Greetings, As chancellor, people often tell me about how much they appreciate IU South Bend. I also hear about how valuable the campus is to the community and the region. A recent economic impact study now quantifies that value with a dollar figure. Plus, we have a great deal for students this summer. I'm pleased to share those stories and more in this edition of Notes from the Chancellor.

- Una Mae Reck // Chancellor, IU South Bend

Upcoming Events

**H.M.S. Pinafore**
A Comic Operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan
8 p.m. April 12-14
2 p.m. Sunday, April 15
Campus Auditorium

**IUSB Philharmonic**
Featuring harp, piano, and Beethoven's 5th
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17
Campus Auditorium

**Governor's Arts Awards**
Honoring local recipients
June H. Edwards and Alexander Toradze
Thursday, April 26
6 p.m. Dinner in the SAC
8 p.m. Ceremony, Campus Auditorium

**Piano Fellowship Recital**
Presenting the fellows from The Martin Foundation, Inc. and the Rex and Alice A. Martin Foundation
7:30 p.m. Friday, April 27
Campus Auditorium

**Euclid Quartet**
With guest violinist Greg Fulkerson
4 p.m. Sunday, April 29
Campus Auditorium

Ticket information for these events: 574.520.4203 or arts.iusb.edu

**Commencement**
6 p.m. Tuesday, May 8
Joyce Center
University of Notre Dame

Annual Economic Impact of IU South Bend

According to a study commissioned by Indiana University, the overall economic impact of Indiana University South Bend in fiscal year 2010-11 was $141.8 million. Of that total, $68.5 million was in direct impact and $73.3 million was indirect and induced impact. The study also showed that the total employment impact of IU South Bend is 1,723 jobs (864 direct jobs and 859 indirect and induced jobs). According to the report, IU South Bend generates $7.4 million per year in state and local tax revenue. The report also showed that IU South Bend faculty, staff and students contribute more than $9.3 million annually in charitable donations and volunteer service. The study was conducted by Tripp Umbach, a leading economic development impact analysis firm.

Spring Enrollment

For the spring 2012 semester, 7,447 students are taking 72,029 credit hours. Student headcount was down 5.2 percent from last year’s record high and credit hours were down 4.8 percent from the record which was also set last year. The drop in enrollment was not unexpected. IU South Bend has made several strategic decisions in the last two years to improve retention and graduation rates and those decisions are beginning to be felt in the profile of the student body. For example, admissions standards are being more strictly enforced and more students are being directed to get academic help instead of being admitted. One result is that the average composite SAT score for the incoming class at IU South Bend rose 20 points from last year. A leap of 20 points in one class is an exceptional accomplishment. IU South Bend will continue to focus on retention and graduation of its students.

25% Discount on Summer Tuition

One way students can earn their degree faster is by taking classes over the summer. Indiana University is encouraging students to do just that by offering a 25 percent discount on summer tuition at all of its campuses. The goal of the summer discount is make an IU degree more affordable and to reduce the length of time it takes many students to earn a degree. For those students who take a full academic course load in the summer, the tuition reduction will result in a savings of more than $700 at IU South Bend. Nonresident undergraduate students will receive an equivalent dollar reduction in their tuition. For more information on the summer tuition discount at IU South Bend visit summer.iusb.edu and for more information about summer sessions at other IU campuses visit summer.iu.edu/

Education and Arts Building

A mild winter has helped the progress of construction at the Education and Arts Building. Work has been able to continue on the roof and walls over the winter months. The $22 million renovation project remains on schedule to
be completed in March 2013. The renovated facility will be the new home of the School of Education, fine arts programs from the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts, and the dental hygiene program.

Articulation Agreement Signed with Chinese Universities

The School of Business and Economics has signed an articulation agreement with Tianjin Polytechnic University (TPU) in Tianjin, China. The agreement includes two programs – Master of Science in Accounting (MSA) and Master of Science in Management of Information Technologies (MS-MIT). Currently, 29 students are enrolled in the program at TPU with the intention of starting in IU South Bend’s MSA program over the next few years. Dean Robert Ducoffe, Associate Dean Asghar Sabbaghi and Assistant Dean and Director of Graduate Studies P. N. Saksena traveled to the northern city in China recently to meet with faculty members and students. The Tianjin students will take a core of prerequisite classes there based on IU South Bend syllabi and requirements before they are admitted to the 30 credit MSA program here. A similar model will be followed by students interested in completing the MS-MIT program at IU South Bend.

Governor’s Arts Awards

The campus is gearing up for an exciting and historic event. IU South Bend will host the Indiana Governor’s Arts Awards on April 26. This will be the first time the event has been held in South Bend and only the third time the event has been held outside of Indianapolis. Two of the six recipients of the Indiana Governor’s Arts Awards are affiliated with IU South Bend. They are Alexander Toradze and June Edwards. Toradze is the Martin Endowed Professor in Piano and a world renowned pianist. June Edwards is vice president of the IU South Bend Arts Foundation Board at IU South Bend and is well-known in the community as a cultural leader and philanthropist. For ticket information go to arts.iusb.edu/.

Honors for Titan Basketball Players

Sophomore guard Chris Beam was named to the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference First Team, while junior Alanzo Bass picked up Second Team honors for the second consecutive season. The men’s team finished the season at 16-15. For the women’s team, senior guard Lizzie Stapke and sophomore forward Emily Strilich were both named to the All-Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Second Team. For Stapke, it marks the third time in her Titan career that she has earned all-league honors, while Strilich picks up the award for the first time. The Lady Titans finished the season at 12-20.

Awards and Recognition

Doug McMillen, associate professor of organic chemistry and associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has been named the acting dean of the College of Health Sciences.

Jennifer Klein, retired assistant professor in dental hygiene, received the Faculty Legacy Award from the IU South Bend Alumni Association. The award recognizes full time or retired faculty members who have made a significant impact on the lives of students at IU South Bend.

Associate professor of Political Science Elizabeth Bennion is the recipient of the Eldon F. Lundquist Award, the highest campus honor for faculty members.

Women, Politics and Power Series sponsored by the American Democracy Project at IU South Bend received funding from MPA Architects. The final public event in the series will be a “Women of Power and Influence Luncheon” held on May 4 at IU South Bend. Contact hmdill@iusb.edu for more information.

The IU South Bend Elkhart Center has been voted a “Favorite” in the college/vocational category by readers of the Elkhart Truth for the second year in a row.

Professor of New Media Michael Lasater has a solo exhibit at the South Bend Museum of Art through July 8. His pieces feature video, sound, music, animation, photography, film, text and speech.

Visiting Lecturer in the School of Business and Economics Staci Luger Brettin was named the Athena Winner by the Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph County. The award is given to an individual who embodies the highest level of professional excellence.

Krista Bailey has been appointed to a newly developed position of assistant director of the IU South Bend Center for a Sustainable Future. Previously, she served for two years as a graduate intern in the center.

Loni Oehlwine has been named assistant director of the Office of Housing and Residence Life. She has eight years of student housing experience, including at the Missouri University of Science and Technology and the University of Illinois – Springfield.