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Top News

Match Day is just two weeks away

Match Day--the day that graduating IUSM students find out where they'll take the next step in their educational journey--is Friday, March 18. The program, "matching" students with their residencies, will be held in the IUPUI Campus Center, Room 450. The doors open at 11 am and the "opening of the envelopes" begins at noon.

Students, faculty, and family are invited to the celebration, but for those unable to attend, a live feed will be available. The Match Day after party for students and guests will be at the Mavris Arts & Events Center, 121 S. East St., Indianapolis. For more information about Match Day and a link to the live video feed, visit mse.medicine.iu.edu.

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Faculty and Staff News

McAllister a panelist for March 24 Framework session on concussions

From Hollywood to high school sports, concussions related to participation in sports and recreational activities have received increased public awareness. [Thomas McAllister, M.D.](#), Albert Eugene Sterne Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and chair, IUSM Department of Psychiatry, will participate in an expert panel to discuss the issue at the next Framework session, sponsored by [BioCrossroads](#), on Thursday, March 24. Registration and networking begin at 8 am, followed by the session from 8:30 to 10 am at D'Amore on the 48th floor of the Chase Tower on Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis. Visit Biointellex.com for more information and registration.

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Allen featured in ongoing AAMC opioid epidemic coverage

[Bradley Allen, M.D., Ph.D.](#), senior associate dean for Medical Student Education, is a featured panelist in a recent video produced by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). Dr. Allen was a key

presenter at a congressional briefing in Washington, on Jan. 28 that focused on how medical schools and teaching hospitals are addressing the opioid epidemic.

In the video, Dr. Allen offers his perspective on how IU School of Medicine's work in southern Indiana in response to the HIV outbreak has helped address the epidemic on a local level and how medical schools can continue to address the issue on a larger scale.

[Click here](#) to view the video, "Association of American Medical Colleges: Opioid Panel Perspective." To read about the Jan. 28 briefing, [visit the AAMC newsroom](#). You can also view the entire briefing on the [AAMC Vimeo](#) channel.

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Check out these HR workshops for leaders

The IUSM Dean's Office-Human Resources is offering several workshops for leaders this month. Visit faculty.medicine.iu.edu for session descriptions and to enroll. Type "HR" in "select a category" to view the list of offerings. The following sessions are available:

30/30 Conversations: Giving Effective Feedback

Tuesday, March 8; 8:30 to 10:30 am

Tuesday, March 22; 9 to 11 am

Deeper Dialogue

Tuesday, March 8; 10:30 to 11:30 am

Tips & Techniques: Job Analysis and Descriptions

Tuesday, March 15; 8:30 to 9:30 am

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Research News

Paper: The promise of health information technology

"The Promise of Information and Communication Technology in Healthcare: Extracting Value from the Chaos" by [Burke Mamlin, M.D.](#), associate professor of clinical medicine, IU School of Medicine and a Regenstrief Institute investigator, and former institute president William Tierney, M.D., is published in the January 2016 issue of [The American Journal of Medical Sciences](#).

The paper takes a sweeping look at a variety of categories of health IT including electronic medical records; health information exchange; telemedicine; patient portals and personal health records; mobile devices, wearable sensors and monitors; and social media. The authors evaluate current use of these technologies, detail their potential, and discuss barriers that must be overcome to fulfill their promise of improving health.

"When it comes to predicting the future of medicine and health IT, there is no crystal ball. We need to make

informed observations based on where we are now and infer the possibilities," said Dr. Mamlin. "We can't assume someone else will make the right decisions with health IT. It's going to take everyone's involvement, including providers and patients, to raise expectations and drive the needed changes."

For more information about the paper, read the [full news release on IUSM Newsroom](#).

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Student News

Med student spotlight: Ross Schumacher

If you were to meet Ross Schumacher, a third-year med student at IU School of Medicine, you might be surprised to find that in his scarce free time he dabbles in comedy and writing. At first meeting, he seems like a med student that enjoys the stereotypical weightlifting and sports. He appears serious, not laughing or smiling too much. However, as he starts to talk, you realize that his interests go much deeper. Aside from making sure he succeeds in medical school, Schumacher focuses on student advocacy; and he's been an integral part of bringing together the IU School of Medicine's student body.

Schumacher's favorite deed as an IUSM student leader is helping to launch the now-annual Second Year Show. The first show took place January 2015, when Schumacher himself was a second-year student. The night was a theater performance, based on laughable situations in the medical field. Other medical schools had produced a performance like this and made some money from it; so, when someone proposed the project, Schumacher was all in from the beginning.

Schumacher had previously considered doing stand-up comedy, but thinking that it might not be the best career option, he went to med school. The Second Year Show at IUSM gave him an outlet for his pent-up comedy ideas and creativity. He took charge of writing scripts, visualizing skits, and organizing the marketing campaign. "There's a lot to laugh at in med school," he explained, and that's what he wanted to portray to the audience.

The end result was a nearly three-hour show with an audience of 600. The Second Year Show brought in \$5,000, which went back to the student body. Schumacher said that it really brought the student body together, which was one of his goals as vice president.

Schumacher's specialty focus right now is internal medicine, the oldest and largest concentration in medical school. His next step in his medical career is to be matched to a residency program. Eventually, he would like to serve in a patient care leadership position and work with gastroenterology. And hopefully he'll keep writing about all the interesting things that happen in his day-to-day interactions as a practicing physician.

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Dorsett selected for summer program at Seattle Children's Hospital

Katie Dorsett, a first-year medical student at IUSM-South Bend, has been accepted into the summer observership program at Seattle Children's Hospital. She will be paired for a month with a physician on the hematology-oncology staff for a shadowing experience.

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Curtis to participate in St. Jude's pediatric oncology program

Elizabeth Curtis, MS1, IUSM-Bloomington, has been selected to participate in the Pediatric Oncology Education Program at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital this summer. Curtis will be involved in research on neurologic outcomes of pediatric brain tumors and cervical spinal tumors. The St. Jude's program, funded by the National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute, offers a unique opportunity for students preparing for careers in the biomedical sciences, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, psychology, or public health to gain biomedical and oncology research experience.

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Opportunities

Faculty: Apply for Bantz Community Fellowship by March 21

To recognize the leadership and contributions of former IUPUI Chancellor Charles R. Bantz, the university has established the Charles R. Bantz Chancellor's Community Fellowship. The goal of the Bantz Community Fellowship is to support community-engaged research and scholarly activities that:

- reinforce and deepen campus-community engagement and research partnerships
- leverage the knowledge, skills, and innovative talents of IUPUI faculty, students, and community partner(s) in a year-long scope of work that is of mutual value and interest
- result in meaningful community impact

IUPUI tenured, tenure-track, and clinical faculty are welcome to apply. [Selection guidelines and the application](#) are now available. Applications are due by 5 pm, Monday, March 21. For more information, contact Julie Hatcher, executive director, Center for Services and Learning, at jhatcher@iupui.edu.

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Adult GI and liver diseases research pilot grants available

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) in conjunction with the Division of Gastroenterology/Hepatology in the IU School of Medicine Department of Medicine seeks proposals for pilot projects from investigators to develop and promote translational and transdisciplinary collaborative research projects in adult gastrointestinal and liver diseases. The objective is to fund studies that establish or strengthen collaborations between faculty members in the GI division and investigators from other departments and schools at IUSM, IUPUI, and Purdue University; and generate preliminary data for extramural funding applications investigating adult GI and liver disorders.

Areas of interest include acute and chronic liver diseases; GI and hepatobiliary malignancy; inflammatory

bowel disease; GI motility disorders; chronic abdominal pain; and chronic functional bowel disorders. The proposal should demonstrate tangible evidence that the collaboration will lead to a multi-year federal grant application.

Faculty from IU, Purdue, and Notre Dame are eligible to apply. See the [competition guidelines](#) for detailed eligibility criteria by institution. Letters of intent are due Friday, April 15, and should be sent to ictsi@iu.edu.


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Spring application deadlines for IUSCC Hester and Wright scholarships


Two scholarships are available from the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center with application deadlines in April and May.

The **IUSCC William J. Wright Scholarship Fund** rewards third- and fourth-year medical students who are strong academically and desire to pursue a career caring for cancer patients. Successful applicants will also have displayed strong humanitarian qualities throughout their medical careers.

The expectation for this award is that the student will devote at least two months of the academic year to a project furthering the care of patients with cancer, including a formal basic, translational, or clinical science research project, quality improvement project, health outcome research, or cancer awareness program. Awardees must attend Cancer Research Day on Thursday, May 12.

Application deadline is Friday, April 15. Submission guidelines and application are  [available here](#). Students with research grants already supporting their education are not eligible.

The **IUSCC Marilyn Hester Scholarship Fund** was created to assist medical and/or doctoral students pursuing degrees in biomedical sciences and who have demonstrated an interest in and potential for conducting pediatric hematology or pediatric oncology research. Applicants must not have received any other type of scholarship or grant for the upcoming academic year.

Funding is up to \$8,000 a year with the number of awardees determined by the quality of applications and available funds in a given year.  [Submission guidelines and application](#) are available now. Application deadline is Friday, May 6.

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Save the date: Children's research symposium is April 18-20

Plan to attend the fourth annual International Children's Health Services Research Symposium April 18-20, at the Health Information and Translational Sciences Building (HITS Building). This symposium brings together pediatric health services researchers and fellows from across the country and the world for a series of talks by luminaries in the field, as well as new talent, in a forum that emphasizes time for conversation and networking. This year's topic is pediatric-focused health information technology. For more information and to register, visit chrsymposium.com.

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Template available for ACS research grants; apply by May 1

The IU Simon Cancer Center announces 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 (ACS) Institutional Research Grant, these funds provide support for beginning investigators to initiate their independent research program.

The application deadline is May 1, and use of the application template is required. Contact Crystal Munson at crybanks@iupui.edu for the template.  [Details and application submission guidelines](#) are now available.

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Partner News

Cook named president of Riley at IU Health

Matthew Cook will join Indiana University Health on April 4 as president of Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health. Cook most recently served as executive vice president of Strategic Planning and Business Development at the prestigious Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

In his new leadership role, Cook will be responsible for executing the strategic vision and priorities for Riley at IU Health, ensuring direct alignment with the IU Health system business strategy.

"This is a time of critical expansion for Riley at IU Health, and Matt will build on the existing culture of collaboration and innovation, firmly focused on our mission to provide compassionate care, support and comfort to children and their families," says Al Gatmaitan, IU Health Chief Operating Officer. "He'll also ensure the success of key projects, such as the development of a comprehensive maternity and newborn health specialty practice."

Reporting to Gatmaitan, Cook will work closely with IU Health leaders, IU School of Medicine faculty, foundation board members, and key stakeholders across the state to continue building the Riley at IU Health brand as the preeminent pediatric health care system for Indiana and beyond.

Prior to joining Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Cook served for nine years as a principal at The Chartis Group, based in Chicago. Earlier in his career, he held senior positions at several health care related institutions, including Drexel University College of Medicine, Computer Sciences Corporation, and CareScience, Inc.

Cook has a Master of Business Administration degree from New York University, where he graduated as class valedictorian. He graduated cum laude from The Wharton School, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics, and a Bachelor of Arts in German.

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IU Simon Cancer Center receives women's cancer research grant

The Kay Yow Cancer Fund has awarded a \$100,000 women's cancer research grant to the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center.

Since 2009, the Kay Yow Cancer Fund has supported a women's cancer research grant at an institution based in the host city of the annual NCAA Women's Final Four. This year's grant is awarded to the IU Simon Cancer Center in Indianapolis, host of the 2016 Women's Final Four.

"We are thrilled to receive this grant from the Kay Yow Cancer Fund," said Patrick Loehrer Sr., M.D., director of the IU Simon Cancer Center. "The researchers and physicians at the IU Simon Cancer Center tackle breast, uterine, vaginal, and ovarian cancers, which affect too many women and their loved ones. These funds will be used by our scientists, enabling them to find better ways to prevent, detect, and treat women's cancers."

Before her death in 2009, Yow, award-winning coach of the North Carolina State Wolfpack women's basketball team from 1975 to 2009, invited the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) and The V Foundation for Cancer Research to partner with her to found the Kay Yow Cancer Fund. A 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, the fund is committed to being a part of finding an answer in the fight against women's cancers through raising funds for scientific research, assisting the underserved, and unifying people for a common cause.

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

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Around Campus

Indy – March 4 lecture to explore banning drugs in sports


"Banning Drugs in Sports: A Skeptical View" is the topic of the Hall Center for Law and Health McDonald-Merrill-Ketcham Award Lecture, which will be held Friday, March 4, in the Wynne Courtroom and atrium, Inlow Hall, on the IUPUI campus. Featured speaker is MMK Award recipient Norman Fost, M.D., professor emeritus, Pediatrics and Bioethics; and director, Program in Bioethics, University of Wisconsin-Madison. The award lecture is from noon to 2 pm, and a panel discussion will be held from 1 to 2 pm. The event is free, but [registration](#) is required.

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Indy – Take part in "Clean Water for Flint" initiative

The IU School of Medicine-Indianapolis is sponsoring a clean water drive for the people of Flint, Michigan. Cases of bottled water, individual bottles, gallons of water, and baby wipes will be collected through Thursday, March 10, at the MedSci Building, rooms MS119, MS164, and MS2069, at the Ruth Lilly Medical Library, IB202. Donate supplies or make a monetary donation at unitedwaygeneseesee.org. With questions, contact Lauren Ford at laaford@indiana.edu, Aime Idahosa at aidahosa@iupui.edu or Lisa Christy at christyl@iu.edu.

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