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## News from the IUPUI Solution Center

Building university-community partnerships in Central Indiana.

### Greetings!

Recently, Indiana University and IUPUI rolled out a new branding initiative and tagline - "What matters. Where it matters." - which got us thinking about what matters in the IUPUI Solution Center's work. The answer is simple: [strong community partnerships](#). University-community partnerships are a driving force of experiential learning at IUPUI and would not be possible without the support of community organizations, faculty members, and students like you. So for that, we thank you!

University-community relationships are critical to student learning, faculty research, innovation, and discovery, AND community partnerships that [strengthen our communities](#) and [encourage our graduates to stay and succeed in Indiana](#). The IUPUI Solution Center is proud to serve its campus and its community. Our partners are: **What Matters. Where it Matters.**

Sincerely,

**Teresa Bennett**  
Director, IUPUI Solution Center

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### IUPUI students help establish tribal museum in Alaska

As part of a newly created field experience, several IUPUI museum studies and [anthropology](#)

students spent part of their summer vacations traveling outside Indiana. The three-week field study in Alaska, was created by [Holly Cusack-McVeigh](#), Assistant Professor in Anthropology, and was made possible through funding and support from the University of Alaska, private and public museums in Alaska, and the IUPUI [Community Venture Fund](#).



**Tyler Coxey, an IUPUI anthropology student, in Alaska.**

The IUPUI Solution Center granted nearly \$15,000 to cover student stipends and travel expenses for 10 students who traveled to the village of [Nanwalek, Alaska](#), where they helped residents identify, preserve, and display their cultural artifacts at a newly established local museum.

Nanwalek is a census-designated place with an area of 8.5 square miles on the southern tip of the Kenai Peninsula in southern Alaska. [Read more.](#)



**IUPUI museum studies and anthropology students worked to help Nanwalek villagers identify, clean, and display cultural artifacts at their local museum.**



**School of Informatics faculty, students develop academic app for iPad**

With a \$25,000 grant from the IUPUI Solution Center, Informatics faculty member [Joseph Defazio](#) and graduate students Jay Hardin and Whitney Coleman (pictured above, left to right) developed and tested a new content management system that allows the storage and manipulation of digital course content,



**IUPUI Solution Center Community Partners to Appear on Indy Local TV**

For just 30 minutes on Tues., Sept 3, every local television station in Indianapolis will cut off from regular program commercials to urge the entire community to "LIVE UNITED." The segment will profile the good work of several IUPUI Solution Center partners in order to illustrate the immense impact

such as assignments, grading criteria and class schedules.

Coleman and Hardin say their new system offers greater user-friendliness for faculty members uploading class resources. The project was part of an [Informatics - Media Arts and Science](#) course.

United Way and their affiliates made on the city of Indianapolis. Stories include the [Martin Center Sickle Cell Initiative's](#) persistence in alleviating the emotional barriers of a 5-year-old dealing with Sickle Cell and [John H. Boner Community Center's](#) dedication to life-changing crisis aversion techniques for a young woman in need. For more information, visit [UWCI](#).

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## Goodbye to Solution Center staff member, Andrea Zeek!



We are saying goodbye to Andrea Zeek, who has been the IUPUI Solution Center's communication assistant since September 2012. Andrea wrote stories for our monthly newsletters, managed social media accounts, helped plan events, and coordinated other internal and external communication efforts for the Solution Center.

Andrea will be starting graduate school this fall at the Indiana University School of Journalism in Bloomington, Ind. This is a great opportunity for her, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors. Thank you, Andrea!

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## Congratulations recent Community Venture Fund recipients!

Small businesses, nonprofits and government agencies are invited to apply for matching grants through the IUPUI Solution Center's Community Venture Fund. These grants support community-based internship programs, research projects and short-term business assistance efforts. In July 2013, the following organizations received \$9,717 in Venture Fund awards:

- [Frank and Katrina Basile Center for Art, Design and Public Life](#); Community Projects Intern; \$1,600 awarded
- [Freetown Village](#); Communication Intern; \$1,500 awarded
- [The Historic Journey](#); Common Core Intern; \$2,007 awarded
- [LYN House](#); Tutoring Intern; \$1,280 awarded
- [Center for Health Policy: Mental Health & Homelessness](#); Empowering Consumers and Educating Future Providers Research Interns; \$1,860 awarded
- [Humane Society of Indianapolis](#); Research Design Intern; \$970 awarded
- [Jameson Camp](#); Summer Development Intern; \$500 awarded

## Please pass on these Venture Funded internship openings!

The following opportunities are available to currently enrolled IUPUI students in good standing through a partnership with the employers and the IUPUI Solution Center. These paid internships are partially supported by the IUPUI Community Venture Fund. IUPUI students can look for these opportunities in JagJobs ([www.jagjobs.org](http://www.jagjobs.org)) or their school's career services site, and apply soon!

- Communication Intern - [Freetown Village](#)
  - \$10 per hour, 20 hours per week, Fall 2013
- Assistant Tutoring Director - [LYN House](#)
  - \$10 per hour, Fall 2013 - Spring 2014
- Social Media Coordinator - [Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration](#)
  - \$10 per hour, up to 15 hours per week, Fall 2013

Don't miss these upcoming university & community events!



**IUPUI Social Justice Festival: Aug. 26, 2013**

This celebration seeks to recognize the ways in which campus and community are engaged in work that addresses issues of privilege, power, and emancipation of marginalized groups. It will feature performances, short lectures, and activities [Learn more.](#)



**Indy Chamber HobNob Economic Growth Summit: Sept. 5, 2013**

Nationally and locally recognized experts in business and economics will discuss the state of our economy and what that means for business throughout the region. [Learn more.](#)



**IUPUI Regatta Canoe Race: Sept. 21, 2013**

Established in 2009, the IUPUI Regatta has quickly become a signature event for the IUPUI campus. The purpose of the event is to create a high-energy campus tradition that involves both the campus and Indianapolis community while benefiting an IUPUI student scholarship. [Learn more.](#)

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