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Top News

IUSM leaders get firsthand look at school's impact in Kenya

Dean Jay Hess, M.D., Ph.D., and Mark Geraci, M.D., chair, Department of Medicine, recently returned from their inaugural trip to Eldoret, Kenya, to see firsthand the global reach of the IU School of Medicine and the impact the school has had on the lives of millions of people in sub-Saharan Africa. Gary Dunnington, M.D., chair, Department of Surgery; Pat Loehrer, M.D., director, IU Simon Cancer Center; and Robert Einterz, M.D., director, IU Center for Global Health, accompanied Dean Hess and Dr. Geraci.

During the week-long trip, Dean Hess and the IUSM delegation got an inside look at the AMPATH program. Dean Hess visited two facilities that were made possible by philanthropic funding through IU --the newly opened Chandaria Cancer and Chronic Diseases Centre and the Riley Mother and Baby Hospital. He rounded on the wards at Moi Teaching & Referral Hospital with several IU faculty members who live and work in Kenya, and met with senior leaders of Moi University and the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital.

Dean Hess also traveled to regions outlying Eldoret to go on a home HIV-counseling and-testing visit and tour one of AMPATH's outreach clinics. He was especially pleased to meet with IU students who have recently returned to Kenya to participate in the global health program and hear about their experiences. The delegation joined the dean of Moi University School of Medicine for a presentation about the numerous research projects that IU is conducting in western Kenya to help patients live healthier, more productive lives and help improve patient care around the globe. Dean Hess participated in the opening of the Chandaria Cancer and Chronic Disease Center and was also one of the guest speakers at a dinner attended by more than 200 to celebrate the 27-year partnership between IU and Moi.

"This has been a remarkable visit for us. I am immensely impressed by the impact that the IU School of Medicine, through AMPATH, is having through our partnerships in Kenya," said Dean Hess. "At the same time, the health care needs are great and much more work needs to be done. We return more committed than ever to advance AMPATH's mission of 'leading with care.'"

The IU-Moi partnership was established in 1989 by four IU physicians, who had the vision to link faculty and resources from IU with those of the new Moi University Faculty of Health Sciences (later to be renamed Moi University School of Medicine) in Eldoret. Through the strength of that partnership, the Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH) program was created in 2001 in response to the HIV crisis in western Kenya. Today, the partnership with Moi University and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital includes 11 North American academic health centers, led by Indiana University. With a tri-partite mission of care, education, and research, AMPATH provides health care services to a population of 3.5 million people in western Kenya and focuses on improving the health and well-being of the entire population -- leaving no one behind.

You can view photos of the dean's visit on [Flickr](#).

Editor's note: Read more about the Chandaria Cancer and Chronic Diseases Centre in Top News in this issue of InScope.

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Alpha Omega Alpha induction ceremony is Friday

The 2015-16 Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society induction ceremony will be held Friday, Feb. 19, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. Dr. Charles Griffith III, vice dean for education, University of Kentucky College of Medicine, will present the keynote address, "Being Worthy to Serve the

Suffering.”

This year's Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award recipient is Sharon Singleton, M.D., IUSM-Fort Wayne, and the recipient of The Harikiran Vasu, M.D. Award is fourth-year student Parth M. Patel.

Election to AOA recognizes scholarship, character, service, and leadership. Since 1902, more than 150,000 physicians and scientists have joined the organization's ranks.

The following students, faculty, house staff, and alumni to be inducted at tomorrow's ceremony include:

MS3 inductees

William A. Dotterweich
Weining Du
Alyson A. Endicott
Bryan T. Golubski
Lindsay M. Guzek
Nicholas J. Kamp
Cameron M. Metzger
Rafid Mustafa
Tanav A. Popli
Ryan Puccia
Jonathan D. Ringenberg
Patrick B. Schwartz
Nektarios Vasilottos
Patrick M. Veerkamp

MS4 inductees

Aleksander Alavanja
Phillip H. Behrens
Kristin E. Briscoe
Robert A. Cassady
Jeffrey S. Cheesman
David Chrobak
Alex M. Clem
Ellen E. Cotant
Elizabeth A. Emhardt
Christopher M. Evenson
Ethan L. Ferguson
Brent D. Fiechter
Rebecca C. Gerber
Kathleen E. Gilbert
Cambia S. Green
Holly J. Irwin
Thomas M. Jetmore
Jennifer M. King
Jacquelyn D. Lajiness
Brandt T. Lydon
John S. Mayo
Mitchell R. McClean
Samantha H. Morley

Richard W. Nicolay
Gregory J. Pajot
Priyanka H. Parekh
Parth M. Patel
Andrew C. Pauszek
Geoffrey W. Peitz
Kateryna Petyaykina
Jennifer L. Peugh
Andres S. Piscoya
Nisha K. Raiker
Tennie L. Renkens
Rachel M. Rincker
Eric J. Schafer
Rebecca A. Sorber
Michael A. Trevino
Irene Tsung
Jenna Voirol
Erika L. Weil
Edward J. Westfall
Johnathan Weyhenmeyer
Jennifer Yu

House staff

Benjamin Gayed, M.D. -- General Surgery
Amanda Jensen, M.D. -- General Surgery
William D. Kerridge, M.D. -- Radiology
Lucas A. McDuffie, M.D. -- Surgery
Steven Mong, M.D. -- General Surgery
Julie E. Stark, M.D. -- Pediatrics -- Hematology/Oncology

Faculty

David A. Halperin, M.D. -- Anatomy and Cell Biology (SB)
Rakesh P. Mehta, M.D. -- Hematology/Oncology
Grzegorz Nalepa, M.D., Ph.D. -- Pediatrics -- Hematology/Oncology
Mark F. Seifert, Ph.D. -- Anatomy and Cell Biology
Anantha Shekhar, M.D., Ph.D. -- Psychiatry
Joanne M. Wojcieszek, M.D. -- Neurology

Alumni

Jodi L. Skiles, M.D., MS -- Pediatrics

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Bringing state-of-the-art cancer care to Kenya

AMPATH's new outpatient clinic in Eldoret, Kenya, -- the Chandaria Cancer and Chronic Diseases Centre -- opened its doors in 2015, bringing state-of-the-art cancer care to millions of people. The facility, which is already screening more than 1,000 patients per month for breast and cervical cancer, is a dream come true

for Patrick Loehrer, M.D., director, Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center, and H.H. Gregg Professor of Oncology. [Read more](#) about the new center and Dr. Loehrer's involvement.

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Faculty and Staff News

Ren named new director of Cystic Fibrosis Center

Clement Ren, M.D., is the new director of the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Center and director of the Cystic Fibrosis Therapeutic Development Network Program at Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health. Prior to joining Riley at IU Health, Dr. Ren served as CF center director and division chief at the University of Rochester. He has 20 years of experience as a CF center director and has served in a variety of leadership positions within the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Dr. Ren is recognized nationally for his clinical research expertise in CF, respiratory outcomes of prematurity, and respiratory function testing in infants and young children.

Dr. Ren replaces Michelle Howenstine, M.D., who recently stepped down from the position of CF Center director to pursue the role of associate dean for graduate medical education. Dr. Howenstine served as a CF center director for more than 20 years, both at All Children's Hospital at the University of South Florida and at Riley at IU Health. Under Dr. Howenstine's leadership, Riley's CF Center is a nationally recognized care and research center of excellence.

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First IU diversity assessment reports released

Indiana University's Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs has released the first diversity assessment reports for IU Bloomington and IUPUI. Last fall, IU engaged outside consultants to conduct a university-wide, comprehensive assessment to support IU's commitment to creating a diverse academic community. [Learn more](#).

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Research News

January IUSM grants and awards total nearly \$6.3 million

Investigator	Sponsor	Type	Project Title	Begin Date	End Date	Awarded Dollars
Alan Breier	Health And Hospital	New	The Prevention and Recovery Center	9/1/15	8/31/16	137,137

	Corporation Of Marion County		(PARC) for Early Psychosis Coordinated Specialty Care Program			
Alexander G Robling	Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation	New	Nupr1 a modulation as a therapy for OI	12/17/15	12/16/16	50,000
Alexia Mary Torke	Walther Cancer Foundation, Inc.	New	Physician Guidance and Clinician Counseling for POST	11/1/15	10/31/16	47,674
Andrew J Saykin	Vanderbilt University	New	Nicotine Treatment of Mild Cognitive Impairment	9/15/15	5/31/16	47,435
Brian Heath Mullis	Johns Hopkins University	New	Multicenter Investigation of the Mechanical Determinants of Post-Traumatic OA (PTOA Study)	12/28/15	8/31/16	12,600
Brian Scott Decker	The American Society Of Nephrology	New	Symptom Burden in Geriatric Hospitalized ESRD Patients and Utilization and Outcome of Palliative Care Consultation.	1/1/16	12/31/16	5,000
C Max Schmidt	University Of Texas Md Anderson Cancer Center	New	Imaging and molecular correlates of progression in cystic neoplasms of the pancreas	9/14/15	8/31/16	78,000
Catherine Rufatto Sears	American Cancer Society, Incorporated	New	Xeroderma Pigmentosum Group C (XPC) in lung cancer development	1/1/16	12/31/20	729,000
Chandy C John	National Institute Of Child Health, Human Devl.	New	Prophylaxis against malaria to enhance child development	1/1/16	12/31/16	404,017
D Wade Clapp	Johns Hopkins University	New	NTAP Study	7/1/15	8/14/15	3,355
Daniel O. Clark	Indiana Institute For Medical Research	New	Personnel Assignment Agreement - Daniel Clark	10/1/15	3/31/17	13,490
Elliot J Androphy	National Institute	New	Optimization of Compounds that	1/1/16	12/31/16	431,954

	Neurological Disorders & Stroke		Stabilize the SMN Protein for Treatment of SMA			
Emily K Sims	Indiana University Health	New	MicroRNA 21 Leads to Beta Cell Death and is a Potential Biomarker of Type 1 Diabetes	1/1/16	12/31/17	100,000
J Dennis Fortenberry	Riley Children's Foundation	Renewal (not prev committed)	RCF Orr Endowed Chair	7/1/15	6/30/16	90,518
Jaeyeon Kim	National Cancer Institute	New	Understanding the origin, initiation, and progression of high-grade serous ovarian cancer	2/1/16	1/31/17	248,999
Jian-Ting Zhang	U.s. Department Of Defense	New	Target FASN for breast cancer treatment by repositioning PPIs	1/1/16	12/31/18	1,165,799
Karen Marie Moody	Walther Cancer Foundation, Inc.	New	Pediatric Oncology Infrastructure Support	11/1/15	2/28/18	162,145
Kathleen Eggleston	National Science Foundation	New	Collaborative Research: Ethics Education in Life Cycle Design, Engineering, and Management	1/1/16	12/31/16	26,896
Matthias A Clauss	American Heart Assoc-greater Midwest Affiliate	New	Role of HIV-1 Nef in Endothelial Cell dysfunction	1/1/16	12/31/16	52,000
Mervin C. Yoder	Riley Children's Foundation	New	Wells Bridge Funding 16-A4	7/1/15	6/30/16	500,000
Nicholas Joseph Zyromski	Baylor College Of Medicine	New	Building a Pancreas Surgery Consortium via RCT of Drain Placement	9/30/15	6/30/16	25,000
Raghu G Mirmira	Eastern Virginia Medical School	New	12--Lipoxygenase as a Novel Target for Type 1 Diabetes	11/1/15	10/31/16	27,500
Rajiv Agarwal	National Heart, Lung And Blood Institute	New	ChLorthalidone in Chronic Kidney Disease (CLICK) Study	12/15/15	12/31/16	651,382

Robert V Stahelin	National Institute Allergy & Infectious Diseases	New	A New System to Modulate Phosphatidylserine to Investigate Filovirus Budding	1/1/16	12/31/16	220,000
Ronald C. Wek	National Institute Of Environmental Hlth Sciences	New	Translational control in human keratinocytes following UVB irradiation	1/1/16	12/31/16	29,413
Sara Kay Quinney	National Institute Of General Medical Sciences	New	Integrated bioinformatic and pharmacokinetic models of high-dimensional drug interactions	1/1/16	12/31/16	367,300
Sungeun Kim	Alzheimer Association	New	Biological Networks and Pathophysiology of AD and PD	10/9/15	10/8/17	150,000
Tamara S Hannon	Indiana University Health	New	Finding the Patient's Voice: Development of Practical Approaches for Adolescent and Family Focused Diabetes Prevention Programs	1/1/16	12/31/17	418,671
Tatiana M Foroud	University Of Pennsylvania	Renewal (not prev committed)	Alzheimer's Disease Genetics Consortium	6/15/15	3/31/16	58,512
Timothy W Corson	Retina Research Foundation	Renewal (not prev committed)	Soluble epoxide hydrolase: a therapeutic target in choroidal neovascularization?	1/1/16	12/31/16	25,000

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Student News

Five IUSM-Terre Haute students present at national conference

Students from IUSM-Terre Haute talked about the success of the first "Eye Health Day" during the annual Society of Student Run Free Clinics Conference, which took place in Phoenix earlier this year. Eye Health Day was held in September 2015 at the Mollie R. Wheat Memorial Clinic, a free student outreach clinic operated by IUSM-Terre Haute students. Current members of the clinic's board of directors, students Andrew Morrow, Brenden Barker, Michael Keller, Hilary Schroeder, and Holly Rose, presented at the national conference.

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IUSM-South Bend students bring "Science Alive" for area youngsters

More than 25 IUSM-South Bend students helped young children learn what it means to be a doctor during Science Alive at the St. Joseph Public Library. The Feb. 6 event included hands-on activities for children with more than 30 organizations participating. Learn more and view photos from the event [here](#).

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Don't miss 29 days of February events

Focus on wintertime wellness this month with events on various campuses. Have a great February blues buster? Share how you practice wellness with a post or photo on Facebook [#IUSMwellbruary](#).

29 days of February

IUSM-Evansville events

Week of Feb. 22 -- Pictures with Sadie the therapy dog and Calm Down Jars activity

Email Dr. Kalb at eakalb@usi.edu for more information on these events.

IUSM-Terre Haute events

Week of Feb. 22 -- Chair massages

Email Ashley Holt at Ashley.Holt@indstate.edu for more information on this event.

IUSM-West Lafayette events

Tuesday, Feb. 23, and Thursday, Feb. 25 -- Relaxation Station: Massage Therapy

Monday, Feb. 29 -- Uncovering the Gray: Life Events are Complicated

Tuesday, March 1 -- Get Fit: Group X Aerobics

Email Brooke Linn at balinn@purdue.edu for more information on these events.

IUSM-Indianapolis events

Check the Indy event schedule [here](#).

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Opportunities

Deadline to register for "Let's Talk Palliative Care" is Feb. 26

Just a few days remain to register for this year's RESPECT Center palliative/end-of-life care conference, which will be held on Friday, March 4, at the Ritz Charles in Carmel, Ind. Visit cme.medicine.iu.edu to

register; scroll down to March 2016 events. More conference information is available on the [RESPECT Center website](#) or contact Laura Holtz at 317-274-9114 or holtzl@iupui.edu.

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Apply for international research grants by April 30

IUPUI faculty can apply for grants of up to \$3,000 to enhance international research and collaboration activities with any of IUPUI's partner institutions through the International Partnership Research Development Fund. Funded by the Office of International Affairs, grant money can be used for travel to partner universities and project sites, and to host meetings or workshops. Research topics given priority include life sciences, global health, urbanization, interdisciplinary work, sustainability, and others. The Spring 2016 application deadline is April 30.

More information and [application guidelines](#) are available.

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American Cancer Society research grant proposals due May 1

The IU Simon Cancer Center is pleased to announce the availability of funds for new pilot projects to assist investigators holding the ranks of assistant professor, research assistant professor, or assistant scientist but without an active (i.e., NIH, NSF, ACS) national competitive research grant. Part of the American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant, these funds provide support for beginning investigators to initiate their independent research program.

Interested faculty from all IUSM campuses are encouraged to apply by May 1. Details and application submission guidelines are [available here](#).

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March 1 deadline to apply for Greening IUPUI Grants

Students, faculty, and staff who have new and innovative ideas to help IUPUI achieve its goals in the field of sustainability should submit applications for Greening IUPUI Grants by March 1. The Office of Sustainability oversees the grant program.

Grant applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline date; [applications are available online](#).

IUPUI commits \$50,000 each year to fund grants to help promote campus sustainability. Proposals should focus on one of the following sustainability working committee areas:

- Planning and administration (strategic initiatives, diversity, affordability, or innovation)
- Academic (courses, research, or other pursuits)
- Campus engagement
- Public engagement

- Operations (grounds, energy, waste, water, purchasing, transportation, and buildings)
- Health and wellness (food, health, compensation, and human sustainability)

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Partner News

Eskenazi Health seeks applicants for VolunTEEN summer program

Eskenazi Health is accepting applications for its 2016 VolunTEEN Summer Program, which allows teenagers to experience professional service and shadowing for students on a path to becoming healthcare professionals.

Teenagers, 14 to 19 years old, interested in a career in health care, both clinical and non-clinical, and in good academic standing, may sign up for the program. To apply, visit EskenaziHealth.edu/careers and search “Volunteer Services” under “Select a Job Category.” Then choose and fill out an application for the 2016 VolunTEEN Summer Program. Teens also must submit a minimum 500-word essay.

With questions, contact Scott Lawson at 317-880-3311  or scott.lawson@eskenazihealth.edu.

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