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### Top News

#### \$2 million gift to fund endowed chair in geriatric medicine at IUSM-Evansville

A \$2 million gift from the Sol and Arlene Bronstein Foundation will allow the IU School of Medicine-Evansville to recruit an expert in geriatric medicine. The Sol and Arlene Bronstein Chair in Geriatric Medicine will work with others at IUSM and in the community to improve health care, develop new therapies, and rethink the way care is delivered to the elderly in Indiana and beyond.

The position also will play a leading role in educating medical students, community physicians, and other health care providers and trainees about how to meet the unique medical needs of the aging population.

“We know that many elderly patients face complex medical issues and frequently experience difficulty navigating the health care system,” said Jay L. Hess, M.D., Ph.D., IU School of Medicine dean and vice president for university clinical affairs. “Thanks to the generosity of the Sol and Arlene Bronstein Foundation, we will develop more effective ways to care for them, and we’ll train others to do the same. This is critically important not just in Evansville, but throughout the country, because the number of Americans age 65 and older is expected to double by the year 2060.”

Sol and Arlene Bronstein were successful business leaders and philanthropists in the Evansville area. The foundation in their names was established upon their deaths.

Among many other causes, the Bronsteins cared deeply about the aging population and set in motion plans for what would later become The Communities of Solarbron for senior citizens. This gift, which will establish the endowed Sol and Arlene Bronstein Chair in Geriatric Medicine, will build upon that legacy.

“Arlene Bronstein had a soft spot for senior citizens,” said Wayne Trockman, who serves as co-trustee of the Bronstein Foundation along with Old National Wealth Management. “She left specific language directing foundation gifts to benefit seniors in our community. With the creation of this cornerstone chair, as head of geriatrics at the Indiana University School of Medicine–Evansville, this gift will fulfill her wishes for many years to come.”

The timing of the gift, as part of “For All: The Indiana University Bicentennial Campaign,” also will allow the school to multiply the impact. The university is offering a historic gift-matching program for newly established faculty endowments and certain other endowed funds. As a result, income from the Bronstein Chair will be matched annually in perpetuity, greatly increasing the amount available to support geriatric research and education.

The goal is for the Bronstein Chair to be the first step toward the development of a robust research and education program focused on geriatrics at the Evansville campus.

“Our ultimate vision is to be home to several faculty focused on the senior population,” said Dr. Steven Becker, director of the IU School of Medicine-Evansville. “We envision these individuals will be practicing physicians in the Evansville area who dedicate a significant portion of their time to research and education. This gift from the Bronstein Foundation will lay the foundation we need to build upon in the years ahead.”

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## Mirmira joins Indiana Biosciences Research Institute

**Raghu Mirmira, M.D., Ph.D.**, Eli Lilly and Company Professor of Pediatric Diabetes, IU School of Medicine, has been appointed as the first Indiana Research Fellow and interim scientific director for the Indiana Biosciences Research Institute.

Dr. Mirmira, an internationally recognized diabetes and metabolic disease research scientist, will serve as the core laboratories director for IBRI. In these leadership roles, he will work closely with David Broecker, president and CEO of IBRI, to recruit additional research scientists to the institute, establish research operations, and commence project work.

"We are very excited to have Dr. Mirmira join IBRI's leadership team at this critical stage of establishing research operations for the institute," said Broecker. "Raghu is a unique and talented researcher with a track record of building nationally recognized research centers."

"Under Dr. Mirmira's leadership, the IU School of Medicine received NIH funding to support the IU Center for Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases," said Jay Hess, M.D., Ph.D., dean of the IU School of Medicine and vice president for university clinical affairs. "We look forward to working with IBRI to establish a highly collaborative environment across our institutions to conduct research that is high impact and ultimately will improve people's lives."

For more information, read the complete [news release in IUSM Newsroom](#).

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## Faculty and Staff News

### Howenstine appointed senior associate dean for GME and CME

IU School of Medicine Dean Jay Hess announced that Michelle Howenstine, M.D., has been appointed senior associate dean for graduate medical education and continuing medical education. She has been serving as associate dean for graduate medical education. Dr. Howenstine is a professor of clinical pediatrics with extensive experience in statewide outreach as a recognized leader in cystic fibrosis care and research.

With her additional responsibilities, Dr. Howenstine will provide leadership in both graduate medical education (GME) and continuing medical education (CME) with the goal that the IU School of Medicine will be viewed nationally as a model for GME and CME.

The senior associate dean for graduate medical education and continuing medical education ensures that the school adheres to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) requirements, the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Group on Resident Affairs (GRA) core competencies, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) criteria and policies, and advances improvements in the clinical learning environments.

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## Healthy IU offers wellness programs

Healthy IU is offering a variety of wellness opportunities for IU faculty and staff members during the spring semester.

### Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP)

Wednesdays, Feb. 10 - June 1

11 am - noon

Do you want to lose weight? Are you at risk for type 2 diabetes? **DPP** is a 16-week, evidence-based group lifestyle change program designed to help participants lose weight and reduce their risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Classes are held in the IUPUI Campus Center. [Register here](#).

### Walk to Wellness

Tuesdays, Jan. 26 through May 17

11 - 11:30 am

If you have previously completed programs like Weight Watchers, Weight Talk, or Diabetes Prevention Program, **Walk to Wellness** offers continued support. The class meets in the IUPUI Campus Center. [Register today](#).

Both programs are free for full-time IU faculty and staff and their spouses/partners on an IU-sponsored health plan.

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## Information about 2016 HSA contributions

IU employees enrolled in a Health Savings Account (HSA) for 2016 should take note of a few dates:

- IU's contribution will be deposited into HSA accounts with the second paycheck in January. This is Jan. 29 for employees paid either bi-weekly or monthly.
- The minimum annual employee contribution of \$300 is required for enrollment, and the first deduction will be taken from the first paycheck in January. That was Jan. 4 for employees paid monthly and Jan. 15 for employees paid bi-weekly.

[Additional information about the 2016 HSA](#) is available online, or by contacting [enews@iu.edu](mailto:enews@iu.edu).

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## Research News

### New IUSM grants and awards top \$3.7 million in December



Investigator	Sponsor	Type	Project Title	Begin Date	End Date	Awarded Dollars
Samer Abu-Sultaneh	Riley Children's Foundation	New	Pediatric Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (pARDS)	7/1/15	6/30/16	7,560
Costantine Albany	Alliance For Clinical Trials In Oncology	New	A Study of the Natural History of Cisplatin-Induced Peripheral Neuropathy in Patients with Germ Cell Tumors	1/1/16	12/31/17	88,000
Gustavo A Arrizabalaga	American Heart Association Incorporated	New	The role of a novel dense granule protein in calcium-dependent signaling in Toxoplasma gondii	1/1/16	12/31/17	52,000
David Patrick Basile	U.s. Department Of Veterans Affairs	New	Endogenous Mitochondrial Resistance to Acute Kidney Injury	10/1/15	9/30/16	26,465
Hal E Broxmeyer	National Heart, Lung And Blood Institute	Renewal (not prev committed)	Basic Sciences Studies on Gene Therapy of Blood Diseases	12/1/15	11/30/16	510,467
Martin Rhys Farlow	Washington University	New	Dominantly Inherited Alzheimer Network Trials: An Opportunity to Prevent Dementia	7/1/15	6/30/16	64,008
Richard M Frankel	Walther Cancer Foundation, Inc.	New	The IU Simon Cancer Center Program in Palliative Care Research and Education-Wind Down Funding	11/1/15	10/31/16	99,999
Stacey D Gilk	National Institute Allergy & Infectious Diseases	New	Reprogramming of host cell cholesterol homeostasis by Coxiella burnetii	12/16/15	11/30/16	230,841
Shannon Michelle Hawkins	National Cancer Institute	New	Deletion of Arid1a and Kras as a Model of Endometriosis-Associated Ovarian Cancer	12/2/15	11/30/16	78,000
Julia M Hum	American Heart Assoc-greater Midwest Affiliate	New	Targeting cardiovascular calcification with soluble Klotho	1/1/16	12/31/17	102,676
Elizabeth A	Vanderburgh	New	Support of Medical	10/15/15	10/15/16	500

Kalb	County Medical Society		Student Service Learning through UCS Homeless Medical Respite Program			
Mark H Kaplan	National Institute Allergy & Infectious Diseases	Renewal (not prev committed)	Allergic inflammation and Transcriptional Regulation in Th9 cells	12/11/15	11/30/16	463,320
Mark H Kaplan	University Of Notre Dame	New	Engineering Heterobivalent Inhibitors for Specific Inhibition of Mast Cell Degranulation	12/1/14	11/30/16	85,800
Minal Deepak Mulye	American Heart Assoc-greater Midwest Affiliate	New	Manipulation of host cholesterol homeostasis by Coxiella burnetii	1/1/16	12/31/16	102,677
Harikrishna Nakshatri	National Cancer Institute	New	Estrogen-Estrogen Receptor axis in non-transformed breast epithelial cells: studies beyond MCF-7	12/4/15	11/30/16	78,000
David E Nelson	National Institute Allergy & Infectious Diseases	New	The role of the urethral microbiome in idiopathic urethritis in men	12/1/15	11/30/16	739,341
Jason M. Organ	Purdue University	New	Muscle progenitor cell-based implants for dynamic laryngeal muscle reconstruction	7/15/15	6/30/16	58,868
Roberto Pili	Health Research, Inc.	New	Targeting the methionine Salvage Pathway as a Metabolic Point of Leverage in Novel Therapeutic approaches for Prostate Cancer	9/30/15	9/29/16	6,580
David Alan Plager	Emory University	New	Infant Aphakia Treatment Study	9/1/15	8/31/16	8,000
Alexander G Robling	National Aeronautics And Space Administration	New	Foundational In Vivo Experiments on Osteocyte Biology in Space	6/1/15	5/31/18	50,000
Andrew J Saykin	University Of Washington	Renewal (not prev committed)	National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center	7/1/15	6/30/16	26,780
Joshua W	American	New	Hand transcription	1/1/16	12/31/19	308,000

Vincentz	Heart Association Incorporated		factors in cardiac outflow tract development and congenital heart disease			
Kara K Wools-Kaloustian	Moi University Faculty Of Health Sciences	New	Developing and Assessing a Community Based Model of Antiretroviral Care	9/1/14	8/31/16	186,840
Bryan K Yamamoto	National Institute On Drug Abuse	New	Methamphetamine, Stress and Brain Endothelium	7/1/15	3/31/16	335,000

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## Student News

### Feb. 6 is first student loan exit interview session for fourth year students

Fourth year medical student federal student loan borrowers are required by the U.S. Department of Education to participate in an in-person exit interview prior to graduation. This applies to fourth year medical students borrowing under the following federal loan programs:

- Direct Loan (DL) Federal Stafford (Subsidized or Unsubsidized) Loan
- Direct Loan (DL) Federal Grad PLUS Loan
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Federal Primary Care Loan
- Federal Loans to Disadvantaged Students (LDS)

The Office of Medical Student Education will conduct three exit interview sessions in February as part of National Financial Aid Awareness Month. The two-hour sessions are scheduled based on the first letter of the participant's last name:

- A through G - Saturday, Feb. 6; 10 am; Medical Science Building, Room B-26
- H through P - Saturday, Feb. 13; 10 am; Medical Science Building, Room B-26
- Q through Z - Saturday, Feb. 20; 10 am; Medical Science Building, Room B-26

For more information about the exit interview process, including interviews conducted by the IU Student Loan Administration, visit [Medical Student Education](#).

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## Opportunities

### Apply for new assistant dean for faculty development and educational affairs positions

The Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development (OFAPD) and the Office of Educational Affairs invite applications for new assistant deans for faculty development and educational affairs. Those selected for these part-time appointments will be responsible for providing professional development, support, recognition, and process improvement for faculty (primarily volunteer faculty) throughout the IUSM nine-campus system.

To review the full position description and submit an application, visit [faculty.medicine.iu.edu](http://faculty.medicine.iu.edu). The priority application deadline is Monday, Feb. 15.

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### Poster abstracts for palliative care conference due tomorrow

Clinicians and researchers interested in presenting a poster at the “Let’s Talk Palliative Care: Continuity Across Settings” conference, presented by IUPUI’s RESPECT Center, must submit their poster abstract by 5 pm, Friday, Jan. 29. Up to 10 authors will be invited to present posters related to palliative and end-of-life care at the March 4 conference. Poster submission guidelines and information are available online at [iupui.edu](http://iupui.edu).

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### New Indiana CTSI consortium seeks applicants for awards program

The Midwest Strategic Pharma-Academic Research Consortium (SPARC), recently established by the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI), seeks applicants for the Midwest SPARC awards program, which focuses on projects related to human autoimmune disease. Funded programs are limited to \$400,000.

Letters of intent are due Friday, March 18. More information about the awards program and submission guidelines is available at [indianactsi.org](http://indianactsi.org).

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### Trustees Teaching Awards nominations due Jan. 29

Each year, the Indiana University Board of Trustees recognizes excellence in teaching through a program known as the Trustees Teaching Awards. Recipients of this prestigious award receive a \$2,500 bonus, have their names displayed on a plaque, and are recognized at IUSM commencement in May. Approximately 48 outstanding IUSM teachers receive the award each year. Nominations for this award are due Jan. 29, 2016.

## Eligibility Requirements and Nominations

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## Partner News

### Last chance to provide feedback for Indiana CTSI website redesign

Are you a researcher, investigator, program manager or other user who interacts the [Indiana CTSI website](#)? In 2016, this site will undergo a redesign, with the goal of improving functionality and architecture to make it easier for users to quickly find information they need. The Indiana CTSI wants to hear your thoughts and suggestions on how the site can be improved, and which updates would be most useful to its users. Please [click here](#) to access the short survey that will take around five minutes to complete. Your responses will be anonymous.

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## Around Campus

### Northwest -- IUSM-Northwest to host anatomical donor memorial service this Friday

IUSM-Northwest will host a memorial service tomorrow in honor of the six anatomical donors who selflessly gifted their bodies to scientific learning. The service will begin at noon in the Dunes Medical/Professional Building, 3400 Broadway, Gary, on the IUSM-Northwest campus.

In a practice unique to IUSM-Northwest, family members of donors maintain contact with the students who dissect the bodies of their loved ones throughout the school's formal human gross anatomy course. These family members are invited to attend the memorial service with IUSM students to celebrate the lives and generosity of their loved ones.

The service, coordinated by the first-year medical students, provides student doctors, faculty, and staff the opportunity to express their thanks for the donors' gifts. With written passages, songs, and prayers, the students reflect on the privilege that has been afforded to them by the donor who endowed his or her body to medical education and research.


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### Indy – Attend Feb. 10 presentation on bioengineering and global health

The Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health will host a special presentation by Anusuya Das, Ph.D., "Navigating the Crossroads of Bioengineering and Global Health," on Wednesday Feb. 10, 2016 at 10:30 am

at the Regenstrief Health Center, RG-6040. The talk will explain why bioengineers' tools and technologies make them uniquely positioned to address a wide number of disease- and non-disease challenges in the field of global health.

Anusuya Das, Ph.D., is a biomedical engineer who is passionate about global health efforts. She received her Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2010.  [Download the event flyer](#) to learn more.

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