College of Health Sciences:
New Name, New Counselor

Have you worked with Lori White in the past? Lori resigned her post with the Office of Admissions in December 2014 and has accepted a new position as an academic advisor in the College of Health Sciences. In addition to a new counselor, the College has also acquired a new name bestowed in honor of Vera Z. Dwyer, benefactor of the charitable trust which has made the generous gift that has risen to $6.85 million to fund new scholarships, and to support curriculum development and an expansion of services to the community through the Health and Wellness Center. If the million dollar matching pledge is realized for the Health and Wellness Center, the gift’s total will reach $7.85 million. Chancellor Terry L. Allison, in conveying the University’s thanks, said, “We will honor the vision of Vera Dwyer by providing excellence in healthcare education for years to come.” We are all grateful and enthusiastic about serving and supporting more students with this extraordinary gift. Moreover First-Year Freshmen Admission Counselors, Joe Roth and Nori Drach, are excited to meet with you and your students in the weeks ahead.

Vera Z. Dwyer Scholarship Eligibility

Eligible recipients of the Dwyer Scholarship must be residents of Indiana, have a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0, and demonstrate financial need. The number of scholarships granted is determined by the Scholarship Committee of the Vera Z. Dwyer College of Health Sciences.

TITAN TUESDAY TOURS

Titan Tours are offered every Tuesday at 10 and 2. These visits are only about 90 minutes and include a short presentation and a tour. Registration is not required; join us when you can!

WEB WEDNESDAYS

Students can meet live online with an Admissions Counselor to learn about all that IU South Bend has to offer. Wednesday, March 25 and April 22, Noon to 1pm.
Student Spotlight: Lexi Millard

On November 11 we celebrated Lexi Millard with the presentation of her Library Prize-winning project, “The Long Misery – Troubled Masculinity in Edith Wharton’s Ethan Frome”. Millard’s paper, which won the Schurz Library Prize for Undergraduate Research, explores Wharton’s critique of early 20th century discourses on masculinity in the novel Ethan Frome, and how these discourses impacted the narrative of the title character. Using a mixture of literary criticism, theoretical texts, and historical material, Millard’s sophisticated use of library materials created an exceptional paper.

Millard, a senior majoring in English, is a SMART research grant award winner whose recent work includes a study of queer and black identity in 19th century United States. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school to pursue a PhD in literature.

Congratulations to Lexi Millard on her exceptional work!

New Degree Program: Sustainability Studies

IU South Bend was pleased to offer the new Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability for the first time in Fall 2014. The B.A. in Sustainability deepens the commitment to creating a sustainable future. Students focus on the foundations of sustainability and the triple bottom line - people, prosperity, and planet. The major provides an interdisciplinary learning foundation, allowing students to specialize in their own area of interest within the framework of sustainability. Students are encouraged and supported in forming community relationships for the application of sustainability principles to real world situations.

Top 5 Reasons to Study Sustainability
1. Sustain the Planet
2. Sustain the Economy
3. Sustain Nature
4. Sustain People
5. Sustain our Future

To learn more about the B.A. in Sustainability, please visit https://www.iusb.edu/sustainability-studies/index.php. Questions? Please contact Professor Mike Keen at mkeen@iusb.edu.
Confirmation Process due May 1st

Beginning March 1st students will be able to confirm their admission to IU South Bend. Confirmation is an important process, and students should consider all their options before committing to one school by the stipulated deadline. Students who have been awarded any IU South Bend scholarships must confirm their admission by May 1st.

How do students confirm?

Students must confirm their intention to attend IU South Bend through their OneStart accounts. In OneStart they will find the “Admission Confirmation” link under Services and Information, Academics. Students may call the Office of Admissions at 574-520-4839 for additional assistance.

Fee Waivers Demystified

What qualifies for a fee waiver? What does the student need to submit? This article explains it all!

IU South Bend requires a $35 nonrefundable fee for domestic undergraduate applications, but the fee is due just once at each level of study. For example, if a student has submitted an application for non-degree dual enrollment while in high school, the student need not pay a second fee when submitting an undergraduate degree-seeking application.

At time of application submission, students can request a fee waiver. Students who are eligible for a fee waiver may submit the following documentation in support of the waiver:

1. Fee waiver forms available from ACT, College Board or NACAC.
   
   ACT:  http://www.actstudent.org/faq/feewaiver.html
   
   SAT:  http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-fee-waivers
   
   NACAC: http://www.nacacnet.org/studentinfo/feewaiver/Pages/default.aspx

2. Documentation of financial assistance, such as the Hoosier Works card or a letter of support from a school counselor.

3. Documentation of zero (0) Expected Family Contribution. Students may submit a copy of the email that FAFSA sends in acknowledgement of the FAFSA having been filed.

4. Affirmation on the application that the student is a 21st Century Scholar.

Fee waivers are also available to students who apply for admission during one of our Onsite Admission events. Students can’t make it the day of an Onsite Admission event at the school? The student can participate in one of our Onsite Admission make-up days. The next one will be at IU South Bend on February 27th from 9:00am-1:00pm. Eligible students are granted a fee waiver and receive an on-the-spot admission decision if they are able to present their official transcript and test scores, along with a Counselor Recommendation.
Hello from a New First-Year Student Admission Counselor!

My name is Nori Drach, and I am very excited and honored to be back in South Bend as a new member of the admissions team at Indiana University South Bend. Building relationships and helping students find their “best fit” college, department, and career is one of my biggest passions.

Originally from Michigan, I made my first move to South Bend in fall 2006 as I began my college years at Saint Mary’s College. I have considered South Bend to be my home ever since. I graduated from Saint Mary’s in 2010 and moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan for graduate school at the University of Michigan in fall 2011. During my time at University of Michigan, I received my Master of Social Work, founded and led the Social Work & Sport Association, taught undergraduate courses, mentored students, and interned for the Detroit Initiative, assisting communities and agencies in Detroit.

After graduating with my M.S.W, I worked at University of Michigan Athletic Department in the Michigan Professional and Career Transitions program (M-PACT). At M-PACT, our office worked closely with student-athletes helping them plan and prepare for life after graduation with assistance in résumé writing, career assessments, job searches, interview preparation, etc. During this last year in Ann Arbor, I was also enrolled in a program through George Washington University School of Business working towards my Executive Certificate in Sports Philanthropy. George-Washington paired my group up with Shane Battier’s Take Charge Foundation and our final project was to work with the NBA star and his wife in efforts to improve their foundation. I graduated from GW’s program in May 2014 and my group presented Battier with our recommendations as Shane retired after the NBA Finals 2014.

South Bend is a special place for me because of all the learning and opportunities I found here. Those experiences, knowledge, and relationships are what have helped me achieve everything I have wanted to so far. I’m excited to be here at IUSB with the admissions team and look forward to helping students in the same way that others helped me.

Meet our new Admissions Counselor for Transfer and Dual Enrollment Students

It is such a pleasure to be working in the Office of Admissions at IU South Bend and serving the students in our community. My name is Tabitha Kingsbury and I just joined the Admissions team in October. However, I am not new to IU South Bend. I come to Admissions from the Office of Student Support as a Student Services Assistant. I attended IU for my undergrad in Spanish and am currently attending for my graduate degree in Liberal Studies. I have a passion for IU South Bend, recalling fond memories of visiting campus with my father when I was a child and my wonderful undergrad experience. I enjoy making new memories assisting students each day.

I look forward to meeting and working with all students who wish to continue their educational careers and with you as we work together to support our students!
College Goal Sunday 2015
2 p.m – 4 p.m
Sunday, February 22, 2015
IU South Bend Education Arts Building, Rm EA 1105
Elkhart Center 205

Filling out financial aid paperwork is often perceived as being complicated and time-consuming, but College Goal Sunday makes it easy!

College Goal Sunday is a program that helps college-bound Indiana students, who qualify for undergraduate admission to a college or technical school in 2015, and their families to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). College Goal Sunday provides on-site help from financial aid experts, primarily from Indiana colleges and universities.

Why It’s Important
Most colleges, universities, and vocational/technical schools in the nation require students seeking federal financial aid, including grants and loans, to complete the FAFSA. Your FAFSA form must be received by the federal processor on or before March 10 to be considered “on-time” for Indiana state grant funding. 21st Century Scholars are required to complete and submit a FAFSA form to claim their 21st Century Scholarships. College Goal Sunday will help all college-bound students, including 21st Century Scholars, complete the FAFSA properly.

What to bring
The FAFSA asks for information about the student (name, date of birth, address, etc.) and about the student’s financial situation. Depending on circumstances (for instance, when taxes were filed or which tax form was used), the student might need the following information or documents to assist in completing the FAFSA:

• Social Security number (it’s important that this is entered correctly on the FAFSA!)
• Parents’ Social Security numbers, if student is a dependent
• Driver’s license number, if available
• Alien Registration number, if student is not a U.S. citizen
• Federal tax information or tax returns including IRS W-2 information, for student (and spouse, if married), and for the student’s parents, if the student is a dependent.
• Records of untaxed income, such as child support received, interest income, and veterans’ non-education benefits for the student and his or her parents, if the student is a dependent student.
• Information on cash; savings and checking account balances; investments, including stocks and bonds and real estate but not including the home in which the student lives; and business and farm assets for the student, and for the student’s parents, if the student is a dependent.

Getting Ready for College with IU South Bend Placement Exams
IU South Bend Placements Exams resume the beginning of March for students seeking admission to summer and fall 2015 semesters. Students will need to register online at https://cf.iusb.edu/ss-placement/placementform.cfm or they may call 574-520-5005. If students would like to prepare for the exam there is information at https://www.iusb.edu/exams/workshops.php which provides dates for math exam workshops. If students have English or Math college credit, they will need to show an official transcript to be considered for a waiver. Students may also submit SAT scores in consideration of a waiver.
Registration Open for College Prep Workshop for High School Girls

Registration is now open for a College Prep Workshop for girls in 11th and 12th grade, hosted by the American Association of University Women – South Bend Branch and the IU South Bend Women’s and Gender Studies Program. The workshop is February 14, 8:30 am-1:45 pm, in IU South Bend’s Wiekamp Hall. Students learn from area experts from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s College, and IU South Bend, along with current college students, who present wide-ranging information on choosing a major, tips for academic success, getting involved in campus life, and health and safety.

The registration form is available through high school counselors, at the Facebook event, “College Prep Workshop for High School Girls,” at this website: https://www.iusb.edu/women-studies/index.php, and by contacting Dr. April Lidinsky: alidinsky@iusb.edu or 574-520-4528. Registration (and $5 fee) is due Feb. 1 (but tardy applications will be considered). For questions, contact Dr. April Lidinsky.

“Registration is open for a College Prep Workshop for girls in 11th and 12th Grade...learn how to choose a major and get involved with campus life.”

SAT/ACT Still Dates to Test and Send to IU

A reminder that beginning this year students may be considered for admission on the basis of scores sent by the school at which they are completing their high school diploma program; however, students must ensure that their test scores are then submitted officially to IU South Bend through direct delivery from the testing agencies, ETS, ACT, or College Board. Our SAT code is 1339 and the ACT code is 1225. A score sent to any IU campus is accessible to all IU campuses. Testing dates for Fall 2015 admission:

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ACT Registration  www.actstudent.org
SAT Registration  www.collegeboard.org