Big Increase in Student Retention
Enrollment figures for the 2014 fall semester show some positive trends in several important areas. Retention of students from last year’s freshmen class to this year’s sophomore class increased nearly five percent. A jump of that magnitude is an outstanding achievement in higher education. I am proud of the efforts of faculty, staff and administrators to help students at every turn. IU South Bend is focused on student success!

More Enrollment News
At a time when the population of high school students in the region is flat or declining, IU South Bend saw its incoming class increase by 2.3 percent over last year. Included in the class are some outstanding students including four Valedictorians, two Herbert Presidential Scholars, 43 enrolled in Academic Honors Program (GPA of at least 3.5), and 326 with High School Academic Honors Diploma (GPA of at least 3.0). The diversity of our student body increased 23.7 percent, the number of Hispanic students enrolled is up 35.8 percent, the number of 21st Century Scholars is up 39.5 percent, the number of international students is up 29.2 percent over last year, IU South Bend was the only IU campus with an increase in transfer students, and we have a record number of students in River Crossing student housing. Overall, enrollment for fall 2014 is down 2.7 percent in students (7,860) and the number of credit hours is down 1.4 percent (75,389) compared to last fall. We continue to see the effect of stricter enforcement of admissions requirements put in place several years ago which reduced the number of juniors and seniors this year.

Upcoming Events

**October 31**
Boo to You /Haunted House
4-8 pm
Campus Quad, Northside Hall

**November 3**
Gloria Kauffman Lecture Series
Dr. Jacqueline Campbell
6 pm, Lecture Hall 1011
Education & Arts Building

**November 7**
Celebration of Dance:
All Our Relations
7 pm, Campus Auditorium

**November 13-16**
LOOK! Scholarship Art Sale
9 am-8 pm, 11/13-11/14
9 am-6 pm, 11/15
11 am-5 pm, 11/16
Art Gallery, Education & Arts Building

**December 2-4, 6-7**
A Christmas Carol
8 pm, 12/2-12/4
2 pm & 8 pm, 12/6
2 pm, 12/7
Upstage Theatre, Northside Hall
(ticket information call 520-4203)

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Kresge Foundation Grant

I am pleased to announce that IU South Bend is sharing a $450,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation. The three-year grant will fund a degree pathway program which will help Ivy Tech students transfer to IU South Bend, IU Northwest or IU Kokomo to earn their bachelor’s degree. The grant will fund start-up of three new full-time IU Transfer Specialists who will work on-site at Ivy Tech campuses and also fund Summer Bridge programs piloted by the campuses. The program will be coordinated by Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services Cathy Buckman. Research and program evaluation will be provided by Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Michelle Bakerson.

New Degree Programs

IU South Bend is now offering a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sustainable Studies. The program will prepare students for employment in the newly emerging green economy. The bachelor degree builds on the minor in Sustainability and the Center for a Sustainable Future at IU South Bend. A Master degree in Educational Leadership has been approved by the IU Board of Trustees and is on schedule to be offered in fall of 2015. It is designed for students who seek leadership positions in K-12 schools. And a full-time Master of Social Work (MSW) will be offered beginning this summer. A part-time MSW has been offered on campus since 1993 and a Bachelor degree in Social Work began last year.

Performance Hall Dedication Concert

A magical evening was capped off with a beautiful concert dedicating the Louise E. Addicott and Yatis J. Joshi Performance Hall. Three performers with international reputations joined faculty and staff from the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts to celebrate the event. The 224-seat hall features world class acoustics supported by a sophisticated sound system. The renovation of the old recital hall was funded by a gift from the Georgina Joshi Foundation established to support the public performance of music in the community.

Cross Country and Golf Coaches Named

The first cross country coach and the first golf coach in the history of IU South Bend have been hired. Rob Carrasco has been named men’s and women’s head cross country coach. He is a teacher at Marian High School in Mishawaka and the cross country coach at John Glenn High School. The cross country teams will begin competition in the fall of 2015. Justin Akers has been named men’s golf coach. He played golf for Ohio Wesleyan University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in sports management. He is currently pursuing his teaching certification. The golf team also will begin their first season next fall.

Basketball Season Starts

Get ready to cheer on the Titan basketball teams. The men open the season at home against Silver Lake College on October 31. The women begin the season at home against Lawrence Technological University on October 25.

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