IUN student named Presidential Scholar

Incoming freshman Richard “Rick” Silaj of Highland, has been awarded one of 33 Hoosier Presidential Scholarships. The scholarships were created from a $26 million Lilly Endowment, of which $10 million has been earmarked for the establishment of the 4-year scholarships. The scholarships are part of a statewide initiative intended to attract and retain intellectual capital in the state’s colleges and universities.

Silaj, a French major, was chosen as a recipient based on his SAT score, community service, leadership abilities, GPA and class rank. There were 67 nominees, and 33 scholarships were awarded.

The scholarship, which is matched two-to-one by the university, also includes an International Study Abroad award during either the junior or senior year, and a new laptop. In addition, Silaj will have the opportunity to meet annually with IU President Adam Herbert and other top state and university officials.

MSW students create resource directory

Students from the Master of Social Work program have created a manual and resource directory designed to help thousands of elderly persons and their caregivers throughout northwest Indiana.

Graduate students Michelle Bruss, Sherri Sliz, Danielle Ramirez, Lori Fuentes and Pam Gabor collaborated with the Northwest Indiana Community Action Corporation (NWICAC), the local area agency on aging serving thousands of elderly persons. The NWICAC is primarily federally funded and supplemented by state funding. One of their largest programs is called “Caregiver Support.”

A few thousand elderly residents prefer to remain at home within their communities, as opposed to living in group homes. But as they age, they may need more direct care and support. Family members, and sometimes community members, serve as official or

Rominger named Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Anna Rominger, J.D., has accepted the position of Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Her appointment begins immediately and continues for one year or until the position is filled permanently.

Rominger most recently served as the dean of the School of Business and Economics, where she played a crucial role in the re-instatement of the school’s Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation.

Robin Hass Birky, Ph.D, associate professor of English, will serve as Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.
Many IUN faculty members include a service-learning component in their courses, and have been doing so for quite some time. For example, during the 2003-2004 academic year, 15 faculty members reported adding a service-learning component to at least one of their courses. However, service-learning is an often misunderstood concept and can easily become a catch-all term for any type of learning activity that involves the community.

In Service-Learning in Higher Education: Concepts and Practices, a key book in the field, Barbara Jacoby defines service-learning as “a form of experiential education in which students engage in activities that address human and community needs together with structured opportunities intentionally designed to promote student learning and development” (p. 5). The author emphasizes that reflection and reciprocity are key concepts that set service-learning apart from other forms of experiential education such as internships, field experiences, community service, and volunteerism.

Lou Ann Karabel, senior lecturer in English, has been an advocate for service-learning and has helped many of her colleagues understand how service-learning can fit into their curriculum. In addition to including service-learning projects in her W131 composition course, she has also served as coordinator of service-learning at IU Northwest for several years. “Our faculty, students and staff have always made significant contributions to the Northwest Indiana community,” she states, “and with greater institutional support, we’ll be able to do even more.” Building on what Karabel and others have done in the past, IUN is seeking to build the service-learning program and further promote service-learning as an instructional technique that can benefit both our students and the surrounding community.

Leaders in the field emphasize institutional commitment as a key sign of a strong service-learning program. Through the use of Commitment to Excellence Funds, IUN is recognizing the value of service-learning and making a commitment to its success on campus. Service-learning now has an official home within the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL). Professional staff member Emily Hixon, Ph.D., will serve as the Coordinator of Service-Learning, working to promote a better understanding of service-learning, helping faculty members to implement service-learning, and building connections with community groups who may have needs that our students can assist in meeting. In addition to the coordinator of service-learning, there will also be a faculty liaison for service-learning who will work with faculty members wanting to implement service-learning and represent service-learning on various committees. Karabel has agreed to be the faculty liaison for the 2005-2006 academic year.

If you would like more information about service-learning, please contact the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at 219-980-6755, or visit their website at www.iun.edu/~cetl.

Would you like to participate in UITS Faculty Notebook Computer Program at IUN?

If you are: full-time tenured or tenure track faculty, lecturer, clinical faculty, or librarian; are part-time faculty member teaching essential courses for your unit; are a consistent user of course management technology, participate in technology workshops or consultations, and have your dean’s approval, you are eligible to apply to participate in the UITS Faculty Notebook Computer Program.

The program is designed to provide an opportunity for you to use technology in your classroom, particularly Oncourse, to enrich and add flexibility to your students’ learning experience. Faculty members are encouraged to experiment with particular features of Oncourse within their existing courses, to migrate to Oncourse from another course management system, and to develop new courses in Oncourse.

CETL will initially select 10 faculty members for the program. An information session is set for August 30, 2005 in LC 331. Applications and Dean Approval forms will be available on the CETL website and are due by 5 pm September 12, 2005. Laptops will be distributed the week of September 19.

IU Distinguished Teaching Award for Service Learning

The Committee on Distinguished Teaching Awards wishes to bring to your attention the opportunity for submitting nominations for the Thomas Ehrlich Award for Excellence in Service Learning.

Candidates for this award should provide evidence that they have implemented service-learning in a manner consistent with good practice, improved the course, reflected upon it, taken on leadership in their department, campus, and/or discipline and had an impact on students and the community both in and out of the classroom.

Outstanding candidates will have supported the integration of community or public service into the curriculum and made efforts to institutionalize service-learning. Individuals may make nominations directly to the committee or they may submit nominations through departmental chairpersons or deans.

If you would like more information, please see www.indiana.edu/~disteac, or email disteac@indiana.edu, or call 812-855-3761.
in discussions of what matters most. Things to consider, challenges, examples and a brief demonstration will be included.

**October 21, 2005**
9:00 - 11:00 am/12:00 - 2:00 pm  
(Keynote & Workshop)

**Fostering High Expectations in a Culturally and Economically Diverse Urban Institution**

James Anderson, Ph.D., Vice Provost, Texas A&M University

The morning will be a keynote address open to faculty, staff, and students. The afternoon will be an interactive session with faculty only.

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**Free Computing Workshops**

Workshops are open to IUN faculty, staff and registered students at NO CHARGE.

Descriptions and prerequisites are posted outside of Hawthorn 108 or on the web at: www.iun.edu/~train/

To register, please call Jackie Coven at 980-6960, email jcoven@iun.edu or visit Hawthorn 108.

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unofficial caregivers for their loved ones. But this is a highly stressful and challenging job, according to lecturer in social work Manoj Pardasani, Ph.D. He said that most of the recipients of caregiving can be physically disabled, but more often they have mental health and cognitive deficits (Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, dementia, etc). Therefore, the NWICAC wanted to create a manual and resource directory to be made available at no cost to the caregivers in the region, and MSW students stepped up to the challenge.

The manual is designed to assist the caregivers in learning about their responsibilities, finding support for themselves and their loved ones. The manual talks about safety in the home, several illnesses common among the elderly, financial and legal planning, caregiver support, etc. The resource section was created to enable them to connect with available service providers.

Patty Stovall, assistant director of NWICAC, approached the Division of Social Work for assistance in creating this manual. Pardasani and the five students worked together for five months to create the directory. It should be mentioned that getting five students was a feat because working with the elderly is the least popular field of practice. None of the students had ever worked with the elderly population through work or in the field. “The students said this experience was memorable and eye-opening,” Pardasani said. “We are excited to see the manual go to print and be available for free to this often underserved population.”

Pardansi and the students plan to present their collaboration experience at social work conferences as an example of service learning. “We are hoping more schools will replicate this model to infuse more gerontological content in their curriculum, and hopefully inspire students to consider this field of practice,” he said.
Join us for the Greatest SHOW on Broadway

WHAT: EMPLOYEE PICNIC  
WHEN: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23,  
12 p.m.- 3 p.m.  
WHERE: SAVANNAH GYM

JOIN RINGMASTER BERGLAND FOR:  
Three-Legged Relay Race  Juggling  Best Costumes  
Steve the Magician  
Bergland’s Grand Prize Game  
Hot Dogs  Turkey Legs  Cheese/Hamburgers  Fries  
Veggie Burgers  Cotton Candy  Ice Cream Bars  
Sno Cones  Carmel Apples  Nachos  Popcorn  
‘Contact Delores ‘Crawfo the Clown’ Crawford at x6645  
or decrawfo@iun.edu to RSVP by September 20th
September 19
**Constitution Day**
Marie Eisenstein, Assistant Professor of Political Science, will open her classes to the public in honor of Constitution Day: US Congress from 1:00-2:15 p.m.; Religion and Politics from 2:30-3:45 p.m.; and Introduction to American Government from 4:00-5:15 p.m.
*Library Conference Center Room 105 ABC*
Co-sponsored by the American Democracy Project (219) 980-6978, The Centers for Sustainable Regional Vitality and Cultural Discovery and Learning, Student Government Association, the School of Public and Environmental Affairs and the Department of Political Science.

September 22
**South Asia Day on Campus**
Activities celebrating the cultures of Southeast Asia and their contributions to life in northwest Indiana
*Savannah Center Auditorium and Lobby, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.*
Co-sponsored by Business & Economics (219) 980-6934 and Indo Pak Student Group.

September 23
**Puerto Rican Heritage Celebration**
*Savannah Center Auditorium*
6:00 p.m. reception; 7:00 p.m. Academic overview of Puerto Rican community and culture of Northwest Indiana; 7:30 p.m. Musical performance by AfriCaribe
Co-sponsored by Minority Studies (Latino Studies Program). (219) 980-6665 and Alianza Latina del Medio-oeste de America.

October 13
**Lecture in Race and Ethnicity**
*Savannah Center Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.*
Co-sponsored by Minority Studies
For information on speaker please contact Minority Studies at (219) 980-6665.

October 21
**Dr. James Anderson**
Vice President & Associate Provost of Texas A & M University, on “Fostering High Expectations in a Culturally and Economically Diverse Urban Institution.”
*Savannah Center Auditorium, 9:00-11:00 a.m.*

November 4
**9th Annual Noche de Celebracion**
Latino cultural performers from Northwest Indiana entertaining with colorful costumes, music, dance and song.
*Theatre Northwest, Tamarack Hall, 7:00 p.m.*
Co-sponsored by Minority Studies (Latino Studies Program) (219) 980-6665 and Alianza Latina del Medio-oeste de America.

November 7 - December 9
**Bernard Williams**
Art Exhibition sculptures using found items.
*November 7 Artist Lecture, Noon*
*November 17 Opening Reception, Noon- 2:00 p.m .
IU Northwest Gallery for Contemporary Art, Savannah Center*
Co-sponsored by IU Northwest Gallery for Contemporary Art (219) 980-6891.

November 17
**Women’s Studies Book Club Meeting**
*Women’s Center (Savannah Center 207), Noon*
Co-sponsored by Women’s Studies.

Sponsored by the Center for Cultural Discovery & Learning, Student Activities Board, Student Activities Fund Trustees and various faculty and student groups.

All events are free and open to the public.
All events are subject to change.
Alumni Jazz Brunch
Sunday, Sept. 18
11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Innsbrook Country Club, Merrillville
IUN Alumni Association is hosting its annual Jazz Brunch, featuring music from alum Scott Pazera, and a brunch buffet.

Campus Convocation
Wednesday, Sept. 21
3 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Savannah Auditorium
Annual campus convocation with Chancellor Bergland and unit deans. Buffett reception to follow.

Employee Picnic
Friday, Sept. 23
12 p.m.- 3 p.m.
Savannah Center
It’s going to be a circus around here! Join us for food, friendship, races, contests and prizes under the big top!

Guest Artist Concert by La Ste Duo
Sunday, Sept. 25
Theatre Northwest, Tamarack Hall
Please note that all Theatre Northwest productions require the purchase of a ticket. For information please call 980-6810.

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Thank you!

The 2005 RedHawks Merrillville Hidden Lake Co-Ed Softball League finished a great season with an overall record of 21-1, winning the D-division and the A-division tournament 4-0. Next Up: Schererville Co-Ed Softball League, Sunday nights. For more information, contact Anna Villanueva at x 6944, Office of Student Life and Athletics.