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### Campus commitment to veterans

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*"While only one day of the year is dedicated solely to honoring our veterans, Americans must never forget the sacrifices that many have made to defend our country and protect our freedoms." -- Randy Neugebauer*

As we celebrate Veterans Day 2014, I want to offer -- on behalf of the entire IUPUI faculty, staff, student and alumni community -- a note of appreciation for all of the members of our campus family who have served our country.

When the Armed Forces Appreciation Luncheon is held on Wednesday in the Campus Center, **Army veteran Amanda Davey**, a general studies major at IUPUI, will showcase her skills as a pianist by performing the national anthem.

She is one of many veterans who are part of everyday life on our campus.

**IUPUI is proud to be cited** by U.S. News and World Report for innovative veteran student enrollment initiatives. This campus was recognized for its efforts to help veterans and active-duty service members apply for, pay for and complete their degrees.



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Another shining example is **Navy veteran Casey Kehlenbrink** who was recently accepted into the IU School of Nursing. In addition to being a student, Casey serves as director of outreach and development for a veterans program at IUPUI.

The best thing about the university's relationship with veterans is that it isn't a hollow thank you, a ceremonial tribute or empty symbolism. Instead, we proudly claim a genuine commitment to offering every opportunity available in higher education to help veterans and active military pursue their dreams -- at least partly because, in the words of Solomon Ortiz:

*"To honor our national promise to our veterans, we must continue to improve services for our men and women in uniform today and provide long overdue benefits for the veterans and military retirees who have already served."*

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