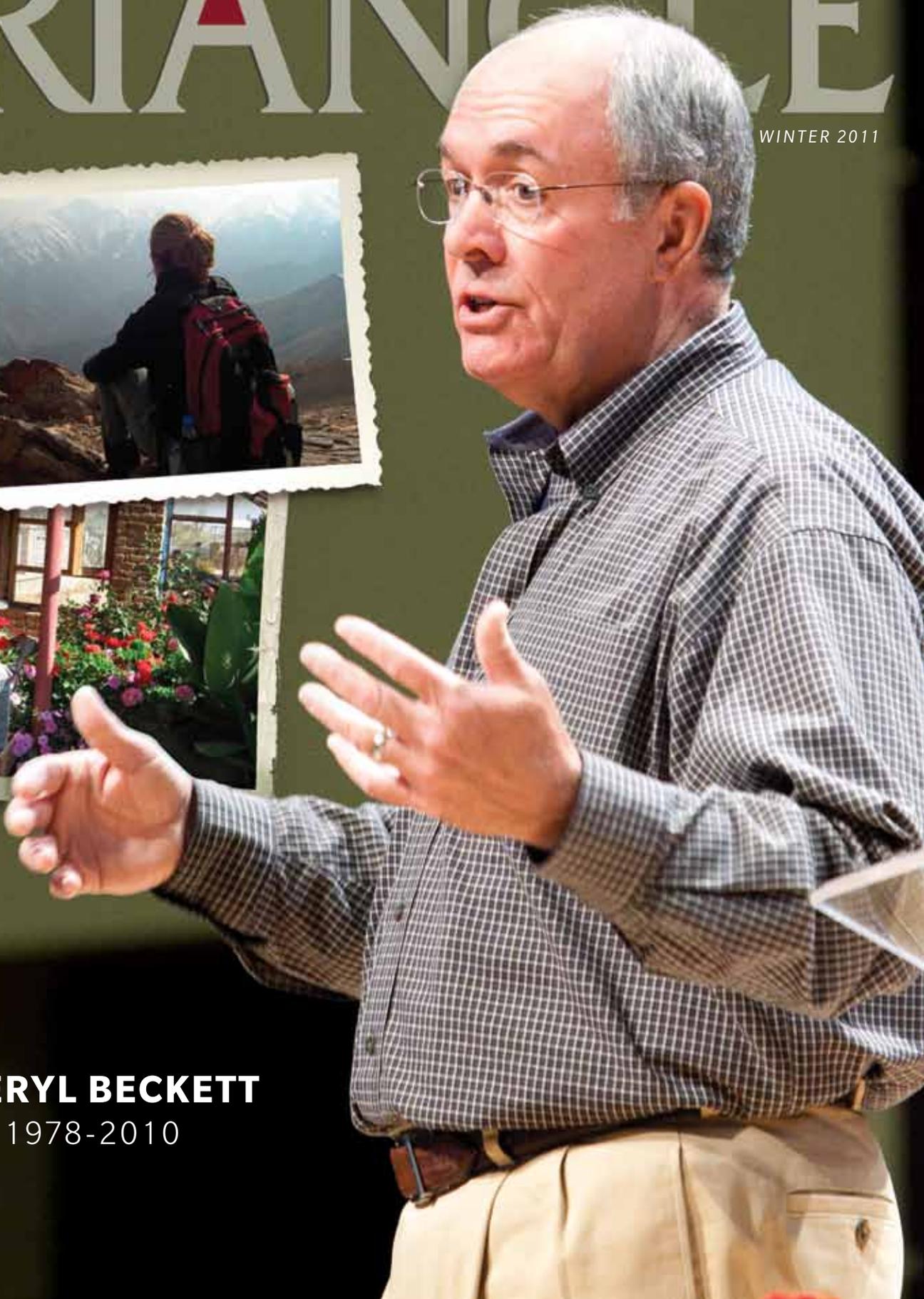


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Blessings . . .

It is January, and the snow is falling gently but persistently on the residential campus in Marion. As the second semester of the 2010-11 academic year gets under way, students are excited to return to campus and reunite with their friends. Today I am reminded of significant accomplishments we have observed at Indiana Wesleyan University over the past several months.

As these accomplishments are reported in this issue of the *Triangle*, we are keenly aware it is not by might or power but because of His unspeakable blessings. Truly our Verse of the Year in the Gospel of Mark, which states, "all things are possible with God," is exemplified in the lives and times of Indiana Wesleyan University.

My IWU colleagues and I have reflected in recent days on the great privilege it is to serve at this University, at this time, with such a compelling purpose.

Let's count some of our blessings.

- Balanced budgets with no debt.
- Continued enrollment growth in all areas of the University (see page 32).
- Five successful accreditations! The work of all involved has been exceptional.
 - Reaffirmation and approval to continue providing education in the neighboring states of Ohio and Kentucky.
 - Ten more years of accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association – the maximum allowed.
 - Eight more years of program accreditation for our nursing programs from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education – the maximum allowed.
 - Ten more years of accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Music – the maximum allowed.
 - A positive review from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (the final official decision is pending).
- A major \$2.5M gift for the construction of a building for Wesley Seminary at IWU from the Green Family, adding to the impetus of seminary growth and development.
- A successful second event in the National Conversations series held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

During times of great financial challenges in our nation, where educational institutions at all levels struggle for survival, Indiana Wesleyan University is experiencing days of growth and financial stability.

I am grateful for a campus community where people give their best efforts as an offering of thankfulness to God for the blessings we are experiencing.




DR. HENRY SMITH
PRESIDENT

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scholarship and leadership.



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Gaither Vocal Band

Performs at IWU Homecoming

The Gaither Vocal Band – featuring Bill Gaither, Michael English, Mark Lowry, David Phelps and Wes Hampton – performed for a capacity Homecoming Weekend audience at Indiana Wesleyan University’s new 3,800-seat Chapel-Auditorium.

The Grammy Award-winning band, along with special guests Gordon Mote and Buddy Greene, were joined by the 90-voice IWU Chorale – plus 100 former chorale members – for the three-hour concert.

The concert also featured a University string quartet, brass ensemble and male quartet.

“It was clear that this evening was not merely the result of good planning by the University, or the Gaither organization or anyone else,” a story on the Gaither website reported.

“This was a divine appointment. Seasoned artists were refreshed by young, vibrant talent ... student musicians were encouraged by artists at the top of their field ... and the audience received the double blessing of witnessing the entire thing,” the story said.

A day earlier, the IWU Student Center – the largest building on the residential campus in Marion – was renamed in honor of Dr. Jim Barnes and his wife, Professor Tommie Barnes.

Jim Barnes was president of IWU from 1987 to 2006 and then served as University Chancellor before retiring on December 31, 2009. Tommie Barnes has taught in the Education Department since 1988 and is a former Director of Student Teaching.

The Barnes Student Center, which covers 200,000 square feet, was built and expanded three times during Jim Barnes’ 19-year tenure as President.

Dr. Diane Foley and Dr. Steve Foley, husband-and-wife physicians in Colorado Springs, received Alumni Outstanding Service Awards for their work in organizing medical teams in the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake.

Diane Foley, a 1980 IWU graduate, was reared in Haiti where her parents were missionaries. Steve Foley graduated from IWU in 1979.

IWU seniors Lisa Massey and Erik Longenecker were named Homecoming queen and king. Massey is an international relations major, and Longenecker is majoring in elementary and special needs education.

In addition to the traditional class reunions, two other IWU milestones were observed during Homecoming: the 40th anniversary of women’s athletics at IWU and the 35th anniversary of IWU nursing programs.



Dr. Diane Foley and Dr. Steve Foley received Outstanding Service Awards.



Lisa Massey and Erik Longenecker were Homecoming royalty.



IWU Chorale entertained after alumni banquet.



IWU celebrated 40th anniversary of women’s athletics.



Students dressed up in '30s style for pep rally and torch run.

The Hodson Scotsmen livened up Homecoming.



Urban Cowboy.

The men's soccer team celebrated a 1-0 Homecoming victory.



David Phelps sang at Homecoming.



IWU Student Center

Named for Jim & Tommie Barnes

The Indiana Wesleyan University Student Center, the largest building on the Marion campus, was named in honor of former IWU President Jim Barnes and his wife, Tommie, during Homecoming weekend activities.

Dr. Jim Barnes retired as IWU president on June 30, 2006, after holding the office for 19 years. He then served as IWU Chancellor until he retired from the University on December 31, 2009.

Professor Tommie Barnes joined the Education Department faculty in 1988 and was IWU's Director of Student Teaching for several years. She continues to work as a part-time education professor.

What is now the Barnes Student Center was built – and expanded three times – during Barnes' tenure as president.

"The list of campus changes during Dr. Barnes' 19-year tenure as president is very long indeed," Carl Shepherd, Chairman of the IWU Board of Trustees, told guests at the annual Alumni Banquet. He cited some of those changes:

- IWU went from the precipice of bankruptcy to become a prosperous, financially stable institution.

- Enrollment in adult and traditional programs grew from 1,750 students in 1987 to almost 14,000 students in 2006.
- IWU constructed a new main campus in Marion at a cost of more than \$200 million – and all of it without incurring debt.
- IWU recorded 19 consecutive years of record enrollments, balanced budgets and increased giving to the annual fund.
- IWU completed capital campaigns of \$12 million and \$54 million.

"We truly are blessed that the longest stop on the remarkable journey of Jim and Tommie Barnes was here at Indiana Wesleyan University," Shepherd said. "The life of this institution has been forever enriched by their faithful and untiring service."

Jim Barnes called the naming of the student center an incredible honor but said the honor belongs to the Lord. "Our deepest hope and most fervent prayer for each of us and for Indiana Wesleyan University is this: 'May those who come behind us find us faithful,'" he said.

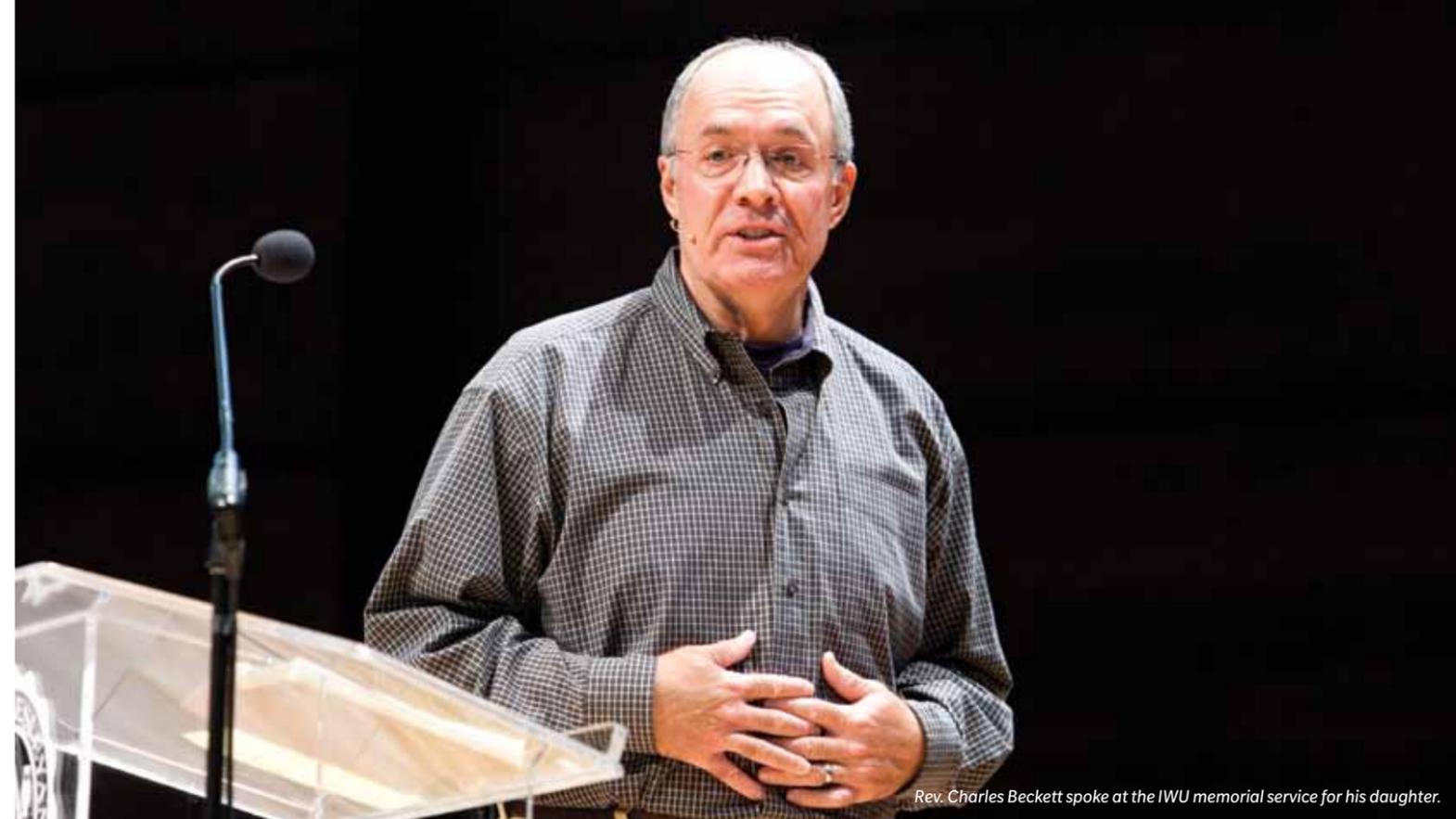


A Life Well Lived

On a Sunday morning in August 2010, the Indiana Wesleyan University family learned – along with the entire world – that one of its graduates was among 10 medical volunteers who had been shot to death in Afghanistan by the Taliban.

Cheryl Marie Beckett, a biology major who graduated with honors from IWU in 2000, was 32 years old. She had spent the last six years serving the people of Afghanistan through community development, focusing on nutritional gardening and mother-child health.

On September 29, the IWU family – along with Cheryl’s – gathered in the Chapel-Auditorium to celebrate the life of this remarkable and courageous young woman. Her father and others used words to paint a picture of a life well lived. Here is what they said.



Rev. Charles Beckett spoke at the IWU memorial service for his daughter.

Cheryl Beckett In the Words of Rev. Charles Beckett

What drove our daughter, just a few weeks into her 33rd year of life, to count it a high honor to be asked to accompany this medical team? She had been, we were told, on 18 trips outside of Kabul, but this was her first into this particular area.

She had one prayer request she asked for herself before she left on this trip. She had had some pretty serious ACL surgery when she was 16 years old, and just recently she had commented that she thought something was coming undone. Periodically she had shooting pain, and she just asked us to pray that God would sustain her until she could get back home for Christmas and have it looked at here.

Now, she didn't tell us everything. She didn't tell us that she and her knee were going to be hiking through extraordinarily difficult terrain in Nuristan. By the way, that area did not use to be Muslim. Decades and centuries ago it became Muslim after a warlord conquered the area and declared it so. It received the name Nuristan, which means, light of life.

How sad, how ironic, but how revealing that this group, primarily, among other medical help, was going to address an epidemic in Afghanistan: that 80 percent of people in Afghanistan suffer from some form of eye disease. We would

humbly suggest that it is not the land of light, but the land of darkness.

What drove Cheryl and her teammates? I would suggest it was the same thing that drove Paul: to know Christ. Isn't it interesting that Paul said knowing Christ is greater than the most amazing human attainment?

Notice that Paul is not comparing knowing Christ with the worst of life; he is comparing Christ with the best that life has to offer. With the best of God-given law, with the best of human attainment. And he is saying that is dog food compared to knowing Jesus Christ.

The best of human attainment is nothing compared to the surpassing value of knowing Christ and yet, he goes on to say, I want to know Christ better.

We just discovered some notes that Cheryl had made. She described the most significant and important event of her life was when she chose to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior of her life and being immersed into relationship with Him, His death, His burial and His resurrection. She called this life changing and life determining.

She wanted to know her Savior better and better and better. She was devoted to that as passionately as she was devoted to anything. To know Christ stood at the apex of her life. She



wasn't satisfied with knowing that her sins were released, that her guilt was gone. She wanted to know the One who made that possible.

And she understood what Paul understood but what we have trouble understanding: that knowing Christ is not just about knowledge. It is about living in a relationship with Him.

And here is the part we really don't like to hear: suffering with Christ. Makes sense, doesn't it? To know resurrection power in your life, you have to die. Right? That took place when she died with Christ. And once that was done, she was

free to live her life in the most risky, dangerous way possible as the Lord led her.

She wrote in her journal, which has been a spiritual oasis for me. Over and over again I read this theme: no longer my own, I've been bought by Christ, with His own blood. I want to know Him better.

And then she wrote, "I want to die to myself." And then she asked the question to herself, "What does that look like? How do I make that tangible?" That is what she devoted her life to, knowing Him but knowing Him by sacrificially suffering in order to show Him.

In 2008 she, for a variety of reasons, was exhausted. And she became aware of a retreat house in Austria. She wrote us that she was going to get to take this trip and she said, "Please pray. I don't want to be a part of any organized retreat. I don't want to listen to any speeches. I don't want to give any speeches. I just want to go and be alone with God."

After her death I received a letter from a pastor in Dallas, Texas. He said, "Cheryl changed my life in just a few days, and the lives of all those with me. I was in Austria at the time, leading a retreat at a castle, and I met your daughter. And as exhausted as she was, she spent her days there ministering to us. She wanted to show Christ."

I want you to understand something. If you are serious about changing this world, first things first. You have got to let

"I want you to understand something. If you are serious about changing this world, first things first. You have got to let God change you."

God change you. You have got to make the decision to let Him be your change agent in your life. You will never accomplish this by yourself.

In fact, you will make a messy world messier. If you try to change the world in your own strength, your own wisdom, I don't care how compassionate you are, and I don't care how determined you are, without you changing your life, you are just going to make a mess. With Christ, you can make a mess far better.

Cheryl paid the ultimate price, we say, but in truth she paid

that price every day. I have said on numerous occasions recently that she wore out three Bibles while she was in Afghanistan, and that is true. But there is something more important: she wore her Bible 'out' daily. She lived out God's Word, she adorned herself with His truth

by the power of His spirit. She showed Christ to those who were hurting and suffering.

Make no mistake about it, in the land where she was serving, she could not openly preach Christ. They did not go to Nuristan to hold a two-week vacation Bible school. But also make no mistake about it, she went to show Jesus' love to those people.

And there are a host of Afghan people today who know about Jesus because, like Nicodemus, in the cover of darkness they came and, they asked, "What are you doing here?" And she told them about Jesus.

Some have said her ministry was not a seed-sowing ministry, it was a soil-tilling ministry. And there is truth to that. Soil tilling and soil warming. The real seed is going to be planted maybe generations from now but because she dared to follow Jesus – anywhere, everywhere – that is her legacy for you.

Rev. Charles Beckett is the father of Cheryl Beckett. He is the pastor of Woodlawn Christian Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Cheryl Beckett In the Words of Dr. Jim Lo

During college, Cheryl developed a global passion for justice. She had a scholarship to Johns Hopkins University, but she turned it down after she felt called to do humanitarian work.

As a single woman doing humanitarian work in Afghanistan, Cheryl knew that she was potentially in danger. She had struggled after having two close friends die in a year's time.

Her supervisor told her it was OK if she wanted to leave Afghanistan, but her response was very clear, she wanted to stay. "I am very at peace and confident in being right here right now," she wrote to a friend.

She wrote that her ultimate faith was in God. "I want to

walk in faith in this place," she wrote. "We are not promised safety. I know that there will be beauty and fruit due to walking in obedience to God."

Cheryl Beckett's brother, Michael, told of a running joke that he shared growing up with Cheryl and a cousin of theirs. The three teased one another about which one of them would be the first to make his or her mark in the world and show up in the pages of *The New York Times*. In death, it was Cheryl.

At a memorial service, Michael shared, "Cheryl, you made *The New York Times*. You made the front page and you did it by loving people just the way that you wanted to be loved."

Dr. Jim Lo is the Dean of the Chapel at Indiana Wesleyan University.

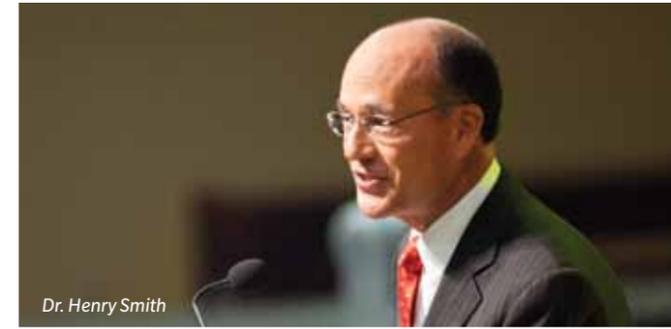
Cheryl Beckett In the Words of Dr. Keith Newman

Someone once said, "When you make loving others the story of your life, there's never a final chapter, because the legacy continues. You lend your light to one person, and he or she shines it on another and another and another."

Cheryl Beckett, a graduate of IWU in 2000, made loving others the story of her life, and her legacy lives on. Fourteen years ago, her story became a part of the IWU story when she walked on this campus as a freshman. Her roommates who are here today helped provide me with a window into her life during her IWU years.

- Cheryl was a PK, preacher's kid.
- She was a biology major, a bit of a science geek, a straight A student and a valedictorian.
- Our Christian commitment, strong biology department, scholarships and proximity to her home in northern Indiana were all a part of her decision to come to IWU.

- Cheryl studied lots, but she was always willing to help others; she couldn't say no.
- She wore sweatshirts and hoodies because she was always cold. Her roommates remember her studying with the hoodie tied tight so that all you could see was her face.
- Though she was a serious student, she was also very spontaneous, at times a bit goofy and loved a dare. She once ate a pepper in a jar at Steak 'n Shake, and her face turned assorted shades of red. Another time she and a friend tested Alka Seltzer and Sprite in their mouths to see who could keep it in longer.
- One of her favorite classes was entomology (she led a petition drive to get the class started). She spent three months bug hunting, including a camping trip to Tennessee where she accidentally pitched her tent on an ant hill. She woke up to find the ants



- trying to carry her pinned bugs away.
- She did an IWU summer trip to Kenya where she collected more bugs, but mostly fell in love with the people, especially the children.
- Her roommates were reluctant to tell me this, but they admitted that she once kept a cat in her room for a week and tried to keep it from meowing.
- She loved the outdoors; hiking, exploring, discovering new places; always up for an adventure, she loved experiencing God's creation.
- Cheryl loved her family and made quick weekend trips home to see them.

- She also liked to rescue things, like a goldfish that kept jumping out of its bowl. Once it jumped into the sink and down the drain. Cheryl took the plumbing apart and managed to save the goldfish.
- And last, but certainly not least: Cheryl didn't know what she wanted to do with her life when she was here at IWU, but she loved God and was content to let Him lead her.

May Cheryl's story inspire you, and may we choose to do what we can.

Dr. Keith Newman is the Vice President for University Relations at Indiana Wesleyan University.

We believe you must leave this place and make a difference wherever God might choose to place you. It may not be a far off place like Afghanistan, it could be right here in Marion, but wherever it might be, our passion is that you will make a difference in this world.

The leadership of IWU continues to discuss what it means to be a world changer. We never want the concept, the idea of world changing to be trite or irrelevant. We decided we want to find new ways to represent and honor the lives of former students – IWU alumni who achieve a standard of Christian excellence for which we can all strive.

So, we have established a new World Changer Award inspired by Cheryl Beckett. This morning, posthumously, we are conferring on Cheryl Beckett the Indiana Wesleyan University Alumni World Changer Award.

Each time we recognize an alumni we will establish an endowed scholarship in the name of the honoree. We have established The Cheryl Beckett Scholarship as a way to honor her life, which will also benefit future IWU students.

Dr. Henry Smith is the President of Indiana Wesleyan University.

Cheryl Beckett In the Words of Dr. Henry Smith

You have heard the story of a remarkable young woman who followed God's call on her life and lost her life in August of this year in Afghanistan. She is not the first to leave IWU with a deep sense that God wanted to use her for His purposes; and I know she will not be the last. Teresa and I continue to be challenged by the promise and potential of our students.

These are years of preparation, but they are also years of action as we watch you serve our community and make plans for the future. During your time at IWU we pray that there will be people who raise the bar of your hopes and dreams. I pray that Cheryl's story will inspire you to serve God wholeheartedly and unreservedly.

One of Cheryl's Indiana Wesleyan University roommates wrote this about her: "She studied with more diligence and

commitment than I ever did, but she made me a better student because of it. She was so incredibly smart; I wanted her to succeed and live up to her amazing potential. I was content being a shadow behind her. You knew she was just on a higher plane than the rest of us. And it was OK, . . . she was special."

Cheryl Beckett was special and we want to honor her today in ways that point us all to Christ.

Changing the world is a lofty and ambitious goal, but at IWU we believe it is possible. Now in our 90th year, IWU has always believed our students and alumni offer the world its only

hope. We serve a Savior who reminds us, that with people it is impossible, but with God, all things are possible.

From the moment you were first recruited – when you first visited IWU – we have talked about being a world changer.

“Changing the world is a lofty and ambitious goal, but at IWU we believe it is possible.”



Cheryl Beckett's sister, Sarah, with their parents, Mary and Charles Beckett, attended the IWU memorial service.

HEALTH, NOW!

IWU Professor Leads Free Clinic in Central Kentucky



For as long as she can remember, Dr. Sheila Virgin wanted to be a nurse. “My Mom said that even as a toddler, I wanted to be a nurse,” she said. “I would talk about being a nurse and it never wavered.”

Virgin began her nursing career 38 years ago but has spent most of those years in a college classroom. With each teaching job, however, she always worked part-time as a nurse.

In 2007, Virgin became the Kentucky coordinator for Indiana Wesleyan University’s family nurse practitioner program.

“It has been interesting that my life has been blended between teaching and nursing,” said Virgin, who lives in Richmond, Kentucky. Her feet remain firmly planted in both worlds.

Besides teaching full-time for IWU, Virgin also is the founder and director of the Health, Now! Clinic. The faith-based clinic, which is housed in the Richmond City Hall, provides primary health care to uninsured people in central Kentucky.

In April, the Kentucky State Daughters of the American Revolution honored Virgin as the volunteer of the year. The mayor proclaimed April 27 as Dr. Sheila Virgin Day in the City of Richmond.

“There is no question that the clinic provides a very good service,” said Jimmy Howard, interim City Manager for Richmond. “A lot of people in our community are having difficult times, and I can tell just by seeing the people who come to the clinic that they need help.”

The Health, Now! Clinic was established by two Richmond churches: one of them predominantly white, where Virgin attended, and the other predominantly African-American.

“These two pastors had formed a great relationship,” Virgin said. “They formed a not-for-profit corporation to make Richmond a better place to live.”

The organization’s first project was Grace, Now!, a food bank that also tutored children and provided GED classes. From the outset, Virgin’s long-term goal was to start a health clinic.

“I was volunteering at a clinic in Berea, which is 15 miles from Richmond, but I discovered that half of the people who went to that clinic had Richmond ZIP codes,” she said.

In 2002, while she was recovering from a major car accident, Virgin sensed God was calling her to lay the foundation for the clinic. It took three years.

“The administrator of Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center in Richmond, who attended church with me, offered to donate

donations – most of them from area churches.

“We used to charge \$15 for office visits, and about 67 percent of our patients were able to pay the fee the first two years,” Virgin said. “Since the economy has taken a downturn that has changed, so the board agreed we need to be a free clinic.

“This is 100 percent patient-based money. No one gets paid, we all are volunteers. The primary criterion for patients is that they have no insurance, no Medicare and no Medicaid,” she said.

Initially, most of the patients were the working poor. Now, Virgin said, many patients are people who previously had insurance but have lost their jobs. About half of the patients are African-Americans.

“Although we treat all kinds of conditions, many of our patients are dealing with diabetes or hypertension,” Virgin said. “It is really sad to see some of our diabetics who have lost their insurance and are not taking medicine. By the time they

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space to start the clinic,” Virgin said. The clinic opened in August 2005 with two examining rooms and a small waiting room at the hospital.

Two years later, the clinic had outgrown the space at the hospital and moved to a larger building in downtown Richmond. Patient visits tripled at the new location. In June 2009, the clinic moved to the basement of Richmond City Hall.

“The space at city hall has given us much needed secure areas to store sample medications and medical equipment and to provide more exam rooms to increase the flow of patients,” Virgin said.

The Health, Now! Clinic, which officially serves 13 central Kentucky counties, had 1,821 patient visits in 2009. By October of 2010, the clinic had exceeded that number. The clinic is open two nights a week.

Clinic expenses for 2009 were \$33,000. The city provides the office space rent free, and Madison County provides \$2,000 in government revenue. Additional expenses are met by private

get here, their blood pressures are extremely high and out of control.”

The clinic stocks several medicines and has access to various prescription programs. The clinic also has contacts with several specialists and has funds to pay for a first visit with a specialist.

“We also have two psychiatric nurse practitioners, which is pretty phenomenal for a clinic our size,” Virgin said. “That is a Godsend because these people need that kind of help so much.”

Information about the clinic has spread rapidly by word of mouth and media coverage. “Every time there is something in the newspaper, we have a surge of patients calling for appointments,” Virgin said. “We operate on faith, and God has been faithful.”

“We begin each evening with a prayer that our patients would see Jesus in us and that each volunteer would serve as the hands and feet of Jesus. Our work is based on the scripture that tells us if we have cared for the sick, and done it unto the least of these, we have done it unto Christ,” she said.

On the Outside LOOKING IN

*Seminary Student Preparing
to be Chaplain in Prison Where
He Served Time*

Keith Blackburn had his first run-in with the law when he was 13 years old. A criminal lifestyle that began with petty thefts quickly escalated to gang involvement, robberies and drive-by shootings.

“At 17, I was completely out of control, a full-blown alcoholic,” said Blackburn, who now is a student at Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University. “My friends told me that I would either be dead or in prison by the time I was 18. That became a self-fulfilling prophecy.”

At 18, Blackburn was arrested and convicted for attempted murder and carrying a handgun without a permit, and was sentenced to 21 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections.

Blackburn, who is now 36 years old, spent eight years and eight months – about one-fourth of his life – at the Indiana Reformatory and the Correctional Industrial Facility in Pendleton. It was a life-changing experience, which helps to explain, in part, why he now is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at IWU.



Keith Blackburn

“I was released from prison in 2001, and now God has released me to serve in prisons,” Blackburn said. “I feel called to a full-time job as a chaplain in correctional institutions, but first I need a master’s degree.”

He became a Christian in 1996 through the witness of a fellow offender who, Blackburn said, “showed me a God that I didn’t even know existed.”

“One thing I didn’t want to be was a jailhouse Christian,” Blackburn said. “I didn’t want to use religion to get out of prison. I began studying the scriptures, going to chapel and Bible studies and started evangelizing and witnessing.”

Blackburn, who already had earned his GED in prison, enrolled in Ball State University classes and was one year short of a degree when he was released. It took him four years – at IWU and Ball State – to complete his degree in religious studies.

Blackburn was working for an Indianapolis company that washed trucks when he sensed that God was leading him to a

prison ministry. There was only one catch: As an ex-felon, he wasn’t even allowed to visit a prison.

Through a series of events that are just short of miraculous, Blackburn got approval to volunteer at the Indiana Reformatory with the Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) program, a faith- and character-based community that encourages offenders to choose alternatives to criminal thinking and behavior.

Doors quickly opened, and Blackburn received training to become a volunteer chaplain in the same prison where he served time. This caught the attention of David Liebel, the Deputy Director of Religious Services and Community Involvement for the Indiana Department of Correction.

Liebel, who earned a degree in management from IWU in 2002, works with the Indiana Department of Correction’s PLUS program. “David Liebel became my mentor,” Blackburn said. “He opened the prison doors, so I could go in and talk to PLUS participants at other facilities.”

And so, for nearly three years, Blackburn has served as a volunteer chaplain for the Indiana Department of Correction. He is blessed in this role with the opportunity to travel all over the state facilitating healthy marriage/fatherhood classes for those who are incarcerated.

Another door opened recently for Blackburn to help facilitate a nine-week healthy relationship class at the Indiana Women’s Prison. “And I also am involved with a juvenile ministry and a jail ministry in Marion County,” he said.

Blackburn recently established his own ministry, Unbound Mentoring Inc., and has applied to become a 501c3 tax-exempt, non-profit corporation.

“I was looking at the classified ads in *The Indianapolis Star*, looking for a new job, when I saw an Indiana Wesleyan University ad announcing the opening of the seminary,” he said. “I was familiar with IWU because of the classes I took when I got out of prison, and the seminary was just what I was searching for.”

Blackburn enrolled in the first seminary class and completed the first two semesters online. A few months ago, he was able to adjust his schedule so he could attend classes on IWU’s Marion campus.

“I am in Marion all day on Tuesdays, and then my family and I attend Bible study at our home church on Tuesday nights,” he said. “It has just been phenomenal.”

John Drury Drawn to New Role But in Familiar Setting



When John Drury joined the faculty at Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University this fall, he viewed the opportunity through two lenses.

“The job gave me the opportunity to return to something that was familiar but also something that was new,” he said. “As familiar as IWU is, it has changed a lot. The seminary, specifically, didn’t exist when I was here before.”

Drury was born in Marion and lived here until he was 12 when his family moved to Indianapolis. He graduated from IWU in 2001 and his wife, the former Amanda Hontz, graduated from IWU in 2002.

Drury’s parents, Dr. Keith Drury and Dr. Sharon Drury, are IWU professors.

“I was a history major at IWU and knew by my sophomore year that I wanted to teach history,” Drury said. “Then I took Dr. Bud Bence’s church history class, and that was a real life-changing experience for me. I connected with the gospel in a new way and said, ‘This is what I want to do.’”

After he graduated from IWU with a bachelor’s degree in religion, Drury headed for Princeton Theological Seminary where he and his wife earned master of divinity degrees. Both are now completing work on doctorates at Princeton.

John Drury is scheduled to defend his dissertation before

the end of the 2010-2011 academic year.

“Princeton is a mainline Presbyterian seminary, but it is a welcome place for evangelicals to do serious study of theology,” Drury said. “I learned – or, at least, grabbed hold of for myself – a deeper meaning of what it is like to be a Wesleyan.”

Drury is a fourth-generation Wesleyan and a third-generation Wesleyan pastor. He said, however, that he did not have his heart set on teaching at IWU – or even at a Wesleyan college.

“My calling never was to a specific place,” he said. “I kept my open mind.”

When the call came from IWU, however, he could not resist the opportunity to be part of something new but in a familiar setting.

“What I like so much about the IWU seminary is that our students are not training to be ministers; they already are actively involved in ministry,” Drury said. “So the kind of work I do in my classes is not done in a vacuum, it is not ideas disconnected from concrete ministry.”

“The seminary gives me the opportunity to teach while staying connected to ministers in the trenches. I get to teach and learn at the same time,” he said.



Lenny Luchetti Follows Interesting Path to Seminary

Leonard "Lenny" Luchetti.

The name itself offers the first clue that the newest faculty member at Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University may not have been reared as a Wesleyan.

Luchetti, who joined the seminary faculty this fall, fills in the blanks. "I grew up in Philadelphia in an Italian Catholic family," he said. "I attended an all-boys Catholic high school."

In the midst of a struggle with alcohol, Luchetti dropped out of high school his junior year but later earned his GED. He kicked his alcohol addiction with the help of Teen Challenge, a rehab program sponsored by the Assemblies of God.

"Most important," Luchetti said, "I also came to Christ at age 18 through this ministry."

When his family moved from Philadelphia to Syracuse, New York, Luchetti went in search of a church. "I found a Wesleyan Church, even though I had never heard of The Wesleyan Church," he said. "Two years into my relationship with Christ, I felt called to ministry."

His pastor recommended Houghton College. Luchetti enrolled at Houghton when he was 21 years old and began preaching on weekends at a small church, 15 miles from campus, in his senior year. He also served as the youth pastor at Houghton College Church.

From Houghton, he went to Asbury Theological Seminary where he earned a master of divinity degree in 2003 and a

doctor of ministry degree in May 2010.

"I did not get my doctoral ministry degree to be a teacher," Luchetti said. "I did it to become a better pastor."

He had served as pastor of the Stroudsburg (Pennsylvania) Wesleyan Church for seven years when he learned of the opening for a faculty member at IWU. Under his pastoral leadership, the church had grown from 160 to nearly 500 attendees.

"When I learned the position was open at the seminary, I decided to submit my name, thinking I would get some adjunct opportunities," Luchetti said. "I was surprised when Dr. Ken Schenck, Dean of the Seminary, asked if I would be interested in teaching full time."

Luchetti said it was a tough decision.

"We agreed to come for an interview and were very impressed with the atmosphere of the campus and with the people we met," Luchetti said. "I got a real sense that people took the mission of the institution pretty seriously."

Two months after he visited campus, Luchetti accepted the job at the seminary and began to make plans to move to Marion. He and his wife, Amy, have three children.

"I felt released from the church at Stroudsburg but was still grieving because I loved that church," he said. "Most of all, I love pastoring. I believe that is one reason that God drew me to IWU to train pastors."

A Sense of Calling

Successful IWU Program Adapted for High School Students

A program that began a decade ago to help Indiana Wesleyan University students discover their life calling has filtered down to high school students in 15 states.

The High School Life Calling Institute was conceived in 2007 when leaders from several Christian high schools met with IWU leaders to explore how they could collaborate to offer Christian college courses to high school students for dual credit.

They agreed that the cornerstone of this Institute would be LDR 150: Introduction to Life Calling. This course, which is required for IWU students who enter college without a major, was based on the research of Dr. Bill Millard, Executive Director of the IWU Center for Life Calling and Leadership.

The course was piloted during the 2007-08 school year at Wheaton (Illinois) Academy. As a result, in August 2008 IWU hired a director and coordinator to work full-time to build the program. This year, about 1,000 students are enrolled in the program.

"We now offer the class in 40 schools in 15 states," said Phil Gelatt, who directs the program. "Permission from the Department of Education in each state is necessary before dual credits can be awarded to students in that state. We have a little celebration each time we get approval from another state."

All of the participating schools are members of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), a Colorado-based organization that represents 5,000 schools in more than 100 countries. Dr. Brian Simmons, a former IWU administrator, is now the president of ACSI.

Students pay \$350 to take the three-credit class, and teachers come to IWU's Marion campus during the summer to complete the Life Calling Instructor Certification.

"The credit is transferable and is accepted at most Christian universities and many state universities, typically as an elective. As is always the case, this is at the discretion of the institution," Gelatt said. "Increasingly, more schools are using it as a required Bible course, which we think is a great fit."

Gelatt said a major benefit is that students take the course in their own high schools taught by their own teachers. And the cost for the three-credit course is less than the cost of a one-credit course at most colleges.

Introduction to Life Calling is designed to assist students in discovering the concept of life calling in a holistic and faith-based setting by focusing on a student's God-given design.

Students are led to understand how their lives, including work and individual leadership, are best understood from this life-calling perspective.

"In recent years, 'typical career counseling' has been the most popular method for helping students find a career plan, but in many cases this approach has proven ineffective," Millard said. "According to the U.S. Department of Education, 40 percent of college graduates end up working in careers unrelated to their college major four years after graduation."

The course offered by IWU is based on three core components: foundational values, unique design and personal mission. Studies conducted by Indiana University have demonstrated the course's effectiveness in helping IWU students to graduate, according to Millard.

"We want students to start thinking about life in a different way," Millard said. "We want them to have a sense of calling – not just what is in it for me."

Gelatt said it is exciting to see students begin to get a sense of where God is leading them. "High school students are just really struggling with this issue, and this can be a wonderful help to them even before they get to college," he said.

Gelatt and Millard also acknowledge that the High School Life Calling Institute may have some value as a recruiting tool for IWU – although the program is too new to have a track record.

"When teachers come for training in the summer, they live in our residence halls, eat in our Student Center and train in our Center for Life Calling and Leadership – all of which are pretty impressive facilities," Millard said.

"They leave campus thinking that IWU is a very significant university, so they probably are going to share that information with their students. We don't want to exploit the teachers, but we want them to have a good knowledge of IWU," he said.

Gelatt said IWU's vision is to see high school students passionately pursuing their life calling. "We are also excited to introduce IWU to these students," he said.

One testimonial comes from Kelsey Bussell, a graduate of Heritage Christian School in Indianapolis.

"The Life Calling class was definitely an eye-opening experience," she said. "Not only did it help guide me to find possible careers, but it also showed me how to relate to others, build healthy relationships and live an authentic life. The interactive and informative material allowed me to become more in tune with the person God is calling me to be."

ACADEMIC HONORS

Southport Elementary School, near Indianapolis, is one of 75 schools nationwide honored by the National Association of State Title I Directors as a Title I Distinguished School for its success in closing the achievement gap.

Daniel Mendez, the principal of the school, received his master of education degree from IWU in August 2005 and completed IWU's Principal Licensure Program in June 2006. The school will receive a \$50,000 high-performing school grant award. Title I is the largest federal aid program in K-12 education. Serving more than 150 million students nationwide, the program helps provide additional support in reading, writing and mathematics. Since 1996, the Title I Distinguished Schools program has honored schools that demonstrate exceptional progress in either sustained student achievement or closing the achievement gap.

Menominee Elementary School in the Plymouth (Indiana) Community School Corporation is one of three Indiana schools recognized as Title I High-Performing Schools for closing the achievement gap. **Michael Dunn**, the principal of the school, is currently enrolled in IWU's Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) Degree program with an anticipated completion date of November 2011. The school will receive a \$25,000 high-performing school grant.



Dr. Marjorie Elder and **Dr. Doris Scott** have been awarded the honor of faculty emeritus by the IWU Board of Trustees. Dr. Elder, a Professor of English, taught at IWU for 65 years before her retirement at the end of the 2009-2010 academic year. Dr. Scott, a Professor of Nursing, taught at IWU for 31 years. The IWU Board also awarded the honor of president emeritus to **Dr. Jim Barnes**, who served as University president for 19 years. Barnes also served three years as IWU Chancellor before retiring on December 31, 2009.

Greg Lewis, an American Studies teacher at Columbus (Indiana) East High School, has been named Indiana's 2010 Preserve America History Teacher by Dr. Tony Bennett, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction. Lewis earned his master of education degree in curriculum and instruction from IWU in 1996. He received \$1,000 from Preserve America and will be nominated for the national Preserve America History Award. In 2009, Lewis received the Realizing the Dream Award from the Independent Colleges of Indiana for inspiring a first-generation college student. He also was named the 2009 Outstanding Teacher of American

History by the Indiana Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Artwork by **Ron Mazellan**, IWU

Professor of Art, is featured on Behance Network, a high-profile national forum (www.behance.net/ronmazellan). The website was created by Scott Belsky, the author of *Making Ideas Happen: Overcoming the Obstacles Between Vision & Reality*, which was on *The Wall Street Journal* Bestseller List. *The Longest Season*, a book written by baseball star Cal Ripken Jr. and illustrated by Mazellan, previously was on *The New York Times* Bestseller List. Mazellan recently finished illustrations for *You Can Be a Friend*, which was written by former Indianapolis Colts Head Coach Tony Dungy.

Several books written by **Dr. Keith Drury**, Associate Professor of Religion, and by **Dr. Bob Whitesel**, Professor of Missional Leadership at Wesley Seminary at IWU, were highlighted at the ninth annual Indianapolis Christian



Writers Conference, hosted by The Wesleyan Church in Indianapolis. Drury is the all-time bestselling author for Wesleyan Publishing House. Jerry Jenkins, a *New York Times* bestselling author who has sold more than 50 million books, was the keynote speaker at the conference.

Jon Acton, Assistant Principal at Speedway (Indiana) High School, was named Assistant Principal of the Year by the Indiana Association of School Principals. Acton, who earned his master of education degree in 2004 from IWU, has been assistant principal at Speedway since 2006. He has worked with businesses and agencies such as the Indianapolis Colts and the Indiana National Guard to implement programs designed to help students succeed and to recognize both teachers and students for jobs well done. Acton also has implemented random drug testing and in-school suspension changes to increase school safety.

Tom Taylor and **Emily Linch**, both IWU juniors, were among 48 students nationwide who were selected to attend the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Partner Summit in November in Bentonville, Arkansas. Taylor and Linch are co-CEOs of IWU's SIFE Chapter. SIFE is a business network whose goal is to improve the world through business. The organization has chapters on 1,300 campuses in 40 countries. The National Summit is a two-day event geared toward business networking and idea-sharing between SIFE students and SIFE corporate partners. As part of the summit, the students toured the world headquarters of Wal-Mart, a corporate partner of SIFE.



Dr. David Riggs, Executive Director of the John Wesley Honors College and Associate Professor of History, was inducted into the

Academic Hall of Honor at Azusa Pacific University. Riggs received his B.A. degree in history from APU in 1990, where he also received the Outstanding Student of the Year Award from the history department. He received a master of divinity degree in 1994 from Princeton Theological Seminary and a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Oxford in 2005. Riggs is the co-chair of the Honors Advisory Board for the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities. The Academic Hall of Honor was established in 2000 to honor outstanding graduates of APU. Riggs has taught at IWU since 2000.

Eleven students and seven alumni were inducted November 10 as charter members of the Indiana Wesleyan University Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta history honor society. Student inductees were **Nathan Barnes, Matthew Bastian, Jennifer Dunmyer, David Emerson, Wesley Jones, Doug Lewis, Jason Martin Maitland, Stephen Aaron Morrison, Nathanael Sommers, Andrew Kenneth Spear** and **Paul S. Van Dop**. Alumni inductees were **Iurie Curiuc, Andrew Dial, Kearsten Karrick, Cheryl Knowles, Julie McCracken, Onda Shafer** and **Ryan Toupin**. **Dr. David Burden**, Associate Professor of History, will serve as the faculty advisor for the chapter. Dr. Graydon Tunstall, who serves as Executive Director of the honorary, spoke at the initiation ceremony. He is a Professor of History

at the University of South Florida. Phi Alpha Theta, which was founded in 1921 at the University of Arkansas, is one of the oldest and largest collegiate honor societies in the United States with nearly 900 chapters.

21st Century Charter School in Gary, Indiana, was one of nine Indiana schools and school corporations honored by the Indiana Department of Education because a large percentage of students achieved high academic growth both in mathematics and English/language arts during the 2009-2010 academic year. **Angela West**, the principal of the school, earned her master of education degree from IWU in 1998.

Dr. Marlon Mitchell, Regional Dean for Northern Indiana for the College of Adult and Professional Studies, has been selected as the 2010 TRiO Achiever for the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel. As a former TRiO participant, Mitchell was honored for accomplishing high stature within his profession, receiving recognition for outstanding achievements in his field, making significant civic, community or professional contributions and demonstrating that his participation as a TRiO project alumnus had a significant impact in obtaining his educational and professional objectives. TRiO encompasses a variety of federally funded outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

A Short Trip from IWU to the *Big Leagues*

Indiana Wesleyan University alum Brandon Beachy made his Major League Baseball debut September 20 as the starting pitcher for the Atlanta Braves in a road game against Philadelphia. Less than three weeks later, Beachy had earned a spot on the Braves' postseason roster.

It was a dramatic change of pace – and of scenery – for the Kokomo, Indiana, native who two summers earlier was a full-time third baseman and relief pitcher for the IWU Wildcats.

“It was definitely different,” Beachy told a reporter for MLB.com. “It’s louder, but I’m pretty good at focusing in, and I don’t recognize a lot of outside factors. There were a couple of times. I’d look up and see the towels waving. But for the most part, it was the same thing, just me and the catcher.”

Even though the Braves lost the game, 3-1, Beachy pitched well enough to make an impression on manager Bobby Cox. “I thought Brandon really did a super job and gave us a chance to win the game,” he said.

Most important, Beachy pitched well enough to earn two more starts for the Braves during the regular season. In his three starts, Beachy allowed only five earned runs over 15 innings while striking out 15 batters.

Although Beachy earned a spot on the postseason roster, he did not pitch in the four-game series that the San Francisco Giants won, 3-1.

“I couldn’t be more excited for Brandon,” said IWU Athletic Director Mark DeMichael. “He is the perfect

person to be IWU’s first-ever major league baseball player because he epitomizes our dedication to our four core values of spiritual growth, academic achievement, leadership development and athletic excellence.”

DeMichael was IWU’s baseball coach before being named athletic director.

Beachy had been a minor league sensation this year with his rapid ascent through the Atlanta Braves farm system.

In the summer of 2008, Beachy had just completed his junior year at IWU and then pitched in the wood bat Virginia Valley Summer League. While in Virginia, Beachy was noticed by a Braves scout and was signed as an undrafted free agent.

Beachy made two appearances that season for Danville in the Rookie League. In 2009, he pitched at the Single-A and Double-A level.

This season, Beachy had 21 relief appearances for Mississippi before transitioning to the starting rotation. He made six starts at Double-A before his promotion to Triple-A, where he made another seven starts. Beachy finished with the lowest ERA (1.73) in Minor League Baseball in 2010.

At about 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 18, Beachy received a call to report to Philadelphia on Sunday – but he still had no idea that his Major League debut was just 48 hours away.

Beachy found out four hours before the Philadelphia game on September 20 that he would be the Atlanta starter. “I wouldn’t want it any other way,” Beachy told MLB.com. “I was excited, but at the same time trying not to be excited.”





Two IWU Athletes Win Colescott Scholarships

Two Indiana Wesleyan University athletes from Grant County received \$2,500 scholarships during a luncheon at the 21st annual Jack and Marge Colescott Athletic Scholarship Golf Tourney at Arbor Trace Golf Club.

Jack Colescott presented the 2010 scholarships to:

- Lizzy Skinner, an IWU sophomore who graduated from Eastbrook High School. She is on the IWU track team.
- Alex Hornett, an IWU freshman who graduated from Marion High School. He is on the IWU tennis team.

About 200 golfers participated in this year's tourney, an event that has raised almost \$1 million for athletic scholarships over the past 20 years. David Colescott, son of Jack and Marge Colescott, was a guest at the tourney.

David Colescott led the Marion Giants to state basketball championships in 1975 and 1976. He won the Arthur L. Trester Award for Mental Attitude and was named Indiana's Mr. Basketball in 1976.

Since last year's tourney, the Colescott scholarships were increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500, and the name of the event was changed to honor the life of Marge Colescott. Jack and Marge Colescott were high school sweethearts who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary a few months before her sudden death in January.

The tourney was established in honor of Jack Colescott, who began his coaching career at Swayzee High School before moving on to Marion High School where he was a long-time coach and athletic director. After retiring, Colescott served as an assistant basketball coach at Mississinewa High School.

Colescott scholarships are given annually to two graduates of Grant County high schools who have gone on to excel as student-athletes at IWU.

IWU Men & Women Win MCC Cross Country Titles

The Indiana Wesleyan University men's and women's cross country teams both won Mid-Central College Conference (MCC) championships on November 6 at St. Patrick's Park in South Bend. It was the 18th MCC title for the men, and the 11th championship for the women – including the third title in the last four years.

Pacing the men's team on the 8,000-meter course were junior Ethan Naylor (third), sophomore Andrew Albert (fifth) and junior Ethan Laudermilch (10th.) The men earned 50 points to outdistance runner-up Spring Arbor University with 63 points.

The women's team blew away the field with 20 points, with Spring Arbor a distant second at 71 points. IWU placed its top five runners in the top eight and all seven runners in the top 13 over the 5,000-meter course.

Senior Kelsey Devereaux won the individual championship. She was followed by junior Beka Bentle (second), senior Cassidy Wagner (third), senior Sarah Moyer (sixth), freshman Alyssa Foss (tied for eighth), junior Amanda Johnson (tied for eighth) and sophomore Emily Dean (13th).

The men's and women's teams finished second in the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) nationals before competing in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Nationals in Vancouver, Washington.

The men finished 27th, and the women finished ninth at the NAIA finals.

Women's Volleyball Team Wins NCCAA Championship

The Indiana Wesleyan University Women's Volleyball team won the 2010 National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) National Championship in Kissimmee, Florida.

IWU concluded the national title with a perfect 6-0 run over the three days of the tourney. The team completed the season at 33-11 and on a 10-match win streak. Over the last 25 matches of the season, IWU went 22-3.

Head Coach Candace Moats was honored as the NCCAA National Coach of the Year for the fourth time in her career.

IWU Considering Football and Move to NCAA Division II

The Indiana Wesleyan University Board of Trustees has approved two studies related to the University's athletic programs. One study will consider starting a football program, and the other will consider a move to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II.

Each study is to be completed in time to present a report to the IWU Board at its annual spring meeting April 1.

The board approved the creation of a Blue Ribbon Commission, headed by IWU President Henry Smith, to study the addition of football as an intercollegiate sport at IWU. Chet Foraker, a former college coach and athletic director, was hired as a consultant to assist with that study.

The commission will study how football would alter the campus and the campus ethos and what financial and ministry impact the new sport would have.

Smith said both the commission and IWU are committed to in-depth research and good decision making for the betterment of IWU.

"We must attempt to anticipate how football will affect our overall culture, the possible impact a high-profile sport like football might have on the entire intercollegiate athletic

program and what the financial needs would be for such a venture," he said.

The Board also approved funding for a consulting firm to assist with the NCAA Division II feasibility study and strategic plan. Components of that study include the effects of image branding, ministry opportunities and the caliber of Christian student-athletes IWU could attract with a move to NCAA Division II.

Both Smith and Mark DeMichael, IWU Athletic Director, said the ascent to NCAA would boost the overall athletic program and make it more credible and recognizable to outsiders.

IWU currently is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and competes in the Mid-Central College Conference. IWU sponsors 14 intercollegiate athletic teams plus a competitive cheer team.

"Neither one of these decisions by the Board reflects a final decision on whether we are adding football or applying for NCAA Division II status," said DeMichael. "They are simply a commitment from the University to thoroughly study if these changes would be positive moves for the institution as a whole."

Women's Tennis Team Advances to Nationals

The Indiana Wesleyan University women's tennis team qualified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Championships by winning the Mid-Central College Conference (MCC) tourney.

IWU will represent the MCC with the conference's automatic bid to the nationals on May 17-21 in Mobile, Alabama. The team completed its fall season with a 13-0 record.

Women's Soccer Team Competes in Nationals

The No. 5-ranked Indiana Wesleyan University women's soccer team lost the championship game in the Mid-Central College Conference (MCC) tourney, but still received an at-large invitation to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national tournament.

IWU had a 12-game win streak snapped by losing to Spring Arbor University, 2-1, in the MCC tourney. The Lady Wildcats lost to Houghton College, 2-0, in the opening round of the NAIA nationals at IWU.

The team finished the season with a 17-3-1 record.

Two Veteran IWU Coaches Selected for Hall of Fame

Indiana Wesleyan University softball coach Sue Bowman and women's tennis coach Terry Porter have been elected into the Grant County Sports Hall of Fame.

Bowman and Porter have combined for more than 80 years of coaching at IWU.

Bowman began her career at IWU in 1970, the second season of intercollegiate women's athletics. In her first season, Bowman coached women's field hockey, women's tennis and volleyball. She would later add head coach for women's basketball and women's track and field to her list of titles.

Porter has been on the IWU athletic staff since the inception of intercollegiate athletics in 1958. He has been head coach for five teams and assistant in another.

In his first year at IWU, Porter coached men's tennis and baseball teams. He coached the men's golf team for 12 years and was the assistant men's basketball coach for seven years.

Porter later coached the women's basketball team for nine years – and has coached women's tennis since 1991. His record as women's tennis coach is 349-35.



Sue Bowman



Terry Porter



What's Happening at IWU? February – May 2011

February 2-4: *Jungle Games* and *Harry and Mort*, Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m. (765-677-2610)

February 4: *Jungle Games* and *Harry and Mort*, Black Box Theatre, 2 p.m. (765-677-2610)

February 21: Visit Day. (765-677-2138)

February 26: Visit Day. (765-677-2138)

March 1: Woodwind/Brass/String Chamber Concert, Baker Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. (765-677-2610)

March 4: IWU Chorale, Fall Creek Wesleyan Church, Fishers, Indiana, 7 p.m. (765-677-2141)

March 6: IWU Chorale, Park Place Wesleyan Church, Pinellas Park, Florida, 10:15 a.m. (765-677-2141)

March 6: IWU Chorale, The Village Church, Fort Myers, Florida, 6:15 p.m. (Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door.) (765-677-2141)

March 7: IWU Chorale, Avon Park Camp, Avon, Florida, 7 p.m. (765-677-2141)

March 7-11: Spring Break.

March 9: IWU Alumni/Friends Luncheon with IWU President Henry Smith and IWU Vice President Keith Newman, Brooksville (Florida) Village Cafeteria, noon to 1:30 p.m. (765-677-2110)

March 9: IWU Chorale, Brooksville Wesleyan Church, Brooksville, Florida, 6 p.m. (765-677-2141)

March 11: IWU Chorale, First Church of the Nazarene, Winter Haven, Florida, 7 p.m. (765-677-2141)

March 12: IWU Chorale, New Presbyterian Church, Pompano Beach, Florida, 7 p.m. (765-677-2141)

March 13: IWU Chorale, First Presbyterian Church, North Palm Beach, Florida, special music at 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. and full concert at 3 p.m. (765-677-2141)

March 16: Visit Day. (765-677-2138)

March 19: Marion Philharmonic Orchestra at IWU, Spring Pops Concert: A James Dean Tribute, IWU Chapel-Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. (765-662-0012)

March 20: World Changers Convocation honoring S. Truett Cathy, Founder and Chairman of Chick-fil-A, Inc., IWU Chapel-Auditorium, 10 a.m.

March 24-26: *Little Women, The Musical*, Phillippe Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. (765-677-2610)

March 26: *Little Women, The Musical*, Phillippe Performing Arts Center, 2 p.m. (765-677-2610)

March 31-April 2: *Little Women, The Musical*, Phillippe Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. (765-677-2610)

April 1: Visit Day with Special Track for Wesleyans. (765-677-2138)

April 1-2: FUSION (High School Youth Conference). (765-677-2227)

April 2: *Little Women, The Musical*, Phillippe Performing Arts Center, 2 p.m. (765-677-2610)

April 4: Woodwind/Brass/String Chamber Concert, Baker Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. (765-677-2610)

April 11: Jazz Ensemble Concert, Phillippe Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. (765-677-2610)

April 13: Piano Ensemble Concert, Baker Recital Hall, 7 p.m. (765-677-2610)

April 14: Wind Ensemble Concert, Phillippe Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. (765-677-2610)

April 15: Visit Day. (765-677-2138)

April 16: IWU Orchestra Concert, Phillippe Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. (765-677-2610)

April 19: Heart of Indiana Children's Choir Concert, Phillippe Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. (765-677-2610)

April 20: Women's Chorus Concert, Phillippe Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. (765-677-2610)

April 29: Baccalaureate, IWU Chapel-Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

April 30: Spring graduation, IWU Chapel-Auditorium, 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

May 4: May Term begins.

May 6: Chick-fil-A LeaderCast, Marion Indiana; Merrillville, Indiana; Indianapolis, entire day. (765-677-2105)

May 6-7: NEVER 2 YOUNG (Junior High Weekend). (765-677-2227)

May 14: Marion Philharmonic Orchestra, The Magic of Musical Hungary, Phillippe Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. (765-662-0012)

May 19-21: FREQUENCY (People Committed to Youth Ministry). (765-677-2227)

May 24: May Term ends.

May 31: Summer Session 1 begins.

Indiana Wesleyan Named 'Military Friendly School'

Indiana Wesleyan University has been named to the 2011 list of Military Friendly Schools, which is compiled annually by *G.I. Jobs* magazine. The list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to recruit and embrace America's veterans as students.

Records show that IWU has about 550 enrolled students who are potentially eligible for veterans' benefits.

IWU partners with the U.S. Government to offer Yellow Ribbon Program and GI Bill benefits to veterans enrolled in adult and graduate studies programs. The federal benefits make the cost of an IWU education virtually the same as the cost at a public university.

IWU also gives spouses of military personnel a tuition discount for taking IWU classes.

In addition, IWU is one of only a few Christian universities to have an active Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) unit. About 40 traditional students are enrolled in the ROTC program on IWU's Marion campus.

IWU has about 3,200 traditional students on its Marion campus and about 12,200 adult students at education centers and other sites in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.

G.I. Jobs magazine is published by Victory Media, a veteran-owned business, which also publishes *The Guide to Military Friendly Schools*, *Military Spouse* and *Vetpreneur* magazines and annually rates the nation's Military Friendly Employers, Military Spouse Friendly Employers and Best Corporations for Veterans-Owned Businesses.





National Conversations Focuses on Education

Several of America's leading voices in education served as panelists for the second in a series of National Conversations, sponsored by Indiana Wesleyan University. The event, held in October at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., focused on the theme "Education in Crisis: The Unmasked Questions."

Scott Jaschik, founder and editor of *Inside Higher Ed*, served as the moderator for the main panel discussion and also for a second panel that reflected on the main discussion.

Panelists for the 90-minute main discussion, "Education in Crisis: The Unmasked Questions," were:

- Michael Gerson, *The Washington Post*.
- Naomi Schaefer Riley, an author and national writer.
- Phil Gardner, Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University.
- Holiday Hart McKiernan, Lumina Foundation.
- Deborah Santiago, EdExcelencia.
- Mark C. Taylor, *Crisis on Campus*.
- Gail Mellow, LaGuardia Community College.

Panelists for the second discussion, "Enriching the Perspective on the Educational Crisis in America," were:

- Alan Bjerga, National Press Club.

- Jeremie Kubicek, GiANT Impact.
- Lindsay Waters, Harvard University Press.
- Rhonda Hustedt Jacobsen, The American University in the Postsecular Age.
- Mark Galli, *Christianity Today*.

A third panel discussion featured several authors who have written books related to education. Moderators were Dr. Jerry Pattengale, an IWU administrator who also serves as Executive Director of National Conversations, and John Wilson, Editor of *Books & Culture*.

Authors on the panel were Mark C. Taylor, Naomi Schaefer Riley and Lindsay Waters, along with Tim Elmore, President of Growing Leaders.

The working title for National Conversations is "The University and the Public Square: A Series of Civil Dialogues About Society's Well-being." Dr. David Wright, IWU's Provost and Chief Academic Officer, is the founder of the series.

The first of the National Conversations, which focused on health care, was in February at the studios of WFYI-TV in Indianapolis. WFYI, the Indianapolis-based Sagamore Institute and Christianity Today International are co-sponsors of the series.

Sue Sprinkle, Nursing Professor, Dies Suddenly of Heart Attack

Sue Sprinkle, 70, an Assistant Professor in the Indiana Wesleyan University School of Nursing, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on October 29, 2010. She had taught full-time in the pre-licensure nursing program since 2004.



Professor Sprinkle had retired after 30 years of service at Marion General Hospital where she was Director

of Social Services and Director of the Extended Care Unit. She also was a licensed nursing home administrator.

Professor Sprinkle was a Marion native and a 1958 graduate of Marion High School. She attended Methodist School of Nursing in Indianapolis before earning her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from Indiana University.

She was a member of Sigma Theta Tau National Nursing Honor Society and the Indiana State Nursing Association. She was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Gas City and was President of the Church Board.

Professor Sprinkle was a member of the Parish Nurse Program and also was a volunteer at the Bridges to Health Clinic in Marion.

She is survived by her husband, John; two sons, Mike Batton, Melbourne, Florida, and Doug Batton, Angola, Indiana; two step-children, Kyle Sprinkle, Muncie, and Julie Jones, Fishers; her mother, Lucile Burns, and one brother, Jack Burns, Marion.

Director Named for Office of Global Initiatives

Dr. Mwenda Ntarangwi has been named Executive Director of Indiana Wesleyan University's new Office of Global Initiatives. He will begin his duties February 1.

"The Office of Global Initiatives is intended to become the central university resource to support the creation and implementation of our 10-year strategic vision for IWU to become a global Christian university," said Dr. David Wright, IWU Provost and Chief Academic Officer.

Ntarangwi currently serves as Associate Professor of Anthropology and Director of the African and African Diaspora Studies program at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Previously, he held faculty positions in anthropology and directed study abroad programs at St. Lawrence University and Augustana College.

He holds Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in anthropology from the University of

Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as well as bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees in Swahili Studies from Kenyatta University in Kenya.

Ntarangwi has served as an international research consultant with the IRIS Center of the University of Maryland, the Carter Center Southern Sudan, Encyclopedia Britannica, Swedish International Development Agency and Plan International.

He is a member of the Commission on World Anthropologies of the American Anthropological Association and is president-elect of the Association of Africanist Anthropology.

Ntarangwi and his family have a long association with the Church of the Nazarene. His wife, Margaret, holds an M.B.A. and Ph.D. degrees in higher education policy studies from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has been a faculty member at Africa Nazarene



Dr. Mwenda Ntarangwi

University and currently is a faculty member at Davenport College.

"Dr. Ntarangwi and his family are well acquainted with and committed to the mission and distinctive commitments of Indiana Wesleyan University," Wright said. "He brings a wealth of accomplishment and experience to IWU."

IWU Moves Up in 'U.S. News' College Rankings

Indiana Wesleyan University was ranked 28th among Regional Universities in the Midwest in the 2011 edition of "America's Best Colleges," which is published by *U.S. News & World Report*. IWU was ranked 33rd a year ago.

IWU's overall score in the rankings plus its peer assessment score also increased. There are 172 regional universities in the Midwest.

IWU also was ranked 11th among Regional Universities in the Midwest in the "Great Schools, Great Prices" section of the *U.S. News* report. The formula used to determine which colleges offer the best value relates a school's academic quality to its overall cost.

IWU's total tuition and fees for the 2010-2011 academic year are \$21,214, but 65 percent of IWU students received need-based grants to lower that cost.

Regional universities, according to *U.S. News*, offer a full range of undergraduate and master's programs but few, if any, doctoral programs. IWU offers master's degrees in business administration, management, counseling, education, ministry and nursing.

IWU also has one doctoral program in organizational leadership.

There are 574 regional universities in the United States.



Dr. Barbara Ihrke to Head School of Nursing

Dr. Barbara Ihrke, who has taught at Indiana Wesleyan University since 1994, has been named Dean of the School of Nursing.

Ihrke received her registered nurse degree from St. Cloud School of Nursing and holds a B.S. degree from Crown College. She earned an M.S. degree from IWU and a Ph.D. from Purdue University.

Her areas of expertise include transcultural nursing, tropical health, gerontology and nursing informatics. She is a research consultant at Marion General Hospital and a home health nurse.

From 1980-1991, Ihrke worked in the Democratic Republic of Congo as a missionary nurse, teaching in a school of nursing and doing primary health care projects. She spent her IWU sabbatical in Gabon, Africa.

Ihrke has presented her transcultural research at various national and international conferences. Her research areas include cultural competence of students and nurses as well as spiritual care issues.



Dr. Barbara Ihrke

“Over the past two years, Dr. Ihrke has served as Executive Director for the new School of Nursing and has helped to complete an enormous amount of work in a short time. She has served as a catalyst for change,” said Dr. David Wright, IWU Provost and Chief Academic Officer.

“In recent months, it has become increasingly clear that Dr. Ihrke is the person best prepared to lead the School of nursing forward,” Wright said.

A grand opening for the School of Nursing is planned in February 2011. Ihrke and School of Nursing chairs will be installed at that time.

Three Honorary Degrees Awarded at Graduations

C. William Pollard and Mark Gorveatte received honorary degrees during Indiana Wesleyan University’s annual December graduation in the IWU Chapel-Auditorium.

A total of 1,746 students received degrees during two ceremonies.

Pollard, the chairman of Fairwyn Investment Company, spoke at both graduation ceremonies. From 1977 to 2002, he participated in the leadership of The ServiceMaster Company, serving twice as Chief Executive Officer and 12 years as Chairman of the Board.

Pollard received an honorary doctor of business administration degree.

Gorveatte, who is an ordained pastor in The Wesleyan Church, was inaugurated on September 24, 2010, as the 11th president of Bethany Bible College in New Brunswick, Canada. He is a former member of the IWU Board of Trustees.

Gorveatte received an honorary doctor of theology degree.

Jay Hein, President of the Indianapolis-based Sagamore Institute for Policy Research, spoke at two graduations in August 2010 and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. About 1,420 students received diplomas in August.

Indiana Wesleyan also has leased space for two instructional sites in Easton, on the east side of Columbus.

Indiana Wesleyan’s College of Adult and Professional Studies began offering classes in 1985. More than 40,000 adult learners have earned degrees through the college, and more than 12,500 students currently are enrolled in classes – about 6,300 of them in online programs.

IWU Opens Columbus, Ohio, Education Center

Indiana Wesleyan University began offering classes for adult learners in the Columbus area when a new education center opened in January in Hilliard.

More than 1,200 adult learners currently attend classes at four Indiana Wesleyan education centers in Ohio: two in Cleveland and one each in Cincinnati and Dayton. Another 1,160 Ohio students are enrolled in online classes.

The Columbus Education Center is located in the One Mill Run Building at 3455 Mill Run Drive, Suite 200, in Hilliard. The building is just off I-270 at Exit 13.

Indiana Wesleyan has leased 21,000 square feet of floor space in the building in Hilliard. The space will be converted to nine classrooms, administrative offices, a chapel, study rooms, a library and computer laboratory.

IWU Forms Partnership with Hispanic Organization

Indiana Wesleyan University has formed a partnership with the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC), America’s largest Hispanic Christian organization, to address collaboratively the educational and academic needs of the Hispanic faith community.

The NHCLC is comprised of 16 million members in the United States and Puerto Rico, and serves 25,434 Hispanic churches and 75 denominations.

Under terms of the agreement, IWU stands as a fully endorsed educational institution by the NHCLC, identifying IWU as an NHCLC Strategic Midwest Partner and a member of the Alliance for Hispanic Christian Education.

“The partnership of IWU with NHCLC reflects the values past, present and future of both IWU and The Wesleyan Church,” said Jo Anne Lyon, General Superintendent, The Wesleyan Church. “I look forward to scores of leaders emerging for our churches, communities and the world as a result of this relationship.”

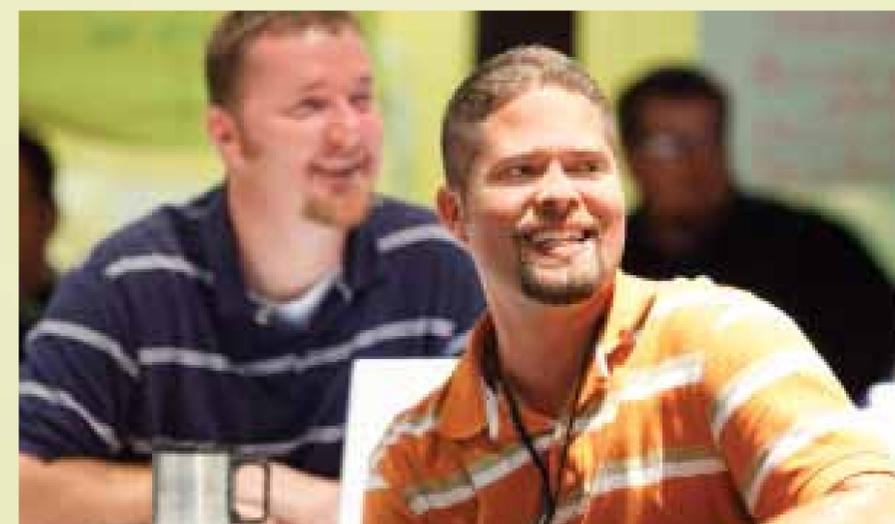
The partnership is one of several

initiatives IWU has undertaken in recent months to increase overall campus diversity among students, faculty and administration.

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

Charleston Sanders recently joined the IWU Enrollment Management team as Director of Multi-Cultural Student Recruitment.

Dr. David Wright, Indiana Wesleyan University Provost, said: “The Spanish-speaking communities of our country represent a rich national treasure. These communities are made up of families dedicated to strong values and committed to the hard work and education required to achieve their dreams. Indiana Wesleyan University is committed to welcoming and serving students whose first language is Spanish, and so it is a particular pleasure to join with NHCLC in this great effort. We look forward to a strong partnership in the years ahead.”



IWU Honors Bill Sparks for Community Service

Bill Sparks, the founder and executive director of Gilead Ministries, was honored for community service during Indiana Wesleyan University’s annual All-University Convocation in September.

“In 1999, Bill Sparks stepped aside as pastor of a Marion church to found – totally on faith and with no money – this unique non-profit organization,” said IWU Vice President Keith Newman, who presented the award.

Gilead Ministries now has an annual budget of \$130,000, and more than 200 volunteers and provides a multitude of services to 600 cancer patients in 31 states.

Tony Maidenberg, a former Marion mayor and Indiana state senator, was the first person to receive the annual award. Maidenberg currently is Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Independent Colleges of Indiana.

IWU President Henry Smith also honored Sue Bowman for 40 years of service to the university. Bowman is a professor of physical education and coaches the women’s softball team.

Smith also presented service awards to:

- 30 years: Marilyn Simons, professor of nursing; and Jack Ward, associate director of conference services.
- 25 years: Brenda Schadler, manager of mail services; and Mary Brown, professor of English and chair of the Division of Modern Language and Literature.

Jack Ward also received a President’s Award for Outstanding Service, and Audrey Hahn received a President’s Award for Outstanding Leadership. Hahn is an associate vice president for student services in IWU’s adult education programs.



Janelle Vernon and Colts mascot, Blue.

IWU, Indianapolis Colts Create Fitness Room

A new fitness room, created by Indiana Wesleyan University and the Indianapolis Colts, was unveiled in October during a press conference and ribbon-cutting at a Boys & Girls Club on the west side of Indianapolis.

For 36 years, the National Football League and United Way have partnered to strengthen communities across America. The Colts continued that relationship by teaming up with United Way of Central Indiana to host this year's Hometown Huddle, presented by IWU.

The new fitness room at LeGore Boys & Girls Club, 5228 W. Minnesota St., Indianapolis, is part of the NFL's Play 60 initiative, which encourages youth to be active at least 60 minutes each day. The Boys & Girls Club is a United Way agency.

The renovations were made possible through contributions from the Colts, IWU, NFL Charities and several Indianapolis-area businesses.

IWU Has Record Enrollment for Fall 2010 Semester

A record 15,953 students are enrolled for 2010 fall semester classes at Indiana Wesleyan University. This year's enrollment is 3.9 percent higher than a year ago.

A total of 3,274 of those students – also a record number – attend classes on IWU's residential campus in Marion. The remaining 12,679 students attend classes either online or at 15 regional centers and other sites in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

As part of a growing national trend in higher education, 40 percent of all IWU students attend classes online. In the last four years, IWU's online enrollment has grown by 10 percent.

Of the 3,274 students who attend classes in Marion, 2,622 of them live on campus, and the remaining 652 are commuters.

Here is a two-year enrollment comparison for IWU's five academic divisions:

	2009	2010
Adult and Professional Studies	10,226	10,561
Arts and Sciences	2,760	2,799
School of Nursing	2,176	2,213
Seminary	110	190
Unassigned Students	73	190
TOTALS	15,345	15,953

Other comparisons for the Marion campus:

	2009	2010
Students Enrolled on Marion Campus	3,215	3,274
Students Living on Marion Campus	2,525	2,622
Freshmen/Transfer Students	885	911

IWU Student Newspaper Wins National Honors

The Sojourn, the Indiana Wesleyan University student newspaper, won honors as one of the nation's top 10 four-year college/university weekly broadsheets in the "Best of Show" competition at the 89th Annual National College Media Convention. The convention in Louisville, Kentucky, is the world's largest gathering of student journalists and advisers.

The convention attracted nearly 400 student-media outlets and more than 2,500 attendees. The other schools in the top 10 had several times Indiana Wesleyan's undergraduate enrollment,

and IWU was the only private or Christian school honored.

"The staff has been working hard, even over the summer, to make this happen," said Jason Eastman, editor in chief of the newspaper. "I'm excited about the team's effort and achievement."

This year's *Sojourn* staffers were required to have journalism coursework in order to be hired, a first in the publication's history, which dates back to the 1920s. This resulted in a well-trained team of writers, designers, photographers and editors, said Dr. Kyle Huckins, faculty adviser of *The Sojourn*.

Hobby Lobby Commits \$2.5 Million to Seminary

The family that owns Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. has made a \$2.5 million commitment to Indiana Wesleyan University for a new building that will house Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University.

The gift was announced by Dr. Keith Newman, IWU's Vice President for University Relations.

The IWU Board of Trustees, at a meeting in October, approved construction of the 21,000-square-foot seminary building that would include classrooms, faculty offices and a multi-purpose gathering place for students to study and fellowship.

Newman said his staff is pursuing additional funding for the building,

which is estimated to cost \$7 million. Construction of the seminary building could begin as early as spring of 2011.

"We are pleased to assist Indiana Wesleyan with its new seminary building because of our family's passion and vision to see universities train young men and women in the word of God," said Tyler Green, Ministries Coordinator for Hobby Lobby Stores.

Tyler Green is the grandson of David and Barbara Green, the founders and owners of Hobby Lobby Stores. Tyler Green and his wife, Kristin, are IWU graduates.

"We are grateful not only for this generous gift but also for the friendship that has developed in recent years

between the Green family and IWU," said Dr. Henry Smith, IWU President. "Barbara Green, because of her business expertise and her passion for ministry, has been an invaluable member of the IWU Board of Trustees."

"This gift is a double blessing," said Dr. Wayne Schmidt, Seminary vice president. "Its generosity makes our facility a reality, and the Green family so wonderfully represents that which we value. The Seminary already is becoming known for its innovation and expansion in order to meet the needs of those it serves."

Wesley Seminary, is the first seminary owned by The Wesleyan Church.

Green Scholars Initiative Pattengale to Lead International Study of Judeo-Christian Texts

An Indiana Wesleyan University scholar will direct an international initiative that will involve teams of scholars studying what may be the world's largest collection of ancient texts and items related to the Judeo-Christian story.

Dr. Jerry Pattengale will be the Director of the Green Scholars Initiative that will study a collection of more than 60,000 items that has been assembled by the Green family, which owns Hobby Lobby Stores.

Pattengale will remain as IWU's Assistant Provost for Public Engagement but with reduced duties. He graduated from IWU in 1979 and earned his doctorate under Dr. Edwin Yamauchi at Miami University in Ohio.

Pattengale joined the IWU faculty in 1997.

"The Green Scholars Initiative will involve dozens of scholars at numerous

universities led by 10 renowned senior scholars. Those initial selections include Dirk Obbink, Ralph Hanna, Gordon Campbell and Alister McGrath. They will facilitate rare hands-on original research opportunities," Pattengale said. "This will revolutionize the undergraduate research experience for generations of students."

Steve Green, president of Hobby Lobby, led the effort to buy the artifacts, illuminated manuscripts, scrolls, papyri and other works. The items, including some of the Dead Sea Scrolls and numerous priceless texts, were acquired from auction houses, dealers and private collections, according to a story in the June 11, 2010, issue of *The New York Times*.

The Green family is planning a worldwide tour of the exhibition and also eventually plans to build a 300,000-square-foot museum to house the collection, according to *The New York Times*.

Steve Green is the son of David Green, who founded Hobby Lobby in 1972. The private company, which now numbers 462 stores in 39 states, is based in Oklahoma City. Barbara Green, David's wife and Steve's mother, serves on the IWU Board of Trustees.

Pattengale will join Dr. Scott Carroll, the founding visionary of the initiatives surrounding the Green Collection. They previously co-directed the Van Kampen Foundation, in Michigan and England.

Pattengale and Carroll amassed a smaller collection of Judeo-Christian artifacts, and directed conferences with the British Library, a major excavation in Wadi Natrun, Egypt, and the internationally acclaimed *Odyssey in Egypt* program.



Dr. Jerry Pattengale

Melinda Hornback

Nears End of Nine-Year Educational Journey

Melinda Hornback, who received her bachelor's degree in social work from Indiana Wesleyan University in April, had some serious doubts about beginning college at age 39.

"I was afraid I wouldn't make it or that people might find out I was stupid," she said. "I was so scared of college that I only took one class when I started at Ivy Tech in Wabash. No one in my family had ever been to college."

That was in 2002. Today, at age 48, Hornback is seven months away from finishing an educational journey that will end in August 2011 when she receives a master's degree in social work at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

It took her five years to complete an associate's degree in criminal justice at Ivy Tech and three years to complete

"I was so scared of college that I only took one class when I started at Ivy Tech in Wabash. No one in my family had ever been to college."

her bachelor's degree at IWU. She began work on her master's degree in June.

"After nine years of college, I will have three college degrees and be only about \$8,000 in debt," Hornback said. And she did it all while being a wife, a mother of two biological children and a foster mother to several children.

Jack Kent Cooke, a self-made billionaire who never had an opportunity to attend college, heads the list of people to whom Hornback

is indebted for her college education. When Cooke died in 1997, he left his fortune to help people such as Hornback.

"My advisor at Ivy Tech told me about the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship," Hornback said. "Most of the scholars were young, right out of high school, and I thought, they aren't going to give this scholarship to some old lady."

She received the scholarship, which provided up to \$30,000 a year to attend any college of her choosing. More than 750 students applied for the grants, and 52 were selected.

"All at once, I had money to go to school practically anywhere, so I checked out lots of colleges – including Columbia University in New York City," Hornback said. "Then I got to thinking,

"We have a great college right down the road, so why should I uproot my family to move to New York City?"

Hornback enrolled at IWU in the fall of 2007. She changed her major from criminal justice to social work after a chance encounter with Janice Adams, who headed the IWU social work major at the time.

As she prepared to graduate from IWU in April with a 3.99 grade-point average, Hornback again turned to

the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation for financial assistance. In June, Hornback learned she was one of 35 recipients of the Foundation's 2010 Graduate Scholarships – a select group of students who are now attending some of the best universities in the United States and Europe.

"These Jack Kent Cooke Scholars are exceptional students who've been with us for quite a few years," said the Foundation's Executive Director, Lawrence Kutner. "This scholarship will remove the financial pressure on them and allow them to focus on what they do best."

The scholarships provide \$50,000 for graduate studies. Hornback said the University of Michigan has one of the top graduate schools for social work in the nation.

In addition to attending classes three days a week, Hornback has a required field placement at Detroit Parent Network three days a week. The agency works with parents to help get students ready for college.

Hornback's family plans are somewhat uncertain after she receives her master's degree.

The Hornback family moved to Wabash in 1998 so Melinda and her husband, Mike, could become house parents at what now is White's Residential and Family Services. They eventually became the chaplains for the agency.

Mike Hornback completed his college degree while he was in the military, but the family had a plan that



Melinda Hornback

Melinda would begin college when their children started high school. Raising several foster children delayed those plans.

When Melinda began classes full-time at IWU in 2007, she and her husband quit their jobs at White's because they no longer could work as a team. Mike Hornback now works as a chaplain at a hospice in Harlan County, Kentucky.

"In my mind, Indiana is still our home, even though we are from Kentucky originally," Melinda Hornback said. "Indiana is where we know people, where our friends are and where our work is. If things don't work out in Kentucky, we may come back to Indiana."

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.

40s

Edward L. Eddy '47 celebrated his 90th birthday July 2.



Edward & Arlene Eddy.

60s

Robert S. Hallett '69 earned his Doctor of Ministry degree in August from the Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia. He and his wife, Carol (Walker) '69, live in New Castle, Indiana. They have three children and nine grandchildren.

70s

Jean E. Kreke '70 retired from the Louisville Free Public Library as a library assistant after more than 29 years of service.

Thomas A. Hinton '79, Senior State Liaison for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, was the principal Department of Defense representative in the development of the ground-breaking Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, a multi-state cooperative policy initiative to solve the numerous challenges faced by children of military members who must move to new schools an average of six to nine times in their K-12 experience. Tom's team has now helped 35 states, to adopt the legislation and join the Compact, making it the most rapidly activated interstate compact in the 200-year history of such compacts in America.

80s

Becky C. Nash '82, B.S.N., R.N., has been promoted to Chief Clinical Officer for Eagle Creek Health and Rehabilitation Center by Kindred Healthcare. She was recently named the 2009 Director of Nursing Services of the year for the district, region and nation for Kindred's Health Services Division. Eagle Creek operates a 120-bed Transitional Care Center of Excellence providing specialty services for transplants, cardiac/respiratory, complex medical, infectious disease, and stroke/rehabilitation patients in addition to traditional long-term residents.

90s

Richard P. Stewart '90 earned a Ph.D. in General Studies in 2009. Stewart became founder and President of the West Kentucky Wild Food Farm in 2010.

Susan B. Reeves Ball '95 lost 200 pounds in 19 months and was married April 24, 2010.

Kathy Fosnough Buck '96 is an instructor of nursing at Huntington University. She earned an associate's degree from Anderson University, and bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing education from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Matthew Grimshaw '96 is the new chief executive officer for Mercy Medical Center, Williston, North Dakota. He most recently served as executive vice president at Immanuel St. Joseph's Mayo Health System, Mankato, Minnesota. Grimshaw holds a master's degree in business administration from Wake Forest University and a bachelor's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University.



Matthew Grimshaw

Michael H. Schatzlein '97 was appointed the new president and CEO of Saint Thomas Health Services, Nashville, Tennessee. Schatzlein previously served as president and CEO of Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Schatzlein practiced medicine in Indiana as a cardiac and transplant surgeon from 1981 until he moved into hospital management in 1994. He was CEO of two hospitals within Lutheran's network before taking charge of the system in 2007. In addition to his medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine, Schatzlein holds an M.B.A. from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Lisa C. Bradford '97 received her master's degree in nursing May 15, 2010. She is presently teaching nursing at Louisiana College in Pineville, Louisiana.

Brian Poplin '97 is Executive Vice President of the Clinical Technology Services – Center of Excellence at ARAMARK Healthcare, Charlotte, North Carolina. Poplin joined the ServiceMaster organization in 1994 as a biomedical equipment technician, coming to ARAMARK as part of the ServiceMaster acquisition in 2001. He earned both a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and master's degree in Management from Indiana Wesleyan University. Poplin also recently completed his Doctorate in Health Administration and Policy at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is an ACHE Fellow and holds board certification in healthcare management.

alumni news

Marilee Virgil Keim '98 was one of three people recently elected to the Sherman College of Chiropractic Board of Trustees to serve a four-year term. Keim is the Social Studies Department Chair, a teacher at Fairfield Junior-Senior High School, Goshen, Indiana, and the wife of Richard Keim. She earned a bachelor's degree in education at Goshen College and a master's degree in education at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Hale Wills M.D. '99 completed his general surgery residency at Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center, Detroit, Michigan, and has accepted the position of Pediatric Surgery Research Fellow at Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center, St. Louis, Missouri. He and his wife, Lora, with their two boys, Liam and Colin, moved to St. Louis in July.

00s

Jason (Jay) Blevins' '00, debut novel entitled *The Last Fall* was published by OakTara Publishers in October 2010. Dr. Keith Drury from the IWU Religion Department was an endorser for the book. Blevins has also been published in *Celebrate Life Magazine*, *Calvary Chapel Magazine*, *Reader's Digest* and more recently he was a contributing writer for the new *Holy Bible: Mosaic* (Tyndale, 2009).

Timothy F. Gardner '01 is the CEO & co-owner of a family primary care clinic in northwest Indiana, which has been open for five years. After completing his B.S.N. at IWU, Gardner went on to complete his M.S.N.-Family Nurse Practitioner at the University of Southern Indiana. He completed his doctorate at the

University of Minnesota in family primary care. Gardner is a board-certified family nurse practitioner.

Jason Hester '01 is the Executive Director of the Columbus Economic Development Board. He previously served as the Central Region Director for the Indiana Economic Development Corp., the development director for the City of Kokomo, the economic development director for the City of Elwood and the Elwood Chamber of Commerce's executive director. He has a bachelor's degree from Oral Roberts University and an M.B.A. from Indiana Wesleyan University. Hester is also a graduate of the Economic Development Institute of the University of Oklahoma. He and his wife, Candace, have three children. Hester is a certified economic developer for the International Economic Development Council.

Heather Hallett Bellaire '02 is an Electronic Services ACH Specialist at Inova FCU Corporate Headquarters, Elkhart, Indiana.

Robert L. Fannin Jr. '02, and his wife, **Paula (Helwig) '02** purchased their first home in July 2010. He is a logistics specialist at Pacer International, Dublin, Ohio, and also a part-time youth pastor at the Reynoldsburg Alliance Church, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Dawn R. Howard '02 was recognized as being one of Indianapolis' Best and Brightest Finalists by Junior Achievement of Central Indiana in the Manufacturing, Retail and Services category. Howard works with Region Industry Development Leader, BKD, LLP.



David McDowell

David McDowell '02 created a 12-foot tree, made with an aluminum frame and stained glass, for Sandy Valley School system in Magnolia, Ohio, where he attended as a child.

Keri Brantley '03 was recognized for her work in creating an internal electronic newsletter for employees at St. Francis Hospital & Health Centers. A member of the hospital's Human Resources Department, Brantley earned the 2010 Communication Award (Internal Electronic Communication category) from the American Society of Healthcare Human Resources Administration (ASHHRA). This marks the second year in a row Brantley has been recognized by ASHHRA.

Tiah Romagnoli Wingate '03 shared a touching story about God's faithfulness while her fourth child, Noelle Hope, born April 28, 2010, experienced liver failure. For the complete story, go to Noelle's Caring Bridge site at www.caringbridge.org/visit/noellehope.

Andrea D. Trump Guenin '04 is the Marketing Team Leader/Lead Graphic Designer for Moorehead Communications, Inc., Marion, Indiana.

Holly Brush Tischer '04 is living in South Korea with her husband, who is in the U.S. Army on active duty.

Shumeca M. Pickett '04 recently launched a corporate responsibility consulting firm. Her firm, Alfred Dewitt Ard, helps organizations understand, integrate, implement and brand corporate responsibility and measure impact.

Adam Rollefson

'05 recently began serving as the Middle School Pastor at Gold Creek Community Church in Mill Creek, Washington. Last May, Rollefson met with Darren Whitehead, Pastor of Next Gen Ministries at Willow Creek Community Church, while attending Indiana Wesleyan University's Frequency student ministries conference.



Darren Whitehead & Adam Rollefson

Aaron B. Shepherd '06 serves as Counsel for The Procter & Gamble Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia Law School.

David Hunt '06 spent 23 days in March in Haiti with NDMS/DMORT (National Disaster Medical System/Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team) in response to the Haiti earthquake. Hunt was put in charge of the field recovery operations upon arrival. DMORT's mission was to recover and identify American citizens who died in the earthquake. He also assumed command of the operation for the final week and closeout operations. Hunt worked alongside the U.S. Army Mortuary affairs group while living in an Army camp next to the Port Au Prince runway.

Alan Goracke '06 was one of 15 people appointed by Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty to the Governor's Council on Faith and Community Service Initiatives. Goracke is

the senior pastor at Kingswood Church in Blaine, Minnesota. He is pursuing his doctor of ministry degree at Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, earned his master of arts degree in ministry from Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, and earned his bachelor of science degree from St. Cloud State University. He is a member of the Blaine Planning Commission, and the Blaine Charter Commission and is the faith community representative to the Anoka County Emergency Shelter Grants Program/Federal Emergency Management Agency Committee.

Ashley N. Humphries '06 is an enforcement attorney for the Indiana Secretary of State's Office, Dealers Division, in Indianapolis.

Linda Lowe '06 is the Community Scholarship Liaison for Project Leadership at the Community Foundation of Grant County, Indiana. She has been a resident of Grant County for 13 years and has 30 years of business experience. Linda has a degree from Indiana Wesleyan University in business management. She has been married to her husband, Steve, for 29 years, and has two children and four grandchildren. Linda has a passion for the youths of Grant County and is excited about working to promote education.



Linda Lowe

David Welch '06 was featured in the *Jerusalem Post*. The article reported about his Peace Project in the Gaza Strip. Welch has become an Israeli citizen and is currently serving in the Israeli Military.

Pam Moorman Campbell '06 is a Purchasing Agent/Inventory Control Analyst for D&D Ingredient Distributors, Inc., Delphos, Ohio.

Matt P. Sweeney '06 is a master planner at General Atomics, San Diego, California.

Kells M. Sinnett Luehmann '07 is the Before & After School Program Coordinator at Edinburgh Parks & Recreation, Edinburgh, Indiana.

Rev. Chris J. Van Den Berg '07 is the assistant pastor of children and youth at Watertown Wesleyan Church, Watertown, South Dakota.

Amanda Weaver Hanson '08 was awarded the John Dalton Excellent Teacher Award after only

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future alumni

Kells M. Sinnett Luehmann '07 and **Christian Luehmann '07**, two sons:

Roman Christian Luehmann • 09/08/08
Logan Virgil Luehmann • 02/05/10

Bobby '02 and **Paula Helwig Fannin '02** – Leah Pauline • 05/09/09

Michelle L. Veldman Greydanus '95 and **Aaron Greydanus - Eliot Robert Greydanus** • 10/15/09



Leah, Rebekah & Sarah Fannin

Nathan '89 and **Greta Peterson '91/'97 Clement** – Emory Peterson Clement • 04/05/10



Emory Peterson Clement

Rev. Chris '07 and **Joyce Van Den Berg** – Nathan John • 08/17/10

Brooks '99 and **Lindsay Greenway** – Liam Brooks Greenway • 08/27/10



Liam Brooks Greenway

down the aisle

Theresa A. Thomas '96 and **Chad Vice** • 3/15/2008

Sarah N. Minger '04 and **Ben VanDonkelaar** • 11/1/2008

Kara E. Estep '04 and **Rory Marquardt** • 5/22/2010

Hannah E. Smith '09 and **Brian R. Episcopo '08** • 7/3/2010.

Sarah C. Dainsberg '07 and **Daniel Gurley** • 7/9/2010

James Ryan Haworth '03 and **Courtney Fahey** • 8/6/2010



James & Courtney Haworth



Rory & Kara Marquardt

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a year teaching in Mississinewa Community Schools. Hanson, who is a first-grade teacher at Westview Elementary, Jonesboro, Indiana, received a \$1,000 grant, along with a plaque, to honor her willingness and love to teach.

Corrissa R. Chaffee Givens '08 recently finished writing a young adult novel with a Christian theme, titled *Guardian*. She says, "At IWU, I realized the importance of sharing the value of a Christ-filled life with others – to never stop living as an example. My upbringing as a pastor's daughter formed my foundation, and IWU reinforced it. Thank you, IWU!" Givens has a publishing contract with Whiskey Creek Press, a small independent publisher. The book is scheduled for release in 2011.

Ryan A. Muir '08 is a fifth-grade math teacher and head of the elementary school math department at SMIC Private School in Shanghai, China. He writes, "I am currently in my second year of teaching here. I have students from over 15 different countries around the world. My wife and I have the opportunity to work with a youth group over here with about 100 students from sixth through 12th grade. It has been an amazing experience and we look forward to all that God has in store for us."

Karen Turngren Miller '08 is a Community Health Nurse Specialist with the Healthy Start Program, Louisville, Kentucky, and says, "[I] feel like I am making a real difference in the lives of the mothers that I serve."

Aubrie N. Rovenstine DeLisle '09 is the administrative assistant at Harvest Bible Chapel North Indianapolis, Noblesville, Indianapolis.

Adam R. Conder '09 is the pastor of the Robinson Free Methodist Church in Robinson, Illinois.

Jeremy Potts '09, who earned an M.B.A. at Indiana Wesleyan University, started Louisville Valet LLC with his brother, Joey Potts, in June 2009 in Louisville, Kentucky. The business was featured in *Business First* in July 2010. They project the business will become a full-time venture in three to five years.

Melissa Gingerich '09 began a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service August 2010 in Baltimore, Maryland, as Project Associate for Social Media with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

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Bill J. DeLisle '10 is a Secondary English teacher (grades 9 to 12) at Decatur Central High School in Indiana.

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