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**Eli Lilly and Company Foundation gives \$1 million for public health school**

Indiana University President Michael A. McRobbie this week announced that a \$1 million gift from the Eli Lilly and Company Foundation has been received to support efforts to plan and begin to establish an accredited school of public health at IUPUI.

In response to the public health needs in Indiana, IUPUI is building a new school of public health by bringing together faculty from the schools of medicine, public and environmental affairs and other schools.

For more details, see [newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/12818.html?emailID=12818](http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/12818.html?emailID=12818).

## **Sevilla named to Division of Diversity Affairs**

Javier F. Sevilla Martír, MD, has joined the Division of Diversity Affairs team as an assistant dean for diversity affairs, according to Associate Dean for Diversity Affairs George Rausch, EdD.

The Division of Diversity Affairs is a newly created division within the Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development. Dr. Sevilla brings a wealth of expertise and experience to the team with his background in recruitment and development of underrepresented faculty.

Dr. Sevilla is an associate professor of clinical family medicine and director of Hispanic/Latino Health, Global Health and International Medicine in the Department of Family Medicine. He also is the faculty advisor for the Society of Latino medical students.

After joining the IU Department of Family Medicine in 2002, he completed a one-year faculty development fellowship in underserved medicine leadership. He focused on minority health with emphasis on quality of care and health disparities, cultural competence and medical Spanish.

Dr. Sevilla earned his medical degree from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras in 1993 and completed his residency training as a family physician at IU in 2002.

## ***America's Top Doctors for Cancer recognizes 19 at IU***

Nineteen physicians with the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center have been recognized as the best in their field.

The 19 are among 26 in Indiana included in the fifth edition of *America's Top Doctors for Cancer*. The current guide identifies the nation's most outstanding physicians for the diagnosis and treatment of cancers in adults and children.

The physicians are:

- John Coleman III, MD (plastic surgery)
- James Croop, MD, PhD (pediatric hematology/oncology)
- Lawrence Einhorn, MD (medical oncology)
- Robert Fallon, MD (pediatric hematology-oncology)
- Sherif Farag, MBBS, PhD (hematology)
- Richard Foster, MD (urology)
- Robert Goulet Jr., MD (surgery)
- Paul Haut, MD, (pediatric hematology/oncology)
- Valerie Jackson, MD (diagnostic radiation)
- Keith Lillemoe, MD (surgery)
- Patrick Loehrer Sr., MD (medical oncology)
- Douglas Rex, MD (gastroenterology)
- Scott Shapiro, MD (neurological surgery)
- George Sledge Jr., MD (medical oncology)

- Frederick Stehman, MD (gynecologic oncology)
- Allan Thornton Jr., MD (radiation oncology) Thornton is with the Midwest Proton Radiotherapy Institute in Bloomington, which is affiliated with the IUSM Department of Radiation Oncology and the IU Simon Cancer Center.
- Thomas Ulbright, MD (pathology)
- Terry Vik, MD (pediatric hematology-oncology)
- Eric Wiebke, MD (surgery)

Published by Castle Connolly, the guide contains detailed profiles of more than 2,200 of America's leading cancer specialists across more than 40 medical specialties. The doctors are selected by a physician-led research team based on comprehensive national surveys of physicians and medical leaders.

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## Faculty elections in December

This year's IUSM Faculty Elections will take place from Dec. 11 through Dec. 27 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 and awards.

The ballot can be found at [angel.medicine.iu.edu](http://angel.medicine.iu.edu) under the 'Faculty Election' community group. If you have technical problems, contact Scott Cunningham at [sccunnin@iupui.edu](mailto:sccunnin@iupui.edu).

Please make your voice heard by voting and supporting representative governance and service in the School of Medicine.

Jeff Rothenberg, MD  
President of the Faculty

Richard Gunderman, MD  
Secretary of the Faculty

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## Research Funding Update

The IU Office of the Vice Provost for Research and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research offer 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 published more frequently if deadlines are urgent.

View the current [Research Funding Update](#).

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## Signature Centers proposal deadline changed

The deadline for the submission of the proposals under the Round 3 Signature Centers Initiative has been changed from Jan. 22 to **Thursday, April 1**. This change is reflected in the updated document for the Round 3 call for proposals which can be accessed at [research.iupui.edu/funding/](http://research.iupui.edu/funding/).

April 1 also is the deadline for the Round 1 centers to submit their third and final year activity reports and for any Round 1 centers wishing to submit a proposal for receiving extended funding past their first 3 years. The Round 2 centers deadline for the submission of their second year activity report is Thursday, July 15.

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## Showalter Trust applications due Jan. 11

Since 1975, the Indianapolis campus of IUSM has received research funding through gifts made possible from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust Fund. The areas of appropriate biomedical research eligible for funding are broad and described by the benefactors as “the type of medical research that is most likely to permanently benefit mankind.”

Applications for funding from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust will be reviewed in two stages. An initial review by the IUSM Biomedical Research Committee will select the most meritorious proposals for further discussion and ranking. The BRC will then provide a recommended ranking to the Showalter Trustees who conduct a second review. Final funding decisions are made by the Showalter Trustees.

Applications for funding that begins July 1 must be received via email by the [IUSM Office of Operations](#) by 5 p.m. on **Monday, Jan. 11**.

Instructions and forms may be downloaded from the web at [operations.medicine.iu.edu](http://operations.medicine.iu.edu)

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## IUSM internal grant deadline

The application deadline for the Biomedical Research Grant is 5 p.m. **Monday, Jan. 11**.

Application forms and further information can be found online at [operations.medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=9&oTopID=42](http://operations.medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=9&oTopID=42).

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## Predocutorial training awards in translational research

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Research Institute (CTSI) is seeking applicants for special predoctoral training awards in translational research. Translational research consists of either “T1 research” (interface of basic science to human studies) or “T2 research” (interface of human studies to the community). Funding is available for pre-doctoral graduate students. Criteria for application include:

- Successful completion of at least one year of predoctoral training (i.e., applicants must be in at least the 2nd year of their predoctoral program when they apply)
- Co-mentorship by faculty investigators from at least two different disciplines (preferably a clinician and a nonclinician-scientist).
- Research that is translational in nature and takes advantage of the synergism that comes from working at this basic/clinical interface
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident status

Funding is for two years (with the 2nd year of funding contingent upon satisfactory progress). Benefits include a full stipend as well as health insurance, partial coverage of tuition and fees, and access to travel funds.

Applications must be submitted by **February 8**, and awards will start July 1, 2010.

Interested candidates should e-mail their CV to Colleen Gabauer, Ed.D, at [cgabauer@purdue.edu](mailto:cgabauer@purdue.edu) (phone: 765-494-9256). Eligible candidates will be informed of how to proceed with applying.

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## Vanderbilt Prize seeks female nominees

Nominations are being accepted for the fifth Vanderbilt Prize in Biomedical Science, which is awarded to a woman who has made significant advances in the biomedical sciences and who has contributed to the mentorship of other women in science.

For additional information, see <https://medschool.vanderbilt.edu/dean/vanderbilt-prize-biomedical-science> or contact Yvette Casey at 615-936-6228 or [Vanderbilt-prize@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Vanderbilt-prize@vanderbilt.edu).

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## Looking for ‘Resources’

Want to find a room that has a Polycom hook-up? Need official IUSM templates for your PowerPoint presentation or poster about a guest lecturer? Check out the new “**Resources For**” page on the IUSM web site. **Resources For** is accessible from the [school’s home page](#) – look on the right-hand side of the page.

If you have suggestions of other resources that would be beneficial and could be added to this list, contact the Office of Public and Media Relations at [medschl@iupui.edu](mailto:medschl@iupui.edu).

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## IUSM community invited to attend curricular change discussions

All IUSM faculty, staff and students are invited to join in conversation to discuss goals and visions for IUSM curricular change. These will be open dialogues designed to provide an opportunity for the IUSM community to meet and discuss curricular change directions in all four years.

Statewide curricular change conversations will be held the first Monday and third Wednesday of each month beginning Monday, Jan. 4, from noon to 1 p.m. in VanNuys Medical Science Building, room B11, and on video bridge 104. If phoning in, call 812-856-7060 and enter conference code “104” when prompted.

The second discussion will be on the fourth Wednesday in January instead of the third Wednesday due to a scheduling conflict. All other Wednesday discussions will remain on the third Wednesday, so mark your calendar. All of the curriculum discussions will be from noon to 1 p.m. in Medical Science Building, room B11, and the same video bridge and phone number will be used.

Feel free to attend any or all of the events. Hear what's being discussed around campus and share your viewpoints and ideas.

For information on curricular change research and visions shared to date, visit the MECA website [meca.iusm.iu.edu](http://meca.iusm.iu.edu) and click on the “Integrated Curriculum” link. These conversations are being co-sponsored by the Curriculum Council Steering Committee, Faculty Council, Medical Student Council, Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, and the Offices of Medical Education and Curricular Affairs and Medical Student Affairs.

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## **IU Foundation clarifies gift deadlines**

Faculty and staff who support IU through year-end gifts to the IU Foundation should be aware of the following criteria for a gift to qualify for 2009 tax credit. ALL of the criteria must be met in order for a gift to qualify for 2009 tax credit.

- Checks must be dated on or before Dec 31, 2009.  
and
- Checks must arrive in an envelope postmarked by the USPS on or before Dec. 31, 2009.  
and
- Checks must be received by the IU Foundation by Jan. 15, 2010.

Gifts can be made online; however, the deadline for making an online gift via credit card is noon Eastern time on Dec. 31. Gifts made after that time and date will be given a credit date of January 2010.

For more information, call the IU School of Medicine Office of Gift Development at 274-3270.

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## **Center for Medical Genomics hosts seminar**

The IUSM Center for Medical Genomics is hosting a seminar given by Applied Biosystems on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Lunch will be served at 11:30 and the seminar will be from noon to 1 p.m. in Walther Hall (R3), room 203.

Applied Biosystems SOLiD 3Plus Next Gen Sequencing Applications will present recent developments and applications on the SOLiD 3-Plus™ System. With greater than 60GB quality reads, 1 billion tags, exceptional accuracy, and supported application chemistry kits, the SOLiD 3-Plus System enables a variety of research applications.

Topics will include the SOLiD 3-Plus system advancements, as well as applications including small/miRNA analysis, whole transcriptome analysis, whole genome resequencing, targeted resequencing, expression profiling, chromatin immunoprecipitation, rearrangements, SNP's, and methylation analysis.

Presenting will be Brandon Blakey and Jihad Skaf, Ph.D., both technical support chemist.

For information, contact Eric Hilligoss, Genomics Sales Representative, (317) 468-5352, or [eric.hilligoss@appliedbiosystems.com](mailto:eric.hilligoss@appliedbiosystems.com).

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## Party for Linda Beeson

The IUSM community is invited to share in the festivities when friends and colleagues gather to observe the 25th anniversary celebration and retirement party for Linda Beeson, assistant for communications in the IUSM dean's office.

The event will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, in the lobby of Fairbanks Hall, 340 W. 10th Street.

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## Promotion and Tenure workshops

Five informational workshops on promotion and tenure, sponsored by the IUSM Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, are being offered to the IUSM faculty (tenure and non-tenure) on the following dates:

- Promotion & Tenure: General  
Monday, February 22, 2010 from 8-9am in Fairbanks 5005  
[Register Here](#)
- Promotion & Tenure: Excellence in Research  
Monday, March 1, 2010 from 8-9am in HITS 1110  
[Register Here](#)
- Promotion & Tenure: Excellence in Service  
Tuesday, March 9, 2010 from 4-5pm in Fairbanks 1111  
[Register Here](#)
- Promotion & Tenure: Special Session for Women Faculty  
Wednesday, March 10, 2010 from Noon-1pm in Fairbanks 5005  
[Register Here](#)
- Promotion & Tenure: Excellence in Teaching  
Friday, March 12, 2010 from 4-5pm in Fairbanks 5005  
[Register Here](#)

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## **H1N1 flu clinic for medical students**

Supplies of H1N1 vaccine have improved significantly in the last two weeks. IUPUI Health Services will be holding a special flu clinic for IUSM students in the Daly Center student lounge/mailboxes area from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16. In addition, IUPUI Health Services has H1N1 vaccine available in its Coleman Hall clinic and at additional on-site clinics. Information about the flu clinics can be found at [www.health.iupui.edu](http://www.health.iupui.edu).

IUSM medical students who have not already received the H1N1 vaccine are strongly encouraged to get the vaccine as soon as possible. Though the second wave of H1N1 is fading, public health experts expect there to be a third wave of H1N1 sometime during the early part of 2010. All those who fall into an H1N1 vaccine priority group, including medical students, are strongly encouraged to receive the vaccine.

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## **Alternative Spring Break: Physicians need for Honduras 2010**

The Alternative Spring Break Honduras 2010 program is a week-long medical mission to the coastal town of Trujillo and the nearby village of Rigores, where a team of IUSM physicians and students will provide primary care, present 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](#), and [Adam McHenry](#)

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## **Clarian Health neurosurgeon to appear on CBS' *The Doctors***

A Clarian Health neurosurgeon will appear on an upcoming episode of CBS' medically-themed talk show *The Doctors*. The episode will feature a segment focusing on Clarian Health neurosurgeon Dr. Aaron Cohen-Gadol and the Clarian neuroscience team's successful attempt to perform a risky, yet life-saving surgical procedure on a 15-month-old child from Bosnia who was brought to Methodist Hospital with a debilitating neurological condition that caused him to suffer more than 100 seizures a day.

The show will also feature Dr. Cohen as an in-studio guest discussing the hemispherotomy procedure— where neurosurgeons disconnect the two hemispheres of the brain so that one hemisphere begins to assume control for both sides of the body—and explaining how the child’s life will be different now that he is seizure-free. The episode will air Monday, Dec. 14 on WISH-TV 8 at 4 p.m.

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## 2010 Summer Cancer Research Fellowships

The Summer Cancer Research Fellowship program provides a unique opportunity for eligible current sophomore or junior undergraduate students to engage in innovative integrative biology approaches to cancer research through the National Cancer Institute’s (NCI) Integrative Cancer Biology Program (ICBP). The ICBP, composed of nine multi-disciplinary centers across the country, focuses on the analysis of cancer using systems biology approaches. Researchers within each ICBP Center utilize the integration of experimental biology with mathematical and computational modeling to gain new insights into the biology and management of cancer.

Selected student participants are paired with a faculty-mentor from a participating ICBP Center based on the student’s indicated research interests. Through mentored research projects, faculty lectures, seminars, discussions and other activities, the student gains both an understanding and appreciation of major questions currently under investigation and the novel research approaches being used within the ICBP Centers.

The program begins June 7 and ends August 6. However, some centers have modified start/end dates based on the individual institution’s summer calendars. For an online application, see [icbp.nci.nih.gov/summer\\_program](http://icbp.nci.nih.gov/summer_program).

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## Honors

**Martin A. Friedman**, chief operating officer for the IU Department of Medicine, has received best in show honors at the Indianapolis Art Center’s annual juried student show, which opened in late November and will run through January 16. The “Best in Show” award covers all adult student work that was accepted into the show. The winner is a raku-fired ceramic piece titled “The Cracked Shell.” The award entitles Friedman to a solo show which will be on display during the months of August and September.

**Theresa A. Guise**, MD, has been recognized by the University of Pittsburgh as one of 12 new Legacy Laureates, alumni recognized for their outstanding personal and professional accomplishments. The laureates were honored during Pitt’s Homecoming festivities in October. Dr. Guise is a new faculty member at IUSM and is an expert on metabolic bone disease with an emphasis on skeletal complications of malignancy and the effect of cancer treatments on the bone. She is the Jerry and Peg Throgmartin Professor of Oncology and a professor of medicine at IUSM.

Two Riley Hospital and Herman B Wells Center for Pediatric Research physicians have been awarded membership in the prestigious American Society for Clinical Investigation. **Laura Haneline**, MD, associate professor in pediatrics (neonatology) and **Raghu Mirmira**, MD, PhD, associate professor of pediatrics and of medicine (endocrinology) were two of only 79 individuals internationally that were selected for induction this year. ASCI is a honor society of physician scientists who translate findings in the laboratory into advancements in clinical practice. Members are selected on the basis of their achievements in biomedical research and must be under 45 years of age at the time of their nomination. Dr. Haneline and Dr. Mirmira join 24 other physicians from IU who have been awarded this honor.

**John Kincaid**, MD, the Kenneth L. and Selma G. Earnest Professor of Neurology, is the recipient of the American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine 2009 Distinguished Physician Award in recognition of superior achievement as a clinician and educator and for his overall support of association activities.

**Linda H. Malkas**, MD, the Vera Bradley Professor of Oncology and a professor of medicine, has been appointed to the editorial board of the journal *Cancer Research*. Her three-year appointment begins in January.

**Douglas B. McKeag**, M.D., M.S., OneAmerica Professor of Preventive Health Medicine and director of the IU Center for Sports Medicine, led a delegation of 28 sports medicine physicians and professionals from 19 states to China Nov. 9-21. The delegation visited and exchanged lectures in Beijing, Guilin and Shanghai. While in Beijing, the delegation met with the China Sport Science Society, Peking University Hospital, and Beijing Sports University. In Guilin, they met with the Guangxi Provincial University and TCM Hospital, and in Shanghai, the group met with the Research Institute of Shanghai University. This is the first such sports medicine delegation to visit China since the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

**Gail Habegger Vance**, MD, was recently re-elected as a governor of the College of American Pathologists at a ceremony held at CAP '09 – The Pathologists' Meeting in Washington, D.C. Dr. Vance is a professor in the departments of medical and molecular genetics and laboratory medicine and pathology and is the director of Genetics Testing Laboratories at IUSM.

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## Awards November 2009

PI	Agency	Type	Project Title	Begin	End	Total
Paula Karina Alice Braitstein	NIH-NICHD	New	Orphaned & Separated Childrens Assessment Related to their Health & Well-being	9/15/09	7/31/10	532,541
Tatiana M. Foroud	Univ Of Cincinnati	Contin/Competing	Familial Intracranial Aneurysm Study	9/15/09	8/31/10	240,417
Shaun Jason Grannis	Agency For Healthcare Research And Quality	New	Advancing Patient Identity Management in the Context of Real-World Health	9/30/09	7/31/10	453,284

			Information Exchange			
Hugh C. Hendrie	Univ Florida	New	Lifestyle Interventions and Independence for Elders - LIFE	9/1/09	8/31/10	19,844
Suk-Hee Lee	Univ Of New Mexico	New	Transposase in Etoposide Resistance	6/2/09	5/31/10	75,000
Patrick J. Loehrer	Walther Cancer Fdn	New	Indiana Translational Research Acceleration Collaboration (ITRAC)0074.01	9/1/09	6/30/10	100,000
Mary Alice Maluccio	Purdue University	New	Metabolomics based identification of hepatocellular cancer biomarkers	5/17/09	4/30/10	33,800
Irina Petrache	Univ Of Colorado	New	Mechanisms and Treatment of COPD Progression	9/1/08	8/31/09	310,513
Kent A. Robertson	US Dept Of Defense	New	Pilot Study Of Gleevec?/ Imatinib Mesylate (STI-571, NSC 716051) In Neurofibromatosis (NF1) Patients With Plexiform Neurofibromas	4/1/09	4/30/10	362,990
Andrew J. Saykin	Univ Of Pennsylvania	New	Alzheimer's Disease Genetics Consortium	4/1/09	3/31/10	225,130
John Emerson Sidle	Moi University Faculty Of Health Sciences	New	US Military HIV Research Program and AIDS clinical trial group	12/1/08	11/30/09	37,196

Michael Stephen Sturek	Univ Of Washington	New	Mechanisms in Improvement of Type 2 Diabetes after Gastrointestinal Surgery	7/15/09	6/30/10	101,015
Daniel Jay Vreeman	Regenstrief Institute	New	Enhancing the interoperability of the Post Acute Care Patient Assessment Instrument with LOINC	7/1/09	12/31/09	9,935
Michael Weiner	Agency For Healthcare Research And Quality	New	Medication reconciliation technology to improve quality of transitional care	9/30/09	7/31/10	384,728
Martin Chieng Were	Agency For Healthcare Research And Quality	New	Improving Management of Test Results That Return After Hospital Discharge	9/30/09	7/31/10	145,913

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