NCATE accredits School of Education

Following a rigorous process, the School of Education at IU Northwest has again achieved accreditation by the National Council for Teacher Accreditation (NCATE), the highest level of quality available for teacher preparation programs.

"To say that we were ecstatic would be to engage in an understatement," said Dean Stanley Wigle, Ph.D. "This is really a result of five years of hard work and effort from everyone involved to become a data-based, outcome driven program. It is an amazing accomplishment."

For four days in the fall, a nine-member team visited the campus analyzing how well the school met six demanding standards of excellence. These include competency of faculty and programs, competent teacher candidate performance, forming meaningful administrative partnerships with area schools and demonstrating a commitment to work with diverse student populations.

One unique edge that the School of Education had over other area programs was the development and implementation of an electronic document center. This Internet-based filing system was used to collect and store more than 4,000 pieces of data on the school's programs, faculty, staff and students. This document center was built to align with recent changes in NCATE submission standards. Institutions applying for or seeking to continue NCATE accreditation now use web-based forms to submit reports on individual programs of study. The shift to this form passed its original goal and has raised an estimated $13 million. Also in that role he implemented valuable new initiatives within a team of 15 personnel in the offices of university relations, alumni relations and advancement.

Fred DeHaan has been appointed to serve as Interim Vice Chancellor for University Advancement. He reports to Chancellor Bruce Bergland, Ph.D. He replaces Jeff Lorber, Ed.D., who left to join Southern Illinois University as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement. DeHaan has 16 years of professional experience in advancing the missions of both private and public educational institutions. These years are highlighted by extensive fundraising and university relations achievements.

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Most recently as Interim Vice Chancellor at PUC, DeHaan led efforts to raise $4.2 million in the 2004 fiscal year toward a $10.8 million five-year campaign goal. Currently, the school has exceeded its original goal and has raised an estimated $13 million. Also in that role he implemented valuable new initiatives within a team of 15 personnel in the offices of university relations, alumni relations and advancement.

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Chancellor Bruce Bergland, Ph.D., said, "I am very happy that Fred has accepted my offer to serve as our Interim Vice Chancellor for University Advancement. He has extensive experience in the development area around northwest Indiana, and is well regarded in the business community and highly regarded at Purdue University Calumet. Thus, he certainly will be able to 'hit the ground running' here and, along with our Director of Development Carmen Kent Bruner and Interim Associate Vice Chancellor Kathryn Lantz, will be a very effective team."

In that capacity, Lantz too reports directly to the Chancellor. "Many of you know that Kathryn has served our institution very well in a variety of positions, and I could not be happier that she has taken on this new assignment," Bergland said. Lantz, who holds a Master of Business Administration from DePaul University, Chicago, has excelled in administrative positions at the university since her arrival in 1992 as the Director of Development. She now leads a team of 15 personnel in the offices of university relations, alumni relations and advancement.

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mat helps streamline and add consistency to the NCATE accreditation process by using aggregated performance data gathered on all candidates in a program.

Although the School of Education has again been recognized for meeting the highest quality standards in the nation, and will not be reviewed for another seven years, its commitment to excellence has not subsided. Wigle says that the school plans a faculty retreat in the fall.

"Together, we will determine what the next level of excellence might be for the School of Education and how to get there. We are continually reaching for the top," he said.

The U.S. Department of Education recognizes NCATE as the professional accrediting body for schools, departments and colleges of education. On-site visits, document review and accreditation decisions are all carried out by professionals from the education community, including teachers, school specialists, members of the public and education policy makers. For more information about the School of Education, please visit http://www.iu.edu/~edu or call (219) 980-6689. To learn more about NCATE, please visit http://www.ncate.org.

Social Work partners for first of its kind Housing Summit

By Manoj Pardasani, Ph.D.

The issue of homelessness is one of enormous concern. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, nationally more than half-million men, women and children go homeless every night. The Northwest Indiana Quality of Life Council (2004) reports that opportunities for safe and affordable housing in our region are inadequate and lacking. Their latest report outlines that in nearly 5 individuals in Lake County spends more than 50 percent of their income on rent or housing costs.

The Continuum of Care of Northwest Indiana (a consortium of not-for-profit agencies and housing service providers), in coordination with the Division of Social Work at IU Northwest, organized the First Annual Housing Summit for Northwest Indiana on April 27 in commemoration of April’s Fair Housing Month. The summit was attended by more than 500 social service professionals, academics, researchers, housing service providers, attorneys, realtors, builders, bankers and consumers. Workshops and roundtable discussions were designed to highlight the theme of the conference, “Keepers of the Dream: Building Innovative Partnerships and Community Collaborations.”

The conference was held at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary. The mayors of Gary, Hammond and East Chicago, and elected representatives presided over the conference. Consumers and residents of Lake County were provided with free transportation by the county in order to attend the conference. Ray Allen Johnson, executive director of the Race Relations Council of Northwest Indiana, was the Master of Ceremony. The keynote speaker was Carolyn Peoples, assistant secretary of HUD (Housing and Urban Development), who was accompanied by consumer representative, Gloria Manamel, and Robert Weiler, lecturer in Social Work, at the podium.

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Undergraduate and Graduate Programs in the School of Business and Economics and later as the Acting Director of Admissions and Financial Aid in 1999. During these years she designed and implemented more efficient applicant and student information tracking systems. She also coordinated the creation and implementation of the campus’s state-of-the-art telecounseling program.

From 2002 to 2005, Lantz was a member of the academic advising team responsible for prototyping, testing and implementing the manual conversion of the university’s electronic degree audit system to the new PeopleSoft Student Information System (SIS) and delivering additional advising tools. She has effectively led the university’s initiative to re-code more than 500 different degrees, certificates and minors using PeopleSoft. This included designing, creating and delivering training to 80 faculty and staff on eight campuses on the use of PeopleSoft. In March, she was selected as a Product Advisory Group member to the PeopleSoft Higher Education User Group. This organization is comprised of staff and faculty of more than 350 universities worldwide who use PeopleSoft for higher education.

As Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Lantz supervises the directors within the division, which now includes Director of Alumni Relations Tracie Johnson, Director of Marketing and Communications Michelle Searer and new Director of Development Carmen Kent Bruner. "I’m very excited to be returning to higher education and joining the IU Northwest family," Bruner said. "I’m also looking forward to getting to know this area and be an active part of my new community."

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Previously, she was the Assistant Director of Individual Giving at Brookfield Zoo in Brookfield, Ill. At the zoo she managed and staffed the Women’s Board, which is a group of volunteers responsible for fundraising for the organization. Bruner planned and executed the zoo’s two major fundraising events, The Whirl and Wines in the Wild. Both of these events combined raised more than a million dollars this year.

Prior to that experience, Bruner was the Associate Director of Annual Giving at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. In this position, she regularly traveled across the country to meet with alumni, she organized class reunion celebrations each year and recruited and supervised volunteers.

The fourth noteworthy appointment in the division is the promotion of Cathy Tallos. Tallos, an employee in several departments within the university for 28 years, has been promoted to Assistant to the Director of Development. In this position, Tallos will work with the director to provide administrative support in the development, promotion, implementation and monitoring of resource development and special event activities within the Indiana University Foundation at IU Northwest. She will serve as point person for the coordination of special events and for IU Foundation at the university.

The Division of University Advancement is the fundraising, alumni relations, marketing and development arm of the university. It works with campus and external constituencies to achieve institutional goals and has responsibility for all operations relative to fundraising and alumni relations including corporate and foundation relations, major gifts, planned giving, alumni interaction and cultivation and capital/major gift campaigns.
Campus celebrates ALMA graduates

By June M. Long

More than 100 persons gathered on Tuesday, May 10 at the Savannah Center Gallery for Contemporary Art to celebrate the 1st Annual ALMA Graduates Reception.

ALMA (Alianza Latina del Medio-oeste de America) is the IU Northwest Latino Studies Program student organization whose purpose is to unite and support the needs of Latino students and all other interested students at the university.

“All of ALMA's activities enhance the academic, social and cultural needs of our community,” said Raoul Contreras, Ph.D., advisor to ALMA, associate professor of latino studies and chair of the Minority Studies Program.

“We decided to have our own graduates reception to commemorate the many accomplishments and the outstanding academic success of our ALMA graduates.” He also noted that the organization is also celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Minority Studies Program. Specifically, the formation of the department was a merger in 1980 of the African-American Studies Department and the Latino Studies Program.

At the event, Jacqui Guevara, past ALMA endowment scholarship fundraiser chairperson, presented a check to Chancellor Bruce Bergland, Ph.D., along with the Endowment Scholarship Gift Agreement to establish the ALMA Endowment Scholarship Fund.

There was also a surprise presentation to Contreras from the ALMA membership as the first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. This original piece of artwork was designed especially for Contreras by artist Felix Maldonado of CISA. A second surprise award was presented to June M. Long by the ALMA membership and graduates for support.

Various community leaders and organizations donated services, goods, supplies and food: Hammond Hispanic Community Committee, IU Northwest Marketing and Communications, Special Events Office, Alumni Association and Trustees, Student Support Services, Susan Carr-Indiana LULAC, Don Quijote Restorante, Chela’s Authentic Mexican Restaurant; music by Mario Moreno, a classical guitarist; artwork by Karen Elizabeth Kline and Ismael “Ish” Muhammad Nieves and Felix Maldonado of CISA Studios, donation of invitation design, program and banners.

Special support was supplied by Linda Anderson, director of student life; Tracie Johnson, director of alumni relations and Ann Fritz, director of the campus art galleries.

The six graduates honored were Victoria Aceves, bachelor’s double major in business administration and financial information systems and a minor in Spanish; Nancy L. Escobedo, bachelor’s in biology, minor in chemistry, associate’s in latino studies; Jacqui Guevara, bachelor’s in nursing; Jessica Maya, bachelor’s in mathematics and Spanish; Jesus (Chuy) Martinez, bachelor’s in accounting and business management and Gabriela Tirado, bachelor’s in Spanish and French.

Student Nancy Escobedo presents the Lifetime Achievement Award to Raoul Contreras at the inaugural ALMA Graduates Reception.

Dorothy Ige, Ph.D., interim vice chancellor of academic affairs, was one of several recipients of the Women of Distinction award presented by the YWCA at St. Timothy Church in Gary this April. The award is distributed nationally throughout the organization to women who are a positive force in their communities.

Linda Delunas, Ph.D., associate professor of nursing was appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of Hospice of the Calumet Area.

Karen Venditti, Ph.D., lecturer and director of field experience and placement in the School of Education has earned a doctoral degree from Purdue University, Lafayette.

Scooter Pégram, Ph.D., assistant professor of Modern Languages and Minority Studies had his paper “Standing Out and Standing Tall: Identity and Haitian Youth” accepted for publication in the fall 2005 issue of the “Journal of Black Studies.”

The Indiana University Press announced their list of 2004 best sellers in the Spring 2005 issue of OnPress. Moonlight in Duneland: The Illustrated Story of the Chicago South Shore and South Bend Railroad, edited by Professor Emeritus of History Ron Cohen, Ph.D., and Interim Library Director and Director of the Calumet Regional Archives Steve McShane is located at number two on the list. At number four is Calumet Beginnings: Ancient Shorelines and Settlements at the South End of Lake Michigan by Kenneth Schoon, Ph.D., professor and associate dean in the School of Education.

Send us your news! Submit items online at www.iun.edu/~newsnw or send to Northwest News, Sycamore Hall, rm 203.
Congratulations to the following employee graduates of 2004-2005!

Gaylin Dorris, 
Master of Business Administration

Crystal Jelks, 
Bachelor’s in Public Administration

Alta Justiniano, 
Associate’s in General Studies

Kim Kintz, 
M.P.A. in Public Administration

Leslie Melton, 
M.P.A. in Public Administration

Ryan Shelton, 
M.P.A. in Public Administration

Sandra Hall Smith, 
Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management

Kathy Spicer, 
Bachelor’s in General Studies

Photos provided by Mike Chasely
IU Northwest honored 856 graduating students during its Commencement exercises at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary on Thursday, May 12.

Thousands of family members and friends watched as Chancellor Bruce W. Bergland, Ph.D., presided over the ceremony along with IU President Adam W. Herbert, Ph.D., to confer degrees. Degree recipients included December 2004 graduates and candidates for May and August 2005. This number also includes graduate students whose degrees have been or will be awarded during the 2004-05 academic year.

A total of 15,887 graduates were eligible for degrees from IU during May commencement ceremonies on all eight campuses.

Herbert told the graduates to find a creative relationship with change. Citing from the best-selling book *The World is Flat*, by Thomas Friedman, he stressed the importance of being prepared to live in a global economy.

“Knowledge is the new economic currency. Graduates are the nation’s most valuable natural resources,” Herbert said.
As an opening activity, attendees were asked to guess the identity of CETL advisory board members based on a childhood photo. Despite the time they spent examining the photos, no one was able to accurately identify all the individuals...Dr. Jean Poulard’s photo stumped everyone!

Vesna Kilibarda, Ph.D., associate professor of mathematics and chair of the Teaching Committee, recognizes Mark Hoyert, Ph.D. associate professor of psychology, as the full-time faculty recipient of the Founder’s Day Teaching Award.

Charlotte Reed, Ed.D., executive director of CETL, addresses the guests and honorees.

Chancellor Bruce Bergland emphasizes IU Northwest’s dedication to excellence in teaching and thanks those present for continuing to build the university’s reputation in that regard.

Attendees enjoy learning the “true identities” of the CETL advisory board members depicted as children.
Preparing for Change: What you need to know about Oncourse CL

By Angie Quick,
Senior Communications Specialist with University Information Technology Services

In the 12-month transition between the current Oncourse system and the new Oncourse Collaboration and Learning environment (Oncourse CL), faculty can explore the new environment and get help migrating their courses to Oncourse CL. New features will also continue to be developed to meet users’ needs.

Oncourse CL provides new tools, easier navigation, more flexibility and control, and enhanced features for users. Faculty who want to practice using the new system can request a project site at any time from their Profile page.

Oncourse CL lets faculty choose which tools they want to use in their courses. Want just a Schedule Tool and a listserv? Want all the tools? It is the faculty member’s choice. Oncourse CL has a different look that makes it much easier to navigate among courses and project sites (e.g., committees, research teams, etc.). Courses are horizontal tabs across the top and tools for each course are on a vertical sidebar. When a user switches between courses by clicking tabs, Oncourse CL remembers which tool is being used across every course.

In addition to the tools that exist in Oncourse now like the Syllabus, Schedule, and Drop Box; Oncourse CL also has a new Assignments tool for posting and accepting course work and a Resources area for sharing files. Unlike the current version of Oncourse, Oncourse CL will allow users to drag and drop files from their desktops into their Resources or Drop Box folders online. Communication tools will be added in future releases, as well as other tools to enhance the Oncourse CL environment.

If you’re unsure about using Oncourse CL to teach and would like help, contact The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

For more information about Oncourse CL features, support, or to see a preview of the new environment, click the “Oncourse CL Info” link on the Oncourse home page at http://oncourse.iu.edu/ or search for “Oncourse CL” in the IU Knowledge Base by going to http://kb.iu.edu.

Upcoming Summer Conferences on Teaching in Higher Education

• North American Higher Education Conference
June 5-7, 2005 in New Brunswick, CA
http://conahec.org

• Summer Institute on College Teaching
June 5-10, 2005 in Williamsburg, Virginia
http://www.vtc.odu.edu/summer_institute.html

• The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE)
June 17-19, 2005 in Ottawa, Canada
http://www.uottawa.ca/services/tlss/stlhe2004/

• Teaching for a Change Conference
June 22-25, 2005 in Westminster, Colorado
http://www.teachingforachange.com/

• Society for Applied Learning Technology (SALT)
August 24-26, 2005 in Arlington, Virginia
http://www.salt.org
The Institute for Innovative Leadership seeks nominees for their Leadership Development Program for the Fall 2005 semester.

Why nominate?
IUN students will be given the unique opportunity to
→ Link educational experiences with leadership development
→ Build networks, skills and confidence
→ Learn from established leaders in Northwest Indiana

To nominate students: (1) complete the online form at www.iun.edu/~ldrship/nominationform.shtml, or (2) e-mail names to Leslie Melton, at ldmelton@iun.edu. Application packets are due by June 15, 2005, therefore, please forward all nominations immediately. If you have any questions, call us at 981-5631. To learn more about the program, click on our fact sheet at: www.iun.edu/~ldrship/factsheet.shtml

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Lake County Fair  Aug. 5 -14
Porter County Fair  July 21-30

June Calendar

Photo Exhibition:
“Lake Michigan’s Steel Shores”
May 23 thru June 24
Gallery for Contemporary Art,
Savannah Center

Reception:
Friday, June 3
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Gallery for Contemporary Art,
Savannah Center

This exhibit is co-sponsored by the Calumet regional Archives, IU Northwest Art Galleries and the Diversity Programming Group of the Center for Cultural Discovery and Learning.

Nunsense
June 23-26
7:30 p.m., June 23-25
2:30 p.m., June 26
Theatre Northwest
Tickets $8

IU Board of Trustees Meeting
June 23-24
TBA

Reception:
June 23
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
(short program at 6 p.m.)
Savannah Center lobby
Appetizers and cash bar available
*To confirm your attendance, call (219) 981-5609 or e-mail trmjohns@iun.edu by June 16. Please indicate your name and number of guests attending.

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