Indiana University Northwest has announced the appointment of Lora Bailey, Ph.D., as the Dean of the School of Education. Bailey’s appointment begins July 1. She currently serves as a consultant to Tennessee Race to the Top/Strengthening Instruction in Tennessee’s Elementary Schools in Mathematics (SITES-M).

Bailey, who has nearly 20 years of education experience, will oversee the School of Education’s activities, including accreditation, recruiting and evaluating faculty, supporting faculty development, securing funding, allocation of resources, and establishing strong community relationships.

In her years in higher education, Bailey has been dedicated to developing interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate programs, and directing interdisciplinary research and scholarship through sustained research activities related to teaching and securing grants.

“Dr. Bailey has a distinguished record of leadership that will significantly enhance her ability to serve and lead the School of Education,” said David Malik, Ph.D., Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. “She will be a terrific asset and addition to our campus. I welcome her to IU Northwest, and to the campus’s leadership team.”

Bailey has served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Lane College; Dean for the College of Education at Brenau University; Associate Professor at Auburn University; Associate Professor at University of Louisville; and Assistant Professor at University of South Carolina. She has also taught kindergarten, first and third grades at Montgomery County Public Schools in Alabama.

“I am delighted to be named the next Dean for the School of Education at IU Northwest,” Bailey said. “Under Chancellor Lowe’s leadership, guidance from Dr. David Malik, and the expertise of the School of Education’s faculty and staff, the institution is braced for monumental growth toward 21st century operations, including instructional technology and student learning.”

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Bailey has received a significant number of honors, awards and recognitions, including the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Award, the Outstanding Teacher Award, the National Network for Educational Renewal Service Recognition Award, and several Holmes Scholarship Awards, among others.

Bailey earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Finance, her Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education, and her Doctorate in Curriculum and Teaching, all from Auburn University.

The change in leadership is as a result of the retirement of the current Dean of Education, Stanley Wigle, Ph.D., who will remain at IU Northwest to return to teaching and scholarship.

“Dean Wigle has had a long and effective career on the campus,” Malik said. “Personally, I thank him for his long-standing service to both the education profession and to IU Northwest. His leadership and vision have resulted in the graduation of thousands of teachers who work tirelessly in the classroom every day to educate students of all ages.”

Wigle joined the IU Northwest faculty as Dean of Education in 1999 with a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Kansas State University. He has taught secondary social sciences in the public schools, has been a K-12 special educator as well as a K-12 Coordinator of Special Education, and has taught and served as an administrator at various colleges and universities prior to his position at IU Northwest.

Wigle has taught courses in educational psychology, general secondary methods courses, and courses in special education.

The IU Northwest School of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and currently offers degree programs in Elementary, Secondary, Special Education, and School Leadership. There are nine full-time faculty members and approximately 580 undergraduate and graduate students.
IU Northwest recognizes outstanding staff members, as well as those celebrating service milestones

Indiana University Northwest congratulates its faculty and staff members who will reach service milestones in 2013, as well as four employees who have been selected to receive Outstanding Staff Awards.

Congratulations are in order for the following staff and faculty:

**Patricia Woosley**, Outstanding Staff Customer Service Excellence Award

**Hollis Donald**, Outstanding Staff Pride Excellence Award

**Mary Hackett**, Distinguished Employee of the Year Excellence Award

**Clarence Green**, Distinguished Employee of the Year Excellence Award

**Diane Larson**, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Award for Distinguished Service and Founder’s Day Teaching Award

**Stephanie Smith**, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Award for Distinguished Scholarship/Creative Activity

**David Klamen and George Bodmer**, Chancellor’s Professorship Recipients

Those celebrating service milestones include:

**45 Years**
- Alan Barr

**35 Years**
- Patrick Bankston, Peggy Ruckman, Margaret Skurka, Stephanie Smith, Marilyn Vasquez.

**30 Years**
- Atilla Tuncay

**25 Years**
- Jacqueline Cheairs, Wanda Clark, Mark Hoyert, Anne Koehler, Julie Peller, Stephanie Shanks-Meile.

**20 Years**
- Jacquelyn Coven, Darlene Green, Helen Harmon, Mary Lee, Chrystal Lewis, Eva Mendieta, David Strupeck, Tome Trajkovski.

**15 Years**
- Vidya Arshanapalli, Candy Bushnell, Felecia Edwards, Janice Grskovic, Georgia Kontos, Barbara Peat, Linda Szalmasagi, Corona Wiley, Susan Zinner.

**10 Years**
- Lawrence Adair, William Allegrezza, Govind Bhavani, Carol Castaneda, Craig DeMyer, Hollis Donald, Steven Dunphy, Marie Eisenstein, Margaret Fiala, Lisa Fields, Sharon Gardner, Teddy Hall, Kevin Kennedy, Zoran Kilibarda, Kelly Knaga, Stanley Lawrence, Mary Malyj, Dorothy Mokry, Kevin Napier, Karl Nelson, Scooter Pegram, Cynthia Posley, Surekha Rao, Clyde Robinson, Michelle Stokely, Lynne Wiley, Cynthia Zak.

**5 Years**
IUPD-Northwest welcomes three new officers at April ceremony

Top right: IUPD-NW personnel (pictured from left) include: LaTasha Richardson, Nicolas Smith, Michael Trueblood, Brandon Campbell, Amanda Earley, Ricardo Garcia (pictured behind Earley), Patricia Nowak, Michael DeVries (pictured behind Nowak), Rene Zamora, Wayne James, Rosemary Quinones, Nathan Dover, Melvin Blakely, Samuel Parker, Edward Davies, Mark Knox.

Top left: Lake County Superior Court Judge Calvin Hawkins pins on the badge of part-time Officer Rosemary Quinones, recently sworn in by the IUPD-NW.

Left: New part-time Officer LaTasha Richardson is congratulated by her husband, Keith Richardson, after being sworn in.

Left: The IUPD-NW announces its newest hires. They are (pictured from left): Amanda Earley, LaTasha Richardson and Rosemary Quinones.

Below: Sergeant Melvin Blakely, left, Lieutenant Edward Davies, Chief Patricia Nowak and Lieutenant Wayne James look on while the IUPD-NW’s newest full-time officer, Amanda Earley, is sworn in as a third class probationary officer.
It took an unfulfilling career to make Ben Nicksic realize that he should have listened to his passion in the first place. The Indiana University Northwest alumnus and Chicago resident admits that when he graduated from Chesterton High School in the late 90s, he chose a college major based on the wrong criteria.

In search of a high-paying, low-stress job, he initially fought the urge to become a teacher, gravitating instead toward what he perceived as a more lucrative career.

After graduating from Purdue University in 2003 with a degree in management, he went to work as a salesman. But he quickly learned that “there is so much more to a job than a paycheck and how easy a job may be.”

As such, the now more mature Nicksic has since re-evaluated his career aspirations. Unfulfilled in his sales jobs, he began to reflect on an early experience of working as a cadet teacher while in high school.

Nicksic began to look at all avenues that could get him into teaching, including the Urban Teacher Education Program (UTEP) at IU Northwest, where he enrolled in 2007.

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-Ben Nicksic

Because of the high need for urban teachers, Nicksic said, he was able to begin teaching at East Chicago Central High School on an “emergency permit” while still in school.

He earned his teaching certificate in UTEP in 2008 and decided to stay on board at East Chicago Central, where he currently teaches algebra and geometry.

“I absolutely love it,” he said. “I couldn’t see myself doing anything else.”

In an urban setting, Nicksic explained, a teacher is often much more than a teacher. Teachers are role models and mentors who care about their students.

“I feel like I am educating students, but . . . it is more than that,” Nicksic said. “Sometimes the class will break down for a minute and we get a little bit of a break from the math. I feel like those human times, those times when you get to know the kids . . . it’s really valuable. If the kids see that you care and that you care about them and that you are happy to be there with them, that really goes a long way in getting through. A lot of it is just breaking through certain barriers.”

Now immersed in his second career, Nicksic has learned that making a difference ranks higher on his list than salary and stature.

“You try to do as much good as you can possibly do,” he said. “There is a lot of opportunity to do that here [at East Chicago Central].”

But Nicksic wanted to do even more. He wanted his students to experience the world outside their neighborhood. So he organized a trip to Spain. Eight students and three parents will be taking the trip abroad in June. The group has been independently fundraising to pay for the trip.

Looking back on the roundabout path he took to his teaching career, Nicksic has some valuable advice for those just beginning their college careers.

“If there is something you want to do, just do it,” he said. “There is nothing stopping you, but you.”
New calendars beginning to appear on web pages
Registrar, Student Activities among the first to display events using new application

In the March issue of Northwest News, readers learned that a new calendar function is coming to some IU Northwest web pages.

The implementation of the calendars -- developed by UITS and implemented with great success and other IU campuses -- is well under way at the Northwest campus, with calendars live and operational on the web pages of the Registrar and Student Activities offices.

The new calendar will keep visitors to the IU Northwest web pages informed of upcoming events or deadlines. Those with an IUN user ID will soon be able to submit dates be included on these and subsequent calendars to be developed and maintained by other departments.

For example, a student organization may want to list its next meeting on the calendar accessible through the Student Activities web page. The group’s representative may submit the item via a form in OneStart. Once approved by the calendar’s owner, the item would appear on the calendar featured on the Student Activities web page.

The process for scheduling a room through what is currently known as the “Event Scheduler” will remain unchanged, however, submitted events will no longer automatically populate a public calendar. Rather, having your event appear on a public calendar accessible from the website will be a separate process.

Event scheduler users: watch for more details soon about changes that affect you.

The Calendar Implementation Team is comprised of the Office of Marketing and Communications (OMC) and University Information Technology Services Northwest (UITS NW).

IU Northwest voted as region’s best for MBA, online degree programs

In May, the editors of Northwest Indiana Business Quarterly released the results of its 2013 “Best of Northwest Indiana Business” annual reader’s survey, which asks individuals to vote for the “best” business and lifestyle choices in several categories.

Readers of the magazine, which serves Northwest Indiana as well as the Greater South Bend/Michiana area, chose IU Northwest as the region’s best in the following categories:

- Best University To Attain an MBA
- Best University Online Degree Program

The magazine’s primary distribution is the Greater Northwest Indiana region and surrounding eight counties, including St. Joseph County and the South Chicago Business District.

The entire list of winners can be found in the most recent issue. To read it online, click here.
B2B members gather in Indianapolis for National Conference

The IU Northwest Chapter of Brother 2 Brother (B2B) recently partnered with the Legacy Foundation to subsidize a trip to the Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB) National Conference in Indianapolis in April for members of the Calumet New Tech High School Chapter. Seventeen college and high school members participated in the conference which included chapters from all over the country. The conference consisted of a series of plenary sessions with motivational speakers to energize the participants. Funding for the conference was received from the John S. and James L. Knight Donor Advised Fund at Legacy Foundation.

“The national conference was very uplifting and gratifying,” said Roy Cast, Vice President of B2B and a junior at IU Northwest. “I had the opportunity to meet brothers from all over the country and share similar experiences with them. Every one that I met had inspiring life stories. The chapter from Toledo showed a glimpse of the future. They brought in about 100 young men. It made me realize that we can reach out to the younger brothers that are the future of the SAAB-Brother2Brother organization and we can continue to thrive. If we can continue to touch lives, our further success is guaranteed.”

Community Clean-Up a huge success

On April 20, B2B held its fifth Annual Community Cleanup. The event was a great success as local residents and students came together to better our community.

The 40 volunteers filled more than 140 45-gallon garbage bags with refuse and debris on the stretch of 35th Street between Broadway and Martin Luther King Drive in Glen Park.

The members of B2B are grateful to the community members and other volunteers who came out to help, especially the students from Calumet New Tech High School, the Gary Life Education Initiative, the IU Northwest Alumni Association, the Center for Urban and Regional Excellence, the IU Northwest Biology Club, the ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho, and the City of Gary which generously provided the dumpsters for the event.

Diversity Fellows Awards Recipients

The Office of Diversity, Equity and Multicultural Affairs offers the Diversity Fellows Program as a vehicle to provide support to faculty for development in the areas of pedagogy, curriculum transformation, and institutionalizing inclusive approaches to teaching, learning, and assessment at IU Northwest.

Faculty members from all units are invited to submit proposals to be reviewed by the selection committee. Those selected create and implement projects designed to expand faculty pedagogical expertise or transform curriculum content relative to diversity. The project can focus on research, curriculum development, or teaching methodology. Increased awareness and improved practices are the expected outcomes of the Diversity Fellows projects.

Congratulations to the following Diversity Fellows:

Portage High School standout basketball player Nicki Monahan has agreed to continue her education and collegiate basketball career at Indiana University Northwest beginning in the Fall of 2013.

During her senior year, the 5’ 9” shooting guard grabbed headlines in Northwest Indiana as she approached the Portage Girls Basketball all-time scoring record, eventually surpassing the mark on senior night at Portage High School in January in front of a capacity crowd. Monahan has totaled 1,157 career points for the Indians.

During her senior campaign, Monahan led the Indians to the most wins over the past three seasons, as well as a 13-10 record and 7-7 mark in the rugged Duneland Athletic Conference, averaging 17 points, 4.7 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 2.8 steals and converting on 85 percent of her free throw attempts en route to being named the Post-Tribune’s Player of the Year.

This past season Monahan set a career high when she poured in 32 points on January 31 in a close loss to Lake Central, including a sensational 28 points in the second half. A week later she equaled that mark, torching state-ranked Merrillville for 32 of her team’s 43 points in a 56-43 defeat on February 7, including four treys in the game in which she also surpassed 1,000 career points.

Earlier in the season Monahan captured the Region Roundball’s 3-Point Shooting Championship on January 1 at the Hammond Civic Center, defeating several of the area’s top shooters. The post-season accolades and awards would follow as Monahan was selected First Team All-Duneland Conference, Times First Team All-Area and was the Indians’ Most Valuable Player for the second straight season.

Monahan participated in the Indiana Top-60 Workout in Indianapolis and will lead a North squad that also includes IU Northwest recruits Caitlin Leath (Hobart) and Bernadette Grabowski (Munster) at the Indiana North South All-Star Game at Lebanon High School on April 20.

At the conclusion of the 2011-12 season, Monahan was selected to the 2012 Indiana Junior North All-Star Team after averaging 15.5 points, 4.7 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 2.1 steals as a junior. She was selected to the Times All-Area First Team and the Post-Tribune Third Team.

“We began watching Nicki during her sophomore season at Portage knowing that she was coming into her own as a great player and leader,” said IU Northwest Head Coach Ryan Shelton. “She is a very talented and intelligent player who is passionate about basketball and is a true student of the game. She’s also a tremendous student in the classroom and a great teammate and exactly the right person to continue our winning tradition in women’s basketball at IU Northwest.”

“Nicki’s high school coach, Chris Siebert, also deserves a lot of credit,” Shelton said. “He has done a tremendous job helping her reach her full potential as a player and student. Despite all of her individual success, Nicki is a team-first player and only cares about what she can do to help her team win.”

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IU Northwest facilitates mayor’s chat with VP Biden

On Wednesday, April 17, Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson met with Vice President Joe Biden via videoconference to talk about gun control. Kudos to Rob Seals and the Instructional Media Services (IMS) staff for lending their equipment and technical expertise to facilitate the chat. The video conference can be viewed here.

Portage High School all-time scoring leader Portage Nicki Monahan

“During my freshman year and her senior year in high school, we were teammates,” said Monahan. “I am looking forward to playing with her again.”

Monahan said she chose IU Northwest largely because of the reputation of its health services programs. She plans to pursue a career in physical therapy, a discipline which will require her to maintain a high grade point average throughout her career in order to be accepted into a graduate program.

“It’s definitely going to be a lot of work,” she said, “and a lot of time management. That’s why going to school close to home will be good.”

Monahan said that attending class and playing basketball close to home, in an environment with smaller class sizes was an important factor in choosing IU Northwest.

“My family and friends can still watch me play,” she said.

Also an outstanding soccer player, Monahan earned four varsity letters in soccer while at Portage and was named the Indians’ Most Valuable Player in both her junior and senior seasons. Additionally, Monahan was a member of the National Honor Society in both 2011 and 2012 and is active in her community, having participated in several community service initiatives including the Boys and Girls Club and a volunteer coach for YMCA Youth Basketball.

“IU Northwest is a great institution and we’re thrilled that after a competitive recruitment period that Nicki felt our university was the best place for her to continue her education and basketball career. Her friends and family will be able to closely follow her career and attend nearly all of her games over the next four years. The support of our student-athletes’ families have been an integral part of our program’s success over the years,” added Shelton.

Monahan will study in the Pre-Professional Health Studies Program for Physical Therapy in IU Northwest’s College of Health and Human Services and will wear #22 next season for the RedHawks.

Monahan joins a reputable list of previous standout players from Northwest Indiana, including Sharon Houston (Merrillville), Juliette Keller (Kouts), Jenelle Kapelinski (Lake Central) and Ashley Michalski (Lake Central) and current players Annmarie Keller (Kouts) and Brittany DeWell (Boone Grove) that chose to continue their education and basketball careers close to home playing for their hometown RedHawks.

Monahan will also be reunited with former teammate and Portage standout Brianne Wischman in the RedHawks’ backcourt next season.

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NOTES OF DISTINCTION

Congratulations to our colleagues who were selected by a committee of their peers to receive the Trustees’ Teaching Award:

Nicole Anslover, History
Subir Bandyopadhyay, Marketing
Zoran Kilibarda, Geosciences
Donna Krause, Dental Education
Diane Larson, Computer Information Systems
Diana Lin, History
Kevin McElmurry, Sociology
Karl Nelson, Psychology
Harold Olivey, Biology
Axel Schulze-Halberg, Mathematics

Congratulations to the following individuals who have been awarded IU Northwest Regional Research Grants for 2013. The funding for these grants is provided by the Office of Academic Affairs in conjunction with matching funds from the Office of the Vice President for Research at Indiana University.

**Project Initiation Grants**


**Erin Argyilan**, for her project entitled, “The 3-Dimensional Mapping of Mount Baldy; Understanding Dune Movement in Response to Complex Disturbance Factors.”

**Subir Bandyopadhyay**, for his project entitled, “How to Develop an Effective Communication Strategy to Fight the Dramatic Rise in Diabetes among Northwest Indiana Citizens.”

**Frances Daniel**, for her project entitled, “Promoting Spontaneous Transfer of Statistics Knowledge: An Individual Difference Account”

IU NORTHWEST IN THE NEWS

Indiana University Northwest appears in the news on a daily basis. For a recap of some of those news stories featuring IU Northwest faculty, staff, students, and academic programs, please visit the media coverage section of the Office of Marketing and Communications’ web pages, accessible here.

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