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THE GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



My name is Mike Casey and I am the newly-elected president of the General Studies Alumni Association Board for 2006. My family consists of my wife of 35 years, Jan, daughter, Andrea, and two sons, Ryan and Brett – plus my 5-month old grandson, Bradyn.

I look forward to guiding this wonderful board into the future. We have much to do and I know that with your help, we will accomplish it.

I do want to take a moment and personally thank all of you who have pledged your financial support and time to General Studies over the past years. Your gifts enable us to continue to provide grants and scholarships for our students and to further develop our program.

Some of the events that I know you will want to mark on your calendar include the Spring Reception on May 4th and the General Studies Anniversary Celebration in June of 2007.

I look forward to working with all of you in the next two years. I wish you all the best in 2006.

THE 2006 IUSB GENERAL STUDIES ALUMNI BOARD

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*You are cordially invited
to the Spring Reception
Thursday, May 4
Alumni Room, Administration Building
5:30 — 7:00 p.m*



*Join fellow General Studies Alumni,
family and friends
At the Annual Spring Reception.*

Enjoy the opportunity to foster friendships and stay in touch.

ADDRESSING LEARNING NEEDS OF OLDER STUDENTS

Did you know that the School of Continuing Studies was formed in 1975?

John Ryan, former IU president, and Robert Richey, former dean of the IU School of Continuing Studies had the foresight to address the changing life cycles of students. They noticed young people delaying college, and baby boomers looking into new career opportunities. The General Studies Degree Program was specifically designed to meet the higher education needs of these older, nontraditional students.

More than 28,000 students have received General Studies degrees. Frank DiSilvestro, professor of adult education in the School of Continuing Studies, was involved in a study that was conducted in 2005 to discover what general studies graduates are doing with their degrees, and what they think of the degree program. The survey found that graduates work in a wide variety of occupations. Top fields include business and management, administration, education, healthcare and social sciences. Many graduates pursued further education and some went on to complete graduate degrees.

The appeal of a general studies degree is its flexibility. The degree has no major, but is an interdisciplinary degree that includes the arts and humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and mathematics and natural sciences. It allows transfer of previously earned college credits, college credit for self-acquired learning, distance learning, as well as traditional classroom learning. An Associate of Arts in General Studies and a Bachelor of General Studies is offered.

DiSilvestro states, "Because of a vision shared 30 years ago, IU is ready today to meet the needs of older students, and the challenge of changing educational needs in an ever-changing world.

IU South Bend graduates who were part of the initial classes include Jon Harmon Arnold and Emil Julius DeDapper, AGS '78 and Frank Canarreci, BGS '78.

ALUMNI AFFAIRS DIRECTOR



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I want to thank everyone who wished me a warm welcome as the new Alumni Director. Offers of your time, talents and valuable experiences as I take on my new duties are greatly appreciated.

As a Michiana resident for the last 21 years, I've watched with pride as IU South Bend has grown – offering more for its students, local businesses, and the community. It's exciting to be joining a team of dedicated professionals committed to making a great IU degree and programs accessible to so many people in the region. Because 70% of our alumni live and work in the area, their contributions to the quality of life and economic vitality of Michiana are crucial to the continued growth of this community.

I look forward to meeting many of you at General Studies Alumni meetings and events. In the meantime, if you find yourself in the Administration Building, please stop in and say hello. The Alumni Office is here to serve you.

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Congratulations!

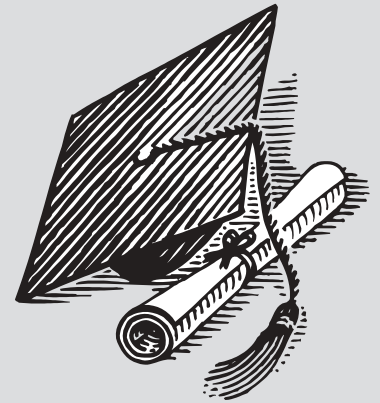
DECEMBER 2006 GRADUATES

The Bachelor of General Studies Degree:

Debra L. Atkins	Gale Sue LeCount
John James Beven	David Peter Mangels
Sharon M. Clark	Katherine Fayette Mason
Gayla Bethany Day	Katherine J. McCraner
Alexis Catherine Evans	Erica Michele Mosby
Julie Ann Ewing	Reyna Perez
Pamela A. Friend	Bryce Gypsy Rayne
Brooke Leigh Gentle	Karin Gabrielle Senn
Jason L. Gibson	Colleen M. Spano
Victoria A. Grimes	Yolanda Marie Stahl
Jennifer Lynn Grover	Dawn Chérie Summerton
Diana Frances Hall	Stephen William Vavul
Julie A. Helman	Jennifer Anne Vervynckt
Keith Allen Hodgman	Amanda Lynn Weinkauf
Ann K. Holmes	Denise L. Young
Connie J. Keller	David C. Zimmerman
Jessica Lynelle Krivak	

The Associate of Arts in General Studies:

Heidi Christine Daren
Paula Lynn Hohl
Julie Ellen Machowiak
Jan M. Salazar



DURLEEN BRAASCH RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S AWARD

General Studies Alumni Board Member Durleen L. Braasch received the President's Award from the Indiana University Alumni Association in December. Braasch was recognized at a banquet in December at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis. Seven other alumni from across the state were honored with the award. This annual award is given for volunteer service to IU and the community.

In addition to serving as secretary to the IU General Studies Alumni Association, she serves as the secretary of the IU South Bend Alumni Association, chair of the scholarship committee and is a community captain for Hoosiers for Higher Education.

Braasch received her bachelor's degree in General Studies from IU South Bend in 1983 and her master's degree from the University of Notre Dame.

FALL 2005 DEAN'S LIST

Debra Atkins	Jason Gibson	Thomas Lambdin	Brook Rohlman	Jessica Whicker
Jody Batton	Lee Gloster	Heather Lambert	David Rojics	Pamela Whisman
Tracey Beckwith	Gary Hall	Hilary Lester	William Roush	Karen Wright
Tracey Bennett	Andrew Hart	Jane Marshall	Susan Schricker	David Zimmerman
John Beven	Julie Helman	Katherine Mason	Eric Settles	
Danisha Blythe	Tina Hissong	Megan Michele	Kathleen Shetterly	
William Bolden	Paula Hohl	Andrea Nemeth	Valery St. Clair	
Michelle Carney	Julie Hyndman	Melanie Nichols	Yolanda Stahl	
Jennifer Carter Rux	Michele Ives	Brian Nolan	John Stahl	
Lisa Cebra	Jessica Kaiser	Arlene Phillips	Dawn Summerton	
Angela Clark	Catherine Kelly	Jan Pickett	Brenda Swanson	
Bridget Fox	Milcah Kinyua	Joseph Powell	Renee Taylor	
Christine Frauendorfer	William Kurtz	Annmarie Ragukonis	Kara Toland	



SUMMER & FALL REGISTRATION

Registration for continuing students will be held beginning April 3rd. Check your OneStart account for your registration appointment date and time. This is your appointment to register; this is not an appointment with your advisor. You may register at that time, or anytime thereafter, throughout the registration period. Reduce your risk of being closed out of particular classes by registering as early as possible.

Check your OneStart account for Service Indicators prior to registration. The presence of Service Indicators for the Summer or Fall 2006 semesters will prevent you from registering. If you have an academic or advising Service Indicator, you must meet with an advisor for clearance prior to registration.

The *Schedule of Classes* for summer and fall is now available online. The printed version is scheduled to be released March 20th.

CALL FOR BUSINESS CARDS

Help us update the Business Card Board and display the variety of careers available with a General Studies degree. Mail your business card to: **General Studies Alumni Office, Indiana University South Bend, Post Office Box 7111, South Bend, IN 46634-7111.**

PLANNING TO GRADUATE?

May & August: You should have already filed your Application for Graduation with our office. If you have not done so, you need to turn it in *immediately*. Commencement will be held on Tuesday, May 9. You can read more about commencement on the Office of Alumni Affairs' website at <http://www.iusb.edu/~alumaff/>.

December: If you're planning to complete your requirements during the Fall 2006 semester, you should meet with an advisor to review your degree plan before the fall semester begins. You need to file an Application for Graduation by October 1.

Check out <http://events.iu.edu> to find out what is happening on campus.

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