Vera Z. Dwyer College of Health Sciences
In December, a $5.85 million gift from the Vera Z. Dwyer Charitable Trust was given to IU South Bend in support of the College of Health Sciences. In recognition of the gift, IU South Bend is now the home of the Vera Z. Dwyer College of Health Sciences. The gift includes $2.5 million to be used to increase the endowment of the Vera Z. Dwyer Scholarship in Healthcare; $1.5 million to create and endow the Dwyer Distinguished Chair in Advanced Nursing Practice; $1 million in a guaranteed matching pledge for the Health and Wellness Center at IU South Bend to expand low-cost healthcare services to the community; and $850,000 to be used to begin implementation of these initiatives. When combined with the earlier gift of $1 million that established the Dwyer Scholarship in Healthcare, the combined gift reaches a total of $6.85 million. If the matching pledge is realized, the total results of the gift would be $7.85 million.

The Dwyer Legacy
You may not be familiar with the Dwyer name. Vera Dwyer was married to James G. Dwyer who founded Dwyer Instruments with his brother F.W. Dwyer in Chicago in 1931. His brother invented the company’s first product – a fluid-filled inclined manometer that was used as a draft gauge in furnaces and boilers. The company moved to Michigan City in 1955 and its corporate headquarters is still there today. Dwyer Instruments continues to be a leading manufacturer in the controls and instrumentation industry. In recognition of the local connection, a minimum of 20 percent of the total funds of the Vera Z. Dwyer Scholarship in Healthcare are reserved for students from La Porte County. Vera Dwyer died in 2010 at the age of 89. Her husband passed away in 1995. The Vera Z. Dwyer Charitable Trust is managed by Indiana Trust and Investment Management Company of Mishawaka. We are honored to carry on the Dwyer legacy. A dedication ceremony will be held on March 31.

Upcoming Events

March 3
IU Latin Jazz Ensemble
7 pm, Campus Auditorium

March 25
Arts Lecture Series: Somara Theodore
Anatomy of a Dream: So you Want to Work in News
7 pm, Addicott-Joshi Performance Hall

March 31
Dedication Ceremony - Vera Z. Dwyer College of Health Sciences
2:30 pm, Addicott-Joshi Performance Hall

March 31
Euclid Quartet
7 pm, Addicott-Joshi Performance Hall

April 9 – 12
The 25th Putnam County Spelling Bee
8 pm, April 9 – April 11
2 pm, April 12
Campus Auditorium

May 12
Commencement
6 pm, Joyce Center
University of Notre Dame

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Baseball Added to Athletics

I am pleased to announce that baseball will be offered as a varsity sport at IU South Bend next fall. The opportunity to add baseball came unexpectedly when Holy Cross College made the decision to discontinue baseball after their season ends this spring. IU South Bend and Holy Cross College are both members of the Chicagoland Conference of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). As a result, IU South Bend will be able to replace Holy Cross College on the schedule next season. I talked with Holy Cross College President Brother John Paige about the plan, which he supports. We are fortunate to be able to bring an established, high quality program to IU South Bend. Adding sports teams is part of the strategic plan for IU South Bend. Varsity athletic programs bring new students to campus and those students tend to be successful in the classroom and graduate. We are also adding men’s and women’s cross country and men’s golf in the fall. IU South Bend currently has men’s and women’s basketball and women’s volleyball. Tuition revenue from incoming new students to play baseball at IU South Bend will fully fund the program and provide additional resources for the campus. IU South Bend Director of Athletics and Activities Steve Bruce is working on arrangements for the team to practice and play at baseball fields near the campus. Go Titans!

New Advisory Board Members

Two new members will be joining the IU South Bend Advisory Board. Former State Representative Rebecca Espinoza Kubacki of Syracuse and current State Senator Ryan Mishler of Bremen were recently approved by the IU Board of Trustees. Kubacki served as State Representative for District 22 for two terms (2010-2014) representing Kosciusko and Elkhart Counties. She continues her lifelong commitment to public service in a number of ways including serving on boards and volunteering for charities. Kubacki is a philanthropist and active in the Latino community. Mishler is a graduate of Bremen High School and the University of Southern California. He was elected to represent District 9 in the State Senate in 2004 and is the ranking member of the Appropriations Committee and a member of the State Budget Committee. Mishler has more than 25 years of business experience and is president of Mishler Funeral Homes which has operations in Bremen and Milford.

Spring Enrollment

Enrollment for the spring semester is a mixed bag of news. For degree seeking students, headcount is down 3.4 percent while credit hours are down 2.9 percent. This is in part due to graduating more students at mid-year than last year plus a trend across all IU campuses of fewer new students in the spring semester. The good news is that graduate enrollment is up nearly 2 percent, primarily through growth in the School of Education. Minority enrollment increased by 4.5 percent over last year as IU South Bend seeks to recruit students who represent the diversity of our region.

Study Abroad Thriving

The Office of International Programs at IU South Bend is having a record year. The study abroad programs to Costa Rica, Florence, Mexico and London/Edinburgh all have the largest number of students ever participating. The Costa Rica trip alone has 34 students. Increasing the number of students who study abroad is part of IU South Bend’s strategic plan. Congratulations to Lisa Zwicker, director of International Programs, and her staff and interns.

Chancellor Facebook Page

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