Congratulations to the Class of 2015
A full house at Purcell Pavilion at Notre Dame celebrated commencement for graduates of IU South Bend. A record number of bachelor’s degrees (891) were awarded to the second largest graduating class in the history of the campus (1,054). I spoke about the important role of philanthropy at IU South Bend and highlighted the achievements of several of our graduates. For example, Jonathan Wells is a first generation student who came to IU South Bend after distinguished service on a nuclear submarine in the U.S. Navy. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Physics and a minor in Mathematics. Jonathan will be attending graduate school at the University of Notre Dame in the Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering. Sean Kelley graduated with a degree in Computer Science and is going to work at Google in California. Brenda Gonzalez graduated with a degree in Biological Sciences. She was born in Mexico and moved to Bremen when she was 12. Brenda came to IU South Bend as a part-time student and then full-time. She is now applying to medical school. Community leaders were also recognized for their achievements. Frank Schurz, Jr. received an honorary degree and P-H-M School Superintendent Jerry Thacker was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award.

HealthLinc Partnership
In a partnership with HealthLinc, the Health and Wellness Center at IU South Bend will be expanded to provide medical and dental care to community residents. HealthLinc will use a $1.05 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to operate a medical and dental center on the IU South Bend campus. The partnership with HealthLinc is a perfect match for IU South Bend. Together we can expand educational opportunities in health care for students while providing low-cost, high quality care for our neighbors in need. The grant, along with a recent gift from the Vera Z. Dwyer Charitable Trust, will allow the Health and Wellness Center to increase in size and relocate to Riverside Hall.

Upcoming Events

**July 9**
7:30 p.m.
Lerner Theater, Elkhart
Celebration of Dance
IU South Bend Dance Company

**August 21**
Noon
New Student Induction Ceremony
Student Activities Center

**August 24**
First Day of Classes
Fall Semester
IU South Bend

**August 29**
7 p.m.
Chris Wilson Pavilion
Potawatomi Park
Choirs of IU South Bend
Community Foundation Performing Arts Series
Small Business Development Center Now on Campus
The Judd Leighton School of Business and Economics is now home to the North Central Indiana Small Business Development Center (ISBDC). Regional Director Alan Steele has an office on the second floor of the Administration Building and is already meeting with small business clients. Hosting the North Central ISBDC fits the mission of IU South Bend. As a public regional university we want to support local economic development. The ISBDC offers expertise and a network of resources to entrepreneurs at little or no cost. Last year the North Central ISBDC did $4.85 million in total investments in small business in the region.

ICHE Grant for Student Success
IU South Bend has received a $124,657 grant from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE). The grant is part of $1.8 million awarded to twelve Indiana colleges and universities to fund programs that support low income students. The award recognizes our focus on student success. ICHE selected colleges that were committed to establishing programs to help first-year students transition to college; giving first-year students career development experiences; and providing financial literacy training to help first-year students understand the consequences of their fiscal decisions.

New Degrees
Two new degree programs have been approved for IU South Bend. The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences prepares students for work in any field in healthcare and offers flexibility in career options. The Master of Educational Leadership will prepare the next generation of principals and focuses on building level management and school improvement. These degree programs are part of the Academic Master Plan for IU South Bend.

New Sports Teams Get Ready
The excitement is building for the launch of new sports teams in the fall – men’s baseball, men’s and women’s cross country, and men’s golf. The coaches are busy recruiting and getting ready for practice. Athletic programs are an important part of the strategic plan for IU South Bend. The new sports starting in the fall will be followed by another expansion next fall as we look to add a women’s team to meet the Title IX requirement of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Farewell to Greenlawn Hall
The demolition of Greenlawn Hall has been completed. The site is now greenspace and will be landscaped as part of the campus quad. Many alumni, faculty, and students have strong ties to Greenlawn Hall. Prior to that, it operated as Hutchins Tool and Die Company. Photos and a video of the demolition can be found at https://www.iusb.edu/news/?p=6281

Darryl Heller to Lead CRHC / Natatorium
Darryl Heller has been named the Director for Student and Community Engagement at IU South Bend. In this new position, he will broaden the mission of the Civil Rights Heritage Center and manage the Engman Natatorium which serves as an outreach center to the community. Prior to coming to IU South Bend, Darryl was a visiting lecturer at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He received a B.A. in Philosophy from the College of Charleston, a M.A. in American Studies from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. in History from the University of Chicago. Darryl has nearly 20 years of experience in the fields of human services, community development, and nonprofit management. Please give him a warm welcome when you see him on campus.