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Top News

Commencement 2016: What you need to know

The excitement is building for the IU School of Medicine class of 2016. Commencement weekend begins Friday, May 6, with the **Senior Banquet** and continues with the IUSM commencement on Saturday, May 7, and the IUPUI university-wide commencement on Sunday, May 8. Keynote speaker at this year's IUSM commencement is Aaron Carroll, M.D., professor of pediatrics and associate dean for research mentoring, IU School of Medicine. Dr. Carroll's remarks will focus on preparing students for residency, his writings on depression among physicians, and why being a physician is a great career choice.

Here are some important commencement reminders.

IUSM Commencement

When: Saturday, May 7; doors open at 8:30 am, commencement begins at 10 am

Where: Sagamore Ballroom, Indiana Convention Center, 100 S. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis

The Sagamore Ballroom offers capacity for 3,000 guests, so attendance is not limited; however, seats cannot be reserved.

Reminder: The One America 500 Festival Mini Marathon will be taking place that morning, so allow for extra

travel time to commencement. [Click here](#) for a map of mini marathon street closures. Due to increased traffic downtown, IUSM will provide up to two complimentary parking passes at the Indiana Government Center Parking Garage to each graduating student. Parking passes must be reserved by completing the survey (sent to the students) and will be available for pick up during the week of graduation (by the student). For more information, visit the [Medical Student Education](#) web page.

IUPUI Commencement

When: Sunday, May 8; 1 pm (Graduates should arrive no later than 10:30 am for line up)

Where: Lucas Oil Stadium

All IUSM students are invited to participate in [IUPUI's university-wide commencement](#) program.

Reminder: Graduates may pick up parking passes, class composites, and honor cords the week before graduation in MS 160 during normal business hours.

Questions? Contact Rachael Urso at rurso@iu.edu.

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Check out IUSM's online retail store

Show your IU School of Medicine pride with attire from the [IU Official Custom Shop](#). The store features a variety of items for all seasons of wear. Customization options are available, and the site offers low rates for shipping. A portion of the sales of all IU School of Medicine items from the site benefits student programming.

Send a note to iusm@indiana.edu with suggestions for future IUSM items to include on the site.

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Faculty and Staff News

May 17 seminar to offer retirement planning tips

If you're an employee contemplating retirement or just want to start long-range planning for that time, [IUPUI's Human Resources Administration](#) is offering a full day of pre-retirement planning Tuesday, May 17, in Campus Center Room 450.

The program will feature sessions on topics including income planning, Social Security, PERF (the Public Employees Retirement Fund) and health care options.

Employees may bring a spouse or significant other and should RSVP to ramsey@iupui.edu by Tuesday, May 3. For more, visit [Inside IUPUI](#).


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Student News

Reserve your place at May 6 Senior Banquet

The IU School of Medicine Class of 2016 Senior Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be held at the JW Marriott in the Grand Ballroom on Friday, May 6. Students, family, friends, faculty, and staff will gather to celebrate accomplishments and recognize exceptional students and faculty for their hard work. The evening will begin with a cocktail hour at 6 pm, followed by a three-course dinner at 7 pm. The awards program begins at 8 pm.

This year's keynote speaker is [Gary L. Dunnington, M.D.](#), chair, Department of Surgery, and the Jay L. Grosfield Professor of Surgery, IU School of Medicine.

Graduating students may attend the banquet free of charge, but must RSVP. Guests, faculty, and staff may purchase tickets for \$50 each. [Click here to RSVP](#) and purchase tickets. Discounted parking is available at the Indiana Government Center Parking Garage for \$10 with this  [coupon flyer](#).

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IUSM-Muncie students selected for summer programs

Indiana University Health Ball Memorial Hospital will host five IUSM-Muncie first-year students in this summer's Hospital Medication Education (HME) program. Ellen Bryant, Yena Choi, Meredith Moore, Christine Sharlow, and Aaron Spesard have been selected to participate in HME program, which focuses on primary care.

Two more IUSM-Muncie students were chosen to participate in the Indiana Area Health Education Centers Primary Care Summer Observership program. Chris Burns will start his observership at Meridian Health Services and Leah Garvin will start hers at Open Door Health Services.

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Herschel named outstanding clinic volunteer

IUSM-South Bend's Allison Herschel, MS4, is the first recipient of an award honoring the outstanding student volunteer at the [Navari Student Outreach Clinic](#) in South Bend. The award is named for Joseph H. Cerbin, M.D., the clinic's medical director, and is to be presented annually to an NSOC volunteer "whose contributions reflect the generous and selfless service" of Dr. Cerbin.

Herschel will do a residency in radiography at University of California-Los Angeles following a transitional year at Grand Strand Medical Center in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

For more on the award and IUSM-South Bend's annual student send-off, click [here](#).

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Research News

Regenstrief, IU study: machine learning as good as humans' in cancer surveillance

Every state in the United States requires cancer cases to be reported to statewide cancer registries for disease tracking, identification of at-risk populations, and recognition of unusual trends or clusters. Typically, however, busy health care providers submit cancer reports to equally busy public health departments months into the course of a patient's treatment rather than at the time of initial diagnosis.

This information can be difficult for health officials to interpret, which can further delay health department action, when action is needed. The Regenstrief Institute and IU researchers have demonstrated that machine learning can greatly facilitate the process, by automatically and quickly extracting crucial meaning from plaintext, also known as free-text, pathology reports, and using them for decision-making.

"Towards Better Public Health Reporting Using Existing Off the Shelf Approaches: A Comparison of Alternative Cancer Detection Approaches Using Plaintext Medical Data and Non-dictionary Based Feature Selection" is published in the April 2016 issue of the [Journal of Biomedical Informatics](#).

"We think that it's no longer necessary for humans to spend time reviewing text reports to determine if cancer is present or not," said study senior author Shaun Grannis, M.D., M.S., interim director of the Regenstrief Center of Biomedical Informatics and associate professor of family medicine, IU School of Medicine. "We have come to the point in time that technology can handle this. A human's time is better spent helping other humans by providing them with better clinical care."

For more on the study, visit the [IUSM Newsroom](#).

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Opportunities

Deadline extended for Indiana Musculoskeletal Symposium poster abstracts

The deadline to submit poster abstracts for the upcoming Indiana Musculoskeletal Symposium has been extended to **Monday, May 16**.

The Indiana CTSI and IU School of Medicine will host the inaugural symposium June 1-2 at Hine Hall on the IUPUI campus. The [keynote speaker is Paul F. Pasquina](#), M.D., retired Colonel, U.S. Army.

The symposium, "Repair and Regeneration of Musculoskeletal Tissues: Academia, Industry, and the Battlefield," will offer a forum for investigators throughout the state of Indiana, in both academia and industry, to present current work that is translatable and deliverable to the critical needs of soldiers at the battlefield and for all wounded warriors with acute or chronic musculoskeletal disorders.


To submit a poster, [click here](#). Registration is free, but required -- to view the meeting agenda and register to attend, [click here](#).

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American Cancer Society research grant proposals due May 2


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 national competitive research grant (e.g, NIH, NSF, ACS). Part of the American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant, these funds provide support for beginning investigators to initiate their independent research program.

Note: The ACS-IRG Pilot RFA has been recently revised to include eligibility for investigators with pilot projects anticipated to take one year to complete.

Interested faculty from all IUSM campuses are encouraged to apply by **Monday, May 2**. Details and application  [submission guidelines are available here](#).

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Provide input for HANDS in Autism needs assessment

Share your opinions about Indiana's current resources for individuals with autism by participating in a brief survey. [HANDS in Autism](#) seeks input from medical providers, individuals with autism spectrum disorder, family members, and others. Access the survey [here](#). Questions? Contact the organization at hands@iupui.edu or 317-274-2675 .

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Kudos

Technology Enhancement Awards to aid advancement of IUSM technologies

During the inaugural ceremony for the Indiana Center for Biomedical Innovation last month, Anantha Shekhar, M.D., Ph.D., executive associate dean for Research Affairs at IUSM and director of Indiana CTIS, announced the winners of the [Technology Enhancement Awards](#), a grant program developed by the ICBI, Indiana CTIS, and IU School of Medicine's [Industry Collaboration Portal](#) to fill a critical gap in commercialization by supporting advanced early stage technologies from IUSM academic labs. The TEA awards support technologies that include highly promising therapeutics (small molecule or biologics), diagnostics, or biomedical devices to achieve commercial attractiveness.

The TEA proposals were reviewed by a team of eighteen ICBI advisory council members consisting of leaders and entrepreneurs in life sciences arena. The winners are:

- **Milan Radovich, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of Surgery and Medical and Molecular Genetics, IU School of Medicine, for developing a precision medicine approach to personalized cancer treatment
- **Jian-Ting Zhang, Ph.D.**, professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Andrew and Peggy Thomson Professor of Hematology/Oncology, IU School of Medicine, for developing novel inhibitors targeting

surviving stability for development of targeted anticancer therapeutics

- **Yvonne Lai, Ph.D.**, senior scientist of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Indiana University-Bloomington, for developing the first drug of its kind to block the target mechanism of PTSD in the brain without triggering others that cause crippling side effects

The TEA awardees will be funded at \$50,000 for 12 months through a milestone-based project management mechanism. In addition, advice and mentorship from ICBI advisory council members will be available for these investigators.

About the ICBI

The Indiana Center for Biomedical Innovation, a newly created center located at the IU Health Methodist Hospital Noyes Pavilion, provides a platform for academic entrepreneurs to translate their discoveries into commercial products for health care and ultimately, improved patient care. “ICBI is a unique place for entrepreneurial researchers to transform their ideas and discoveries into products,” said Jaipal Singh, Ph.D., director of ICBI. To learn more about the center and its funding opportunities, [visit the ICBI website](#).

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Williams named interim director of operations at Regenstrief center



Jennifer Craig Williams, who has served for the past four years as a health information project manager in the Center for Biomedical Informatics at the Regenstrief Institute, has been named interim assistant director of operations for the center effective May 3.

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Around Campus

Indy – Register by May 6 for Epidemiology Day conference

“Epidemiology in the Era of Precision Medicine” is the theme of the Epidemiology Day 2016 conference on Friday, May 13, from 10 am to 5 pm, in Walther Hall on the IUPUI campus. Hosted by the Department of Epidemiology, IU Fairbanks School of Public Health, and the [Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute](#), the conference will include presentations from experts in the field, including Tatiana Foroud, Ph.D., chair, department of Molecular Genetics, Chancellor’s Professor at IUPUI, and the Joe C. Christian Professor of Medical & Molecular Genetics at IU School of Medicine. Dr. Foroud will discuss “Biobanking and Precision Medicine.”

 [View the agenda](#) for the meeting schedule, along with summary of presentations and speakers. There is no cost to attend; [register by May 6](#). For more information, contact Jianjun Zhang, M.D., Ph.D., at 317-274-4287  or JZ21@iu.edu.

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Indy – Join the fun at Jagapalooza tomorrow

Faculty, staff, and their families are encouraged to attend [Jagapalooza](#), IUPUI's annual end-of-the-year celebration, which will feature a carnival theme this year.

The event is Friday, April 29, from 4 to 10 pm, in Parking Lot 58, next to the Barnhill Garage. The lot will be filled with seven carnival rides, many of them child-friendly, plus games, food, and other activities.

The event is free for the entire IUPUI community. All attendees are encouraged to bring their Jagtag, which could earn them an entry into a contest for an IUPUI meal plan.

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