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PRESIDENT

## A Date to Remember . . .

In July of 1985, when President Jim Hill and the Marion College Board of Trustees took the bold step to begin offering programs to working adults, who would have ever imagined the future? The decision was made despite opposition and sincere questions about how this move to serve working adults might change the nature and purpose of the College. After 65 years of serving a traditional undergraduate population with a fairly single focus on the Marion, Indiana, campus, this new adventure was a departure from the past and a venture into the unknown.

Indiana's educational level during those years ranked in the lower quartile of measures of a college-educated populous. Indiana did not have a community college and had rural regions of underserved adults who were place bound and could not leave their jobs and families to attend college in distant locations.

A bold vision emerged and was carried forward by President Jim Barnes, to offer an unapologetically Christian education in an "adult friendly" manner. In those early years, national marketers cautioned the administration that our Christianity should be downplayed if IWU truly wanted to grow.

As the story is told, after prayerful consideration the conclusion was that if a clear and unwavering declaration of our commitment to Christlikeness was a negative in the marketplace, so be it. We would not mask or hide our Christian heritage. God has honored that decision and, to the astonishment of the marketing gurus, IWU's growth actually accelerated from that point forward.

The 1988 change of our name from Marion College to Indiana Wesleyan University fueled the growth. We positioned ourselves not only with our sponsoring denomination, The Wesleyan Church, but also sought to be a regional University, not only serving Wesleyans and the local area of Marion, Indiana, but to reach out to our region, the nation and the world.

We honor those who have come before us with the vision that has transformed a College into a University known throughout the world. Today, Indiana Wesleyan University is becoming a nationally recognized Christian university seeking to change our world.

To God be the glory!

President of Indiana Wesleyan University

### MISSION STATEMENT

*Indiana Wesleyan University is a  
Christ-centered academic community committed  
to changing the world by  
developing students in character,  
scholarship and leadership.*

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# First Skepticism, Then Success

## IWU Celebrates 25th Anniversary of Adult Education

It all began in 1984 when Paul Hoffner, representing the Institute for Professional Development (IPD) stopped by what was then Marion College to tell administrators about a new model for adult education.

The idea, according to Dr. Marjorie Elder's history of Indiana Wesleyan University, was met with skepticism and suspicion. But Hoffner was persistent; he kept coming back.

Marion College administrators finally agreed to travel to Cardinal Stritch College in Milwaukee to see the program firsthand. They liked what they saw.

The late Dr. Leonard Mills, who was chairman of the Board of Trustees, agreed to visit a similar program at the University of Phoenix in Arizona.

Marion College Trustees and administrators did additional homework over the next few months and in March of 1985, despite faculty concerns about traditional education, signed a contract with IPD.

The first class – BSM-01 Business Management – was offered in July 1985 in Marion. There were 16 students in the class.

The name chosen for the new program: Leadership Education for Adult Professionals – LEAP! Elder picks up the story in *The Lord, The Landmarks, The Life*:

“As LEAP class after LEAP class was formed in city after city, each class to travel together through the modular curriculum toward graduation,

Marion College reached an ever larger constituency.

“But always there was the inspiration of that vision – reaching a new constituency with an excellent Christian liberal arts education, an education that would mean advancement for each student intellectually, spiritually, practically, in life and in the business world.”

Twenty-five years later, more than 45,000 working professionals have received degrees through the original LEAP program – which was expanded in the 1980s to include other programs under the umbrella of the IWU College of Adult and Professional Studies.

IWU's adult education programs have maintained their original focus on business-related degrees, but now include degrees in education, nursing, counseling and theology and ministry.

Associate, bachelor's and master's degrees are offered along with IWU's first-ever doctoral program, an Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership.

Almost 11,000 students are enrolled in IWU adult education programs – 5,500 of them online.

From that first class that met 25 years ago in a small building on IWU's Marion campus, the adult education program now encompasses

15 regional education centers: eight in Indiana, four in Ohio and three in Kentucky.

The College of Adult and Professional Studies celebrated its 25th anniversary by establishing a think tank called the Center for Innovation. The Center's mission is to discover what will be new in adult education in the next 20 years – and then implement it in five years at Indiana Wesleyan.

### INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

now has 15 regional education centers in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio where adult education programs are offered. Here's where to find those centers:

**INDIANA:** Indianapolis (two centers), Fort Wayne, Columbus, Kokomo, Shelbyville, Greenwood and Merrillville.

**KENTUCKY:** Lexington, Louisville and Florence.

**OHIO:** Cleveland (two centers), Cincinnati and Dayton.

In coming months, IWU plans to open additional regional education centers in South Bend, Indiana; Evansville, Indiana; and Columbus, Ohio.

You can find more information about IWU adult education programs online at [indwes.edu](http://indwes.edu) or by calling 866-IWU-4-YOU.



*Alberta Matrejek was a member of IWU's first adult education class.*

## 'THIS IS PERFECT, THIS WAS MADE FOR ME!'

**A**lberta Matrejek was a pioneer in Indiana Wesleyan University's adult education program, but she had no fear of walking into new territory.

"When I first learned of the LEAP (Leadership Education for Adult Professionals) program it was like, wow, this is perfect. This was made for me," said Matrejek. "I had confidence in what was then Marion College, so I had no concerns about the quality of my education."

Matrejek was one of 16 students in the first-ever LEAP cohort group that began in July 1985. At the time, she was a mid-management employee at Marion's General Motors Plant.

"There were five of us from the Marion GM plant in the first class, and General Motors paid our tuition, which was quite a help," she said. "At the time,

there was a very big push by GM to have employees further their education."

Matrejek completed her bachelor's degree in management in 1987, right on schedule, thanks to the support of her family – which consisted of her husband, Robert, and children ages 2 and 4.

"My husband was amazing," she said. "Every Sunday afternoon he would take the kids somewhere so I would have time to study."

Matrejek also returned to IWU for a Master of Business Administration degree that she earned in 1994.

"The master's program worked really well for my family because both of my children were in school, so we all could sit down together at the table to do our homework," Matrejek said.

Matrejek had one year of college at Ball State University and was taking one

class at a time there when the LEAP program began, but doubts she ever would have finished her degree without IWU.

"Everything just came together at the right time," she said. "Being married with two small children, it was just perfect for me."

Matrejek took early retirement from General Motors in 2008, after almost 30 years at the Marion plant. She began in finances and then moved to the human resources department.

"I received several promotions that I don't believe would have been possible without my two degrees from Indiana Wesleyan," she said. "The degrees not only were important to my resume, but they also helped raise my confidence level."

# Q&A

## Adult Education at IWU Reaches a Milestone

Programs Began 25 Years Ago to Fill a Niche in the Market



*Dr. Bridget Aitchison, Vice President of IWU's College of Adult and Professional Studies.*

**D**r. Bridget Aitchison, who became Vice President of Indiana Wesleyan University's College of Adult and Professional Studies in 2009, discusses the beginning of adult education at IWU – and how the University continues to build on that foundation.

**IWU was a pioneer of sorts when it began offering adult education classes in 1985. Now practically all colleges have followed suit. What has fueled this nationwide boom in adult education?**

I've always thought that adult education filled a niche in the market that wasn't being served. It's wonderful if you can go to college as an 18-year-old high school graduate and do a 4-year degree on campus, but not everyone has the money or the life circumstances to do that. Some people get married young and start their families. Some have to work because they can't afford tuition. And then they get into a cycle of having to work to survive, and then they can't take the time off to study. So there is a large part of the population that was disenfranchised from higher education. And adult programs allowed them to continue to work and to continue to raise their families while still getting their degree.

**In its early days, there were concerns that adult education would be second-rate compared to traditional models of higher education. Have those perceptions largely been erased?**

They have not been erased, but they have changed. There is a shift. People are beginning to understand that distance education, or adult education, can be just as rigorous. But there still is that

element of academia, usually traditionalists, who see it as second rate. I'm happy to say that in my 20 years of working in higher education, I've seen that shift remarkably, especially in the last few years with some very large players in the market. I'm hoping that during my time here that perception will go away.

**For a Christ-centered university such as IWU there also were concerns that our adult education programs might need to become somewhat secular to attract students. That was not the case, was it?**

It was not. Our courses are very much unapologetically Christian. There are devotions, there is a prayer chapel and there are chaplains at every site, and online chaplains and prayer forums. So whether you are studying onsite or online, there are devotions and prayer opportunities, and the curriculum is integrated. But because the quality is excellent, we draw a very large population of students, of whom many are not from faith backgrounds. We frequently receive emails from students who came to class not knowing Christ, who have given their hearts to the Lord – or from students who came to class having lapsed in their faith, who have recommitted their lives to the Lord. We receive many such testimonies.

**Talk about the growing role that online education now plays in our adult programs and what has fueled that trend.**

We are seeing a definite trend. Month by month, numbers are migrating from onsite to online. Right now, 40 percent of our students study online. We think that number will minimally be 50 percent within the next two years. The ages of our adult

learners are shifting from the 30's and 40's down to the mid-20's to late 30's, and we are starting to get the gaming generation, the millennials, coming through. Not the baby boomers anymore, not Gen X, but the millennial generation, and they are used to online lifestyles. I'm on Facebook. Sometimes it's the only way I can communicate with my two daughters during the day. We've often been in the same house, and they have been upstairs, and they have Facebooked me, "What's for dinner?" They are used to an online lifestyle. That is their paradigm. I was at EduCause in Denver last year, and there was a speaker from the National Science Foundation who said within 10 years, 50 percent of all high school courses would be online. That projection is important to higher ed, because when those students get out of high school, they are going to expect the same kind of connectivity at the university.

**Our first adult education programs primarily focused on degrees in business administration and management. How and why have we diversified into other academic areas?**

There has been a great need for adult education across other areas: Education, business, liberal arts, general degrees, counseling, religious studies, all sorts of areas. As need is there, we will fill that need. When we have new programs proposed to us, we do some very solid market research to determine if there really is a market or a need before we invest in developing the program. We are amazed at the number of programs we've been able to move into that have generated a successful market.

**What does the future hold? First, in possible new areas of study in adult education.**

It's a moving target. Every month we have a brainstorming meeting where new ideas are fed into the new-programs process, and then the research is done, and then we come out the other end with a couple of programs to pursue. We're finding a lot of interest in the behavioral and social sciences, other areas of counseling, and other areas of liberal arts. There is interest in doctoral degrees, a doctor of educational leadership, to complement our doctor of organizational leadership, a doctor of business management and a doctor of nursing. At the other end, there is interest in associate and bachelor's degrees in social sciences.

**Second, what does the future hold in delivery systems for adult education programs?**

Our Center for Distributed Learning has just been restructured to meet our growing demand for online students. We split that department into two groups, an Online Region, which has a regional dean and student support staff, the same way our onsite regions are put together. And that is to serve and support the needs of our online students. Then we have developed the Center for Innovation. We are restructuring that segment into a think tank, a creativity unit that will not only continue to populate our online courses with innovative learning objects, but they have also been

tasked with finding the next big thing 20 years out – and doing it in five years. That is the assignment they have been given. They will be creatively exploring all different ways of doing things. The important thing with our online delivery is that we're never going to do something just because it is cool; we're going to do it because it is cool and because it enhances the education of the student.

**We have crossed state lines into Ohio and Kentucky with adult education programs. And we also have a campus in northwest Indiana that draws students across the Illinois state line. Why have we been so successful in attracting students from adjoining states?**

Because we have a good reputation for quality courses and excellent student service, and that is a reputation I am determined to keep. We decided at the beginning of the adult program to do it differently. Instead of the professor being the center of the educational model, we put the student at the center. We built the systems to suit the student, and I think that level of student service is very attractive. The reputation that we have for the quality of our education precedes us.

**In May, we opened our 15th regional center in Florence, Kentucky. In coming months, we plan to open centers in Evansville and South Bend – both in Indiana – and in Columbus, Ohio. Are we looking beyond adjoining states as possible sites for additional education centers?**

We are starting to explore the market feasibility of a new hub in the Southwest. Adding three to five new education centers a year is our target for the next five years. We are going to saturate Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. We are looking at Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

**Finally, a personal question. You have lived in Australia for 20 years as an American expatriate. What brought you back to America? And, specifically, what brought you to IWU?**

God told me to come home, to come back to America. He sent eight people to give me the same words and the same scriptures over six months. I met Harry Hall, who works at IWU, at a conference in Hong Kong at the same time the Lord was telling me to come home. Every time I went to get a taxi, Harry was there in the queue right beside me. And every time I went down to breakfast, Harry was sitting alone. The Lord just kept throwing us together during those five days. So when I finally said to the Lord, "OK, I will go," the Indiana Wesleyan ad seeking a new vice president kept appearing. I acquiesced to the Lord and gave it a go, not expecting to get anywhere. But surprise, surprise, here I am.

"There are still days, since coming to IWU, that I pinch myself because I can hardly believe the privilege God has afforded me to serve as a member of this community as we serve adult learners."

# Spiritcare a Key Part of Adult Education Programs

*You gave me life and showed me kindness, and in your providence watched over my spirit.*

*Job 10:12 (NIV)*

Just as Job realized that God was caring for his spirit, Indiana Wesleyan University cares for the spirits – as well as the academic instruction – of students enrolled in IWU’s College of Adult and Professional Studies.

What is now a formal program known as Spiritcare Ministries had somewhat humble beginnings in the early days of IWU’s adult education programs.

“I was working at the world headquarters of The Wesleyan Church when Sharon Drury asked if I would stop by IWU’s Indianapolis Education Center on Saturdays to serve as a chaplain to Master of Education students,” said Rev. John Wrightsman.

“I started going every other Saturday to meet with classes, visit with students and spend time in the breakrooms,” Wrightsman said. “It was very casual, no heavy agenda. Just provide support and encouragement to students.”

Wrightsman’s hours as chaplain were expanded several times, and the more time he spent with students, the more the students responded to his ministry. Drury, after talking with several others, determined that the chaplaincy program needed more structure – and more chaplains.

Drury now teaches full-time in IWU’s doctoral program in organizational leadership.

Wrightsman, a 1975 IWU graduate, now works as the full-time Director of Spiritcare Ministries. In August 2008, Rev. Bob Burchell joined the program full-time as the first chaplain to IWU’s nearly 5,000 online students. Both Wrightsman and Burchell are ordained Wesleyan pastors.

When Burchell ‘88 was a student at IWU, preparing to be a minister, he never dreamed that his computer would someday be his pulpit.

“My college roommate had a computer, and I wondered why he wasted his time with it,” Burchell said. What a difference two decades have made.

In August 2008, Burchell’s name rose to the top of a list of 64 ordained pastors who applied to become the first chaplain for almost 5,000 students enrolled in online adult education programs at IWU.

Before taking the online chaplain’s job for IWU’s Spiritcare Ministries, Burchell was on the staff at Lakeview Wesleyan Church in Marion for five years.

“Occasionally I meet online students who visit campus, and a few times I have talked to students by phone, but over 99 percent

**“Most people who have contacted me online might never have contacted me or anyone in person.”**

—Bob Burchell



*Rev. John Wrightsman and Rev. Bob Burchell.*

of my contacts with students are through email. This is my pulpit,” Burchell said, pointing to his computer.

In two years as the online chaplain, Burchell said he has had significant e-dialogue with about 300 students. “Most of those responses have been to crisis situations,” he said. “We are trying to be more proactive so we are not just responding to crises.

“I’m guessing that the majority of online students do not have a relationship with the Lord or with a church. In many cases, I am dealing with the same situations I dealt with as a pastor,” he said.

Burchell takes his time preparing responses, realizing he may have just one chance to minister to a student. “It’s a helpless feeling to see all the needs that students have, reply to them and then never hear from them again,” he said.

Burchell ends each of his initial email responses with a prayer. “When I record that prayer, I try to make it feel as if I’m right there with the student praying and caring for them. And for some students, as they read that prayer, it’s the first time in their lives they’ve talked to God,” he said.

In some situations, Burchell said, the anonymity of email has been a plus. “Most people who have contacted me online might never have contacted me or anyone in person,” he said. “The only way they could be touched was online.”

The flip-side, he said, is one student he’s exchanged more than 400 emails with and another he’s exchanged over 200 emails with. “Online chaplaincy is a significant ministry modality. It’s

wide-open and a major way of ministry in the future. It cannot be ignored,” Burchell said.

IWU currently has almost 25 part-time chaplains who serve adult education students at 15 regional education centers – plus 44 satellite sites. Each cohort group is assigned a chaplain as it starts.

“Our intent is that chaplains will visit each cohort group a minimum of five times as students are working through their degree program,” Wrightsman said. “Most of our chaplains exceed that number of visits.”

With increasing frequency, Wrightsman said, chaplains have other contacts with students in crisis situations. And chaplains have been asked to conduct weddings for several students.

“For many of our adult education students, the chaplain for their cohort group is, in effect, their pastor,” Wrightsman said.

Wrightsmen said Spiritcare Ministries brings added credibility to the already excellent academic program that IWU offers.

“IWU already has a great reputation as an academic institution,” Wrightsman said. “When you bring the spiritual component into it, you’re not trying to sell anything, because they already are sold on the main product which is academics. It simply adds credibility to a program that students already appreciate and trust.”



# Truck Driver Pulls Off the Road and Into the Classroom

## 66-year-old Chases Dream to Substitute Teach

**W**hen a man drives a semi-trailer for 41 years – and travels five million miles – he has plenty of time to think. John Wesley Burroughs thought a lot about what he wanted to do with his life after he quit driving a truck.

“I knew when I retired, I wanted another career. I didn’t just want to quit,” said Burroughs, who is 66 and lives in Mason, Ohio. “I also wanted to have a back-up career in case I no longer was able to drive a truck.”

Burroughs decided he wanted to be a substitute schoolteacher, which requires a bachelor’s degree in Ohio. Burroughs had never attended college.

“I graduated from high school in 1961 with a 1.5 grade-point average,” Burroughs said. “There were six kids in my family. There was no way I could go to college.”

With the encouragement of his wife, Theresa, and their daughter, Burroughs began taking classes at the University of Phoenix while he still was driving a truck. “One of my first professors figured out quickly that I was a Christian, and he

suggested I might do better at Indiana Wesleyan University,” Burroughs said.

And thus began what would be a six-year journey for Burroughs at IWU. He earned an associate degree in 2007 – and was asked to speak at his graduation – and then completed a bachelor’s degree in 2009.

Even though he was no longer a truck driver, Burroughs continued to experience a few bumps in the road as a college student.

“I ran out of money while I was working on my associate degree,” Burroughs said. He took a six-month break from classes and found a job as a substitute custodian at a school near his home.

Burroughs took out a student loan to complete his bachelor’s degree and now works as a full-time groundskeeper at another school to pay back the loan. Both schools have given him the added opportunity to be a volunteer reading tutor.

“There was a girl in first grade who couldn’t read when I first started tutoring her. By the end

of the year, she was reading at a first-grade level,” Burroughs said. “I just sat and listened to her read. That’s all you need to do. Just be there.”

At his current job, Burroughs does not work December through February, so he plans to spend those three months as a volunteer tutor at the school where his wife works as a special education teacher’s aide.

Once his student loan is repaid, Burroughs will begin the process of applying for a license to be a substitute teacher in Ohio. “There is a real need for substitute teachers in our area, especially men,” Burroughs said.

Enrolling at IWU was the best decision he has made, Burroughs said.

“A lot of good things happened to me because of Indiana Wesleyan,” he said. “At IWU you only take one class at a time, so you can focus better on the subject matter. It is very intense, very fast paced.

“At my age, it’s tough to work, go to school and do everything else. Indiana Wesleyan made all of that possible for me,” he said.

# ACADEMIC HONORS

**Dr. Mary Brown**, Professor of English and Chair of the Division of Modern Language and Literature, was chosen



by her faculty colleagues as the first recipient of the Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring Award. Brown has taught at

Indiana Wesleyan University since 1985. Many of her students have established themselves in writing careers and already have garnered several awards. Other nominees for the faculty award were Dr. Jim Freemyer, Associate Professor of Graduate Education; Dr. Al Long, Associate Professor of Graduate Education, and Dr. Tim Steenbergh, Associate Professor of Psychology.

**Prof. Rob Curfman**, Associate Professor of Art and Chair of the Division of Art, has received a Special Recognition Merit Award for artwork in the 12th Annual Contemporary Art Juried Online International Art Exhibition hosted by Upstream People Gallery.



This international exhibition received about 300 entries from around the world. Fifty-four artists were selected by the juror,

Laurence Bradshaw, Professor of Art at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Curfman's artwork, titled "One Year, Every Three Minutes, Every Three Days," will be featured online at [www.upstreampeoplegallery.com](http://www.upstreampeoplegallery.com) until April 30, 2011. Curfman graduated from IWU in 1977 and joined the art division faculty in 1984.

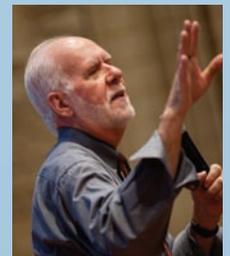
**Dr. Kurt Edwards**, Assistant Professor of Communication and Theater, wrote a book review in *Christian Scholar's Review* in which he dismantled the logic in *Performing the Sacred: Theology and Theatre in Dialogue*, by Todd E. Johnson and Dale Savidge.

**Dr. Rusty Hawkins**, John Wesley Honors College Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow, received a \$3,000 Visiting Research Fellowship from Baylor University's Institute for Oral History for 2010-2011. He will spend two weeks in Waco, Texas, before May 31, 2011, to use the Institute's holdings for his book research. The working title for Hawkins' book, which has been accepted for publication by Louisiana State University, is *Religion, Race, and Resistance: Southern White Evangelicals and the Dilemma of Civil Rights*.

**Dr. Jerry Pattengale**, Assistant Provost for Scholarship and Public Engagement, has been invited to hold the Visiting Fellowship for Education and Civil Discourse at The Indianapolis-based Sagamore Institute for the coming year. Pattengale will use the research position to explore the role of higher education

in fostering civil dialogue in a free democratic society. He also serves as the Executive Director of IWU's National Conversations: A Series of Civil Dialogues About Society's Wellbeing, which is jointly sponsored by the Sagamore Institute. Pattengale graduated from IWU in 1979, and joined the faculty in 1997. His 2010 books include *The Purpose-Guided Student* (McGraw-Hill) and *Helping Sophomores Succeed* (Jossey-Bass), and he recently was named the Associate Publisher for *Christian Scholar's Review*. He holds a Ph.D. and M.A. from Miami University in Ohio and also an M.A. from Wheaton College in Illinois.

**Dr. J. Bradley Garner**, Assistant Dean for Teaching and Learning in the College of Arts and Sciences, has become a national fixture through his Teacher's Toolbox, which is hosted by the University of South Carolina's National Resource Center. The Toolbox was originally created for IWU faculty members



but now has thousands of hits each month nationally. Garner also has finished a book for the National Resource Center. The working title for the book, with a 2011 projected release date, is *Teaching Strategies for First-Year Students*.



**Dr. Denise Ferguson,** Associate Professor of Journalism and Public Relations and Chair of the Division of Communication,

has successfully completed the Examination for Accreditation in Public Relations, entitling her to use the APR professional designation. The accreditation program aims to improve the practice of public relations by assessing competence in 60 areas of knowledge, skills and abilities associated with the profession. Ferguson also is the advisor to the new Public Relations Student Society Chapter at IWU, which is the only such chapter at an Indiana evangelical Christian university. Ferguson joined the IWU faculty in 2004.

**Dr. Jason Runyan,** Assistant Professor of Psychology, and **Dr. Matthew Kreitzer,** Associate Professor of Biology, wrote a review essay titled “The Neuroscience of Religious Experience” for *Christian Scholar’s Review*. The review was a critical in-depth analysis of a book by the same title, written by Dr. Patrick McNamara of the Boston University School of Medicine. The review challenged McNamara’s key tenets, especially his controversial view of the self. McNamara’s reflections and response followed the essay by Runyan and Kreitzer.

**Dr. Bob Whitesel,** Professor of Missional Leadership at Wesley Seminary at IWU, received the Donald A. McGavran Award from Fuller Theological Seminary for his scholarship and research into the field of church growth. The award was

presented at Fuller’s commencement where Whitesel received a Ph.D. degree in church change, which is his second earned doctorate from the seminary.



He also has a D.Min. degree from Fuller. Whitesel’s recent award is the second award he has received that was named in honor

of McGavran, who founded Fuller Seminary’s School of Intercultural Studies. The American Society for Church Growth presented the first award. The two awards are the highest given for research in the field of church growth. The Fuller award is not given annually, but only when the faculty determines there is a deserving recipient.

Dr. Whitesel also published three books within eight months this year. The books are *Spiritual Waypoints: Helping Others Navigate the Journey*, published by Wesleyan Publishing House in April; *Foundations of Church Administration: Professional Tools for Leadership*, which was jointly edited by Whitesel, Bruce Peterson and Edward A. Thomas, and was published in August by Beacon Hill Press; and *Waypoint: Navigating Your Spiritual Journey*, which will be published in November by Wesleyan Publishing House.

**Mr. Adam Wren,** who graduated from IWU in 2003 with majors in English and social science, received the Harrington Award from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. This is the top academic award given to a student in each program at Medill, which is one of America’s top journalism

schools. Wren also received a Carnegie Fellowship, which he completed in July.

**Michelle Sobon, Ashley Davidson and Lauren Bogear,** all students in IWU’s Addiction Counseling program, wrote an article titled “Career-Sustaining Behaviors of Addiction Counselors” that was published in the July/August 2010 edition of *Addiction Professional Magazine*. **Dr. Tim Steenbergh,** Associate Professor of Psychology, and **Dr. Katti Sneed,** Associate Professor of Addictions Counseling and Social Work, assisted the students with the article. **Mr. Don P. Osborn,** Executive Director of IWU’s Addictions Studies Center and the Director and Professor of Graduate Addictions, said the article was of important value to the addiction counseling profession.



**Dr. Sharon Drury,** Professor of Organizational Leadership, and **Dr. David Wright,** Provost and Chief Academic Officer, wrote chapters in

*Foundations of Church Administration: Professional Tools for Leadership* (Beacon Hill, 2010), which was co-edited by Dr. Bob Whitesel. Drury wrote the chapter titled “Cultivating God’s Call To Learn,” and Wright wrote the introduction to the book.

**Dr. Katie Karnehm,** Assistant Professor of English, was accepted for the 2010 Lilly Fellows Summer Seminar on Gender and Christianity. She represented IWU and joined other colleagues from around the country for a month in June at Seattle Pacific University.

# Seminary Students Bring New Energy to Church

Joshua Johnson is 35 years old and felt a call to the ministry when he was in high school. Judy Chroniak is 70 years old and felt a call to the ministry when she was 69 years old.

Their paths first crossed in a class taught by Dr. Bob Whitesel at Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan Seminary where both Johnson and Chroniak had enrolled as students in September 2008.

Johnson was the pastor of Hope Wesleyan Church in Fowler, Indiana, and was preparing for ordination. Chroniak was retired after teaching 30 years in the Indianapolis Public Schools and was preparing for a new career as a nursing home chaplain.



Rev. Joshua Johnson and Mrs. Judy Chroniak.

As a result of that chance encounter in the seminary classroom, both of their lives were changed.

“We struck up an immediate friendship,” Chroniak said. “We kept in touch by email, and Josh was invited to stay at my home in Indianapolis when he brought his son to Riley Hospital for treatment.”

Johnson invited Chroniak to visit Fowler to see what was happening at Hope Wesleyan Church. “I didn’t know what the result would be, but I was just praying she would at least come for a visit,” he said.

Chroniak not only came to visit; she never left Fowler.

“I believe Josh had been praying that I would either love Fowler or I would hate it,” she said. “When I drove through the windmills in Benton County, the area was beautiful and overwhelmed me. I knew Fowler is where God wanted me to be.”

Benton County, in northwest Indiana, is home to one of the world’s largest wind farms with more than 500 turbines. With fewer than 9,000 people, it is one of Indiana’s smallest counties.

A year ago, Chroniak became the associate pastor of Hope Wesleyan Church, which initially was an unpaid, part-time job. “Judy is twice my age but has 10 times the energy that I have,” Johnson said. “Her job is part-time in name only.”

Chroniak gives God the credit for whatever energy she has. “I was called here to help Josh, who is a great man of God,” she said. “I am just a worker.”

The work taking place at Hope Wesleyan Church is out of proportion to the size of the church itself. “We refer to ourselves as a ‘church without walls’ because our building isn’t big enough to house our entire ministry,” Johnson said.

Ironically, the first ministry Chroniak began was at the Benton County Retirement Village, formerly called the county home, a county-operated care facility for indigents.

“Bob Whitesel, told me, “You’re going to be a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,” Chroniak said. “My response: ‘No, I’m not. I’m going to be a nursing home chaplain.’”

Chroniak also oversees the church’s pre-school program, which will expanded from mornings only to all day in the fall. She also organized a pre-school soccer program.

“I’m not coaching, though,” she emphasizes. “I can’t run anymore and, besides that, I don’t know anything about soccer.”

The church also sponsors the community Easter egg hunt, Breakfast in Bethlehem (like Breakfast with Santa except with Bible characters form the Christmas story like Mary and Joseph) and has built a small playground for neighborhood children beside the church. The church also is responsible for the women’s jail ministries for the county.

Johnson is active in the community including crisis intervention, community services and chairing the Benton County Ministerial Association.

“We are just very involved in our community,” Johnson said. “This is the most vibrant church I ever have been a part of, even though I have pastored congregations that were numerically much larger”

In 2009 and 2010, Hope received the Wesleyan denomination’s Excellence in Ministry Award for church growth and outreach.

“While we are a tiny church, we are fulfilling our mission to ‘Reach, Love and Serve the Least, Last and Lost for Jesus,’” Johnson said.

# Hispanic Leader to Join Wesley Seminary at IWU

The Rev. Joanne Solis-Walker, an ordained pastor in The Wesleyan Church, has agreed to serve as Director of Latino Latina Education for Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University. The seminary opened in August 2009.

“Joanne has a demonstrated track record of building programs that serve Hispanic leaders,” said Dr. Wayne Schmidt, Vice President of the Seminary. “She has built a strong network of relationships with Hispanic leaders in The Wesleyan Church and beyond.”

Solis-Walker will continue to live in Florida, where she has 10 years of pastoral experience. She will work part-time for the Seminary while completing work on her Ph.D. at Regent University in Virginia.

The focus of her doctoral project is Latino Latina Theological Education and its organizational development.

Solis-Walker and her husband, Dan, both have Master of Divinity degrees from Asbury Theological Seminary.

Solis-Walker, who is Hispanic and bilingual, is one of six appointed members of the Hispanic Leadership Council of The Wesleyan Church. She has served as Director of the Latino Latina Studies Program at Asbury Seminary and as Director of Hispanic Church Mobilization for FollowOne International.

“Joanne’s involvement in her newest role will accelerate Wesley Seminary at IWU’s capacity to become known as a premier practice-oriented seminary for Hispanic pastors and leaders in The Wesleyan Church and beyond,” Schmidt said.

“Our hope is that thousands of Hispanics, nationally and internationally, will be educated at Wesley Seminary at IWU in the coming decades,” he said.



Rev. Joanne Solis-Walker, IWU’s new Director of Latino Latina Education for Wesley Seminary.

# Shaping the Future of IWU Leadership

## IWU Designs Leadership Program for Women

While serving as Dean of Indiana Wesleyan University's College of Adult and Professional Studies, Dr. Sharon Drury began to sense there was a leadership vacuum on campus.

"I asked who was being prepared to become department chairs and a colleague said, 'I don't think anyone wants to be a leader,'" Drury said. "I thought to myself, 'Well, we need to do something about that.'"

What Drury did was talk to her colleagues, Dr. Cynthia Tweedell and Dr. Karen Hoffman, and, collectively, they laid the groundwork for what has become an ongoing Leadership Development for Women program on campus.

Drury now teaches full-time in IWU's Doctor of Organizational Leadership program.

"It was embarrassing to tell people from other colleges that IWU had never had a female vice president – at least at that time," said Dr. Cynthia Tweedell, who wrote the proposal for the leadership program. "I thought to myself, this has to stop."

Tweedell is the Executive Director of the Research Center in Adult Learning, a joint effort between IWU and the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Karen Hoffman, Associate Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, said leadership development had been identified as something IWU had needed for a long time. "This need was not based on gender, but leadership development in general," she said.

Hoffman, Drury and Tweedell, members of the first women's leadership cohort, now serve as the steering committee for the program.

IWU President Henry Smith has advocated for leadership development and the inclusion of women in leadership at IWU since being named President-elect. Dr. Larry Lindsay, Chief of Staff to President Smith, provided assistance to



the steering committee as well as leadership development workshops through the Best Christian Workplace initiative for all IWU employees.

Lindsay, who was a colleague of Zig Ziglar before joining IWU, has conducted leadership seminars nationwide.

Twenty women, representing a cross-section of IWU female employees, were chosen in January 2008 for the first cohort. A second group of women is now participating in what is a year-long program that begins and ends with an off-campus retreat.

A new cohort is chosen every other year.

Each woman in the program is assigned a mentor, which can be either a man or a woman. "Selecting a mentor is a careful process that involves the woman herself and those of us in leadership in the program," Tweedell said.

Some women who were in the first cohort group are now mentoring women in the second group, Hoffman explained.

"Women in the cohort must draft a professional development plan and share it with their mentor," Drury said. "They also must write a mid-point reflection paper and an



*Dr. Sharon Drury, Dr. Karen Hoffman and Dr. Cynthia Tweedell talk with each other in IWU's Student Center.*

ending reflection paper.”

Cohort members also take the StrengthsQuest assessment to help them explore and discuss their strengths.

“Just being selected for the program identifies you as someone with potential,” Hoffman said. “It changes the way

**“Leadership is a very influential piece in any department. We call it, ‘seeing a better place to be and influencing others to get there.’”**

you begin to think about your career.”

Five months before the first women’s leadership cohort began in May 2008, IWU hired its first female vice president: Kris Douglas, Vice President for Enrollment Management.

“It’s tough to break the glass ceiling, to be the first woman

to do it,” Tweedell said. “It’s kind of funny, but Kris Douglas was not even aware that she was the first woman vice president at IWU.”

The University since has hired two more women as vice presidents. Dr. Darlene Bressler is the Vice President and Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Bridget Aitchison is Vice President for the College of Adult and Professional Studies.

“Leadership is a very influential piece in any department. We call it, ‘seeing a better place to be and influencing others to get there,’” Drury said. “The leadership development program for women has provided a way to do that.

“IWU has realized and acknowledged that women sometimes need extra support to see that they can become leaders – even if they are not positional leaders. And many of them aspire to be positional leaders,” she said.

Hoffman said the program raised the consciousness level about women on campus. “It put women on the minds of administrators, so that they are part of the conversation when the University is looking for leadership,” she said.



IWU's Thomas Collet won the NAIA National Championship in the men's long jump.



# NAIA NATIONALS

Track Meet Draws Big Crowd, Rave Reviews

Even before registration began for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Track and Field championships at Indiana Wesleyan University, Mark DeMichael tried to visualize how big the event would be.

“And then when it is time for the opening night celebration, you look out over the crowd and say to yourself, ‘Wow, this is a lot of people,’” said DeMichael, who is IWU’s Athletic Director.

To be precise, the men’s and women’s national championships in May attracted 2,038 athletes and coaches. During the three-day meet, there were 3,100 paid admissions by fans who came to watch the athletes perform.

The NAIA assessment forms given to each participating school won’t be tabulated until the end of summer, but DeMichael said the preliminary reviews on the meet have been positive.

“Several people told us that IWU set the gold standard for hosting the national track and field meet,” DeMichael said. “Others suggested that IWU should consider hosting the event permanently.”

IWU currently has a three-contract, which extends through 2012 to host the event, with an option to extend the contract for a fourth year.

DeMichael said one of IWU’s strongest selling points was the University’s commitment to provide housing and food services for athletes and coaches within walking distance of the outdoor athletic complex.

“Everyone seemed to appreciate the Olympic Village atmosphere we were able to create, which was really rewarding to hear because that was one of our primary goals from the beginning,” DeMichael said.

He said athletes and fans alike applauded the shuttle system, consisting of golf carts and people movers borrowed from the City of Marion, that was used to move people around campus.

Previous NAIA national track and field meets had been held in larger cities where athletes had to stay in suburban hotels.

Marion was the smallest city ever to host the event, DeMichael said.

“The weather was perfect, which makes everyone happy, and the meet itself ran smoothly,” DeMichael said. “Some officials have worked the NAIA nationals for 15 years, and they also had positive comments on how well the meet was run.”

There was just one minor complaint. “We needed better signs for people to find restrooms,” DeMichael said.

IWU spent almost \$300,000 making improvements to host the nationals, and DeMichael said the money came from what was in effect a loan from the IWU Board of Trustees.

“Our job now is to pay back the loan,” DeMichael said. “We plan to have the entire

\$300,000 paid back to the University by the end of the third year of hosting the event. All of the money will be paid back with the revenue-over-expenditures money from the three years that we host the meet, with 2010 being the first year. Some of the money will come from entry fees for athletes and admission fees for fans, but most of it will come from revenue to house and feed athletes and coaches.”

DeMichael said Baldwin Dining Room in the IWU Student Center served 18,000 meals during the nationals.

The NAIA National Track and Field championships will again be held at IWU on May 26-28, 2011.

## IWU Athletes Also are Stars in the Classroom

The men and women who represent Indiana Wesleyan University in athletic competition have won another first, but the latest honor was earned in the classroom.

All 14 IWU athletic programs have received Scholar Team Awards from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Each team must maintain a 3.0 grade-point average to be named to the NAIA list.

“We are so proud of our teams in having achieved this tremendous accomplishment,” said Mark DeMichael, Director of Athletics at IWU. “This accomplishment reflects the quality of student-athletes that our coaches are dedicated to recruiting.

“It also reflects the emphasis that our athletic department places on the academic achievement of our student-athletes. We are blessed to have true student-athletes that actually do excel both in the classroom and in athletics,” he said.

Most years, IWU athletes are well represented in the scholastic achievement for the NAIA, but this appears to be the first time that every team received scholar awards. A year ago, however, 13 of 14 teams earned the award.

“It is truly an amazing feat to have all of our teams achieve this level of recognition,” said Dr. Todd Voss, Executive Vice President. “It shows our athletic department priorities well! Embedded in the mission of IWU athletics are these words: ‘To encourage spiritual growth, academic achievement, leadership development and athletic excellence within our students ...’”

# Dr. Marjorie Elder, IWU Legend, Takes ‘Early Retirement’

After teaching at Indiana Wesleyan University for 62 years and as her 89th birthday anniversary approached, Dr. Marjorie Elder, Professor of English, caught a few friends and colleagues off guard.

“I’m going to take early retirement,” Elder announced as the 2009-2010 academic year drew to a close. She clearly was exhibiting her wonderful sense of humor, but there was a smattering of truth in Elder’s announcement as well.

In an interview for the *Triangle* five years ago, Elder had outlined criteria for her eventual retirement. “As long as I’m healthy and my head works a little, I’ll keep teaching,” Elder said. “I trust someone will tell me when it’s time to quit.”

Two of those criteria did not figure into Elder’s decision to retire. Her head still works – much more than just a little – and no one told her it was time to quit.

Elder’s health became the determining factor.

“My back won’t improve; it probably will get a little worse,” Elder said. “I’ve talked with doctors and prayed about it, and I had a sense it was exactly the right time to retire. Ruth Bainbridge agreed.”

Dr. Ruth Swanson Bainbridge, a former student, is now Elder’s physician.

Elder graduated in 1945 from Marion College, where she was the first woman to serve as student government president during her senior year. She taught at the college for a year before teaching three years in a public school in Gas City.

Elder returned to Marion College in 1949 and signed her first contract – for \$1,800. She still keeps that first contract,

along with 61 others, in chronological order in a flowered stationery box in her office.

Since 1949, Elder has been away from campus for only one year: To complete her doctorate at the University



Dr. Marjorie Elder

of Chicago. For many of those years, she lived with her mother – Mae Elder – who was the manager of the campus bookstore.

“I taught full time until 1995, but began to realize that I needed to back up a little,” Elder said. “The president gave me time off to write a 75-year history of the university, which about burned me out, and I went to half-time teaching after that.”

The 480-page history is titled *The Lord, The Landmarks, The Life*. It is the only history ever written about Marion College and Indiana Wesleyan University, and Elder emphasizes that she has no desire to update the book.

“I have informed the powers that be that I am not interested in writing the 100-year history of IWU,” she said. “I enjoyed working with it immensely, but I don’t want to work with it again. I enjoy speaking, but I never saw myself as a writer.”

Instead of speaking or writing, Elder said she plans to spend a lot of time reading. Although students always will associate her with Melville and Hawthorne and Dickinson and C.S. Lewis, Elder said she enjoys reading mysteries.

“Not the bloody kind of mysteries, but the figure-it-out kind,” she said.

Elder moved six years ago to Colonial Oaks Apartments, and she sold her car and gave up driving a few months ago – “Even though I didn’t have any kids to tell me it was time to quit driving,” she said.

The thing she will miss the most, however, are the book-buying trips that she and lifelong friend Alice Bowman Wills did for 10 years. The women spent the summer months traveling the Midwest in search of used books for friends.

“We had great fun,” Elder said. Although the trips will end, the fun will continue. Elder and Wills now live just a few doors from each other, with a lifetime of memories and the time to share them.

## Dr. Doris Scott Retires After 31 Years on Nursing Faculty



Dr. Doris Scott

The Indiana Wesleyan University School of Nursing lost one of its most senior members when Dr. Doris Scott, Professor of Nursing, retired in

May after 31 years on the faculty.

The nursing program was just four years old and had just graduated its first class of 40 students when Scott began teaching in 1979. Over the next three decades, she has had a front-row seat – and played a key role – as nursing became the largest major on campus with almost 2,200 students now enrolled.

“Brenda Sloan and I, who joined the faculty at the same time, estimate that we have taught 1,700 undergraduate nursing majors,” Scott said. Although nursing professors teach a variety of courses, Scott’s specialty was mental health nursing.

Scott was born in Michigan where her father, Emory Scott, was a Wesleyan pastor. Her 95-year-old mother, Ruth, lives near the IWU campus with Scott.

Before coming to IWU, Scott served three years as a Wesleyan missionary in Sierra Leone. She served as a primary caregiver at a clinic in a small town there and traveled to nearby villages to treat patients.

Previously, she worked at a hospital in Fort Wayne and as a county health department nurse in Hillsdale County, Michigan.

While a professor, Scott had opportunity to return to the mission setting by accompanying nursing students to Haiti.

Scott earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing from Columbia University in New York City. After joining the IWU faculty, she earned a master’s degree and her doctorate from Ball State University.

Now that she is retired, Scott plans to do some adjunct teaching in the IWU nursing school. She also wants to do some things that she never had time to do while she was teaching full time.

“I want to sit in on Wilbur Williams’ Old Testament class,” she said. “And there are a few other courses on campus I also would like to take.”

Now that Scott is retired, Brenda Sloan moves to the top of the nursing school seniority list.

## Addictions Counseling Receives National Award

Indiana Wesleyan University’s addictions counseling programs received the 2010 Richard Fairbanks Circle of Hope Award, which is given annually to an individual or organization that advances the understanding and treatment of addictions.

The national honor, sponsored by Fairbanks in Indianapolis, was presented at a June dinner where singer and songwriter Judy Collins was the speaker. Collins is a recovering alcoholic, and her 33-year-old son committed suicide in 1992 after a long struggle with alcoholism.

“To receive the prestigious Fairbanks award distinguishes Indiana Wesleyan University’s Addictions Counseling programs as one without equal in preparing students in scholarship, practice and professionalism,” said Don P. Osborn, Director and Professor of Graduate Addictions Counseling and Executive Director of the Addiction Studies Center.

Helene Cross, Fairbanks president, said IWU is a special place in the world of addictions treatment. “No one else is doing the total work that Indiana Wesleyan is doing in addictions counseling, education and research,” she said.

## Honoring the Life of Joy McCallum



Mrs. Joy McCallum

Joy E. McCallum, who had been the office manager for the Indiana Wesleyan

University Division of Modern Language and Literature for 12 years, died April 11 after being diagnosed with brain cancer in January. She was 63.

Joy was the wife of Rev. Charles J. McCallum Jr., who is the Executive Director of Colonial Oaks Retirement Community. The McCallums were in the pastorate for many years at Wesleyan churches in New York, Kansas and Indiana.

Joy was the daughter of Dr. Robert McIntyre, who is a General Superintendent-Emeritus of The Wesleyan Church.

The McCallums and their two children, Chad McCallum and Teresa Batman, graduated from IWU. Memorials may be made to the Joy E. McCallum Memorial Scholarship Fund at IWU.

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### Gaither Vocal Band to Perform at Homecoming



The Gaither Vocal Band

The Gaither Vocal Band – featuring Michael English, Bill Gaither, Wes Hampton, Mark Lowry and David Phelps – will perform at IWU's 2010 Homecoming concert. The concert will be on Saturday, October 2, in the new chapel-auditorium.

The Homecoming theme, "All Things are Possible With God," is based on IWU's 2010-11 Scripture Verse: *Looking at them, Jesus said, "With people it is impossible, but not for God.*

*All things are possible with God."* Mark 10:27 (New American Standard)

Homecoming 2010 will begin Thursday, September 30, with the coronation ceremony, the annual Torch Run from downtown Marion and a bonfire on the lawn of the President's home.

Although the Homecoming concert has been moved from Friday to Saturday night, the Alumni Banquet will be on Friday night as usual. A dessert reception, featuring several IWU musical groups, will follow the Alumni Banquet in the Student Center.

Dr. Earle Wilson, General Superintendent-Emeritus of The Wesleyan Church, will speak at the President's Prayer Breakfast on Friday morning. Dr. Diane Foley '80, a physician in Colorado Springs, will speak at the Homecoming chapel service, also on Friday.

A time also is planned on Homecoming weekend to celebrate the 40th anniversary of women's athletics at IWU.

See [indwes.edu](http://indwes.edu) for the full Homecoming schedule and ticket information.

### Ceremony to Honor James and Tommie Barnes



Dr. James and Prof. Tommie Barnes

The largest building on IWU's campus will be renamed officially on Homecoming weekend as the Barnes

Student Center, in honor of Dr. James B. Barnes and his wife, Professor Tommie S. Barnes.

IWU Trustees approved the new name in March.

James Barnes was the President of IWU from 1987 until his retirement June 30, 2006, and he continued to serve as University Chancellor until December 31, 2009. Tommie Barnes has been a professor in IWU's Education Division since 1988.

### IWU Receives State Grant To Make Energy Upgrades

Indiana Wesleyan University has received an \$85,790 grant from the Indiana Office of Energy Development to make energy-efficient upgrades to several facilities on IWU's Marion campus.

The money will be used to replace some outdated heating, cooling and lighting fixtures with more energy efficient models. Specific projects include:

- Lighting retrofits at Evans and Hodson residence halls.
- Replacement of the boiler plant and chiller at Beard Arts Center.
- Replacement of the heat pump to increase the efficiency of air conditioner units at Shatford residence hall.

"It is my hope that this grant will be the first of many to help IWU advance in the areas of energy efficiency and sustainability," said Megan Leder-Stephens, Project Manager for Operations and Facilities Planning at IWU.

Fifty Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants, totaling \$2.85 million were awarded statewide, according to Indiana Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman. Recipients were selected through a competitive process that drew 105 applications. The program is funded through the U.S. Department of Energy and administered in Indiana by the Indiana Office of Energy Development.

"We take seriously our responsibility to operate our campus in a way that promotes good stewardship of our natural and energy resources," said Brendan Bowen, IWU's Vice President for Operations and Facilities Planning.

# IWU Senior Working as Summer Intern

# at ESPN

An Indiana Wesleyan University communication media major is spending her summer as IWU's first intern ever placed at ESPN world headquarters in Bristol, Connecticut.

Alex Canfield, a senior from Lucas, Ohio, was one of 89 interns chosen from an initial pool of about 10,000 applicants. The internship program includes regular pay, subsidized housing and extensive training in jobs across the company.

"We're trying to recruit the future of ESPN, we're looking to convert our interns into full-time, entry-level employees," said Joe Franco, ESPN Manager of College Relations.

Canfield is assigned to the network control division and is the first intern ever trained in that area. Network control is the final link before ESPN programming goes on the air. Its staff is responsible for getting live programs on and off at the proper time, seeing that commercials are aired, and making adjustments when live events run overtime.

Canfield is drawing positive feedback. "She's doing great, training well, asking good questions," said Sharon Loh, Operations Analyst and Canfield's direct supervisor.

Vinny Thibeau, Associate Manager of Network Control, was part of the team that screened intern applicants through phone conferences.

"What I looked for was someone who had a diverse set of experiences,

and that's what jumped out with Alexandra," Thibeau said. "There was a lot of stuff she did within the local community and at school. What won us over was her personality, her excitement to talk about what she did, and she had

IWU. "She's one of those students who caught the TV bug as a freshman at WIWU-TV and then just kept showing up, wanting to learn and do more," said Dr. Randall E. King, Professor of Media Communication and Director of Broadcast Media.

Canfield was the first sophomore appointed to a student leadership position at WIWU-TV and has served as a director, sports producer and multi-faceted production associate.

Canfield said Indiana Wesleyan's academic program clearly prepared her for an ESPN internship, but the IWU experience goes much further.

"While some of that knowledge is useful and all of the experience at the TV station is invaluable, it all comes down

to relationships," she said. "It was the moments sitting in the professor's office or taking a little extra time in the studio or control room that has prepared me the best for this internship."

ESPN partners with some 130 colleges and universities for specific recruitment efforts, but accepts intern applications nationwide.



Alex Canfield at ESPN world headquarters in Bristol, Connecticut.

a great set of questions to ask us."

Canfield said ESPN could not be more supportive. "Being new and coming into such a company I just expected my role would be insignificant. What I found was that they were excited for me to be here and are eager to share knowledge with me. It's like they're on my team," she said.

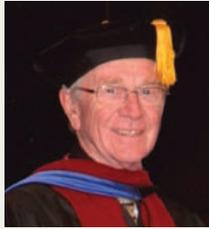
Canfield's success at ESPN is no surprise to her peers and mentors at

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### IWU Honors Edwin Hoover and Wilbur Williams



Dr. Edwin Hoover



Dr. Wilbur Williams

Edwin Hoover, who has served on the Indiana Wesleyan University Board of Trustees for 35 years, received an honorary Doctor of Business Management degree during graduation ceremonies in May. Dr. Wilbur Williams was named Professor of the Year for a record eighth time.

Hoover, a retired businessman in Lafayette, has served as co-chairman of the IWU Board for the past year. He attended IWU for two years in the 1940s before transferring to Purdue University where he earned a degree in electrical engineering.

Williams, an Associate Professor of Biblical Literature and Archaeology, graduated from IWU in 1951, and recently completed his 43rd year on the faculty. He is 81 years old and teaches full-time.

More than 2,100 students received diplomas in three graduation ceremonies in May. Three women, who attended classes on IWU's main campus in Marion and had perfect 4.0 grade-point averages, were honored as valedictorians: Michelle Barlow, Eastford, Connecticut, who majored in pre-medical science and biology; Britney Leigh Gericke, Archbold, Ohio, who majored in math education; and Olivia Lewton, Marion, who majored in elementary and exceptional needs education.

### IWU School of Nursing Accreditation Renewed

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing (CCNE) has granted 10 more years of accreditation for the Master of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees offered by the Indiana Wesleyan University School of Nursing.

The School of Nursing, created a year ago as part of IWU's overall academic restructuring, consists of divisions of graduate studies, post-licensure nursing and pre-licensure nursing.

Dr. Barbara Ihrke, Executive Director of the School of Nursing, said the CCNE reviewed all three divisions and deemed them excellent. "The successful preparation, writing and visit were a team effort by the faculty

and staff of the School of Nursing," Ihrke said.

The CCNE evaluation was based on four accreditation standards:

- Mission and governance.
- Program quality as it relates to institutional commitment and resources.
- Program quality as it relates to curriculum, teaching-learning practices and individual student learning outcomes.
- Program effectiveness as it relates to aggregate student performance and faculty accomplishments.

Nursing is the largest single area of study at IWU with almost 2,200 students enrolled.

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### Nurse Educator Students Receive \$1.4 Million Grant

The Indiana Wesleyan University School of Nursing has received two federal grants totaling more than \$1.4 million to assist nurses who are studying to become college nurse educators.

"There is a huge shortage of nurse educators throughout the country," said Dr. Barbara Ihrke, Executive Director of the IWU School of Nursing. "The shortage is evident in the numbers of job advertisements in professional publications."

IWU has about 170 students who are studying to become nursing professors. The \$1.4 million will provide financial aid to those students who are enrolled in the nurse educator track of IWU's Master of Science In Nursing (M.S.N.) program. Even though the funds come from what is called the Nurse Faculty Loan

Program, much of the loan money will be forgiven if the recipient becomes a full-time nurse educator.

"Nurses who complete the program and go on to teach for at least four years will not have to repay 85 percent of the money they receive from the federal grant," Ihrke said.

IWU has about 400 nurses enrolled in its M.S.N. programs. In addition to the track for nurse educators, IWU also offers a primary-care track, which prepares nurses to become nurse practitioners, and an administration track, which prepares nurses to be administrators.

The M.S.N. educator track at IWU is offered online and takes about 22 months to complete.



IWU Chorale Performs at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

## IWU Chorale Sings – and Then Sings Some More – at Vatican

**W**hile the Vatican may not record such milestones, the Indiana Wesleyan University Chorale may have established a record for the longest performance ever by a visiting university choir at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

The Chorale, which spent 11 days touring Italy in May, was invited to participate in a mid-week Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. The invitation was based on recordings of the chorale that were sent to the Vatican well in advance of the tour.

"Based on those recordings, we were asked to perform as the choir for a Wednesday evening Mass in St. Peter's," said

Dr. Todd Guy, Chorale director. "We sent our repertoire to the Vatican, and they chose the pieces they wanted us to sing."

In addition to the Mass itself, Guy said the chorale was asked to sing one piece during the communion service.

"So many people stayed to take communion, however, that Vatican officials asked us to sing three or four additional pieces," Guy said. "We ended up doing eight pieces, which was basically our full concert."

The Chorale sang in an area of St. Peter's that normally seats 750 people, but Vatican officials estimated that 1,000 people crowded in to hear the Chorale. St. Peter's

Basilica, which seats 60,000 people, has the largest interior of any Christian church in the world.

The Chorale performed most of the music at St. Peter's in Latin, which is what Vatican officials had requested for Mass.

"What was so exciting is that some of the pieces we performed were written by composers, such as Palestrina, and were written specifically to be performed at St. Peter's," Guy said. "Palestrina wrote the music in the 1500s and here we were in the 21st century still singing the songs in St. Peter's."

Giovanni Pierluigi de Palestrina was an Italian who wrote mostly Christian music and who worked as a church musician at St. Peter's.

In addition to the concert at St. Peter's, the Chorale did nine other performances at major Cathedrals in Italy, in cities such as Venice and Florence. Most of those performances were planned, but a few were impromptu.

Dr. Michael Buck, an IWU Professor of English, also traveled to Italy with Guy and the 48 Chorale members who participated in the tour. Buck taught a class in British Literature, which several Chorale members took.

Pope Benedict XVI had conducted a Mass in St. Peter's Square earlier in the day, but the IWU delegation did not arrive in Vatican City in time to see the Pope, Guy said.

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### Italy CD Available

A new CD, recorded by the IWU Chorale during its tour in Italy, is available for \$15 by calling the IWU Division of Music at **765-677-2152** or by emailing **sharon.bunch@indwes.edu**. There are no additional shipping or handling charges.

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# Spencer Lloyd '06

## A Bright Star in a Struggling School

When *The Indianapolis Star* went in search of a high school to represent everything that is wrong with urban education, the newspaper chose Emmerich Manual High School, on the near southside of downtown Indianapolis.



Spencer Lloyd

*The Star* assigned its political columnist, Matt Tully, to spend a year writing about the school. Tully found much of what he expected, but he also found a surprise in the person of Spencer Lloyd, a 2006 Indiana Wesleyan University graduate.

"Lloyd isn't just another teacher leading another class," Tully wrote in a column on December 13, 2009. "Time and again this year, I've wandered into his classroom when I needed an infusion of hope at Manual. It always works.

"In a school hobbled by daunting problems, and in a part of the city struggling with poverty and crime, Lloyd pushes his students hard. He demands constant effort from the teenagers in his class while urging them to expect excellence from themselves," Tully wrote.

As an IWU student, Lloyd had given no thought to teaching in an urban setting. In fact, when Lloyd learned he had been assigned to the Indianapolis Public Schools for his student teaching, he went to Linda Owen to plead his case.

"That is not a good fit for me," he told Owen, who is the Placement

Coordinator for the IWU Division of Education. "I am from the middle of a cornfield, and I am scared of a big city school."

Lloyd grew up in Parker City, Indiana, population 1,385. There were 75 students in his graduating class.

But Owen did not back down when Lloyd asked to be reassigned to a smaller school. "Let's try Indianapolis and see what happens," she told Lloyd.



Spencer Lloyd conducts the chorus.

What happened is that Lloyd so enjoyed his experience in the inner city that he chose to seek a permanent job with the Indianapolis schools. In 2008, his career path led him to Manual High School where he was hired as the choral director.

"I had been praying for the favor of God, and I believe this all is a direct result of my prayers," he said. "I don't believe it was an accident or coincidental that I came to Manual – and that Matt Tully came to Manual and that our paths crossed."

In just two years at Manual, Lloyd had built the choir from 12 students to 60 students. The students were

preparing for their 2009 Christmas program when Tully stopped by the choir room – in search of his weekly column on Manual.

"Unlike at most other schools, performances at Manual typically draw small crowds to its newly refurbished 1,200-seat auditorium," Tully wrote a few days later. "These students deserve more. They deserve to know the community cares about them."

More than 2,000 people responded to Tully's challenge to attend the holiday program. The choir had to add a second performance to accommodate the audience.

Spencer Lloyd and the Manual High School Choir were front-page news in *The Indianapolis Star*. They were *The Story of Christmas 2009 in Indianapolis!*

Since the Christmas concert, the Manual choir has performed for a staff party at *The Indianapolis Star* and ended the school year with a spring concert that drew several hundred people – and TV coverage. The choir and band are planning a musical next spring.

Clearly, Indianapolis is paying attention to this young, enthusiastic IWU graduate. One day when Lloyd picked up his mail in the school office, there was an unsolicited \$10,000 check from the Indianapolis Colts.

"I work 14-hour days at Manual and have the joy of working with so many wonderful students," Lloyd said. "Every decision I make is with the overall benefit of students in mind. More than music, I try to teach life. Responsibility, commitment, dedication."

Class News provides alumni a venue for sharing their personal and professional accomplishments with the IWU family. Submissions are edited for length, clarity and style standards.

## 60s

**Vicky (Goodman) Benson '66** is Vice President of World Missionary Press, Inc., in New Paris, Indiana.

## 50's

**Rev. Roy Crawford '52** and his wife, **Joaquin '52**, were honored by the Illinois District's Wheaton Wesleyan Church for their 50-plus years of ministry to the Illinois District and The Wesleyan Church. The Crawfords served as the pastoral family for nine Wesleyan churches. In addition, Rev. Crawford was the District Superintendent of the former Northern Illinois District. Following their retirement, the Crawfords continued to serve as interim pastors, and Rev. Crawford also served for many years as chaplain of the Veterans Administration Hospital.

**Mildred (Henry) Jones '55** graduated with a B.S. in elementary education and then served four years with Africa Friends Mission teaching missionary children. After returning to Indiana, she married an Iowa farmer, and they have two sons. One son helps on the farm, and the other has worked for different companies. Mildred served on the community school board for six years and has been active in the church.

**Paul McKinley '57** retired from the Hillside Wesleyan Church in Cleveland, Georgia.

**Don Glenn '58** retired in 1999 following 41 years of pastoral ministries in The Wesleyan Church, and then became an academic advisor to online students for IWU's adult education programs, retiring again in 2008. He currently is serving in the senior adult ministry areas of College Wesleyan Church in Marion.

**Joan (Gosnell) Degenkolb**, graduated from Marion College in 1959 and died in 2003. Before her death, she had written a book of freestyle poetry. Her daughter, Renee Tuning, has added a few compositions and published the book, *Peace in the Valley*. The 180-page softbound book is formatted as a devotional.

## 60s

**Donna (Cockroft) Hubbard '61** toured Israel in March with Dr. Wilbur Williams and had a wonderful time. Her husband, Rev. Francis W. Hubbard, died in December, 2008, in Greeley Colorado.

**Nelson Sheets '62** has been named Professor Emeritus at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California.

**Darrell Saunders '64** is the Senior Vice President of First Bank of Ohio in Columbus, Ohio.

**H. Mark Abbott '65** has retired as Senior Pastor of the First Free Methodist Church in Seattle after 28 years in this position and 42 consecutive years in pastoral ministry. Since graduating from Marion College, Mark received an M.Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary, an M.A. from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York and a D. Min. from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He earlier served as pastor of Wesleyan churches in Hamburg and Houghton, New York. He has also been an adjunct faculty member at Fuller Theological Seminary and will be an adjunct faculty member at Seattle Pacific University's School of Theology.

**Russell Cooper '65** serves as a linguist/Bible translator with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Working with the Buhutu people of Milne Bay Province in Papua New Guinea, he has completed drafting 71 percent of the Buhutu New Testament translation. Earlier this year, he completed final village checking, or final consultant checking, of 1,026 verses and is hoping to publish these portions in 2011.

**Carol (Harmon) Hendl '69** is a retired elementary teacher who is now substitute teaching in the Ontario-Montclair School District in Ontario, California.

## 70s

**Lorelei B. VerLee '72** is Artistic and Marketing Director for Haitian Artisans for Peace International (HAPI) in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She helped start the economic development project in Haiti in 2007. Its goal is to partner with Haitian leaders as they work to develop a healthy community economically, physically and spiritually. It is a social business where community needs are supported as the business prospers. Ever since she got her degree in art at IWU, her goal has been to combine art and mission work. "I am so blessed to use both in HAPI where my focus is on product development and marketing. I work to connect the Haitian artisans to markets within and outside their country. I sense that my personal territories are also expanding as God leads me to even further creative direction around the world," she wrote.

**Marilyn (Greenley) Appel '74** is a Spanish/World Cultures Teacher in Glassboro, New Jersey. She also works with two other women who are reaching out to girls who live in a

group home. They go every Wednesday to fix dinner for the girls and have received a President's Volunteer Award for their work.

**Joseph Racite '74** retired as the Deputy Chief of Police for Carneys Point, New Jersey, in 2000, and served as administrator of Tri-State Bible Camp from 2000-2006. He earned a Doctorate in Ministry 2005 and is an Associate Professor at Salem Community College where he teaches advanced forensics. He also owns and operates Racite Fire Equipment and was elected to the Carneys Point Township Committee in 2008. He serves on the New Jersey Board of Forensics and the New Jersey State Board of Fire Equipment. He and his wife, Ardie, have been married for 24 years and have three children and seven grandchildren.

**Jon Monroe '77** is a Clinical Specialty Coordinator at Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center in Mount Clemens, Michigan. His daughter, Katelyn, received her IWU nursing degree with the Class of 2010 and received the Crider-Jackson Award of Excellence for nursing.

**Paula (Holloway) Schortgen '79** has been married to Tim for 25 years. He works in the IT department at IWU and helps coach the IWU track team throwers. The couple's two sons were on the IWU track team. Justin graduated in May with an art degree in ceramics, and James will be a senior exercise science major. Paula recently completed 31 years of teaching high school science.

## 80s

**Pamela (Glenn) Giles '80** received her Ph.D. in Education from Walden University in February, 2010. She resigned as Chair of the Division of Graduate Nursing at IWU and is now an assistant professor.

**Matthew Hirst '80** has been promoted to Corporate Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development for GameStop, a specialty retailer with over 6,000 stores in 17 countries. He recently received a post-master's Ed.S. in educational leadership from Liberty University and is pursuing a doctorate in organizational leadership from Northeastern University. He and his wife have adopted two children, a 4-year-old daughter and an 8-month old son.

**Maurice Atkinson '85** is a senior insurance counselor for Geico in Macon, Georgia.

After 20 years of practicing law in the areas of medical device, products liability, insurance coverage and defense, trucking accidents, business disputes, and contract negotiations,

# alumni news

**Tammy (Phillippe) Meyer '86**, formed her own law firm with her husband, Gary L. Miller, who retired as a judge from the Marion County Superior Court after 18 years. The new firm is titled MillerMeyer LLP. Tammy has also been selected by her peers as an Indiana Superlawyer® for the past five years, as well as one of the Top 25 Women Attorneys in Indiana. MillerMeyer's office is on the north side of Indianapolis. Tammy's daughter, Tiffany, will attend Indiana Wesleyan this fall.

**Linda (Reiter) Carder '88** is a registered nurse case manager at Med Central Hospital in Mansfield, Ohio.

**Ruby (Alwine) McBride '89** is retired but still maintains a working relationship with Marion General Hospital, where she functions as a relief house supervisor, and resource to the practice alliance which oversees policies and procedures.

## 90s

**Bradley Harris '90** is the youth pastor at Merrill Wesleyan Church in Merrill, Michigan.

**Richard P. Stewart '90** earned a Ph.D. in general studies in 2009 and became the founder and president of West Kentucky Wild Food Farms in 2010.

**Ellen (Cornell) Figura '91** has published a book that takes place in Indiana. You can check out the book at <http://jamiipoolebooks.com>.

**James S. Poore II, '92**, president of the McDonald's of Central Indiana Co-Op, was awarded the distinguished Ronald Award for his commitment to the community and the McDonald's brand. He owns and operates three McDonald's Restaurants in the Indianapolis area. Under his direction, the restaurants have seen record sales increases, garnering him the awards of Comparable Sales Increase and Sales Milestone. He has also recently received the Mac2 Owner/Operator Excellence Award. Poore

provides financial leadership to the McDonald's region and division profit teams by serving as the Profit Pillar Chairman. He has published his first book, *Christian Principles for Managing Money*. Poore is also a member of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana Board and is an active member Eastern Star Church.



**Deborah (Turner) Condon '93** celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary with her husband, John. They have two sons, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Debbie continues service work as president of the Anderson Firefighters Auxiliary even though her husband has retired from the Anderson Fire Department.

**Eric Kolisz '95** is an optometrist/director of clinics at South Georgia Eye Partners in Valdosta, Georgia. His wife, Katie (Oatis) '95, is Director of Marketing and Professional Relations with Grace Hospice.

**Pauline Louise Clarke '96** died June 11, 2010, at age 59. Pauline, who was a registered nurse and midwife, joined SIM (Serving in Mission) and worked for 30 years in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Niger, South Africa and Canada. While in Burkina Faso, she changed the treatment and care of the poorest women and children, working at both the systemic and hands-on levels, resulting in a radical reduction of maternal and infant mortality. Pauline's focus shifted to the then-emerging HIV-AIDS crisis. Equipped with further education, she moved to Niger in 1989 where she coordinated SIM's HIV-AIDS response in West Africa. Matthew Grimshaw '96 has been appointed chief executive officer of Mercy Medical Center in Williston, North Dakota.

**Alan DeBoy '97**, formerly vice president of operations for American Water's operation in Indiana and Michigan, has been named the new president of both Indiana American Water and Michigan American Water.

**Charles Longworth '97** is working in Qujing, China, for General Motors.

**Ryan Methner '97** is an Insurance agent at Ryan Methner Agency, State Farm Insurance, in Alma, Michigan.

**Sara (Postema) Patterson '97** is a controller at Texas ENT Consultants in Houston, Texas.

**Carlos "David" Pyle '97** is a sixth-grade teacher at Madison-Grant United School Corp. in Fairmount, Indiana. He is married to Sarah, and they have four children.

**Heather Anne (Brecheisen) Ward '98** is married to Dave, an active-duty field artillery officer in the U.S. Army, who is preparing for his third deployment to Iraq this fall. They have three children. Heather is keeping busy caring for her family and home while staying active in Bible study and military support activities.

**Marita (Clawson) Gallaway '99** is a licensed certified social worker who is serving as Outreach

Coordinator/Seamless Transition at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Marion, Indiana.

**Dr. Hale Willis '99** has completed a general surgery residency at Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center in Detroit. He has accepted a research position in pediatric surgery, which began in July, at the Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center in St. Louis. Hale and his wife, Lora, have two sons, Liam and Colin.

## 00s

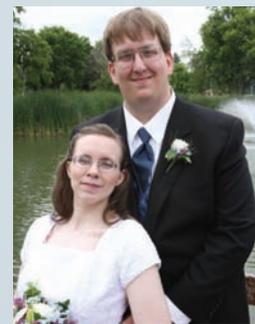
**Jodi (Weesner) Caldwell '00** works for Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She recently received the Spectrum Health Achieving Continuous Excellence (ACE) Award which honors teams and individuals who exemplify Spectrum's corporate values, bring energy and enthusiasm to their jobs, and offer

compassion to patients. Of the 14,000 people who work for Spectrum, only 40 receive this award each year.

**Dr. Timothy Gardner '01** is the CEO and co-owner of a family primary-care clinic in northwest Indiana. After completing his B.S.N. degree at IWU in 2001, Gardner completed an M.S.N.-Family Nurse Practitioner degree at the University of Southern Indiana and then completed his doctorate at the University of Minnesota in family primary care. He is certified as a family nurse practitioner.

**Jenn Dougan '02** has been working as an oncology nurse at the Regional Cancer Center in Erie, Pennsylvania, for four years and enjoys impacting the lives of these special patients.

**Andrea (Robinson) '02** and Aaron Bolner were married in Taylor, Michigan, on June 28, 2007, nine years to the day after they first met at IWU's 1998 Summer Honors Program. They live in Greenwood, Indiana, and both work for the Indiana State Department of Health, where Andrea is a clerical assistant and Aaron is a chemist.



**Anne (Dennis) Essex '03** is a personal banker for Ameriana Bank in Westfield, Indiana. She married Cory on September 6, 2009. He is a Carmel firefighter, and they currently live in Noblesville, Indiana.

**Ron Leonard '03** is a safety & environmental engineer for Corning Inc. in Corning, New York.

**Lisa R. Perry '03** recently published a new book from Arcadia Publishing, *Images of America: Floyd County*, which was released May 17, 2010.

**Tim A. Sheets '04** graduated from Huntington University in May with an M.A. in Discipleship Ministry. He is pastor of senior adults and discipleship at Bluffton First Church of the Nazarene in Bluffton, Indiana. His wife, **Trina (Hoffman) '03 Sheets**, is the Director of Children's Ministry at the church.

**William Brady '05** has been promoted to pricing solutions manager at The Kroger Company in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Maleka (Grimes) Jackson '05** is Associate Director of Career Services for Metro Georgia at DeVry University in Alpharetta, Georgia.

**Mike Ondrovich '05** has been named vice-president, secondary market manager of Horizon Bank in Valparaiso, Indiana.

**Luther Taylor Jr., '05** is the Deputy Director of Operations for the State of Indiana in Indianapolis.

**Kelley (Keane) '05) Drumm** married John Drumm May 24, 2008, and they had their first child, Thomas Everett, on October 6, 2009. Kelley has been the marketing director of Szarka Financial since October 2007.

**Ron Benedict '06** is Director of Operations for Atwood Mobile Products, LLC in Elkhart, Indiana.

**Ryan Runella '06** is Contract Manager for Ethicon Endo-Surgery in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Conrad Schrock '06** is a Certified Legal Intern for the Marion County Prosecutor's Office in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Justin Booth '06** and his wife, Rebecca, celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary in June. They have two sons, Zach, 5, and Bravery, 3.

**David Hunt '06** spent 23 days in Haiti with the National Disaster Medical System/Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team in response to the Haiti earthquake. He was in charge of the field recovery operations to recover and identify American citizens who died in the earthquake. He worked alongside the U.S. Army Mortuary affairs group and lived in an Army camp next to the Port Au Prince airport runway. David lives in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

**Kimbaird Avant '07** has joined the University of Cincinnati Neuroscience Institute at University Hospital as manager of the UC Brain Tumor Center, responsible for operational efficiencies and center development.

**Brittany (Boyles) Jones '07** is Operations Manager for Ulta in Oakbrook, Illinois.

**Laura Jurek '07** graduated from Urshan Graduate School of Theology in Hazelwood, Missouri, with a master's in theological studies.

**Loretta (Liming Andrade) Mathews '07** is Business Manager at John R. Grier Architect in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Melody (Helvie) Rensberger '07** is Resident Director and Assistant Spiritual Life Director at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana.

**Ashlee R. Stockberger '07** has taken a therapist position at The Cabin Counseling and Resource Center, Inc in Zionsville, Indiana. She is running a comprehensive outpatient eating disorder program for the treatment of anorexia and bulimia. The program involves individual and group therapy, nutrition counseling, physician supervision and medication management.

**Stacy Uitts '07** has been named the banking center manager for Lafayette Bank & Trust Company's Wabash banking center in Frankfort, Indiana.

**Debra Bartemus '08** is a ministry assistant at Colledge Park Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Rodger Biddle II '08** is a financial services associate for Prudential Financial in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Steven Coker II '08** is an application developer at Do it Best Corporation in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

After only a year in Mississinewa Community Schools, **Amanda Hanson '08** was awarded the John Dalton Excellent Teacher Award. Amanda teaches first grade at Westview Elementary School in Jonesboro, Indiana.

**Aaron Kindt '08** is working for Republic Airways Holdings in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Lynne Payne '08** is Children's Pastor at First Wesleyan Church in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

**Debora (Pulver) Herron '97/09** is Supply Chain/ Human Resources Manager for Voss Automotive in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**Yvonne Lusk '09** has been promoted to assistant professor of nursing at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio.

**Mike Faust '10** is National Account Manager at Kohler Company in Cumming, Georgia.

**Jodi Fourman '10** is a registered nurse at McKenzie Memorial Hospital in Sandusky, Michigan.

**Dwayne Mullins '10** is product manager at Advanced Payroll Systems in Louisville, Kentucky.

**April Watkins '10** is an accountant for the Family and Social Service Administration in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Diane Westhafer '10** is DR Coordinator/Tobacco Treatment Center at Kettering Health Network in Dayton, Ohio.



Sofia Joy Krell



Carter Andrew Jourdan



Oliver Anthony Alexander

## future alumni

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Living Memorials provide an opportunity for people to make a donation to Indiana Wesleyan University in memory of or in honor of special people in their lives. The following Living Memorials have been received in recent months:

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Pauline Louise Clarke '96 • 6/11/2010

## down the aisle

Adam Dancer '09 to Emily Kelbaugh '08  
4-10-2010

Aaron Bolner to Andrea Robinson '02  
6-28-2007

Cory Essex to Anne Dennis '03  
9-6-2009

Jeejo Pallayi to Erin Musgrave '03  
5-1-2010



Nancy and Darrell Jordan in Salzburg, Austria.

## Alpine Europe Tour a Success

Thirty-six alumni and friends of Indiana Wesleyan University joined President Henry Smith and his wife, Teresa, on an Alpine Europe tour in June. The 11-day tour traveled to some of the most beautiful parts of the world: Switzerland, Southern Germany and Austria.

A highlight of the tour was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for members of the group to attend the world famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. The villagers of Oberammergau first performed the play in 1634 in fulfillment of their promise to God for sparing them from the Black Plague.

The Passion Play has been presented in the small German village every 10 years since then.

The group also visited Heidelberg, the oldest university town in Germany; Lucerne, with its beautiful 14th and 15th century covered bridges; Innsbruck and Salzburg, two picture postcard cities in the Alps; Munich, the capital of Bavaria, and Rothenburg, Germany's best preserved medieval city.

Dr. Larry Lindsay, Chief of Staff to President Smith, and his wife, Gail, along with Brian Lewis, Director of Estate Planning, and his wife, Rhonda, also were hosts and hostesses for the tour.

# IWU Honors Graduate Killed in Afghanistan

**C**heryl Marie Beckett, who graduated with honors from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2000, was among the 10 medical volunteers who were shot to death August 5 in Afghanistan by the Taliban. She was 32 years old.

“The entire Indiana Wesleyan University family is shocked and saddened to learn of the brutal death of this courageous young woman,” Dr. Henry Smith, IWU President, said.

“Those of us at IWU who are privileged to work with students such as Cheryl Beckett are overwhelmed and humbled by their desire to make our world a better place to live, whatever the personal costs may be,” he said.

A memorial service to celebrate Cheryl’s life will be held sometime in September after fall semester classes begin on IWU’s Marion campus. The University also will establish a Cheryl Beckett Endowed Scholarship.

The body of Cheryl and nine other volunteers – five Americans, two Afghans, a German and a Briton – were discovered on August 6. The volunteers were killed as they returned from a three-week medical mission to the Nuristan province, about 160 miles north of Kabul.

The medical mission was organized by the International Assistance Mission (IAM), an international charitable organization, which has served the people of Afghanistan for three decades.

Cheryl was reared near Cincinnati, where she graduated as the valedictorian of her high school class. She graduated summa cum laude from IWU with a degree in biology.

During her four years at IWU, Cheryl developed a global passion for justice and love while on her travels to Honduras, Mexico, Kenya and Zimbabwe. After college, she worked with AmeriCorps at the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park in Vermont.

Cheryl’s Christian faith and compassion for people led her to the Florida-based Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization (ECHO) where she spent three years preparing for overseas

humanitarian projects. She spent the last six years serving the people of Afghanistan through community development, focusing on nutritional gardening and mother-child health.

Cheryl had a deep love for the Afghan people and immersed herself in the local culture, including learning Pashtun and studying the Dari languages.

Cheryl’s parents, Charles and Mary Beckett, live in Knoxville, Tennessee, where her father is the senior pastor of Woodlawn Christian Church. The church supported Cheryl’s work.

Memorial services were held at Woodlawn Christian Church in Knoxville and at Christian Fellowship Church in Evansville.



**Cheryl Marie Beckett**  
June 26, 1978 – August 5, 2010

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The family of Cheryl Beckett released the following statement:  
*Cheryl loved and respected the Afghan people. She denied herself many freedoms in order to abide by Afghan law and custom. Her international co-workers and the Afghan Nationals with whom she served loved her. She was honored to be included in this most recent three-week medical journey to the remote populations of Northern Afghanistan.*

*The wickedness of terrorism is being conquered through daily acts of mercy. Peace in Afghanistan can be achieved by the establishment of just laws for all people and the continued sacrifice and selfless love of people working together.*

*Those who committed this act of terror should feel the utter shame and disgust that humanity feels for them. We share this pain with those who continue the difficult and dangerous work to which Cheryl committed her life.*

*We, as a family, will continue to love and pray for the Afghan people. We pray that Cheryl’s life and work will inspire existing and future ministries of mercy to press on.*

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