

The Spot Commencement Edition

IUPUI Commencement

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Transcript

[K. Elliott] Hi, I'm Kady Elliott, and this is the Commencement Special Edition of IUPUI's The Spot. Congratulations to IUPUI's 2009 graduating class.

Starting in 2008 all graduates receive a special gift when they shake their Dean's hand. The gift is chosen from a competition among Herron students. This year 13 students entered the competition, and we spoke with the winner.

[C. Welman] We had a sort of a quick, juried presentation of our paintings. We each did in front of our piece, and presented our theme for what the essence of IUPUI meant to us. My painting is about the idea of IUPUI as a walkway, where, where we're standing, it leads us into the city of Indianapolis and beyond, to our future, and what inspired me was the walkways on campus, or the gerbil tubes, as we tend to call them.

I started with a sort of a natural wood that's compressed, because it's a natural sort of feeling that I like and then I did a sketch from Herron of the Indianapolis cityscape that I could see, and painted that. I applied colors of IUPUI, the red and the gold, and then changed them to suit the painting's mood, finally adding brighter colors on top to really help things really go back in space or come forward.

In hindsight, I really think of it as a great reminder to keep on trying, to put yourself out there, even if it's not art, if it's your writing, your job skills, just because those who keep on trying are the ones who are going to succeed.

[K. Elliott] Thousands of students were eligible to graduate this Mother's Day Weekend, and The Spot was there to ask them about their IUPUI experience and what their plans are after graduation.

[N. Zanville] At IUPUI, I'm going to pursue doctoral studies, hopefully combining nursing and some mind/body medicine. I've been here in the 18-month accelerated program, it's been pretty wonderful. I've networked with a lot of great people, the academics have been really strong, and I really, I have to say I've enjoyed every moment of it. It's been awesome.

[O. Bratton] I'm going to go teach pre-school. It's actually a nonprofit organization, and I'm also going to work on my Mary Kay business, which I just started in October. I'd assumed the first two years were just like any college, but during the School of Education time they had really great teachers and...

[R. Varma] I'll be joining my masters in biostats.

[J. Chung] I'm currently working as a mold inspector and I'll probably go for a masters as well.

[A. Boyton] Find a job! And then go on and get my masters maybe in a year. I'm very interested in St. Vincent's.

[J. Gay-Laranja] I'm currently teaching special ed preschool and I plan to continue teaching special ed preschool. Nope, I'm pretty happy with my job, so I think I'm going to continue doing that. If something opens up in the area of ESL, I might do that.

[D. Kaufman] Well, right now since I got my associates I'm going to continue on to get my bachelors, so I'll continue on to work in the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology as well as working for a design company for design, and I'll also continue teaching as a math coach and reading coach to help out the community.

[K. Elliott] Thank you for watching the Special Commencement Edition of IUPUI's The Spot, and we hope to see you next semester at jagtv.iupui.edu

I'm Kady Elliott, and thanks for Spotting us!