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Campus Construction Projects in Full Swing
The $4.4 million renovation of the first floor of the Administration Building is ahead of schedule. In addition, the single-pane exterior windows in the building have been replaced with enhanced glass that will improved heating and cooling. We may be able to start moving furniture and people into their new offices at the end of the spring semester, nearly three months ahead of schedule.

Plans for IU South Bend Elkhart Center
The Regional Development Authority has earmarked $399,000 to add labs at the IU South Bend Elkhart Center that will allow us to offer graduate degrees in rehabilitation sciences. The project needs to be approved at the state level. We are required to match these funds at a 4:1 ratio. Work is already underway to raise the $1.6 million to fully fund the project.

2016 Chancellor’s Medal
I was proud to present Jerry and Dorene Hammes with the 2016 Chancellor’s Medal. The medal recognizes contributions that have helped advance the university and its mission. Jerry and Dorene provided the lead gift to establish the Hammes Information Commons in the Franklin D. Schurz Library. A second donation established the Dorene Dwyer Hammes Media Commons and Café. Most recently they provided a gift to establish the Student Veterans Book Club. My thanks to Jerry and Dorene for their generosity.

Kurt Matz Named Campus Police Chief
Kurt Matz has been appointed the new chief of the IU South Bend Police Department. Matz is an IU alumnus and most recently served as a lieutenant and patrol division commander for the Munster Police Department, where he worked since 1983. Matz earned a Master of Public Affairs, with a focus on law enforcement, from IU in 1993. His undergraduate degree is from Saint Xavier University.

NSF Grant
I am pleased to announce that IU South Bend is included in a consortium of Indiana colleges that received a nearly $5 million National Science Foundation (NSF) grant through the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation. The grant will fund a five year project to double the number of underrepresented students graduating with STEM degrees. IU South Bend will receive $420,000 for the project.

Jubilee Year Celebration
IU South Bend will be celebrating three important anniversaries this year. I have declared the 2016-17 a Jubilee Year for the campus to celebrate 100 years of classes being offered by Indiana University in South Bend; 50 years of diplomas being conferred at IU South Bend; and 25 years of providing academic programs through the Raclin School of the Arts. A Jubilee Year Celebration Task Force is planning the activities that will coincide with Alumni Week in April and Commencement in May. We have representatives from the first three graduating classes on the task force along with campus and community members. You will be hearing more about the events and I encourage you to participate and celebrate.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Professor of Physiology PETER BUSHNELL and his colleagues had their latest research on Greenland sharks published in the prestigious Science journal and other national media. Their research shows the sharks to be at least 300 years old, making them the longest-lived vertebrates on earth.

MOIRA DYCZKO has been named the Director of Alumni Affairs and Ceremonies. Previously, she served fifteen years as the Production Coordinator at the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts.

Professor of Political Science ELIZABETH BENNION received the inaugural Member of the Month Award from the American Political Science Association.

The Judd Leighton School of Business and Economics has once again been named a BEST BUSINESS SCHOOL in the annual edition of the Princeton Review.

Recruitment/Retention Counselor CYNTHIA MURPHY received the Humanity Knows No Borders award from La Casa de Amistad.

RHIANNON CARLSON has joined IU South Bend as the Veteran Program Coordinator. She is a graduate of Purdue University and is a veteran of the U.S. Army, where she served as an Infantry Sergeant in the 82nd Airborne during the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

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