

IUPUI Division of Student Life

2012-2013 Annual Report Highlights

Introduction

This is the first of a new five-year [strategic plan](#) centered on the shared vision of impacting student success by delivering nationally recognized programs and services that broaden the educational experience and promote campus and civic engagement. This report includes highlights of the [Division's annual report](#).

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Campus Center

- The Campus Center hosted 7,616 events with an approximated attendance of 342,545 people. 52% of the events were student organization events, 46% were university/departmental events and 2% were non-IUPUI affiliated events. This is an 8% increase from last fiscal year.
- The grand opening of the Campus Center Theater was held in August. The year saw 292 events in the Theater, including the following high-visibility events: [IU Neuroscience Groundbreaking](#), [School of Philanthropy dedication](#), [State of the University Address](#), [SAPB film series](#), [Telematic Conference Opera](#), and the [National Pan-Hellenic Conference \(NPHC\) Yard Show](#).
- Relationships were established with the following academic departments to broaden educational opportunities for certain subsets of students: [School of Liberal Arts Museum Studies – Installation of the Guantanamo](#) project in the Cultural Arts Gallery; Purdue School of Engineering and Technology – [Architectural Design Technology](#) design projects displays; [Herron School of Art and Design's Basile Center](#) – Collaboration in investing \$2,500 for nine (9) student artists to create projects for temporary installations

Campus Recreation

- Increased overall participation in intramural team sports from academic year 2011-2012 to 2012-2013 by 27.9%.
- Hired and trained six (6) new Intramural Student Supervisor positions to assist the Coordinator of Intramural Sports in managing program offerings, scheduling, and student staff.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

- More than 57% of CAPS clients reported receiving assistance at CAPS enhanced their academic performance. Additionally, 50% reported receiving assistance at CAPS contributed to their ability to remain enrolled at IUPUI.
- CAPS' staff, in collaboration with the Office for Women, has continued to promote a campus-wide Sexual Assault Prevention, Intervention, and Response Task Force. Information was presented to ~250 students. IUPUI received a mini-grant from the Indiana Campus Sexual Assault Primary Prevention Project to expand this work and develop a social marketing campaign to be launched in Fall 2013.
- Approximately 76% of CAPS clients reported being able to make more decisions based on their personal values and priorities, and 71% reported making healthier life choices as a result of coming to CAPS.

Educational Partnerships and Student Advocacy (EPSA)

- EPSA worked closely with the [Office of Orientation Services](#) to pilot a new two-day new student orientation program, including a parent/family educational track, overnight activities with student organizations, and a resource fair.
- The second [JagVenture](#) leadership and adventure camp was hosted in August 2012. Topics addressed during the program included self-discovery, diversity, adjusting to college life, team-

building, and leadership styles. Fifty-one students participated this year, a 6% increase from the previous year. Ninety-four percent of the participants agreed or strongly agreed that the activities were informative and 89% agreed or strongly agreed that the program helped them experience and learn something new about themselves.

- Over 6,000 students attended [Weeks of Welcome](#) events. A total of 14 events were hosted over a two-week span, including the New Student Welcome in August with over 500 student attendees. EPSA took a major role in the planning and implementation of New Student Welcome along with [University College](#) and its [University College Student Council](#). Out of 507 student responses 417 students indicated they were successful in meeting other new students.
- The 5th Annual [Off-Campus Housing Fair](#) provided students the opportunity to explore local housing options Thirty-seven (37) properties were in attendance.

[Housing and Residence Life](#)

- Resident Assistants hosted 14 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner programs featuring various faculty, staff and campus administrators with 380 attendees.
- Housing and Residence Life partnered with the [Multicultural Success Center](#) and [University College](#) to host the "So What?" programming series focusing on topics related to ability, race, ethnicity, and social justice. Four programs were offered by faculty members with over 60 students attending.

[Student Involvement](#)

- Developed a partnership with [Organizational Leadership and Supervision](#) to establish a process for awarding academic credit for qualifying co-curricular experiences.
- The [Panhellenic Council](#) hosted Take Back the Night, in partnership with [CAPS](#) and the [Office for Women](#), bringing 150 students together in a dialogue about sexual assault.
- 106 members of the Fraternity and Sorority Life community attended the [Association for Fraternity Leadership and Values](#) this spring, making IUPUI the most widely represented institution at the meeting.
- 1,600 visitors attended the [Involvement Expo](#), kicking off the academic year by learning about organizational and service involvement opportunities.

[Student Health](#)

- IUPUI Student Health provided over 7,000 visits to students during the 2012-13 academic year, about 700 of whom were seen in the new Campus Center Student Health facility.

RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Office of the Vice Chancellor

- Dr. Davenport was co-author on a new book: *First generation college students: Understanding and improving the collegiate experience from recruitment to commencement* (Jossey-Bass). He also presented at four national or regional conference keynotes this year:
 - 8th Annual [National Symposium on Student Retention](#)
 - [National Association of College Auxiliary Services \(NACAS\) South](#) Featured Speaker for Creating Relevancy for Auxiliary Services in the Academy
 - [National Association for Campus Activities \(NACA\) Mid America](#) Featured Speaker on First Generation College Students
 - [Association of College Unions-International \(ACUI\)-South](#) Keynote Speaker

Counseling and Psychological Services

- IUPUI CAPS is supporting dissertation research at IU-Bloomington for a study entitled “Examining Racial Minority Student Non-Attendance Following the Intake at a University Counseling Center.”

Housing and Residence Life

- Dr. Aaron Hart served as a national panelist for the [Association of College and University Housing Officers–International webinar entitled, “Public Private Partnerships.”](#)
- Josh Skillman facilitated “True Colors” for the School Of Engineering and Technology Summer Bridge Participants, for the School of Physical Education, Convention, Tourism, & Management Bridge Section, and for six classes taught for the Department of Kinesiology.

Student Health Services

- IUPUI Health Services served as host for the [2012 Mid America College Health Association \(MACHA\) Conference](#) held in Indianapolis November 8-9, with 108 individuals attending the meeting. Dr. Stephen Wintermeyer served as Co-Chair of the Planning Committee along with other staff in the unit. The overall assessment of the conference effectiveness by the attendees was 4.57 (1-5 scale, 5 = Excellent.)

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Campus Recreation

- Collaborated with the [National Collegiate Athletics Association \(NCAA\)](#) to host an Inclusion Forum Wheelchair Basketball demonstration.

Counseling and Psychological Services

- Staff member Dr. Misty Spitler responds to local emergencies as a member of Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) and fulfilled educational and disaster support service as Disaster Mental Health Worker within Johnson and Marion counties.
- In collaboration with campus partners, Dr. Mike Hines provided alcohol prevention education at two off-campus apartment complexes, reaching more than 50 students.

Educational Partnerships and Student Advocacy

- EPSA hosted the first Property Manager Luncheon to meet the growing demand for educational support of nearby off-campus housing for students. Fifteen properties were represented. Speakers included staff from Student Life to discuss various forms of support for students living off campus.

Housing and Residence Life

- Housing and Residence Life was nominated and won the [Great Lakes Association of College and University Housing Officers \(GLACUHO\) Award for Outstanding Commitment to Sustainability](#) in November 2012.

Student Involvement

- [Day of Caring in September and Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service in January](#), coordinated by the OSI Community Service and Civic Engagement staff, attracted about 500 and 900 participants respectively.
- [Democracy Plaza](#) established a new, permanent and visible physical space on the first floor of the Campus Center. Further, Pulse survey data from Fall 2012 indicates that students who participate in Democracy Plaza activities are far more likely to participate in class discussion groups.

- Fall alternative break participation grew by 200% from 2011 to 2012. In spring 2013, there was a considerable wait list to participate in one of seven [Alternative Spring Breaks](#) due to popular demand. Fifty-two students attended traveled to the various sites last spring.

DIVERSITY

- The [Division of Student Life](#) held two division-wide diversity training sessions focusing on self-awareness. Over 95% of the Student Life staff members attended the Divisional Diversity Training Staff were fully engaged in diversity activities and had dialogue about differences in experiences and social identities across those differences.

Campus Recreation

- There was a 45% increase in women-only teams in intramural volleyball in the fall semester and 22% increase in women-only teams in the spring semester.

Counseling and Psychological Services

- Students of color continue to access CAPS' services at rates proportional to or greater than the representation in the student body. These students also reported feeling comfortable with their individual counselor ("comfortable enough to express what I was thinking and/or feeling most of the time") significantly more frequently than their white peers.

Housing and Residence Life

- Housing and Residence Life developed a plan to intentionally recruit men from historically underrepresented racial and ethnic populations at IUPUI to apply for Resident Assistant (RA) positions. Housing and Residence Life was able to increase the number of new RAs for 2013-14 who identified as an underrepresented male from 1 to 5 (there are 41 RA positions total)

Student Involvement

- Twenty-five students attended the second annual [Freedom Rides](#) program during the 2013 spring break. This experiential trip to Memphis, TN, examines current and past social justice movements through visits with community leaders, small groups, community service projects, trips to historical landmarks, and other instructional materials, students compared the leadership styles of past civil rights leaders to movements of today.
- [Social Justice staff in OSI coordinated Latino Heritage Month, Women's History Month, Asian and Pacific Islander Month, Black History Month, Native American History Month, and Pride month](#) as well as Chavez Dinner and the MLK Jr. Dinner, one of IUPUI's oldest traditions. Each of these months is comprised of dozens of events from across IUPUI and attracts hundreds of students, faculty and staff; the MLK dinner sold out and seated almost 600 guests and the Chavez Dinner attracted 250 despite happening during a heavy snowstorm.

BEST PRACTICES

- The [Division of Student Life](#), in collaboration with the [Student Activities Programming Board](#), created the first ever large-scale spring event: [Jag-A-Palooza](#). This inaugural event, including performances by local bands and artists, provided important opportunities for students to create informal social networks and become more engaged on campus.

Campus Center

- The Campus Center awarded \$1,900 to help support four student organizations who hosted programs in the building. The programs supported cultural diversity, enriched student life, increased student engagement and built community.
- The Cultural Arts Gallery hosted 14 exhibits from IUPUI Herron Alumni, diverse local artists, work from the IU Museum collection and the IU School of Medicine.
- An IUPUI Greening Grant of \$10,000 was awarded to create a Sustainability Center in the Citizens Commons and promote greater sustainability awareness in the Campus Center.

Campus Recreation

- Campus Recreation developed a preliminary design to repurpose the Lockefield green space which is located north of the University Tower. This space, set to open in Fall 2013, will accommodate modified outdoor basketball courts, sand volleyball courts and a modified green space for recreation opportunities.

Counseling and Psychological Services

- CAPS has continued to develop the group counseling program, engaging nearly 90 students for more than 200 hours of group sessions this past year.

Educational Partnerships and Student Advocacy

- Parent and Family Programs developed a number of resources designed to connect first-year students and their families to the college experience. The Enrollment Checklist, Parent and Family E-Newsletter, and the Parent and Family calendar were shared with thousands of new students and their families during the summer 2013 orientation programs.

Housing and Residence Life

- The University Place Hotel was converted into the University Tower containing a residence hall for 560 first-year students, IUPUI's first-ever dining center, and new classroom space, all located in the center of campus.
- HRL expanded the Residence-Based Learning Community (RBLC) program to the new University Tower (Honors, STEM, PETM, SPEA, Kelley, Athletics) and added two new academic (SPEA and KCTM) units as RBLC partners.

Student Health

- Student Health provided approximately 8,000 free flu vaccines to IUPUI faculty, students and staff.
- Student Health provided Wellness Screens for approximate 525 students and arranged free HIV/STD testing for students, resulting in over 500 free tests.

AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS

- Dr. Misty Spitler, CAPS psychologist, has assumed the role of President of the [Indiana Psychological Association](#).
- Michael Sprinkle, Campus Center, was recognized with the [Winston Shindell Emerging Leader Award](#) at the ACUI regional conference for his dedication to the profession with less than 5 years of service in the college union field.
- Dr. Stephen Wintermeyer, Student Health Services, received the Dedicated Service Award from the [Central States Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association](#).