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## *August 2011 Highlights*

**Dr. Richard Ward**

### Introducing Dr. Richard Ward, Executive Director of the Center For Research and Learning

**Message from Dr. Richard Ward:**

"It is a great honor to join the staff of the Center for Research and Learning and to be presented with the opportunity to continue the great work of my predecessors Dr. Kathryn Wilson and Dr. Kody Varahramyan in leading the Center. For many years my students and I have benefited from the programs that are part of the Center's legacy. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the CRL to increase the impact and reach of the Center's good work. As a key component of IUPUI's RISE to the Challenge initiative undergraduate **R**esearch empowers and engages our students and we know these factors relate directly to increased student retention and success. Such peer mentored research also offers opportunities for students to work directly with faculty researchers in disciplines across our campus and supports the health sciences and urban research components of IUPUI's mission. The CRL has been at the cutting edge in supporting multidisciplinary team research and in recognizing the commonalities in research, scholarship, and other creative activities. Most important, the Center has long adopted the primary mission of using undergraduate research to support access and success for students who might not otherwise have had such opportunities. On a personal level, I am most excited about the chance to work with our students in the exciting enterprise of discovery and applied learning provided by mentored undergraduate research."

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### Farewell to Cho

Thint T. Cho will be leaving the Center for Research and Learning after six years of outstanding service to our center and our students. Cho was one of

**Thint T. Cho**

the first hires when the Center for Research and Learning was created. She had just graduated from the IU School of Informatics with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Media Arts and Science, and though she was originally hired as an Administrative Specialist her design and technical talents soon led to the creation of the Center's first "Technical Support Specialist" position which Cho has filled for the last several years. Students who have participated in any of the Center's signature programs will recall Cho's enthusiastic help in producing and printing their research posters and her colleagues in the center have always appreciated her attention to detail, her sense of design and most important, her enthusiasm for the work the center does. We will all miss Cho a great deal, but wish her well on this next stage of her professional journey.

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## 2011 Summer Research Programs Poster Symposium A Success

The Center for Research and Learning hosted the annual Summer Research Programs Poster Symposium was on Wednesday, July 27, 2011.  This culminating event provided over 150 IUPUI undergraduate summer research students the opportunity to present their project results to the wider university community.  The Center for Research and Learning sponsors students from multiple disciplines and academic institutions to participate in federally funded and IUPUI-specific programs.  These eight-week programs couple individualized, faculty-mentored research opportunities with participatory group activities centered on learning more about the research enterprise.

**2011 CRL Summer Research Programs Scholar Abstracts »**

## Apply Now to Participate on a Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Institute (MURI) Team or to Receive an Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Grant: DUE September 9, 2011

Applications are now available for participation on a MURI team or an Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Grant during the academic year.  Both programs offer competitive stipends and give students the opportunity to work with a faculty mentor.  MURI projects will be announced by August 24, 2011. Visit www.crl.iupui.edu for applications, program information, and research information.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Rubens at erubens@iupui.edu

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## High School Teachers Discover New Ways to Engage Students at Nanotech Academy

Release Date: July 28, 2011

Thirteen high school teachers from across Indianapolis and the surrounding region convened on the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) campus to explore the interdisciplinary field of nanotechnology.

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## IUPUI Graduate Office set to hold Graduate Programs Expo

**2011 IUPUI Graduate Expo**

The Graduate Expo is your one-stop shop for information about graduate programs at IUPUI and other colleges and universities throughout the United States. Participating Universities include: Ball State University, Butler University, Indiana State University, Midwestern University, Northern Illinois University, University of Indianapolis, Van Andel Institute Graduate School, and Virginia Commonwealth University.  The Expo will be held Wednesday, September 21st, 2011 from 9am-3pm.

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## Share the News with CRL

The Center for Research and Learning needs your input! We are looking for news to recognize the achievement of student research scholars, promote student organizations, and share ideas. Please contact us at **crlstaff@iupui.edu**.

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