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IUPUI Community Engagement

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IUPUI is nationally recognized for the depth of our community engagement and every week I see new examples of our students, faculty, and staff reaching out to partner with our community.

Our faculty colleague Randall Shepard, former chief justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, is deeply engaged in the local, state, and national community. He has served as a facilitator for political conversations, co-led the Kernan-Shepard **commission**, and has just led the national study of legal education. No wonder Randy has been named one of the country's 25 most **influential people** in legal education!

Led by our colleague, Gil Latz, Associate Vice Chancellor for International Affairs, IUPUI has partnered with the Indy Chamber and others, in preparing Indianapolis' successful proposal to participate in the Brookings Institution's and JPMorgan Chase's Global Cities Initiative Exchange. Gil, with Marty Vanags, vice president for Regional Economic Development at the Indy Chamber and executive director of Indy Partnership, and Kathy Davis, a consultant and owner of Davis Design Group LLC, recently authored a **column** on the exchange and explaining how it will facilitate Indianapolis work in global trade.

With the leadership of Vice Chancellor Dawn Rhodes, IUPUI is a title sponsor of the **Steward Speakers Series** 2013-14. February 10th there will be a panel "Transforming the lives of students of color through education" at the Madame Walker Theatre featuring Dr. Steve Perry and Susan L. Taylor and the series ends April 10th with former Secretary of State General Colin Powell at the JW Marriott.

Our students demonstrate amazing community engagement through service learning as well as volunteer activity. In 2013, our students launched "Paw's Pantry" to provide a food pantry for students, faculty, and staff and now in partnership with the Office of Sustainability have won the Sodexo Foundation's "**Campus Kitchen**" competition, which provides a grant to support establishing a kitchen to prepare food for those struggling with food insecurity.

Thanks to all of you who have demonstrated your commitment to our community.

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