

## IUPUI Again Receives National Recognition for Community Service with Distinction

For the fourth time in five years, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis has earned national recognition as a leader among institutions of higher education for its support of volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), a federal agency, named IUPUI to the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction for engaging its students, faculty and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community.

In the 2009-10 academic year, more than 2,600 IUPUI students, faculty and staff were involved in 43 campuswide volunteer service events. They contributed more than 33,270 hours of service to Indianapolis and the IUPUI community.

"IUPUI takes seriously its mission to engage faculty, staff, and students in educationally meaningful community service. Across curricular and co-curricular programs, there is a commitment to developing strong partnerships with the community to everyone's benefit," said Robert G. Bringle, Chancellor's Professor of Psychology and Philanthropic Studies at IUPUI; and executive director of the IUPUI Center for Service and Learning.

"To again receive the Presidential Honor Roll with Distinction affirms the unique way in which IUPUI developed opportunities to make civic engagement a distinctive aspect of our students' educational opportunities," Bringle said.

IUPUI received the Honor Roll's inaugural Presidential Award in 2006 and also was named to the 2008 Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction and the 2009 Community Service Honor Roll.


IUPUI has six faculty and departmental development programs related to service learning and civic engagement. During 2009-10, 138 faculty members from 16 schools offered 309 service-learning courses at IUPUI. More than 100 students served as service learning assistants to support these courses and faculty community-based research.

Last year IUPUI awarded 395 Sam H. Jones Community Service scholarships totaling \$607,399. Scholarship recipients provided an estimated 47,600 hours of service to Indianapolis and the IUPUI community.


Exemplary community service projects at IUPUI include the IUPUI-George Washington Community High School Partnership, The School of Dentistry's Seal Indiana Program, and the PARCS (Physically Active Residential Communities and Schools) Fit for Life program.

The IUPUI George Washington project has resulted in revitalization of an impoverished area of Indianapolis and improved student access to college. About 85 IUPUI service learning students provided tutoring, mentoring, nursing, fitness and wellness services to George Washington students



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– during the 2009-10 academic year.

Seal Indiana Program provides dental services to children from low-income families. Each year about 150 IUPUI dentistry and dental hygiene students, faculty and staff volunteer thousands of hours to provide preventive dental care.

The Fit for Life program provides health screenings and health education, personal training, and daily exercise to 400 IPS students after school. Approximately 500 IUPUI exercise science and physical education students staff the program during the regular academic year.

IUPUI utilizes 33 percent of its federal work-study funds to support student work in the local community, far exceeding the required 7 percent minimum. Each year about 350 students work in 50-plus nonprofit and government agencies as a result of this commitment of funds.

America Reads and America Counts are examples of community-based programs supported by IUPUI's federal work-study funds. In 2009-10, America Reads and America Counts provided free tutoring services to 421 local elementary, middle school, and high school children at 12 public schools and community organizations. Teacher feedback surveys indicated that 82 percent of the students served improved in reading level, and 78 percent improved in math level.

Thanks to the leadership of Honor Roll institutions, more college graduates are going into the world with a commitment to public service and the knowledge that they can make a difference in their communities, said Patrick A. Corvington, chief executive officer of CNCS.

"We salute all the Honor Roll awardees for embracing their civic mission and providing opportunities for their students to tackle tough national challenges through service," Corvington, said.

CNCS oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact, and the American Council on Education. For a full list of Honor Roll recipients and descriptions of their service, visit [www.NationalService.gov/HonorRoll](http://www.NationalService.gov/HonorRoll) .