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## Joseph E. Walther Hall dedication

The Indiana University School of Medicine will look back on a decade of investment in research and set the stage for a new generation of discoveries with the dedication of Joseph E. Walther Hall on Thursday, Oct. 8.

Speakers at the dedication ceremony, which begins at 10 a.m., will include IU President Michael A. McRobbie, Indianapolis Mayor Gregory A. Ballard, Charles R. Bantz, IUPUI chancellor, D. Craig Brater, IUSM dean, David S. Wilkes, executive associate dean for research affairs at IUSM, Distinguished Professor Lawrence H. Einhorn, and Ora H. Pescovitz, executive vice president for medical affairs at the University of Michigan, formerly executive associate dean for research affairs at the IU School of Medicine.

The 238,371-square-foot structure, the newest and largest Indiana University research building, provides space for 118 laboratories. It is the new home to scientists in a broad range of disciplines, but the focus of much of the research is on cancer and many of the investigators are members of the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center.

Walther Hall connects two research buildings at its east and west ends – Research II and the Cancer Research Institute – to form a three-building, 500,000-square-foot interconnected research complex at the medical center on the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis campus.

The new building is named for the Indianapolis physician who created the Walther Cancer Foundation, which significantly contributed to research at IU, in particular through long-term funding of such initiatives as the Walther Oncology Center at the IU School of Medicine and the Mary Margaret Walther Program for Cancer Care Research at the IU School of Nursing.

Resources for the \$83.3 million facility include \$33 million in bonding approved by the Indiana General Assembly, \$25 million in bonding to be paid by the school, \$10 million from the Riley Children's Foundation, \$9 million in Indiana Genomics Initiative (INGEN) funds from the Lilly Endowment, \$3.7 million from a National Institutes of Health grant and \$2.6 million from the IU School of Medicine.

Since 2000, more than \$190 million has been invested in five research buildings on the IU School of Medicine Indianapolis campus to keep pace with the demands of a new era of a biomedical science ushered in by the completion of the Human Genome Project. The physical construction was accompanied by the \$155 million Indiana Genomics Initiative, funded by grants from the Lilly Endowment that supported the recruitment of new scientists and other research initiatives at IU.

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## **Teams focus on improving IUSM business services**

Departmental and dean's office leaders are working together to improve the business services within IUSM.

Championed by Harrold McDermott, executive associate dean for administration, operations and finance, the Business Improvement Team (BIT) and Business Operations Team (BOT) were created to evaluate and implement initiatives to improve financial reporting, technology and more.

Find out who is on the teams and what they've been working on at [medicine.iu.edu/ImprovingBusinessServices](http://medicine.iu.edu/ImprovingBusinessServices).

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## **Health policy resource page available**

IUSM Dean Craig Brater, MD, has initiated a web-based resource page with links to background information on health care policy. The page is on the Dean's Office web site and can be found at [www.medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=8935](http://www.medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=8935).

If you know of other informative links, contact the Office of Public and Media Relations with those suggestions at [medschl@iupui.edu](mailto:medschl@iupui.edu).

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## House Staff Forum elects officers

The 2009-2010 House Staff Forum officers are:

President – Katherine Lindle, MD, PGY 3, Pediatrics

Vice-President – Dinorah Milner, MD, PGY 2, Family Medicine

The House Staff Forum was established in 1998 to provide the house staff with assurance of an educational environment in which they may raise and resolve issues without fear of intimidation or retaliation. The forum provides the house staff with an organizational system to communicate and exchange information on their working environment and their educational programs.

A house staff representative is elected from each parent program annually. Any resident in the parent program or a fellow in an appropriate subspecialty program may be elected to represent the parent program. The representative must be willing to attend and participate in meetings, provide information, and disseminate information to the other house staff. The House Staff Forum meets quarterly and on an as-needed basis. Officers for the forum are chosen by the program representatives.

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## Grants available for international inspiration

The IU Office of the Vice President for International Affairs is supporting grants for tenured and tenure-track faculty as part of the implementation of IU's International Strategic Plan. Grants for 2009-10 will be awarded in the following areas:

- Attendance at overseas conferences – awards up to \$1,000
- Design of an overseas study course – awards up to \$3,000
- Faculty study of a new language – awards up to \$2,500
- Development of on-campus international conferences and workshops – awards up to \$2,500
- Research overseas – awards up to \$2,500
- Support for short-term international visitors – awards up to \$500
- Short-term faculty exchange opportunities – airfare, housing, stipend

Deadlines and details may be found at [www.indiana.edu/~ovpia/ovpia/funding/uWide.php](http://www.indiana.edu/~ovpia/ovpia/funding/uWide.php).

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## Cutting Edge Lecture

The community is invited to attend the IUPUI Cutting Edge Lecture Series. The series of outstanding lectures is designed to promote thinking and discussion across disciplinary boundaries, which by title and content encourages attendance and interactions among faculty, staff and students from across the campus as well as people in the community.

The next lecture in the series is “Can We Rescue Civic Literacy?” presented by Sheila Kennedy, from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. It will be Wednesday Sept. 23 at 4:30 p.m. in the Lilly Auditorium University Library.

See: [www.iupui.edu/administration/acad\\_affairs/celsfall09.html](http://www.iupui.edu/administration/acad_affairs/celsfall09.html)

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## **Problem learner workshop Oct. 7**

On Wednesday, Oct. 7, Jean Molleston, MD, will present the workshop “The Problem Learner” as part of the Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development’s Academy of Teaching Scholars. Dr. Molleston is professor of clinical pediatrics and section director of pediatrics gastroenterology. She also is the recipient of the 2003 IUSM Faculty Teaching Award.

Her presentation will be from 1:30 to 3 p.m in Fairbanks Hall, rooms 1109/1111. Registration for this workshop is encouraged at [faculty.medicine.iu.edu](http://faculty.medicine.iu.edu). Questions may be referred to [sarareed@iupui.edu](mailto:sarareed@iupui.edu)

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## **Wishard hosts Latino Cultural Fair Monday**

Celebrate Hispanic heritage at the Wishard Latino Cultural Fair, a free event sponsored by the Wishard Diversity Advocacy Council. The fair will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 12, at Wishard Memorial Hospital.

Enjoy a cultural fashion show (featuring Wishard staff), sample Latino cuisine, and hear a panel discussion on health care and the Latino community.

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## **HHMI fellowships discussed over lunch**

IUSM students have been successful in being selected to participate in the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Cloister Program or Medical Fellows Program. Several of IUSM’s past and current participants will speak Tuesday, Oct. 13, and share their experiences as well as present information about the program.

The presentation will be from noon to 1 p.m. in the VanNuys Medical Sciences Building, room 122A. Lunch will be provided. For IUSM campuses outside Indianapolis, a

Polycom link can be established. If interested, RSVP to [jespada@iupui.edu](mailto:jespada@iupui.edu) by **Monday, Oct. 12**.

Speakers will include:

- Karl Staser, MSII – HHMI Medical Fellows Program (completed a one-year leave of absence doing the program at IUSM) and is now in his first year of his Ph.D. work in the Combined MD/PhD Program.
- Jenny Chen, MSIII – HHMI Cloister Program participant (completed a one-year leave of absence doing the program at Bethesda, MD)

- Mahim Jain, MSIV – Completed the HHMI Cloister Program and 3-year PHD at Oxford, England
- Brett Jagers, MSIII – Completed the Cloister program and is currently doing the three years Oxford University in Cambridge Ph.D. Program (OX-CAM) with the HHMI
- Chiba Ene, MSII - Completed the Cloister program and is currently doing the three year Oxford University in Cambridge Ph.D. Program (OX-CAM) with the HHMI

For additional information about the HHMI programs, see [www.hhmi.org/cloister/program.html](http://www.hhmi.org/cloister/program.html) or [www.hhmi.org/medfellowships](http://www.hhmi.org/medfellowships).

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## **Risk is topic at Oct. 13 IBEN meeting**

"Evaluating Technical and Market Risk," will be the topic of the Tuesday, Oct. 13, meeting of the Indiana Biomedical Entrepreneur Network.

Every company must continually evaluate technical and market risk in order to properly allocate resources and reach milestones. What challenges do technologies face in the marketplace and in development and how do you address them? Join IBEN in discussing this topic and learning what strategies are used to evaluate, approach and minimize risk. Speakers will include Wade Lange, president and CEO of Immuneworks, with Jack Pincus, president of Selican Technologies Inc., and of BioStrat Consulting, LLC, moderating.

The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. at the IU Emerging Technology Center, 351 West 10th Street, Indianapolis. The meeting is free, but registration is required at the IBEN web site at [www.indianabionetwork.org](http://www.indianabionetwork.org).

IBEN is sponsored by the Indiana University Research and Technology Corp., Ice Miller and the Indiana Health Industry Forum.

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## **Instructional Technology Expo**

The newest technology to assist in teaching will be on display Wednesday, Oct. 14, during the Academy of Teaching Scholars Instructional Technology Expo. The event will be from 9 a.m. to noon in the IUPUI Campus Center, room 450 A/B.

Come explore the newest in technology to support your teaching. Browse the various stations, watch demos, ask questions, and dive in. Staff of the IUSM Office for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, IUPUI Center for Teaching and Learning and the IU Ruth Lilly Medical Library will be available to demonstrate the technology and answer questions. If a particular teaching tool is of interest, individual consultations may be scheduled.

Featured IT will include: Angel, RSS Feeds, Adobe Connect Web Conferencing, Adobe Portfolio/Interactive PDFs, Podcasting, Raptivity, Flip Video, and Adobe Connect Presentation Software.

Registration for this event at [faculty.medicine.iu.edu](http://faculty.medicine.iu.edu) is encouraged but not required. Questions may be referred to [sarareed@iupui.edu](mailto:sarareed@iupui.edu).

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## **Rawls Scholarship Dinner ticket info**

Tickets are available for the 10th annual George H. Rawls, M.D. Scholarship Dinner, an event that brightens the future of many minority medical students through scholarship awards. Over the last decade, the Rawls Scholarship Program has sought to eliminate health disparities for minority populations and the barriers faced by qualified minority students.

The event will be Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Indiana Roof Ballroom, 140 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis. A “Meet the Scholars” cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and the program at 7 p.m.

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## **Women’s Health Symposium – Oct. 16**

The IU National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health will present its Sixth Annual Symposium in Women’s Health for Primary Care Providers: Empowering our Patients for Health, on Friday, Oct. 16, at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 Michigan Road.

Registration is \$150 for physicians; \$125 for physicians who are IU Alumni Association members; \$50 for nurses and other health care providers; \$50 for IU School of Medicine and Clarian Health faculty and staff; and \$25 for residents-in-training. To register on-line, or to download the brochure, visit [cme.medicine.iu.edu/iucme/courses.asp](http://cme.medicine.iu.edu/iucme/courses.asp)

Co-hosts of the symposium are the IUSM Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Indiana University Alumni Association. This conference is made possible through an endowment from the IUSM Class of 1990.

Questions? Please contact Tina Darling, Associate Director, at 278-2264 or [tdarling@iupui.edu](mailto:tdarling@iupui.edu)

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## **Medical Humanities Seminar – education in China**

“Medical Humanities Education in China,” presented by the Medical Humanities – Health Studies Program, will be from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, in the IUPUI Campus Center, room 438.

Professor LiPing Guo, associate dean, School of Foundational Education, and acting chair of the Department of Applied Linguistics, Peking University Health Science Center, will be the speaker.

Space is limited. Contact Rebecca Cervenka at 278-1669 or [rcervenka@iupui.edu](mailto:rcervenka@iupui.edu) to reserve a seat. For information about Medical Humanities program see [medhumanities.iupui.edu](http://medhumanities.iupui.edu).

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## **Summer Student Research Program poster display**

The 2009 Student Research Program in Academic Medicine participants will display the results of their summer work at the SRPinAM Poster Session Friday, Oct. 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the VanNuys Medical Sciences Building atrium.

The SRPinAM participants included incoming first-year medical students and rising second-year medical students (with a summer free after first year). Participants were paid a stipend for their 10-week summer participation which was sponsored this year through resources made available to the program by the Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute. The poster session is sponsored by the Office of Medical Student Affairs.

For more information about the SRPinAM, see the new web site for the summer research program at [msa.iusm.iu.edu/SummerResearch](http://msa.iusm.iu.edu/SummerResearch). The program is directed by Nadia Carlesso, MD, PhD, with the Wells Center for Pediatric Research.

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## **Beering Lecture is Oct. 28**

The 2009 Steven C. Beering Award recipient is Bert W. O'Malley, MD, who is the Thomas C. Thompson Professor and chairman, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, and director of the Baylor Center for Reproductive Biology in Houston.

His research group has made fundamental discoveries in characterizing the intracellular mechanisms by which steroid hormones exert their actions through nuclear receptors. He will present "Pathways of Steroid Hormone Action" to the graduate, first- and second-year medical students at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, in Emerson Hall Auditorium.

His topic for the Beering Award lecture will be "Nuclear Receptor Coactivators: Mechanisms and Medical Relevance" at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. CME credit will be available for this lecture.

A reception will follow the Beering Lecture.

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## **FEED: Giving effective feedback**

On Oct. 28, Jeanette Shorey II, MD, will conduct a Faculty Enrichment and Education Development (FEED) workshop. Dr. Shorey is associate dean of Continuing Medical Education and Faculty Affairs at the College of Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Dr. Shorey's workshop, "Giving Effective Feedback: How to Master This Critical Skill" will be from 5 to 7 p.m. in Fairbanks Hall, rooms 1110/1112. Dinner will be provided. Registration for this workshop is encouraged at [faculty.medicine.iu.edu](http://faculty.medicine.iu.edu). Individuals who wish to watch this session via Polycom should register and then email [maquarle@iupui.edu](mailto:maquarle@iupui.edu) for access instructions.

This activity has been approved for AMA/PRA category 1 credit by the IUSM Division of Continuing Medical Education and is sponsored by the Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development. Questions may be referred to [sarareed@iupui.edu](mailto:sarareed@iupui.edu).

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## **2009 Indy microRNA symposium**

Registration is open for the 2009 Indy microRNA symposium, sponsored by the Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics and the Indiana Clinical Translational Science Institute. This event will be in Joseph E. Walther Hall (RIII) room 203, from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6. This event will feature seven invited talks and panel discussion.

The symposium goal is to present active microRNA-related research topics, form a microRNA research group, and foster collaboration among clinical and basic research scientists in Indiana.

To register, see [compbio.iupui.edu](http://compbio.iupui.edu) or [indianaCTSI.org](http://indianaCTSI.org). For further information, contact the symposium co-organizers, Yunlong Liu ([yunliu@iupui.edu](mailto:yunliu@iupui.edu), 278-9222) or Kenneth Cornetta ([kcornett@iupui.edu](mailto:kcornett@iupui.edu)).

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## **Fifth Miles for Myeloma—from Evansville to Indy**

Rafat Abonour, MD, associate dean for clinical research at IUSM and an oncologist with the IU Simon Cancer Center – will set out Friday, Oct. 2, on his fifth consecutive Miles for Myeloma event by traveling 207 miles by bike from Evansville to Indianapolis.

Dubbed “Trek for Treatment,” this year’s Miles for Myeloma will take through southwestern Indiana. He will spend Friday night in Bedford and leave there at 8 a.m. Saturday. A finish-line celebration is scheduled for 4:15 p.m. Saturday on Vermont Street on the south side of the IUPUI Campus Center. All are invited.

To date, Dr. Abonour has biked or run nearly 700 miles across Indiana and raised \$1 million for multiple myeloma research. All of the funds are used for research at the IU Simon Cancer Center.

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## **Wells Center to host MMIA for teaching professionals**

Thirty-six Indiana science teachers will gain special research experience at the first Molecular Medicine In Action for Teaching Professionals at the IUSM Saturday, Oct. 10.

The teachers will have the opportunity to work alongside some of the nation’s top researchers and physicians in the labs of the Herman B Wells Center for Pediatric Research. This inaugural event is an expansion of the original Molecular Medicine In Action (MMIA) program for Indiana high school students now in its 11th year and held each spring.

The teachers will get a snapshot of where we are in our fight against cancer from Mark Kelley, PhD, and a bioethics lecture from Eric M. Meslin, PhD, director of the IU Center for Bioethics. Dr. Meslin will explain to

teachers the role of ethics in biomedical research and incorporate a computer-based interactive component into his lecture. In the afternoon teachers will divide into three teams and rotate through three workstations where they will learn about the latest techniques of siRNA knockdown for cancer therapy, methods for analyzing DNA and chromosomes, gel electrophoresis and the role angiogenesis plays in a variety of diseases.

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## **Goulet part of Sunday's Colts' lineup**

While blue is normally the color of choice at Colts home games, on Sunday, October 4 fans will see lots of pink in and around Lucas Oil Stadium. The Colts and other NFL teams nationwide are supporting an important cause that has affected millions of women.

The Colts, who will take on the Seattle Seahawks at 1 p.m., will commemorate national Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Fans are encouraged to join them in recognizing individuals who have fought this disease and raising awareness for the importance of annual breast cancer screenings.

As part of its breast cancer awareness activities, the Colts will recognize Robert Goulet, M.D., professor of surgery and the medical director of the Breast Care and Research Center at the IU Simon Cancer Center, during halftime at Sunday's game. The Colts will present a pink football to Dr. Goulet, who will be an honorary coin toss captain.

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## **This week on *Sound Medicine***

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, or 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, to *Sound Medicine*, the award-winning weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis.

This week, *Sound Medicine* will present a special broadcast of excerpts from a health care reform debate held before an audience of medical students.

The debate was on Sept. 11 at the Indiana University School of Medicine on the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis campus. Speakers and the panel included policy experts, a health insurance executive and Indiana State Health Commissioner Judith Monroe, M.D. Medical students in attendance and participating via webcast presented an array of questions to the panel.

The complete two-hour debate can be found at [www.soundmedicine.iu.edu](http://www.soundmedicine.iu.edu) beginning this weekend.

In this week's *Sound Medicine* "Checkup," Jeremy Shere, PhD, will explore the appendix and if it is a useless organ.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine* as well as other helpful information can be found at [www.soundmedicine.iu.edu](http://www.soundmedicine.iu.edu).

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