

From the Desk of the Chancellor – December 18

For my last message of 2012, I can't help but look back on a most amazing fall semester and invite you to celebrate during this holiday season the extraordinary place that IUPUI has become. In September, the naming of the Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health and the state approval of the new IU School of Philanthropy; October, appointing Gene Tempel as the founding dean of the IU School of Philanthropy and the formal naming ceremony for the Robert H. McKinney School of Law; and November, successfully hosting the site visitors for the Higher Learning Commission's 10-year reaccreditation of IUPUI. These milestones taking place within the same decade would be impressive in some circles, but all that in four months?

Of course, those special events were years in the making. Public health grew from a program to a department within a school to a full-fledged school; philanthropy from an idea, to a research center and now to a school; law from a "branch program" to a school known mainly for its part-time evening program, to a school with global reach and influence. In preparing the 10-year accreditation review, we enumerated national and international award-winning programs in teaching and learning; research, scholarship, creative activity; and civic engagement. All evidence of the incredible momentum you've built at IUPUI -- you -- the faculty, staff, students, and alumni -- and our loyal and generous community supporters.

So, I close out the year, as I closed out my State of the Campus address, by saying, I appreciate the work you do. There is nothing that makes me prouder than the opportunity to talk about the incredible place this campus has become. In my 2003 installation address, I said:

"With the past as an example, I can predict that together we will be successful even beyond our own imaginings."

And we were. And we will be again in the decades ahead.

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