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GREETINGS FROM IUPUI

September 2014

IUPUI national ranking reaches new level

For the 13th straight year, the national spotlight is focused on two IUPUI student-focused initiatives as our learning communities and first-year experience were recognized this month by U.S. News & World Report in its 2015 edition of Best Colleges based on a survey of university presidents, chancellors, chief academic officers, and admissions officers.

In that same survey, college administrators were also asked to nominate institutions that have recently made the most promising and innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, student life, campus or facilities. And colleagues ranked IUPUI seventh as an “Up and Comer.” IUPUI has been ranked an “Up and Comer” for each of the five years that the survey has been taken.

IUPUI’s inclusion among Best Universities underscores our commitment to student success, academic quality and increase in the number of bachelor’s degrees. The recognition by presidents, provosts and deans of admissions of our “Up-and-Coming” status confirms IUPUI as an innovative national leader committed to practices for student success

What’s new is for the first time, U.S. News—in their ranking of national universities—placed IUPUI on the list of the best 200 universities in the U.S.—at 194th.

IUPUI was also recognized for efforts to help veterans and active-duty service members apply for, pay for and complete their degrees. IUPUI was 69th among national universities in U.S. News’ “Best Colleges for

Veterans.”

Amir Pasic named dean of IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy

I am pleased to report our search for the second dean of the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy has been successful.

Dr. Amir Pasic, Vice President for International Operations of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), will join the school effective January 20, 2015—pending approval by the IU Board of Trustees. Founding Dean Gene Tempel will continue to lead the school until Pasic’s arrival.

Dr. Pasic will assume leadership of the world’s first school devoted to the study and teaching of philanthropy. He has the wide range of experiences, skills and global connections that are just perfect for the next leader of the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. Dr. Pasic has extensive international experience as well as a bachelor’s degree from Yale, Master’s from Johns Hopkins, and PhD from the University of Pennsylvania.

Off to the races—Regatta 2014!

Most races identified with the Circle City take place on an oval track in Speedway. But one speed competition has become a central Indiana tradition right on waterways in the heart of downtown Indianapolis. The Student Organization for Alumni Relations (SOAR) will host the **6th Annual IUPUI Regatta** on the Downtown Indianapolis Canal, 10 a.m. Saturday, September 20th.



IUPUI faculty, staff, students, alumni and community converge on the canal to cheer Regatta teams.

The Regatta, IUPUI's high-energy signature event, involves both the campus and Indianapolis community while benefiting student scholarships. The half mile canoe relay competition involves 150 teams of IUPUI students, faculty, staff, and alumni beginning at Fairbanks Hall at the north end of the canal, traveling down to the USS Indianapolis basin, and then back to complete the half mile leg. Don't miss it!

Campus commitment to "safety first"

Student safety on campus is top priority. IUPUI joins Indiana University campuses statewide in implementation of the Indiana University **Student Welfare Initiative** focusing on sexual assault. The initiative is designed to prevent and respond to sexual assault and all forms of sexual violence and sexual misconduct and to support the safety and well-being of students.

The ability for students to learn in a safe environment is a longstanding IUPUI imperative. The Student Welfare establishes a new organizational structure while coordinating and bringing together policies and procedures at the university level.

Statewide Translation Sciences meeting

I look forward next week to welcoming the **Sixth Annual Indiana**

Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute Meeting. The 2014 theme is, "From Academic Centers to Population Health." The meeting will take place at the Hine Hall Auditorium at IUPUI Friday, September 26, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The keynote speaker is **David Hickam, M.D., MPH**, who is director of the Clinical Effectiveness Research Program at the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). Additional speakers include **Jay L. Hess, M.D., Ph.D., MHSA**, dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine and vice president for university clinical affairs at IU; and **Paul K. Halverson, Ph.D., FACHE**, dean of the IU Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health at IUPUI.

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