



From the Executive Director

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In Gratitude...

Think of someone who has contributed to your well-being whom you've never fully thanked. Write a letter to that person describing the benefits you have received. Be detailed. Describe how the actions made you feel. --From Martin Seligman, *Authentic Happiness*, 2002

IUPUI continues to distinguish itself around community service, service learning, and civic engagement. In various ways, many have contributed to this high level of achievement and we all benefit from the recognition it brings to the campus. The number of **service learning courses at IUPUI hit an all-time high** watermark last year. We all need to express our gratitude to the faculty, instructors, staff, students, and community partners who make these rich educational experiences an integral part of our campus and community culture. We have also tallied **150 publications** (i.e., journal articles, book chapters, books) that are related to service learning that have been published by IUPUI faculty, instructors, staff, students, and community partners.

Not only are we indebted to these authors, but the instructors and practitioners in the service learning field are also grateful for the extraordinary level of contributions these publications make to a knowledge base. Please pause for a moment and reflect on what it means to you that IUPUI is one of the best campuses in the world for service learning: its practice, its educational benefits, its contributions to our local communities, its world-wide reach, its scholarly nature, and its vision for what we want to become.

Think of someone in your unit, department or community that you can thank.

Okay, now back to work.

Best Regards,

Bob