

Greetings from IUPUI

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The campus charged into the new year of 2008. The Jaguars men's basketball team is playing well. Coach Ron Hunter made national news by going shoeless to gather shoes to donate to Africa, and we opened our long-awaited new Campus Center.

Thanks to the Campus Center's remarkable design, with the east-side glass from the ground to the roof, activity within the building is clearly visible to passers-by. Our students are "taking it over" as their place to study, have a bite, visit, shop, and relax.

Eateries in the building include Caribou Coffee, Mondo Subs, Coyote Jack's, Bamboo Asian Cuisine, Wild Greens, Outtakes, Mamma Leone's, and Chick-fil-A.

Indiana Memorial Credit Union and U.S. Postal Service branches are open. The IUPUI Barnes and Noble bookstore opened for spring semester textbook sales, and in April will become home to a Starbucks cafe.

Students have all the Enrollment Services staff (Admissions, Financial Aid, the Registrar) in one convenient place, as well as space for student organizations.

We've all waited for the Campus Center. Now we are eager to bring the community to visit it for events and exhibits.

On January 17, "Marching toward Justice" opened in the Campus Center's Cultural Arts Gallery. The nationally touring exhibit honors U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and the history of all those who committed themselves to the creation and enforcement of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

On display until February 29, the exhibit features more than 100 photographs and other images from Wayne State University's Damon J. Keith Law Collection of African-American Legal History. The story begins with the arrival of captive Africans to English colonial America in 1619 and ends with the admittance of nine African American students to Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957.

Our School of Social Work has also been a committed partner with Governor Mitch Daniels and the Indiana Department of Child Services, who were honored last month by the Annie E. Casey Foundation for progress in reforming the state's child welfare system. The nonprofit foundation cited Daniels' commitment to hiring hundreds of additional caseworkers, thereby reducing client load, and to increasing the training and educational requirements for employees at all levels.

Admission to the exhibit is free of charge and open to the general public for viewing during regular IUPUI

Campus Center hours. For hours, call (317) 278-2533.

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation recently selected Indiana as the first site for its new national fellowship for high school teachers.

A grant from the Lilly Endowment of \$10,161,106 supports the program, which focuses on high school math and science teaching. It was terrific to see Governor Mitch Daniels, Lilly Endowment leaders, IPS Superintendent Eugene White, and Woodrow Wilson Foundation President Arthur Levine announce the program in late December.

The program will provide Fellows with a \$30,000 stipend to complete a year-long master's program at IUPUI, Ball State University, Purdue University, or University of Indianapolis. Fellows are then placed in a high-need school that has committed to provide ongoing mentoring.

The fellowship is open to applicants with outstanding undergraduate records and majors in math or science from around the nation who are willing to teach in Indiana for at least three years. Initially the program will prepare 80 new Indiana math and science teachers each year, with plans to scale up to 400 per year.

"Indiana was selected as the lead state for launching this fellowship because of the commitment to education shown by the governor and other state leaders, strong support for the program within the state's philanthropic and business communities, and the willingness of leading universities, as well as local school superintendents, to advance exemplary approaches to teacher preparation," said President Arthur Levine.

IUPUI will build our program on the outstanding work being done in the Urban Center for the Advancement of STEM Education (UCASE). We established UCASE to transform our training of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics teachers. In three years, UCASE has already received more than \$3 million in federal funding.

At the announcement, Governor Mitch Daniels said it well:

"Nothing gives a child a better chance in life than an excellent teacher. The reverse is also true. Anything we can do to increase the quality of teaching in Hoosier classrooms will pay off enormously in brighter futures for our kids."

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