

Notes from the Chancellor

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Greetings,

The 2008-09 academic year is underway. Strong enrollment figures and the first class of residential students have brought a new energy and excitement to the campus. I am pleased to give an update in this edition of Notes from the Chancellor.

Upcoming Events

October 5

The Euclid Quartet
4 p.m., Campus Auditorium

October 10-11

IU South Bend Theatre Company
Female Transport
8 p.m., Campus Auditorium

October 14

Harold Zisla Gallery Talk
4 p.m., The Gallery

October 14-31

Harold Zisla Exhibition
The Gallery

October 15

Sen. Evan Bayh Job Fair
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Student Activities Center

November 5

Men's Titan Basketball Home Opener
vs. Purdue North Central
7 p.m., Student Activities Center

November 6

Women's Titans Basketball
Home Opener vs. Madonna
7 p.m., Student Activities Center

November 14

Toradze Piano Studio
8 p.m., Campus Auditorium

New Enrollment Records Set

Enrollment figures for the fall 2008 semester have set new highs in several categories. IU South Bend has the largest full-time undergraduate beginning class in its history, the highest number of credit hours ever taken by students, and the highest percentage of full-time undergraduate degree-seeking students taking classes on campus. In addition, IU South Bend has enrolled the second largest number of students in its history at 7,712, an increase of 2.6 percent over last year. The all-time record was set in 1992 with 7,798 students. This fall students are taking 73,598 credit hours, an increase of 3.6 percent more than last year and the highest number in campus history. The previous record for credit hours was in 2005 with 71,368.

The full-time undergraduate beginning class this fall is 948 students, an increase of 7 percent over the previous record set last fall. Also this fall, 66 percent of undergraduate students are full-time, breaking last year's record of 63 percent. Dual enrollment with high school students, a close relationship with Ivy Tech North Central, the opening of student housing, and the success of the IU South Bend Elkhart Center all contributed to the enrollment growth. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on the recruitment and registration of students this fall.

Student Housing has Successful Launch

More history was made at IU South Bend when the first class of residential students moved into the River Crossing Campus Apartments. On the first day of move-in more than 200 students arrived and were checked in by midday. There are more than 300 students living in student housing which is a 77 percent occupancy rate. The students have already made an impact on campus life with increased activity at Welcome Week events and other functions. Congratulations to Director of Housing and Residential Life Paula Smith and her staff for their work in making the launch of student housing at IU South Bend a success.

International Programs Set Record

The Office of International Programs at IU South Bend set a record for the number of students studying abroad in 2007-08. Seventy students participated in programs ranging from 10 days to one semester. Programs included building sustainable communities, tropical marine biology, archeology field school and language; culture, and society. Destinations

included Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, London, Paris, and Mexico. IU South Bend also has more than 200 international students taking classes on campus each year. One of IU South Bend's strategic priorities is to reflect and expand a global perspective.

Campus Theme

The 2008-09 campus theme is "Revolutions in Thought," which will celebrate intellectual innovations of all kinds. Students, faculty, staff, and community residents are invited to participate in campus theme events. In conjunction with the campus theme, Charles Darwin's *The Origin of Species* has been chosen as the One Book, One Campus reading at IU South Bend for this year. The book was first published in 1859 and will celebrate its 150th anniversary this year. *The Origin of Species* is a good fit for the campus theme since the revolution that followed still affects the world today. I hope you will join the campus in exploring "Revolutions in Thought" this year.

Toradze European Tour

Alexander Toradze, the internationally renowned Martin Endowed Professor in Piano and Director of the Toradze Piano Studio, is on a fall concert tour of Europe. The tour began on September 11 and runs through November 9. Stops include Sweden, Greece, Czech Republic, France, England, Portugal, Germany, and Italy. He returns for a concert at IU South Bend on November 14. Highlights of the European tour can be found at www.arts.iusb.edu.

Awards and Recognition

Dean of the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts **Marvin Curtis** has been named the conductor of the South Bend Symphonic Choir. The choir will present its fall concert on Saturday, December 13, at the Campus Auditorium.

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs **Alfred Guillaume** had been named president of the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Association. Established in South Bend in 1973, the Fischhoff Competition is now the largest chamber music competition in the world.

Deidra Turner has joined IU South Bend as the director of affirmative action and diversity. She comes to campus from Memorial Hospital & Health System in South Bend where she was manager of Corporate Diversity and Inclusion.

IU South Bend's **River Crossing Campus Apartments** recently were named a runner up in the Dorm of Distinction contest by University Business Magazine.

Rebecca Torstrick has been named Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Letter from a Recent Graduate

Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Lynn Williams recently received a letter from a graduate who wanted to express his appreciation for the education he received at IU South Bend. He graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and now works as a chemist in Ohio. Here is a portion of the letter:

"The purpose of this letter is to pay recognition to the excellent education and preparation I received from the Chemistry Department at IU South Bend. During the initial phases of the new-hire training program, my laboratory skills were directly compared to others who had also just graduated. It became very obvious that while we all had similar degrees, the experience involved with earning those degrees was not equal. There were several situations where I had applied lab techniques that were consistently taught at IU South Bend. It was clear that several of my counterparts were struggling. Now that I am applying the lessons learned in a high-demand professional laboratory, I've come to appreciate everything that was provided to me. The faculty of the Chemistry Department sets high expectations on students because they want them to be prepared for the real world. I can truly state that I was ready when I got there."

Sincerely,
Daniel Brooks

Letters like that are inspirational for all of us.

As you can see, exciting things are happening at IU South Bend. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions as IU South Bend continues its mission as the only public, bachelor's and master's degree granting institution of higher learning in Michiana.

Sincerely,



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