Gala raises more than $170,000 for scholarships and programs

By Alisha Throckmartin

As nearly 300 supporters of IU Northwest looked on, Chancellor Bruce Bergland accepted a check for $170,000 from gala committee co-chairs Neal Richter, DDS and Lynn Gassoway, DDS, which will benefit the new dental labs, student scholarships and various programs at IU Northwest.

This year’s event was held Thursday, November 10th at Avalon Manor in Merrillville. Local government, business and education leaders were on hand to celebrate the ongoing success of the fundraising campaign, which will continue to raise dollars for the new dental facility in the Medical/Professional Building.

As Chancellor Bergland spoke about the new labs, he reminded the audience of just how important this new facility is to the northwest Indiana region, as well as to the rest of the state. “Statistics show that more than 90% of all dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants in northwest Indiana are graduates of Indiana University. Our program educates the dental team member to discern and manage the ethical issues of dentistry in a rapidly changing environment,” said Bergland.

Director of Development Carmen Kent Bruner feels that the time and effort put forth by so many people resulted in a strong show of commitment to the goals of IU Northwest. “I am so pleased with the splendid success of the 20th Gala. This success would not have been achieved without the tireless efforts of our co-chairs, Neal Richter & Lynn Gassoway. They, along with the Gala Committee, helped to secure much needed funds for our dental clinic and student scholarships,” said Bruner.

Each year, the gala raises money that enables the university to provide scholarships for its students. A portion of the proceeds are also used to support projects that promote diversity and educational opportunities. In years past, these funds have been used for the Sculpture Garden and the establishment of the Early Literacy Academy.

ALMA awards four endowed scholarships

By Alisha Throckmartin

ALMA held its 3rd Annual Endowment Scholarship Dinner Dance November 12th in Merrillville. Three students from IU Northwest and one from Clark High School in Hammond received endowed scholarships based on academic, social and civic achievements.

ALMA has been serving students of Latino heritage for 25 years. Its mission is to promote the identity and unity of all Latino students through intellectual interactions, cultural events and social growth. Events such as the scholarship dinner allow the organization to recognize excellence amongst its members, and highlights the positive contributions these students make on campus and in their communities.

The guest of honor for the evenings festivities was Chancellor Bruce Bergland and the guest speaker was the Honorable Judge Jesse M. Villalpando, Jr. Villalpando spoke to the attendees about how he grew up with parents who taught him family and community values that have served him well in achieving his personal dreams. He encouraged students to work hard, believe in themselves, and to take advantage of the opportunities that an education at IU Northwest will provide them.

This year’s scholarship recipients are: Jazmin Montoya, a nursing major; Estaban “Danny” Gonzalez, a nursing major; Emiree Lopez, a double major in English and Spanish; and Josefa Garcia, a student at Clark High School in Hammond.

ALMA scholarship recipient Danny Gonzalez and presenter Jaqueline Guevara were all smiles after the awards presentation during the 3rd Annual Endowment Scholarship Dinner Dance.
Upcoming CETL Events

*Basics of Oncourse CL for Support Staff*

Thursday, December 1st
1:00 – 3:00 pm
OR
Friday, December 2nd
10:00 am - Noon

This hands-on training session is designed for Support Staff and will focus on Oncourse CL tools like Announcements, Syllabus, Schedule, Resources, Site Info, and Help. To accommodate varying schedules, two sessions covering the same material are being offered.

*Challenge, Potential, and Success: A University-Wide Approach to Classroom Response Systems*

Wednesday, December 14th
11:00 – 11:50 am

Engaging and assessing students in large lecture situations has always been challenging—until now. Purdue University’s installation of an effective, supportable, and scalable classroom response system in all classrooms answers the challenge. Students are more involved; faculty have more real-time feedback; and the institution has a sustainable model for classroom response.

This session is part of the “2nd Wednesdays@Noon,” a virtual brownbag series about teaching with technology offered by IHETS (Indiana Higher Education Telecommunication System).

For more information or to register for any of these sessions, please visit the CETL website at http://www.iun.edu/~cetl/services/workshops.shtml.

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7th Annual Midwest SoTL Conference: Call for Proposals

The Seventh Annual Midwest Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning will be held on April 7, 2006 at Indiana University South Bend...and CETL would like to send you for FREE! The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning will pay the registration fee and mileage for anyone from IUN who presents their research at this conference.

This year’s conference is centered around the theme, “Start with the Student: Research on How Students Learn,” and will feature keynote speaker Ken Bain, Ph.D., author of the book *What The Best College Teachers Do*. While the theme of this year’s conference is focused on how students learn, they are accepting proposals on all aspects of the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL). They plan to have several workshops and panel discussions on various facets of SoTL, including “how-to” workshops on classroom research and classroom portfolios, as well as presentations of actual examples of SoTL.

For more information about the conference and to view the call for proposals, visit http://www.iusb.edu/~ucet/sotl_2006.shtml. Proposals are due Friday, December 16th.

Spring 2006 courses now available in Oncourse

Spring 2006 courses are now available to faculty in Oncourse and are defaulted to Oncourse CL. Oncourse CL will see significant changes and enhancements before the beginning of the spring semester, meeting many of the requirements heard most from both faculty and students. If you find that the new release of Oncourse CL will not meet your teaching needs, you can opt out and return to original Oncourse. If you have any questions about which version of Oncourse to use or other Oncourse-related questions, please contact Jodie Reminder at jreminde@iun.edu or 981-5663.

Faculty are encouraged to participate in the UITS Faculty Notebook Computer Program at IU Northwest

The UITS Faculty Notebook Computer Program at IU Northwest is designed to provide an opportunity for faculty to use wireless technology in their classrooms, through Oncourse, to enrich and add flexibility to students’ learning experiences. Faculty members are encouraged to experiment with particular features of Oncourse within their existing courses, to migrate to Oncourse from another course management system, or develop new courses in Oncourse.

Any full-time tenured or tenure track faculty, lecturer, clinical faculty, librarian, or part-time faculty member teaching essential courses in a unit are eligible to apply. Applications and Dean approval forms are available on the CETL website and are due by 5 pm January 6, 2006. Those selected to receive the laptops will be notified during the week of January 23, 2006 and will be distributed the same week or as soon thereafter as possible. For additional information, visit the CETL website or call 980-6755.
IU School of Music receives $40.6 million gift

Indiana University President Adam W. Herbert announced the naming of the IU School of Music in honor of the late David H. Jacobs and his wife, Barbara, of Cleveland. The school will be known as the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in honor of the late David H. Jacobs and his wife, Barbara, of Cleveland. The Jacobs School of Music, which will begin its second century in 2010 and is considered one of the world’s pre-eminent institutions for the study of music, will use $20 million of the gift to endow graduate student fellowships and $10 million to endow under-graduate scholarships.

The gift also establishes endowed faculty positions. Additional funds will be used to support a number of varied initiatives within the school. The Jacobs gift qualifies for matching funds set aside by IU for the purpose of supporting endowed scholarships, fellowships and faculty positions.

“This extraordinary gift will add even greater luster to one of Indiana University’s brightest jewels,” Herbert said. “We are profoundly grateful to Barbara and David Jacobs for their generosity...It is with great pride that we name one of the nation’s best music schools in their honor.”


Scooter Pégram, Eva Mendieta, Robin Hass-Birky and Regina Jones are the recipients of a $3,000 Civic Reflection Grant for their project entitled “Conversations with Gary Youth.” The team will be working with (reading and discussing books and articles) a group of high school students from Roosevelt High School in Gary during the spring semester 2006.

Dr. Anja Matwijkiw, assistant professor of philosophy, delivered a paper titled “The Ethics of Globalization” for the COAS Research Conference at IU Northwest. She presented a talk November 18th at IIT (Illinois Institute of Technology), Chicago, entitled “The Ambivalence of the Revenge Ban.”

Notes of Distinction

Iztok Hozo, Ph.D., professor of mathematics published five refereed articles this year with various co-authors: “What is the probability that a new treatment for cancer in children will be superior to an established treatment? An observational study of randomized controlled trials conducted by the Children’s Oncology Group.,” forthcoming in British Medical Journal (2005); “Estimating the mean and variance from the median, range, and the size of a sample.” BMC Medical Research Methodology 5:13 (2005); “Allogeneic Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Transplant vs. Bone Marrow Transplant in the Management of Hematological Malignancies: An Individual Patient Data Meta-Analysis of 9 Randomized Trials.” Journal of Clinical Oncology 23.22 (2005), 5074-87; “Use of re-randomized data in meta-analysis” BMC Medical Research Methodology 5:17 (2005); “Evaluation of New Treatments in Radiation Oncology: Are They Better Than Standard Treatments?” JAMA (Journal of the American Medical Association) 293.8 (2005), 970-78. In the same issue of JAMA, the editorial board published an opinion “The Case for Randomized Trials in Cancer Treatment. New Is Not Always Better” prompted by our article. In addition, Dr. Hozo also became an honorary sheriff of Lake County. Better watch out!

Representatives from IU Northwest present a check for $1,025 to America’s Second Harvest. The funds are the result of various fundraisers held on the campus for Hurricane Katrina victims. America’s Second Harvest, along with the American Red Cross, have lead relief efforts since the August storm devastated the Gulf Coast region.

Gary Mayor Scott King discusses Lake County property tax issues with university and community members during the November “Glen Park Conversations” meeting in the library. The meetings are held monthly and feature a different speaker each month. Garrett Cope moderates the discussions and always has some surprises for participants.

Lee Botts Book Signing
Thursday, Dec. 1, 3-6 p.m
Author Lee Botts will sign copies of her new book “Evolution of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement” during a reception in her honor. Please RSVP by calling Daniel Lowery at (219) 473 - 4271 or email dlowery@ccsj.edu.

Katrina Benefit Concert
Friday, Dec. 2, 6 p.m.
Tamarack Hall Theatre
Area bands and performers join to give concert benefiting survivors of Hurricane Katrina. Sponsored by WJOB/Calumet Press and area businesses, 100% of the proceeds will go to victims of Katrina displaced to Northwest Indiana. $10 donation- general admission. For more information, please contact the Office of Student Life at x6792.

Semi-Annual Speech Forum
Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.
Raintree 102
IU Northwest Public Speaking students will give short speeches in a competitive format dealing with today’s social and cultural issues. Free refreshments will be served following the forum. For more information, contact Alicia Wright at x6985 or email alicwrig@iun.edu.

Portage Open House
Tuesday, Dec. 6, 3-6 p.m.
Portage Instructional Site, Portage Commons
Prospective students will have the opportunity to get information about programs, admission requirements, financial aid and student life. On-site admitting can be done if students have all information and application fee. For more information, contact Kathy Spicer at x6848.

Happy Holidays
Campus closed December 26-30, 2005

Computer Workshop Schedule
Computing Basics, Part 1
Monday Dec. 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Computing Basics, Part 2
Tuesday Dec. 6, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Word Processing Basic Skills
Wednesday Dec. 7, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

For reservations or questions, please contact Jackie Coven, IT Training Coordinator, Hawthorn 108B
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