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## Vera Bradley Foundation pledges \$10 million to IUSCC

The Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer announced Nov. 12 that it is committing \$10 million to breast cancer research at the IU Simon Cancer Center.

“Generosity and commitment like that from the Vera Bradley Foundation are what will make the difference in this disease,” said D. Craig Brater, M.D., dean of the IU School of Medicine. “These gifts touch women every day, not just in Indiana, but all over the world.”

For more information on the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer's commitment to the IU program, see [www.medicine.indiana.edu/news\\_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=1183](http://www.medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=1183).

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## **Final day for online Open Enrollment**

Today, Nov. 13, is the last day for full-time academic and staff employees to make 2010 Open Enrollment elections online.

Open enrollment is your annual opportunity to enroll in or change medical, dental, Tax Saver Benefit Plan, Tobacco-Free Wellness HRA, and Personal Accident Insurance elections. Online enrollment is required for those electing the new IU HDHP PPO & Medical Savings Plan. Employees using the online form will receive instant confirmation of benefit elections by email to their IU email account.

To submit elections electronically, log on to [onestart.iu.edu](http://onestart.iu.edu), navigate to the Services tab and click on the Open Enrollment link (under the Benefits heading) within the Employee Self Service box.

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## **H1N1 vaccine updates from IUPUI and Clarian Health**

Physicians are encouraged to get the H1N1 vaccine as soon as possible. Unfortunately, H1N1 vaccine supplies continue to be very limited. Physicians are able to obtain vaccine at IUPUI Health Services or at a Clarian hospital in which they work. Given the fluid nature of the vaccine supply, physicians are encouraged to monitor the availability of vaccine at IUPUI Health Services or at the Clarian hospitals where they work.

Due to the nationwide shortage of the H1N1 vaccine, the number of doses distributed to Clarian by the Marion County Health Department has been limited in recent weeks. While Clarian, which has requested the largest quantity of vaccine in the county to immunize employees and patients, is scheduled to receive a supply of vaccine each week from the MCHD, this is not guaranteed, and so far weekly shipments have not always occurred.

To ensure Clarian employees working in high-risk areas are immunized, Clarian is revising its 2009 H1N1 vaccination plan, which means that the clinics scheduled for Thursdays have been cancelled.

Websites that provide the most up-to-date information on vaccine availability:

IUPUI Health Services                      [www.health.iupui.edu](http://www.health.iupui.edu)

Clarian                                              [pulse.clarian.org](http://pulse.clarian.org) (click on FluNews)

Until supply becomes more plentiful and distribution more regular, each hospital, under the direction of its chief medical officer and chief nursing officer, will distribute vaccines at their respective facilities. Hospital leadership has developed vaccination plans for their facilities, targeting those departments and units at highest risk.

In addition, a small percentage of each vaccine shipment to Clarian will be set aside for other Clarian employees who may be at high risk due to underlying medical conditions or other circumstances. These doses will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis at Employee Occupational Health Services. For more information, contact EOHS at 962-EOHS.

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## News broadcasts at IUSM

MedTV is a closed circuit TV system used for broadcasting events and announcements important to students, staff and faculty on the Indianapolis campus. In addition, MedTV is a vital node on the IUPUI / IU emergency communications network.

The IUSM Office of Public and Media Relations serves as the clearinghouse for MedTV messages. P&MR reviews and edits submitted content and reserves the right to reject or cancel content announcements based on appropriateness of content, length, and availability of space or time on the display system.

MedTV monitors are currently located in the lobbies of the VanNuys Medical Science Building, the Daly Student Center, Walther Hall and the Health Information and Translational Sciences Building. The school plans to install monitors at more locations in 2010.

You can find submission guidelines at [communications.medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=8637&fr=true](http://communications.medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=8637&fr=true).

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## Project Joy update

On Sunday, Nov. 1, medical students participating in Project Joy, an Office of Medical Service-Learning project, visited The Alpha Home, a nursing home on Indianapolis' westside. Following the residents' church activities, students participated in arts and crafts with the senior citizens. By the end of this session, these senior residents had beautiful art to place in their rooms for the holidays.

Next semester, look for upcoming events that will include karaoke, arts and crafts and other events. Contact co-chairs Breyanna Grays (MSII) at [bngrays@iupui.edu](mailto:bngrays@iupui.edu) or Jonathan Lin (MSII) at [jonllin@iupui.edu](mailto:jonllin@iupui.edu) to volunteer for future events or for more information.

The OMSL promotes a lifelong commitment to community service through innovative service-learning experiences. Visit [www.medicine.iu.edu/omsl](http://www.medicine.iu.edu/omsl) for more information.

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## Alternative Spring Break: Physicians needed for Honduras 2010

The Alternative Spring Break Honduras 2010 program is a week-long medical mission to the coastal town of Trujillo and nearby village of Rigores, where a team of IUSM physicians and students will provide primary care, present small public health seminars, and work hand in hand with local health care providers to administer excellent care to the people of Honduras.

As part of the inaugural trip last year, the group helped treat more than 1,000 patients with illnesses ranging from scabies to diabetes to hydrocephalus. Additionally, the group offered other services such as fluoride treatments and eyeglass fittings.

Plans are underway to expand the trip from last year, and physicians interested in taking part in the trip from March 6-13 are encouraged to contact one of the co-chairs. Physicians can expect to work alongside enthusiastic MSI and MSII students, educating future Hoosier doctors while also providing

Honduran patients excellent care in the tradition of IUSM. No Spanish language skills are necessary. See [www.medicine.iu.edu/asb](http://www.medicine.iu.edu/asb).

Co-chair contact info: [Rowan Hurrell](#), [Jonathan Lin](#), [Adam McHenry](#)

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## Faculty and staff suggestions welcome

Good news...more than a dozen suggestions have been submitted from faculty and staff on how to improve various administrative processes since the Employee Suggestion Program was launched four weeks ago.

The program seeks suggestions on how IUSM can improve processes and save money. Big or small, these suggestions could add up to significant improvements.

Share your ideas today. Simply visit [www.medicine.iu.edu/EmployeeSuggestionProgram](http://www.medicine.iu.edu/EmployeeSuggestionProgram) to learn more about the Employee Suggestion Program.

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## Subscription information for the new Research Funding Update digest

The Office of the Vice Provost for Research and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research publishes a weekly digest containing information about funding opportunities including those that limit the number of allowable pre-proposal or proposal submissions.

Digests are sent on Wednesdays but may be sent more frequently if deadlines are urgent. View the [Research Funding Update](#).

To sign up for the weekly Research Funding Update, see [ovpr.indiana.edu/lisub/LimSub.asp](http://ovpr.indiana.edu/lisub/LimSub.asp) or go directly to the sign-up page.

Topics in this week's update include information on stimulus funding at IU, several grants and awards and limited funding opportunities at the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.

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## Faculty Elections in December

This year's IUSM Faculty Elections will take place Dec. 4 through Dec. 20 via electronic ballot. Positions open include president-elect and secretary-elect of the faculty, as well as a large number of committee positions, including admissions, academic standards, awards, and so on.

A link to the ballot will be posted in Scope and emailed to each faculty member eligible to vote. Faculty members who use non-IU email addresses or whose contact information has changed are urged to send updated information to Lynn Wakefield in the Office of Academic Administration at [lwakefie@iupui.edu](mailto:lwakefie@iupui.edu).

Jeff Rothenberg, MD  
President of the Faculty

Richard Gunderman, MD  
Secretary of the Faculty

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## **Gender bias on faculty search committees**

“It Depends on the Lens: Unconscious Gender Bias on Faculty Search Committees” will explore an area not often discussed.

IUSM chairs, directors and division heads are strongly encouraged to send their faculty to this important program. Every participant will learn something that will increase their effectiveness as a search committee member.

This is an interactive seminar lead by professionals from Cornell University. The seminar will feature a recorded performance by the Cornell Interactive Theater Ensemble (CITE). In a scenario depicting a fictional faculty search committee meeting, CITE actors will portray five faculty members in the midst of a discussion that will reveal the implicit, unconscious biases that can affect the search process. After the performance, two of the actors from the performance will answer questions from the audience while in character. Finally, research on gender bias will be presented.

Individuals should plan to attend only one session on Tuesday, Nov. 17, Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. Morning session: 9 to 11:30 a.m. Encore session: 1:30 to 4 p.m. Due to the nature of this program, online viewing is not available. Questions? [maquarle@iupui.edu](mailto:maquarle@iupui.edu)

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## **Women’s Health Lecture – Substance Abuse in Pregnancy**

Indiana has an alarmingly high incidence of substance use by pregnant women. Only 5 to 10 percent of pregnant women are identified and receive treatment for their substance use disorder.

To educate health care providers about productive ways to screen and assist pregnant patients for substance abuse, the IU National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health is partnering with the Indiana Perinatal Network and Indianapolis Healthy Start to present “Incorporating Screening for Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs into Prenatal Care.” The training will be directed by James J. Nocon, MD, clinical associate professor of OB/GYN and director of the prenatal recovery clinic at Wishard Health Services.

The lecture will be from 8:15 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, in the IU Cancer Research Institute (R4) auditorium. The lecture is free with one CME credit provided.

Questions? Please contact Tina Darling, associate director, IU National CoE in Women’s Health, at 317-278-2264 or [tdarling@iupui.edu](mailto:tdarling@iupui.edu)

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## **Breadth of Indiana's neuroscience industries to be explored at summit**

“Emerging Trends and New Developments in Neuroscience,” presented by the Indiana Health Industry Forum, will be Friday, Dec. 4. The Neuroscience Summit, the fourth event in a series of summits, will explore the topics of basic science, translational research, drug discovery, imaging and diagnostics, and treatment of select areas of study. The day will conclude with a capstone session to explore gaps and opportunities discovered during the day's discussions.

The sessions will be at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center. For the day's agenda or to register, see [www.ihif.org/pages/neurosummit](http://www.ihif.org/pages/neurosummit).

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## **IUPUI Health Services holiday schedule**

IUPUI Health Services will close at noon, Wednesday, Nov. 25, and remain closed all day Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27.

Students, faculty or staff with a new injury that requires immediate attention when IUPUI Health Services is closed should report to the IU Hospital emergency room. You must report to IUPUI Health Services the next business day. If you have a blood/body fluid exposure incident, please page the OUCH pager at 312-6824 or 312-OUCH.

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## **Call for proposals for teaching excellence symposium**

The IUPUI Center for Teaching and Learning is accepting proposals for the 2010 Edward C. Moore Symposium on Teaching Excellence. The event will take place on Thursday, March 4, at the IUPUI Campus Center.

This year the E.C. Moore Symposium brings the IUPUI campus community together to examine teaching excellence and instructional strategies employed in various disciplines to encourage student learning. What teaching strategies are IUPUI faculty employing? How can these learning opportunities be translated to other fields of study? Proposals from faculty who have won teaching awards, as well as those involving students in the presentation are encouraged.

Online proposal submissions will begin Monday, Nov. 2 and will be accepted until **Friday, Dec. 11**. Applicants will be notified in late January of their status. If you have questions, contact Jennifer Beasley at 274-1300 or [jabeas11@iupui.edu](mailto:jabeas11@iupui.edu).

Visit [www.ecmoore.iupui.edu](http://www.ecmoore.iupui.edu) for more details or to submit a proposal.

This event is cosponsored by the IUPUI Center for Teaching and Learning, IUSM Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, University Information Technology Services, and Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching.

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## **IUSM art exhibit on display through Nov. 21**

The second annual IUSM Art Exhibit – “Scientific Inquiry, Artistic Expression” – is on display at the IUPUI Campus Center Cultural Arts Gallery through Saturday, Nov. 21. The exhibit was first on display Sept. 16 during the Dean’s Scientific Session in the VanNuys Medical Science Building atrium.

A reception to celebrate the artistic talent at IUSM will be at the Cultural Arts Gallery Thursday, Nov. 19, from 3 to 5 p.m. All are invited.

Visit the Cultural Arts Gallery on the second floor of the IUPUI Campus Center or online at [life.iupui.edu/campus-center/about/cag.html](http://life.iupui.edu/campus-center/about/cag.html).

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## **Dancing the night away for Riley**

Indiana University Bloomington students will gather Nov. 13 for the 19th annual IU Dance Marathon, a 36-hour fundraiser that benefits Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

More than 2,000 students are expected to participate in this year's Dance Marathon, which begins at 8 p.m. tonight and ends at 8 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. The event will feature testimonials from Riley families and other guest speakers, dancing, music and food, as well as the chance to meet the families who have benefited from Riley's services and support.

Last year, more than 800 dancers, 350 student committee members and 500 other volunteers (including IU alumni) raised a record \$1,376,550.23 for the Ryan White Infectious Disease Center and Riley Hospital for Children. The IUDM is the second student-run philanthropy to raise more than \$1 million for Riley.

For more information about IU Dance Marathon, see [www.iudm.org](http://www.iudm.org). To view a video of the 2007 Dance Marathon, see [newsinfo.iu.edu/asset/page/normal/4073.html](http://newsinfo.iu.edu/asset/page/normal/4073.html).

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## **Clarian ProCare Hotel Program offers savings**

The Clarian ProCare Hotel Program can accommodate almost every need with hotels for the budget conscious as well as people seeking luxurious accommodations, standard rooms or suites. ProCare has special rates at many leading hotels... as much as a 40 percent discount. The hotels are located in downtown Indianapolis and around the I-465 beltway with easy access to hospitals, universities, and businesses, as well as to all attractions in the area.

We are pleased to announce the recent addition of the five-star Conrad Hotel to the program offering 30 percent to 40 percent discounts. Clarian has made the program available to all IU School of Medicine faculty, staff, students and guests.

In addition to offering a discount, hotel rooms booked through ProCare provide Clarian Social Services with free nights for families with limited resources. This means by booking through ProCare you save money and help those in need.

Finding the right hotel is easy with ProCare... just call the concierge, tell them what you are looking for, and they will take care of the rest, helping you choose from over twenty hotels in the area and booking your room. ProCare concierges are available at 317-974-2039 (or 800-974-2039), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. You may also book directly at any time by going online, [www.procarenetwork.com/hotels](http://www.procarenetwork.com/hotels), or by calling the hotel and asking for the ProCare rate. To learn more about ProCare Hotels, see a brief introductory video at [www.procarenetwork.com/hotelvideo](http://www.procarenetwork.com/hotelvideo).

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## **SRPinAM Prize Competition winners**

Seventeen of the 31 IUSM Student Research Program in Academic Medicine participants were elected to present their work at the 2009 SRPinAM Prize Competition held Oct. 23.

Winners of the 2009 Student Research Program in Academic Medicine competition, their research mentor and the source from which they are receiving their prize are:

- Drew Streicher (PI Melissa Kacena) - Winner of the Claude Smith Black, M.D., Award for Outstanding Work in Research (\$15,900)
- Adam Golas (PI Mircea Ivan) - Ferns Groves Hardiman Scholarship (\$5,000)
- Staci Hollar (PI Daniela Matei) - Ferns Groves Hardiman Scholarship (\$4,000)
- Ko Un Park (PI Tracy Vargo Gogola) - Ferns Groves Hardiman Scholarship (\$3,000)
- Anita Turk (PI Angelo Cardoso) - Ferns Groves Hardiman Scholarship (\$2,000)
- Kristin Buzzitta (PI Michael Sturek) - Hazel and Tommy Thompson Cardiac Research Scholarship (\$1,000)

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

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, or 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 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, Robert Martin of the Pew Campaign on Human Health and Industrial Farming will explain the concerns that livestock in large confined animal feeding operations are being fed antibiotics which are leading to more resistant strains of bacteria. Edward Kravitz, PhD, a Harvard neurobiologist, will discuss his discovery that female fruit flies send a signal to males when they don't want to mate and how this could lead to clues about controlling insect populations and insect-borne diseases such as malaria.

Nathan Wolfe, PhD, Lorry I. Lokey Visiting Professor in Human Biology at Stanford University and director of the Global Viral Forecasting Initiative, will discuss his discovery on where malaria originated which hopefully could lead to a cure.

Trisha Suppes, MD, PhD, professor of psychiatry and behavioral science at Stanford University School of Medicine, will discuss the new treatment guidelines for bipolar disorder issued by the American Psychological Association.

Marie Savard, MD, ABC Medical News contributor, will critique the Holmes-Rahe Life Stress Inventory and will suggest improvements.

In this week's *Sound Medicine* "Checkup," Jeremy Shere, PhD, will explore shower head germs.

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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