

IUPUI Division of Student Life 2009-2010 Annual Report Highlights

Introduction

During the 2009-2010 academic year, the work in the [Division of Student Life](#) was driven primarily by our five-year [Strategic Plan](#). The plan includes three over-arching goals: 1) excellence in community-building, 2) excellence in student engagement, and 3) excellence in professional practice.

Teaching and Learning

Campus Center

- The Campus Center hosted 6,557 events with an approximate attendance of 249,446 people. Just over half (51%) of the events were planned by student organizations, 48% were university/departmental events, and the remaining 1% were non-IUPUI affiliated events.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

- CAPS provided services to over 800 students (~6% increase over prior year) for nearly 4,500 counseling or assessment sessions (16.5% increase over prior year).
- When comparing first-time full-time students over an 8-year period, those accessing CAPS' services had a 6-year graduation rate of ~42%, compared to a 27% graduation rate for their peer group.
- Approximately 50% of clients completing the CAPS satisfaction survey reported that receiving assistance at CAPS contributed to their ability to remain enrolled at IUPUI.

Housing and Residence Life

- The student staff provided 45 educational programs to residents during the academic year.

Intramural and Recreational Sports

- Matt Rota-Autry taught an eight week teambuilding class in both the fall semester and the spring semester for the [School of Physical Education and Tourism Management](#). This physical education elective class provides motivational opportunities for individual awareness and reshapes existing perceptions about themselves through the use of games and activities.
- Matt Rota-Autry taught a summer physical education course titled Dynamics of Camping Leadership. The goal for this class was to develop safe, competent, and responsible leaders who are able to work together and respect each other. The class encompassed variables such as group dynamics, individual awareness, and environmental conditions. Working with these variables, this course taught leadership behavior and developed "Leave No Trace" outdoor living skills.

Office of Student Involvement (OSI)

- Fifty-six first-year seminar presentations were presented by [OSI First Year Programs](#) staff, reaching a total of 1,355 students. The topics covered included Diversity (17 total presentations), Involvement on Campus (20), and Going Green (19), a new offering to complement the campus's [Common Theme Project](#).
- OSI Leadership staff taught a 3-credit hour Exploring Leadership curricular course (OLS 399). The course covered foundational topics of leadership, such as self awareness and personal development, dealing with change and transition, and formulating a strategic personal vision.

Student Health Services

- Nurse Practitioner, Lee Bernard, taught several classes to Occupational Therapy students including: Infectious Diseases, Different roles of Health Practitioners and Occupational Therapy.
- Dr. Stephen Wintermeyer, Director of IUPUI Health Services, conducted two lectures as part of the Introduction to Clinical Medicine for medical students.

Student Life and Global Engagement

- Three immersion programs were offered during the spring and summer terms of 2010. Thirty-three students, faculty, and staff participated in the structured programs, all of which included Spanish instruction, cultural development, and community service.

Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct (SRRC)

- In collaboration with the Office of the Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), SRRC co-facilitated more than 30 presentations on “Identifying and Responding to Concerning, Disruptive or Violent Behaviors on Campus” to the IUPUI campus community.
- The [Student Advocate](#) launched an [Off-Campus Housing website](#) with over 100 apartment complexes listed. Each apartment complex has its own webpage, complete with detailed information.

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

Housing and Residence Life

- David Russell ([Social Justice Advocate](#)) and Josh Skillman (Area Coordinator) presented, “Using Your Ally Powers,” at the annual Conference for Indiana Student Staff. The presentation was recognized as one of the top three programs.
- Danielle Miller (Graduate Assistant) and Josh Skillman presented, “Social Justice in Housing and Residence Life,” at the [Association of College and University Housing Officers-International \(ACUHO-I\)](#) conference.
- Josh Skillman presented, “Building Successful First-Year Communities in Apartment Style Housing,” at the [Association of College and University Housing Officers-International \(ACUHO-I\)](#) conference.

Office of the Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students

- An article was written on the IUPUI Behavioral Consultation Team (BCT) in the journal, *Student Affairs Today*, entitled “Create consultation team to address disturbing behavior of students, staff, faculty (April 2010, Vol. 13, Issue 1).

Student Health Services

- Oral Health Research Institute (OHRI) Parion Study. Participated as a clinical site in partnership with Oral Health (March 24 – September 3, 2009).

Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct (SRRC)

- The Student Advocate served on the IUPUI Asian American Studies Program planning committee, which is working to establish an Asian American studies program in the [School of Liberal Arts](#).

Civic Engagement

Campus Center

- Campus Center staff and student employees have participated as a team in several campus events including, dodge ball tournament, the Regatta, and Race for the Cure.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

- Staff presented as part of continuing education workshop for professionals on working with gay/lesbian/bisexual clients.

Housing and Residence Life

- Housing and Residence Life initiated a partnership with the [Damar Center of Indianapolis](#) to develop a long-term community service partnership for residential students with up to six projects per academic year.

Office of Student Involvement (OSI)

- [IUPUI's Democracy Plaza \(DP\)](#) was selected to be a [Signature Program at the national meeting of the American Democracy Project in June 2010](#).
- The [OSI Community Service](#) staff sponsored 43 events in the 2009-2010 academic year engaging over 2,614 students, faculty, staff, and community members in 33,274 hours of service to over 150 community partners. Participation numbers indicate a 60% increase from 2008-2009.
- The first ever [Green Fair](#) was hosted during the 2009 [Weeks of Welcome \(WOW\)](#), in support of [IUPUI's Common Theme project](#). Over 600 participants received reusable bags and visited 25 local businesses, non-profits, and on campus organizations that support sustainable initiatives. A Sustainability 101 panel was held at Democracy Plaza during the fair.
- OSI [Fraternity and Sorority Life](#) staff held the inaugural Fraternity and Sorority Life Unity Month during which organizations raised over \$1,000 for Ronald McDonald House and over 400 pounds of canned goods for Gleaners Food Bank.
- Approximately 65 students and staff participated in [Alternative Breaks](#) at 6 different locations. These focused on social-justice issues such as poverty, terminal illness, rehabilitation, youth, and the environment. Four Trip Leaders went through monthly leadership training workshops provided by 2 Community Service Leaders using resources provided by [Break Away](#). Participation numbers have increased by 58% from the 2008-2009 academic year.

Student Life and Global Engagement

- Over 144 community service hours were provided by students, faculty and staff during spring break in Mexico, and 336 hours of community service were provided during the summer 2010 immersion program in Mexico during May, June and July.

Student Health Services

- Provided Flu outreach for employees, students, and the School of Medicine on the IUPUI campus. The entire supply of 5,230 doses was used this past season.

Diversity

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

- More than 25% percent of students seeking CAPS' services identified as a student of color.

Office of Student Involvement (OSI)

- A total of 2,616 students, faculty, staff, and community members participated in 90 [Cultural Heritage Month](#) activities during six months of programming devoted to cultural awareness.
- Events such as the [MLK Day of Service](#) and [Cesar Chavez Day of Service](#) are IUPUI traditions that focus on civil rights and the celebration of diversity. In 2010, a record number of 500 students, staff, and faculty served at 18 service sites across Indianapolis through the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Thirty-four student leaders led others in 2,650 hours of service to their community.

Housing and Residence Life

- Three undergraduate student staff members and one Graduate Assistant were accepted to the annual [Social Justice Training Institute](#).
- [The Network](#) provides men and women of color who live in Housing and Residence Life the opportunity to connect with other men and women of color (residents, faculty, staff, and community members) to assist in the academic success of under-represented populations at IUPUI.

Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct (SRRC)

- The [Student Advocate](#) worked with the [Multicultural Center](#) to plan and promote the 2nd Annual Men's Awareness week. These programs looked to engage male students, particularly male students of color. The [Student Advocate](#) helped with a presentation called "Definition of a Man."

Student Life and Global Engagement

- The Mexico Immersion Programs have consistently had over 25% participation of its students from underrepresented student populations, a very high percentage for study abroad programs.

Best Practices

Campus Center

- In partnership with [UITS](#), the Campus Center has upgraded the original e-mail stations to full computer stations. In addition, there are three print release stations where over 37,000 pages per month are printed.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

- All full-time staff have completed the requirements for licensure
- About 80% of clients completing the CAPS satisfactions survey reported significant improvements in the concerns that brought them to counseling.

Office of Student Involvement (OSI)

- This department, formerly known as Campus and Community Life, underwent an external Program Review and extensive restructuring of the unit. Changes included a new name (Office of Student Involvement), new organizational structure, and the identification of three strategic goals: leadership development, social justice, and academic engagement.

- The OSI Leadership staff developed learning outcomes and a guiding philosophy to strategically structure programming. Specific programs were mapped to these learning outcomes and the [Principles of Undergraduate Learning \(PULs\)](#), which were then used in assessment and evaluation.

Housing and Residence Life

- A feasibility study for the remodeling of [Ball Hall](#) has been completed in conjunction with krM and Associates

Intramural and Recreational Sports

- The Office of Intramural and Recreational Sports experienced about a 3% increase in intramural flag football team participation, an 11% increase in intramural in soccer team participation, and a 56% increase in intramural racquetball.

Office of the Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students

- The Division's Management Team completed two [National Incident Management System \(NIMS\)](#) trainings through the Emergency Management Institute.
- Several Division units attended Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) training. This training is for individuals who help those who have been involved in a traumatic event process and deal with the stress.

Student Health Services

- Continued to increase the presence of satellite wellness clinic at the Campus Center. This clinic provides health screenings, wellness, and education to students. These clinics are funded by the [General Service Fee](#).

Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct (SRRC)

- SRRC adjudicated approximately 162 conduct cases pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.

External Awards and Appointments

- Robert W. Aaron, Director of Assessment and Planning, was co-chair for curriculum development of the [ACPA Student Affairs Assessment Institute](#), held June 17-19 at Charlotte, NC, where he also served on the Institute's faculty.
- Lorrie Brown was appointed the Senior Community Service Director (CSD) Fellow for [Indiana Campus Compact](#) for 2008 – 2010.
- Tralicia Lewis, Director of SRRC, was appointed to the Board of Managers for the [YMCA West District](#).
- Tina Samuel-Powellson received the 2009 [National Association of Campus Activities \(NACA\)](#) Research Grant – Comprehensive Award.
- Dr. Stephen F. Wintermeyer was recognized and awarded a certificate by the [Marion County Health Department](#) for his contribution to the county's response to the H1N1 pandemic.