded to fill out the Medical School Graduate Questionnaire (GQ) survey. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, June 9.

The GQ survey, administered nationally by the Association of American Medical Colleges, provides critical feedback for IU School of Medicine and also provides the opportunity for students to voice their opinions about their medical student experience.

For more information about the GQ, click [here](#).

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Huang to lead data sciences, informatics for IU Precision Health Grand Challenge

Kun Huang, PhD, an internationally recognized scientific and academic leader in bioinformatics and computing, has been named the director of data sciences and informatics for IU's first Grand Challenge initiative, [Precision Health](#).

Dr. Huang, whose research focuses on translational bioinformatics, is currently a professor of biomedical informatics at Ohio State University, where he also serves as associate dean for genome informatics in the College of Medicine and director of the Division of Computational Biology and Bioinformatics.

At IU, Dr. Huang will lead the development of innovative informatics solutions as part of the university's Precision Health Initiative, a five-year research initiative announced in June 2016 focused on patient-centered precision medicine therapies. The initiative, led by faculty at IU School of Medicine, IU Bloomington and IUPUI, and investigators at the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) and the Regenstrief Institute, is the first recipient of the university's \$300 million investment in the [Grand Challenges Program](#).

Precision health is aimed at understanding and optimizing the prevention, treatment, progression and health outcomes of human diseases through a more precise understanding of the genetic, developmental, behavioral and environmental factors that contribute to an individual's health. Led by IU Associate Vice President of Research and Clinical Affairs and IU School of Medicine Executive Associate Dean for Research Affairs Anantha Shekhar, MD, PhD, the Precision Health Initiative will seek to cure at least one cancer and one childhood disease, as well as find ways to prevent one chronic illness and one neurodegenerative disease.

Data sciences and informatics represent one of the initiative's five research clusters across the university, including genomic medicine; cell, gene and immune therapy; chemical biology and biotherapeutics; and precision to population health.

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

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New eligibility date for paid parental leave

The start date for a [new paid parental leave policy](#) available to eligible IU staff members has been changed. Announced by President Michael A. McRobbie at the April 14 IU Board of Trustees meeting, the new policy was originally effective for births or adoptions that took place on or after July 1, 2017. However, Human Resources announced today that the university will instead make the new policy effective for births or adoptions on or after April 14, the day the new policy was formally announced.

A list of [frequently asked questions](#), [information about eligibility](#) and a [form to request paid parental leave](#) are available on the university's Human Resources website. Questions? Email recben@iu.edu or call 812-856-1234.

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INScope summer publication schedule

Coinciding with the end of the academic year, INScope will begin an abbreviated summer publication schedule at the end of this month. The last weekly issue will be Thursday, May 25, with weekly publication resuming Thursday, July 27. (INScope will not be distributed on Thursday, Aug. 31, due to the Labor Day holiday.) During the summer months, INScope will be published on the following Thursdays:

June 8

June 22

July 13

July 27

Aug. 3

Aug. 10

Aug. 17

Aug. 24

(No issue on Aug. 31 due to Labor Day holiday)

As a reminder, the deadline for submission of news items is Wednesday at noon for each Thursday's issue. For more information, visit the [INScope page on MedNet](#). News items and questions should be sent to scopemed@iu.edu.

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Research News

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Investigator	Sponsor	Type	Project Title	Begin Date	End Date
Kacy Allgood	University Of Iowa	New	Bringing visibility to food security data results:harvests of PRAGMA and RDA	5/1/2016	4/30/2017
Andrew Beardsley	Virginia Commonwealth University	New	Decreasing Antibiotic Exposure in Infants with Suspected Ventilator-Associated	3/1/2017	11/30/2017

			Infection		
Lynda Bonewald	University Of Missouri-Kansas City	New	Extracellular Vesicle Mediated Cell-Cell Communication in Bone	4/1/2017	3/31
Nickolay Brustovetsky	National Institute Neurological Disorders & Stroke	New	CRMP2, mitochondria, and Huntington's disease	4/1/2017	2/28
Aaron Carroll	The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	New	Change Leadership IRL Dissemination Proposal	2/15/2017	8/14
Katherine Chan	National Institute Of Diabetes, Digestive & Kidney	New	Engaging families to improve the care of patients with hypospadias.	5/1/2017	2/28
David Delgado	Children's Hospital Of Los Angeles	New	Optimizing Cord Blood and Haploidentical Aplastic Anemia Transplantation (CHAMP), BMT CTN PROTOCOL #1502.	2/1/2017	1/31
Tatiana Foroud	Michael J Fox Foundation For Parkinsons Research	Renewal (not prev committed)	Amendment to the PPMI Study Core Agreement - Genetics Coordination Core: Funding for Year 4 for Widespread Genetic Screening	1/1/2017	12/31
Anita Haggstrom	Duke University	New	Efficacy, Safety and Pharmacokinetics of Topical Timolol in Infants with Infantile Hemangioma	12/19/2016	9/28
Tamara Hannon	National Institute Of Diabetes, Digestive & Kidney	New	Patient-Centered Decision Support to Improve Diabetes Management in Pre-Teens and	4/1/2017	3/31

			Adolescents with Type 1 Diabetes		
Philip Johnson	University Of Alabama Birmingham	New	Central Nervous System Control of Intraocular and Intracranial Pressure	2/1/2017	1/3'
Steven Johnson	National Institute Of General Medical Sciences	New	Selective modulation of bacterial chaperonins by targeting novel small molecule binding sites	5/1/2017	2/28
Mark Kelley	National Cancer Institute	New	(PQ9)Mechanistic Role of APE1 and BER in chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy	4/1/2017	3/3'
Feng-Ming Kong	University Of Chicago	New	Developing a PET Volumetric Staging System for NSCLC: A Complement to TNM Staging	9/1/2016	8/3'
Gary Landreth	National Institute On Aging	New	Functional Significance of Amyloid Dynamics and Deposition in the AD Brain	4/1/2017	5/3'
Yan Liu	University Of Texas Health Science Center Houston	New	Embryonic origin and self-renewal of B-1a cells	8/22/2016	5/3'
Andrea Pfeifle	Eskenazi Health	Renewal (not prev committed)	Nonverbal sources of diagnostic error in emergency care	7/1/2016	6/30
Martin Plawecki	University Of North Carolina At Chapel Hill	New	Does Oxytocin Block Tolerance to Alcohol in Alcohol-Dependent and Non-Dependent Human Subjects? Testing a Novel Anti-Addiction Mechanism	4/1/2017	12/3

Shannon Risacher	State University Of New York	New	Biological Networks and Pathophysiology of AD and PD	7/1/2016	9/30/2016
Weinian Shou	Health Research, Inc.	New	Coupled transitions of FK506-binding domains in molecular design and signaling	1/15/2017	12/31/2017
Meijing Wang	U.S. Department Of Veterans Affairs	New	Assignment Agreement with Richard L. Roudebush, VAMC	4/1/2017	3/31/2017
Kenneth White	Marian University	New	Cell-Specific Targeting To Control FGF23 Bioactivity	1/25/2017	5/14/2017
Kenneth White	Marian University	New	Novel functions of cKL in Phosphate Homeostasis	1/25/2017	5/14/2017
Yang Yang	U.S. Department Of Veterans Affairs	New	Yang Yang Assignment Agreement with Richard L. Roudebush, VAMC	4/1/2017	3/31/2017
Karmen Yoder	Yale University	New	PET-derived 'Dopamine Movies' of Early-Stage Addiction to Cigarette Smoking: A Pilot Study	8/1/2016	7/31/2017
Ben Zarzaur	National Institute On Aging	New	Collaborative Care for the Older Injured Patient: A Trauma Medical Home	4/1/2017	3/31/2017

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Rohr-Kirchgraber presents findings on female physician suicide at congress

Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber, MD, associate professor of clinical pediatrics and of clinical

medicine, presented findings on female physician suicide at last month's Congress on Women's Health. The study aims to address the impact of seeking treatment for mental health issues on credentialing. Indiana University Health has already removed the question, and many states are re-evaluating its inclusion. The study will soon be open to all physicians. Grant funding is through the American Medical Association Giambalvo Fund.

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Faculty and Staff News

Spring faculty meeting is May 17

All IU School of Medicine faculty may attend the spring faculty meeting from 4:30-6 pm, Wednesday, May 17, in Walther Hall, Room C203.

Faculty meetings are held twice a year to discuss issues of importance to the school. Topics covered at this meeting include:

- IU School of Medicine 2017-18 faculty election results

- Recognition of award recipients

- LCME official site visit update

- Updates on ombuds office development, improving faculty governance and the strategic planning process

- Question and answer session (**Submit questions** prior to the meeting.)

The Faculty Steering Committee encourages all faculty to attend the meeting in person. For those unable to attend, the meeting will be available via live web stream and teleconference. Instructions for remote participation are posted on facultysteering.medicine.iu.edu. Following the meeting, a video recording will be available on the Faculty Steering Committee webpage.

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New staff orientation to debut in July; voting now open to select a name

An orientation session for new staff members working in Indianapolis is in the works and organizers are asking for help in naming the offering.

Set to debut in July, the orientation--designed and supported by IU School of Medicine's human resources teams from throughout the school--will include a focus on the school's mission, vision, values, priorities, history, structure and employment

essentials. As part of a dedicated effort to help new employees navigate their initial weeks, the session will be just one step in a three-part orientation process that also includes the established university benefits, safety and compliance trainings offered on the IUPUI campus, as well as the onboarding experience provided by the employee's department or division.

While the orientation will initially be limited to full-time staff located on the Indianapolis campus, all IU School of Medicine employees are encouraged to help name the session by voting for one of the options listed in the survey tool or suggesting one of their own.

The [survey](#) will be open until Friday, May 19.

The first individual to vote for or submit the session name that is ultimately selected will receive IU School of Medicine swag. The session name and additional details will be announced in a June issue of INScope.

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Deadlines and details now available for promotions, sabbatical leaves

Information and deadlines for faculty and promotions and sabbatical leave requests are available through the IU School of Medicine Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development.

Schedule for submitting recommendations for promotions to be effective July 1, 2018:

June 1, 2017: Submit tentative list to dean's office

June 30, 2017: Submit formal recommendations (original only) and all documentation to dean's office

Forms to be used for promotion recommendations are available online at faculty.medicine.iu.edu.

Schedule for sabbatical leave requests (applicable to tenured faculty only) during 2018-19 academic year:

Oct. 6, 2017: Submit tentative list to dean's office

Oct. 20, 2017: Submit applications electronically to the dean's office (lwakefie@iu.edu)

Visit [Faculty Benefits and Leaves](#) for instructions. Sabbatical leave information is available online at [Leaves of Absence](#).

Send all completed forms for the faculty actions listed above to Lynn Wakefield, Fairbanks Hall, Suite 5100.

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New workshop focuses on working with LGBTQ patients

A new training workshop highlighting practical information about working with LGBTQ

patients is now available from the IU School of Medicine Office of Diversity Affairs. Designed for health care providers, the training covers topics such as terminology and definitions, culturally sensitive interviewing skills, best practice methods for collecting gender identity and sexual orientation data and for obtaining necessary health information, and other unique health care considerations when working with this population.

This 90-minute workshop, available to departments and residency programs, is part of a series of cultural competence education sessions created and sponsored by the Office of Diversity Affairs. This workshop provides an opportunity for participants to learn in a collegial environment. To schedule a workshop, contact the Office of Diversity Affairs at 317-274-1939 or IUSMdiv@iupui.edu.

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Sign up for personal resiliency workshops

Full-time IU School of Medicine faculty and staff may take advantage of Personal Resiliency Training, an experiential workshop highlighting evidence-based strategies to improve psychological health, vitality and effectiveness at home and at work.

The four-part series will focus on promoting self-awareness, identifying and pursuing valued goals and actions, and enhancing mindfulness and compassion for self and others. The workshop will take place on the following Mondays on the IUPUI campus:

June 5: 9 am-noon

June 12: 9-11:30 am

June 26: 9-11 am

July 24: 9-11 am

For more information, bios of workshop facilitators and registration details, visit healthyiu.edu.

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Student News

Salazar wins surgical skills competition

Paul Salazar, a third-year IU School of Medicine student, won first place in the American Association for Thoracic Surgery Top Gun Student Surgical Skills Competition and also received first place in the associated poster research presentation.

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Terre Haute student outreach clinic wins IRHA award

Mollie R. Wheat Memorial Clinic, the student outreach clinic at IU School of Medicine-Terre Haute, recently won the Indiana Rural Health Association's (IRHA) Collaboration Award for an organization. The clinic was recognized for meeting the needs and providing services to rural communities.

Mollie Wheat Clinic is a free clinic where a collaborative group of students from IU School of Medicine-Terre Haute and Indiana State University learn about outreach to underserved populations by providing care supervised by volunteer teaching physicians from the community. The clinic, operating out of the Landsbaum Center for Health Education on the Terre Haute campus, is staffed with medical students, public health administration students, dietitians and community physicians.

"It is a great honor for our medical students to be recognized by the Indiana Rural Health Association Collaboration Award," said Taihung "Peter" Duong, PhD, associate dean and director, IU School of Medicine-Terre Haute. "I admire how these future physicians are already demonstrating their spirit of compassion in caring for the underserved and their spirit of collaboration in working with other future allied health professionals."

The award will be presented to the clinic at the IRHA Annual Conference in June.

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Need more time to complete your degree? Check the policy

The [Extension of Academic Plan of Study Policy](#), outlining procedures for students who may need more time to complete their degrees, 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

Class of 2014 seeks donations for endowed scholarship to honor classmate

The IU School of Medicine Class of 2014 is seeking to raise an additional \$5,000 to honor Annique Wilson-Weekes, a classmate who passed away from a rare form of

stomach cancer after her first year of medical school. She was a beloved wife, mother, friend and aspiring physician.

The Class of 2014 was moved to establish an endowed scholarship in her memory for non-traditional incoming medical students who are in financial need. In the five years since, many students, residents, faculty, family and friends have raised \$95,000--just \$5,000 short of the fundraising goal. If the extra \$5,000 can be raised by the end of May, the scholarship will receive a special match from the school, doubling its impact.

Please consider making a [tax-deductible gift online](#) today. In the search field, type "Annique" to direct your gift to the Annique Wilson-Weekes Scholarship of Excellence. With questions, please contact adreisch@iupui.edu.

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Memory University to focus on technology and dementia care

Beginning Friday, June 9, the Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center presents Memory University 2017, a unique program for research partners and others interested in Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative disorders. Sessions highlighting "Technology and Dementia Care," will be held from 1:30-3 pm on Friday afternoons from June 9 through June 30 and feature a different speaker each week. The sessions take place in Goodman Hall Auditorium, IU Health Neuroscience Center, 355 W. 16th St. Register at iadc.medicine.iu.edu or call Donna Wert at 317-963-7297.

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Evans Fellowship in Healthcare Leadership applications due June 1

Mid- and senior-level faculty may apply for the Evans Fellowship in Healthcare Leadership, an opportunity designed to develop the professional and personal skills required to lead and manage in today's complex and fast-changing academic health center environment. This program offers a two-year fellowship of leadership training, including structured coursework leading to an MBA degree from the IU Kelley Business of Medicine program, as well as extensive coaching, networking and mentoring opportunities.

The program is intended to equip fellows with greater business acumen, broader organizational perspectives and deeper personal capacity to address emerging issues in the school, health care system and society.

Learn more about the [application process](#) online. Applications are due by Thursday, June 1.

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IU-Kenya Partnership in Surgery golf outing is next week

Support the IU-Kenya Partnership in Surgery by participating in the second annual golf scramble on Sunday, May 21, at Golf Club of Indiana, 6905 S. 525 E, in Lebanon, Indiana.

For more than 20 years, IU School of Medicine has partnered with Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya, serving as the anchor medical school in a consortium of schools across North America. All proceeds from golf scramble participation and sponsorships allow the IU School of Medicine Department of Surgery to increase its presence at Moi, as well as expand the available resources for medical students and faculty.

For more information, to register or make a donation, call 317-274-5771.

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Kudos

Loehrer to receive ASCO visionary award

Patrick J. Loehrer, MD, associate dean for cancer research, and director, Indiana University Simon Cancer Center, will receive the inaugural Allen S. Lichter Visionary Leader Award and Lecture from the American Society of Clinical Oncology at its annual meeting, June 2-6, in Chicago. ASCO created the award in 2016 to recognize members who have transformed the oncology field or significantly advanced the mission of ASCO, the Conquer Cancer Foundation or CancerLinQ, LLC, through their leadership, vision and ability to inspire.

In addition to his leadership positions with the IU Simon Cancer Center and IU School of Medicine, Dr. Loehrer is the cofounder of the Hoosier Cancer Research Network.

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Partner News

Town hall for IU Health Physicians is Monday

IU Health President and CEO Dennis Murphy and system leaders will host a town hall for IU Health Physicians from 5-7 pm, Monday, May 15, in Fairbanks Hall, FS 1110/1112. Murphy is traveling to IU Health facilities across the state as part of The ONE Tour, to meet with team members, celebrate accomplishments and introduce IU Health's new promise: The Best Care, Designed for You.

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