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News to Use

Campus at the heart of NCAA Final Four

Indianapolis will become the center of the college basketball universe this week, thanks to the 2015 NCAA Final Four at Lucas Oil Stadium, and IUPUI students, athletes, faculty and staff are going to find themselves in the **middle of the action**.

Due to its proximity to Lucas Oil Stadium and White River State Park, IUPUI will make some parking available to visitors this weekend. Some students will work at the Fan Fest in the Indiana Convention Center. IUPUI athletes and staff may help provide manpower needs for Final Four events as part of IUPUI's role as an official co-host of NCAA championship events.

The NCAA is collaborating with IUPUI and other central Indiana colleges and university campuses on a tree-planting initiative in pursuit of combined sustainability goals. And students from the IUPUI-based National Sports Journalism Center have covered early tournament games in Louisville and Cleveland, and will be on hand to cover the finals at Lucas Oil.

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Eskenazi Health to host International Violin Competition performances

The International Violin Competition of Indianapolis 2014 gold, silver and bronze medalists will perform at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at the Sidney & Lois Eskenazi Hospital, 720 Eskenazi Ave. The performances will take place in the Eli Lilly and Company Foundation Concourse. The event is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Eskenazi Health Parking Garage.

Jinjoo Cho, International Violin Competition of Indianapolis gold medalist, has performed throughout North and South America, Asia and Europe, establishing herself as a leading violinist of her generation. Tessa Lark, IVCI silver medalist and winner of the 2012 Naumburg International Violin Award, has been

consistently praised by critics and audiences for her astounding range of sounds, technical agility and musical elegance. Ji Young Lim, IVCI bronze medalist, is from South Korea and started her violin studies at the age of seven. She currently is studying at the Korea National University of Arts.

Eskenazi Health has recently established a partnership with the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis. The concert is supported by the Marianne Tobias Music Program at Eskenazi Health, which brings music to the patients, visitors and staff at Eskenazi Health. From public concerts in the gardens to impromptu performances in the Eli Lilly and Company Foundation Concourse, the Marianne Tobias Music Program engages audiences at Eskenazi Health with accessible, high-quality musical performances.

The intent of the program is to welcome artists of diverse genres to expose patients, families and staff to a wide range of musical experiences. To learn more about the Marianne Tobias Music Program, contact the Eskenazi Health Foundation at 317-880-4900.

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Life-Health Sciences Internship Program Poster Session is April 10

The 2015 Life-Health Sciences Internship Program Poster Session will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, April 10, in the VanNuys Medical Science Building atrium.

The [Life-Health Sciences Internship Program](#) connects IUPUI life and health sciences undergraduates with research and professional experience internships on and near the IUPUI campus. This annual event celebrates the work of the 2014-15 LHSI intern group.

This year's speakers include Adam Miller, 2008-2009 LHSI intern and fourth-year medical student at the IU School of Medicine. Miller is scheduled to speak at 3:30 p.m.

For more information on the LHSI poster session or to view photos from past events, visit lhsi.medicine.iu.edu/postersession. To RSVP for the event, visit lhsi.medicine.iu.edu/postersessionrsvp. Questions can be directed to Brandi Gilbert, LHSI director, at brgilber@iu.edu.

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Partial closure in lot 69; new parking spaces available

On or about April 6, 2015, through July 1, 2016, the west end of lot 69 (northeast of Hine Hall) will be closed as the campus begins construction of the new North Hall housing project.


While this lot is closed, the sidewalk on the north side of North Street will also be closed. Construction fencing will surround the closed-off portion. While there will be gates, these are just for construction access; no public access will be allowed during this time.

This also means there will be [changes in how parking spaces are designated and related parking changes](#).

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Support HANDS in Autism with doughnuts on April 6

[HANDS in Autism](#) is hosting a Krispy Kreme Doughnuts fundraiser from 7 to 10 a.m. Monday, April 6, in

Fesler Hall, Room 32. All proceeds help support scholarships and programming for individuals with autism spectrum disorder. Doughnuts can be pre-ordered at RileyKids.org/KrispyKreme. The  [event flyer](#) includes more information.

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Faculty and Staff News

Ciccarelli receives inaugural Leadership in Med-Peds Award

Mary Ciccarelli, M.D., associate professor of clinical pediatrics and medicine at the IU School of Medicine, is the recipient of the inaugural [Leadership in Med-Peds Award](#) from the Medicine-Pediatrics Program Directors' Association Executive Committee of the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine.

Criteria for the new award include outstanding contributions in the clinical field, national leadership in med-peds, significant contributions to the education of residents, promotion of student interest in med-peds training, supporting faculty development and supporting the development and betterment of med-peds as a discipline.

Dr. Ciccarelli is associate chair for education in the Department of Pediatrics.

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Student Showcase

Students responding in high numbers to complete reaccreditation survey

IUSM students have responded in noteworthy numbers to the request to complete a comprehensive questionnaire about the medical student experience required for reaccreditation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. Dates convenient to each campus were set between March 5, when students at IUSM-Bloomington participated, and April 2, when first- and second-year students at IUSM-Indianapolis will complete the survey.

The LCME requires a high response rate from students taking the survey, which has been called the IUSM Report Card. Overall response rate to date is 82.6 percent. The highest overall campus response rate so far is 100 percent at Lafayette, and first-year students deserve a shout-out with a current response rate of 96.3 percent.

The final date for completing the questionnaire is 11:59 p.m. Thursday, April 16.

The IUSM Report Card team was formed in January and worked at break-neck speed to develop a questionnaire, set dates for each campus to participate, and establish a plan for promoting high levels of participation. All students completing the questionnaire are entered into drawings for incentives, including five grand prizes of \$500 Visa gift cards.

Next, the student team will tabulate the data and compile an independent report for the LCME committee. Data from the IUSM Report Card will be used by students, faculty, staff and administrative leadership to improve the medical student experience.

IUSM Report Card co-leaders are Dessi Moneva, MS3 and Medical Student Council president; Janice Farlow, M.D., Ph.D. candidate; and Ben Ulrich, MS2. Many others have helped lead this initiative through the process of survey design, deployment across the state, and future analysis of the results.

Students who contributed include:

- **IUSM-Bloomington:** Alex Cochrane and Kenaz Bakdash.
- **IUSM-Evansville:** Brook Munger, Romina Deldar, Kristen Marley and Sunny Cai.
- **IUSM-Fort Wayne:** Josh Herber.
- **IUSM-Lafayette:** Zach Walker.
- **IUSM-Muncie:** Nate Moore.
- **IUSM-Northwest:** Colin Ray.
- **IUSM-South Bend:** Sara Frey.
- **IUSM-Terre Haute:** Amy Richmond.
- **IUSM-Indianapolis:** Namita Agrawal, Brent Bagley, Adewale Bakare, Casi Blanton, Richard Chiang, Kevin Chu, Caleb Cooper, Janice Farlow, Sunetris Fluellen, Swapnil Garg, Courtney Glos, Keith Hansen, Chris Hyppolite, Avinash, Inabathula, Michael Johnston, Megan Kaehr, Pooja Khatiwada, Lindsay Leech, Stephen Lehnert, Alexandra McDaniel, Nathan McIntyre, Loren McLendon, Derryl Miller, Dessi Moneva, Annie Oesterling, Parth Patel, Andrew Piropato, Pavan Rao, Joel Sampson, Patrick Stafford, Magda Stawikowska, Dakota Thompson, Stefani Tica, Ben Ulrich, Stacey Walters, Erika Weil, Aamir Zariwala and Ashley Zerr.

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Opportunities

New grant program to support early-career scientists

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute and its philanthropic partners, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Simons Foundation, have launched the Faculty Scholars Program, a new \$148 million national initiative to provide research support to outstanding early-career academic scientists in the U.S.

The three philanthropies will award a total of up to 70 grants every 2.5 years to promising scientists who have the potential to make unique contributions in their field.

Each grant is for five years, and will range from \$100,000 to \$400,000 per year, based on external funding

and need. The awardee's institution will be given an additional 20 percent of the yearly grant for indirect costs.



More information about the [Faculty Scholars Program](#) -- including eligibility details -- is available online.

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Biostatistics course for health care researchers set for May 12 to 14


The IU School of Medicine Department of Biostatistics will present "Biostatistics for Health Care Researchers: A Short Course" from 1 to 5 p.m. May 12 to 14 at the Health Information and Translational Sciences Building, 410 W. 10th St., Indianapolis. The course is designed specifically for health care researchers in the health sciences.

The first sessions will cover basic principles, design of medical research studies, standard statistical tests and data analyses and data management. Later sessions will focus on more advanced topics, including multiple linear and logistic regression, survival analyses, longitudinal data and genetic analyses.

More information, including the three-day agenda, is included in the  [course brochure](#). Enrollment is limited to 30 attendees, and CME credit is available.  [Download the enrollment form](#).

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50th annual Riley Hospital Pediatric Conference is May 15 to 16

The annual  [Riley at IU Health Pediatric Conference](#) scheduled for May 15 to 16 will feature guest speakers Douglas Carlson, M.D., professor and chair of pediatrics, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, and Amy Nopper, M.D., professor of pediatrics/dermatology at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City.

The two-day conference at the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel, 8787 Keystone Crossing, includes plenary presentations and discussions. The event is targeted to pediatric primary care physicians, specialty physicians, nurse practitioners and social workers. Attendees have the opportunity to tailor their participation through selection of four workshops from 12 offerings.

[Early bird registration rate is available online](#) until April 15.

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Save the date: GI disorders course scheduled for June 26

"Eosinophils and GI Tract: Esophagus and Beyond" is the topic of a course to be presented from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 26, at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, 35 W. Maryland St., Indianapolis. Focusing on eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders in a multidisciplinary format, the course features presentations by adult and pediatric gastroenterologists, an allergist, a pulmonologist, a basic scientist and a dietitian. The course is designed for sub-specialists, primary care providers and other health care providers in adult and pediatric medicine.

The course is scheduled in conjunction with the 13th Annual Patient Education Conference of the [American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders](#), the world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to helping

patients and families cope with eosinophil-associated diseases through education and awareness, research, support and advocacy.

The course fee is \$20 for IUSM faculty and staff, and \$50 for all other attendees. Online [registration](#) is preferred.

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Kudos

Rohr-Kirchgraber named president of the American Medical Women's Association

Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber, M.D., chief physician executive of the Eskenazi Health Center Primary Care – Center of Excellence in Women's Health and executive director for the Indiana University National Center of Excellence in Women's Health, will become the 100th president of the American Medical Women's Association at its Centennial Celebration and annual meeting this month. Dr. Rohr-Kirchgraber will be the first Hispanic physician to hold this office for AMWA.

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Piscoya's abstract to be presented at upcoming ophthalmology conference

Andres Piscoya, MSIII at IUSM-Notre Dame, authored an abstract that has been accepted for presentation by the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology at their annual conference in Denver in May.

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