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| IWU ALUMNI AND FRIENDS |



One Man's Legacy

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WILLIAMS**

*Beloved professor retires
after 50 years*

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

VISION STATEMENT

Indiana Wesleyan University is a truly great Christian university serving the world.

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TOGETHER
GOD IS BUILDING A HOME

He's using us all - irrespective of how we got here - in what He is building...
Now He's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together.

EPHESIANS 2:19-22 MSG

So, what does IWU mean to Marion?

"Can you imagine what life in Marion would be like if IWU were not a part of the community?" Hardly a week goes by when I don't hear someone, or several people, ask that rhetorical question in both public and private conversations.

All you have to do is drive around town to see abundant anecdotal examples of the significant impact that IWU has on Marion. The campus itself is a garden spot at any season of the year. You can't get through a checkout lane at Wal-Mart without spotting someone wearing IWU garb.

And in just a few months, an IWU logo will be sharing space with a Marion High School logo atop one of the city's most visible 'billboards' – the 120-foot-tall water tower along the Bypass, which is Marion's most heavily traveled thoroughfare.

There simply is no escaping that IWU has a big footprint in Marion as it goes about its core mission of providing quality educational opportunities for as many as 15,000 students each year.

A year ago, we set out to move beyond IWU's visual presence to examine the University's economic footprint on the Marion community. We hired the Indiana Business Research Center at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business to assist us.

IWU clearly has the right kinds of expertise to undertake our own economic impact study, but we felt strongly that it would add a layer of credibility to hire outside consultants.

Although the research center's marching orders were to conduct an in-depth economic study of IWU, the final report went a step beyond to examine the University's civic contribution to the Marion community.

Here are five things we learned about ourselves, based on 2015 statistics:

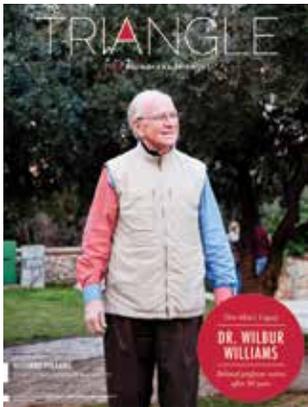
- In addition to a staff of 1,180 employees at our Marion campus, IWU's budget and the local spending of students and visitors combined to support an additional 390 jobs in Grant County. Combining those numbers brings our total employee impact in the county to 1,570 jobs.
- IWU-related activities led to \$48.1 million in direct spending in the community. The ripple effect from this spending generated \$24.2 million in additional economic activity, which results in a total economic impact locally of \$72.3 million.
- Seventy-one percent of IWU students who responded to a survey said they had volunteered for organizations in the community with an average of 67 hours of service each. Extrapolating those results to the entire student body produces a total of 146,000 hours of community service – to more than 80 local organizations.
- Fifty-six percent of IWU faculty and staff reported volunteering in the community with an average of 135 hours each. That translates into 650 volunteers and an annual total of 87,000 volunteer hours.
- Seventy-one percent of IWU faculty and staff also reported that they made charitable contributions to more than 100 organizations or causes each year.

Just a reminder that this study focused on Marion and Grant County, but we already are giving thought to expanding the study to determine IWU's full statewide impact.

So, what would Grant County – or even the entire state – look like without Indiana Wesleyan University? We will let you answer that question.

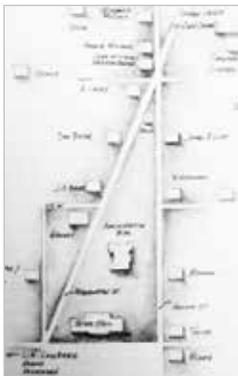
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ON THE COVER



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The magazine name, *Triangle*, represents the original configuration of the Marion College campus, renamed Indiana Wesleyan University in 1988.

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NEWS BRIEFS



CAMPUS HOSTS FOURTH ANNUAL MLK CELEBRATION

Indiana Wesleyan University hosted its fourth annual MLK Celebration honoring Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 13. The community-wide event honored King's legacy with scripture and song throughout the day. The event culminated with the MLK Celebration Concert featuring performances by Rev. Wintley Phipps, a Grammy-nominated gospel artist and pastor. The gospel music concert also featured performances by a combined choir of community members under the direction of Rodnie Bryant, a prominent Indianapolis-based director, producer and arranger.

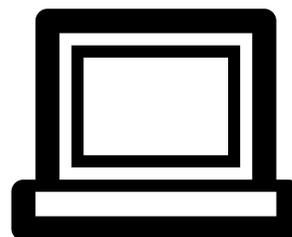
IWU OFFERS NEW WAY TO SAVE ON TUITION

Indiana Wesleyan is now providing a way for students and families to save for college through its membership in Private College 529 Plan, a pre-paid tuition plan that allows students and their families to lock-in current tuition rates for future education. As the only 529 pre-paid plan for private colleges, Private College 529 provides parents the opportunity to save money by avoiding future tuition increases or the risk associated with market volatility. Prepaid tuition is valid for 30 years after purchase and can be redeemed at any of the member institutions and any that join in the future.

IWU TO OFFER ADDITIONAL GRADUATE COUNSELING PROGRAM ONLINE

The Division of Graduate Counseling at Indiana Wesleyan University will begin offering its Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) program online, in addition to the CMHC program already offered on the residential campus. The new program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs and has an anticipated start-up date of Fall 2017.

CMHC is a licensure track that prepares students to assess and treat individuals, groups, families and organizations within their ecological context. Students will complete 60 credit hours of required core and clinical experience courses as well as specialization and elective courses.



Rebecca Bender

IWU LAUNCHES JUSTICE CENTER FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Indiana Wesleyan University held a special chapel service on March 24 marking the official launch of IWU's new Justice Center for Human Trafficking, which seeks to contribute research, resources and initiatives toward the abolition of human trafficking and the promotion of human flourishing. The launch featured guest speaker Rebecca Bender, a survivor of sex trafficking and a leader in efforts to eradicate modern day slavery.

Grounded on a biblical and theological framework of justice and freedom, the Justice Center has three primary purposes: supporting research, providing resources and sponsoring initiatives. To fulfill its primary purposes, the Center has committed to several initiatives including providing faculty/student research incentives, creating a post-doctoral fellows program that focuses on human trafficking, hosting conferences that focus on human trafficking, sponsoring efforts on and off campus to raise awareness, and more.

FUSION 2017 DRAWS NEARLY 900 STUDENTS

Indiana Wesleyan University welcomed nearly 900 high school students and their adult sponsors to campus April 7-8 for FUSION 2017. The annual event is a two-day high school youth conference dedicated to providing a space for students to grow closer to God, sense His power at work and begin a life transformed. This year, FUSION's Friday night concert featured Grammy-nominated Relient K and special guest worship band Zealand. Students stayed on campus through Saturday where they participated in worship, various seminars, recreational activities and main sessions featuring pastor and speaker Nicole Reyes. Reyes is a teaching coach at Liberty Church and serves as the director of the Liberty Foundation.



KREITZER RECEIVES \$450,000 RESEARCH GRANT

Dr. Matthew Kreitzer, chair of the Division of Natural Sciences, has received a \$450,000 research grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for an undergraduate research project. The project involves four other research-focused institutions and has received a total of \$830,000 in NSF funding. The IWU funding will provide an opportunity for two or three students each summer and eight students during the academic year to participate in research. Kreitzer is the lead principal investigator for the project that involves the University of Illinois at Chicago, the University of Nebraska, the Marine Biological Laboratory and the University of California-Berkeley.



COUNSELING PROFESSOR RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR

Dr. Candice Norris-Brown, professor of Graduate Counseling, has received the 2017 Reese House Social Justice Advocate of the Year Award, which is given by the association of Counselors for Social Justice, a division of the American Counseling Association. The award carries a \$250 donation to a school organization of her choice. The award honors counselors and counselor educators who have demonstrated social justice advocacy for students in K-12 schools as well as the school counseling profession. Norris-Brown, who has taught at IWU for two years, has a Doctorate of Counseling and Student Personal Services from the University of Virginia.



SCIENCE PROFESSOR CO-AUTHORS NEW BOOK

Dr. Matthew Sattley, professor of Biology, is the co-author of the 15th edition of the leading introductory microbiology text in higher education. "Brock Biology of Microorganisms" was released in January by Pearson Education Inc. The book delves into the most current science and guides undergraduates through various topics. "Being a part of this author team has made me a more well-rounded microbiologist and, in turn, I believe this makes me a better professor," Sattley said. Sattley, who has his doctorate in Molecular Biology, Biology and Biochemistry from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, joined IWU in 2010.



ADMITTED STUDENT WEEKEND BREAKS RECORDS

Indiana Wesleyan University hosted a record-breaking 483 students for Admitted Student Weekend on March 18. The weekend was divided into two main segments: New Student Registration (NSR) and Wesley's Wildcat Bash. NSR was a time set aside for students to register for their classes and learn about housing, while the Wildcat Bash was an opportunity to mingle with future classmates and experience campus life as a Wildcat.

CAREER PREPAREDNESS AWARD DISTINGUISHES IWU

The Indiana ACT Council recently selected Indiana Wesleyan University as the Indiana Career Preparedness Award recipient from among all applicants for the 2016-17 ACT College and Career Readiness Campaign. IWU was recognized specifically for its distinctive Life Calling and Career Development department, which seeks to help students explore and discern their life calling. Representatives from IWU's Life Calling and Career Development department will formally accept the award this fall at an ACT event in Iowa City, Iowa.

FOUR IWU SENIORS RECEIVE TRIANGLE HONOR AWARD

Indiana Wesleyan University awarded four seniors the new Triangle Honor Award on April 19 at a University-wide chapel service. The annual award recognizes three to five graduating seniors who exemplify excellence in character, scholarship and leadership.

This year's awardees were Caleb Dunn, a Christian Ministries and Honors Humanities major; Whitney Renfro, an Exercise Science and Honors Humanities major; Ryan Smith, a Pre-Medical Science, Biology and Honors Humanities major; Eleri Vice, a General Studies major.

DR. JOAN PHILLIPPE DIES AT 86

Dr. Joan M. Phillippe, a gracious and generous benefactress of IWU, died on March 23 at her home in Indianapolis. She was 86 years old.

Dr. Phillippe, along with her husband Dr. Thomas E. Phillippe Sr., gave \$3 million in the mid-1990s toward the cost of Phillippe Performing Arts Center. The Phillippes also assisted with the construction of Phillippe Court, a 32-bed residence hall that was built in 1982 and housed students until 2005.

Dr. Phillippe, the former Joan Cheeseman, graduated from Marion College in 1952 with a degree in Elementary Education. Her husband graduated in 1953 with a degree in Christian Ministries. Both later received honorary doctorates from IWU.

ONLINE GRADUATE COUNSELING PROGRAMS RANK TOP 10 IN NATION

Indiana Wesleyan's three online graduate counseling programs were recently ranked in the Top 10 of the nation's best online counseling schools by both GoGrad.com and BestChoiceSchools.com. The recognized programs are Addictions Counseling, School Counseling, and Student Development Counseling and Administration. GoGrad's "Top Online Master's in Counseling" list ranked IWU as #9, among a total of 33 institutions, and Best Choice Schools ranked IWU as #10 on its "20 Best Online Schools for Counseling in 2017" list.



IWU SENIOR NAMED ORR FELLOW

Nicole Schneider, an IWU senior, has been named a 2017 Orr Entrepreneurial Fellow, which provides for a two-year career placement at a variety of growing companies in the Indianapolis area. Schneider, a Marketing and Business Administration major, will work at Lessonly, which produces training software. The program, named in honor of former Indiana Gov. Robert Orr, awards the fellowships to seniors from colleges in Indiana and Ohio. Schneider is the 10th IWU student to receive one of the competitive fellowships, which attract about 1,000 applicants annually.

A Hometown Investment



ENDOWMENT WILL SUPPORT 'GREAT AND NOBLE PROFESSION'

When Dr. Subodh Gupte completed his cardiology fellowship at University of Rochester (New York) N.Y in 1978, he and his wife Susanne had to decide where they would live and practice medicine.

“We looked at different options and chose Marion as it gave us everything we needed. It was the best place to raise the family,” Susanne Gupte said. “Both of our sons received college educations in Indiana.” Their son Nitin was a member of the Marion High School tennis team that won the Indiana high school championship in 1991, and he was recently inducted into the Grant County Sports Hall of Fame.

Subodh Gupte, who was a cardiologist in Marion for 28 years, agreed that Marion was the perfect place to call home.

The Guptes’ relationship with Marion went well beyond his job, however. In December of 2016, the couple established the Gupte Family Endowment to financially support students at Indiana Wesleyan University. Students enrolled in the Indiana Wesleyan University School of

Nursing, who demonstrate financial need and excel in Christian character, will be given preference for the scholarship.

“I was a registered nurse in India, Massachusetts and New York. I love my profession and still miss it sometimes. So that is why we chose to establish a nursing scholarship fund,” Susanne Gupte said. “We both think nursing is a great and noble profession.”

The Guptes were members of College Wesleyan Church for many years while they lived in Marion, and Dr. Gupte has another connection with IWU. He received a Master of Business Administration degree from the University in 2000.

“I always had an interest in business,” he said. “I was very happy with the MBA program, and it was a great learning experience. The professors were outstanding. I highly recommend this MBA program.”

Dr. Gupte was born in India, where he earned an undergraduate degree and a medical degree. He completed his medicine residency at the

University of Massachusetts before beginning his cardiology training in Rochester, New York. He retired in 2006 and moved to warmer weather. The Guptes now live in Orlando, Florida, in a neighborhood with several friends from Marion and where they have made new friends as well.

Dr. Gupte maintains his medical license, primarily because he and his wife have gone to the Dominican Republic on medical missions trips. “That was a great, fulfilling and rewarding experience,” he said.

The Guptes also have found a new mission field in Florida. They started and now direct a food pantry in their church along with a Christian service center, which gathers and provides food for children and their parents. Their church supports four elementary schools.

“Some of those schools have 90 percent of their students below the federal poverty guidelines,” Dr. Gupte said. “It’s hard to believe, we still have people who are homeless and who have no food. We have testimonials from some of those pupils, and it really makes you cry.”

FILLING THE 'HOLE IN OUR GOSPEL'

STEARNS SHIFTS FOCUS FROM CORPORATE AMERICA TO AMERICAN CHURCH



Richard Stearns uses his platform as president and CEO of World Vision U.S. to call Christians to action on the greatest needs of our day. His award-winning book, "The Hole in Our Gospel", has encouraged thousands of readers to open their hearts to those who are hurting in our world.

World Vision is one of the largest nonprofit humanitarian organizations in the world with 45,000 staff members in almost 100 countries.

Driven by his passion to raise awareness and support for poverty and justice issues, Stearns has traveled to almost 40 countries since he joined World Vision to gain a firsthand understanding of the issues that affect the poor.

Stearns has appeared on CNN, Fox, ABC, NBC and PBS, and has written pieces for The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The Huffington Post and other media outlets.

He speaks in churches regularly and in recent years has spoken at the Luusanne Conference, Willow Creek's Global Leadership Summit, the Christian Leadership Alliance, Movement Day, Worship Together and dozens of other conferences.

A former CEO for Parker Brothers Games and Lenox, Stearns holds a bachelor's degree in Neurobiology from Cornell University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. In 2009, he was appointed to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Following a calling from God to exchange success for service to people affected by poverty and injustice, Stearns resigned from Lenox in 1998, leaving behind more than 25 years of experience in corporate America to become World Vision's president. Since then, he has tirelessly exhorted the American Church to recognize and respond to God's heart for children and families in need.

During his almost two decades at World Vision, Stearns has built a strong leadership team focused on bringing corporate best practices to the non-profit sector and inspiring a culture of outcome-focused management at all levels of the organization.

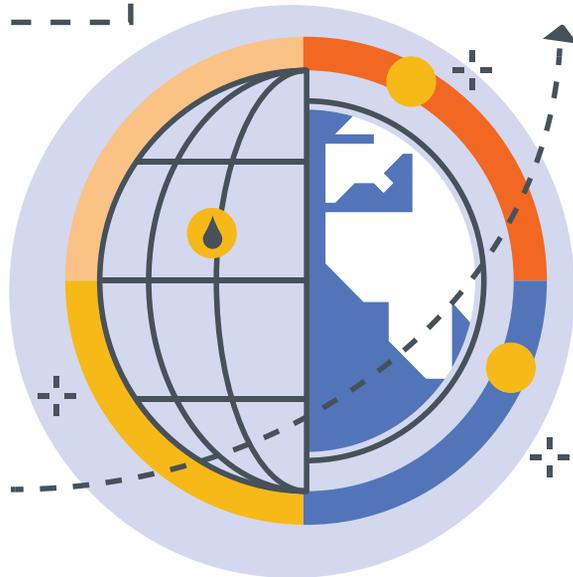
Stearns' greatest legacy will be his leadership in calling on the Church in America to respond to some of the greatest needs of our time, most notably the HIV/AIDS pandemic and now the global refugee crisis.

Stearns and his wife, Renee, live in Bellevue, Washington, and have supported World Vision since 1984. They have five children of their own – plus millions more around the world.

In addition to writing several books, Stearns and his wife also have published a children's Bible storybook and a 90-day devotional.



FROM CORPORATE CEO



TO FOLLOWING GOD'S CALL AROUND THE WORLD

WORLD VISION

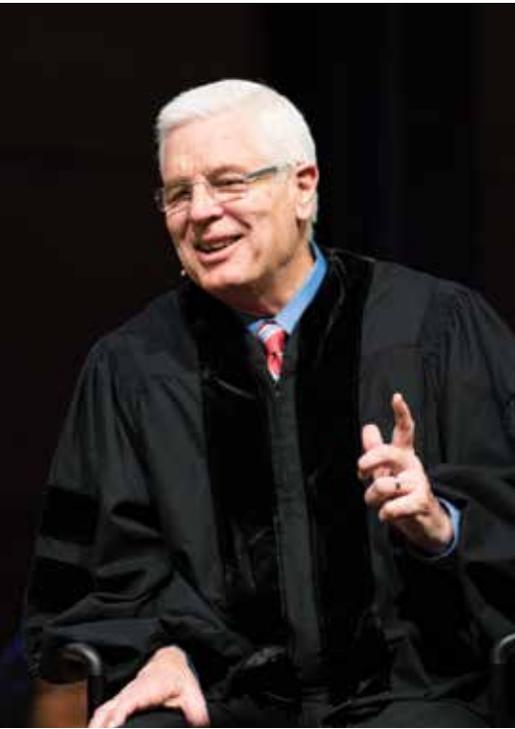
World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. It is one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the world, with 45,000 staff members in almost 100 countries.

In keeping with the organization's philosophy that local people are the best architects of solutions to their own challenges, the vast majority of World Vision's staff are from the countries or regions in which they work, giving them an intimate understanding of the culture and an area's unique issues.

Motivated by faith in Jesus Christ, these dedicated workers come alongside the poor and oppressed – regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender – as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people.

Q & A WITH RICHARD STEARNS

2017 IWU WORLD CHANGER



EXCERPTS FROM THE WORLD CHANGER CONVOCATION

TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WORLD VISION AND WHY IT'S SO SPECIAL TO YOU.

Our founder in 1950 was such a world changer. His name was Dr. Bob Pierce and is most famous for his quote “Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God.” He was brokenhearted over the orphans and widows that he saw after the Korean War, and he determined he was going to do something about it. He came back to Portland, Oregon, with no money and no expertise in relief and development, and he founded an organization called World Vision. Now 67 years later, World Vision is a \$2.7 billion organization in 100 countries with 45,000 staff. Our call and our passion is to serve the poorest people in the world, and to do it in the name of Christ.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR LIFE-DEFINING PHONE CALL.

I grew up in a pretty rough household. I came out of a very unstable family with no religious background. So, in 1998 for me to be the CEO of a nationally known company, Lenox, was a miracle. It was the American dream come true. One day, my office phone rang and it was an executive recruiter doing a search for the new president of World Vision. I remember this very vividly. I knew this was a dangerous phone call because I knew God was speaking to me on the other end of this phone call. I didn't want to leave the American dream, quit my job, sell my house and move my family. I kept trying to say no. Then he asked me a question I'll never forget. He said “Rich, are you willing to be open to God's will for your life?” It kind of stopped me in my tracks, and three months later I was accepting the job as president of World Vision.



◀ RICHARD STEARNS AND HIS WIFE, RENÉE

HOW DID YOU AND YOUR WIFE, RENÉE, MEET?

We got fixed up on a blind date back in the day. It was actually one of those defining moments in my life, but I didn't know it at the time. I was a senior; she was a freshman. I was an atheist; she was a Christian. I was from New York; she was from California. So we were on different poles in every dimension, but she literally tried to lead me to Christ on the date figuring she'd never see me again. I was having none of it that night, but it did lead to a deep conversation about values, faith and the future. About a year later, I became a Christian through her testimony and a little help from books by C.S. Lewis and John Stott.

WHAT DO YOU SEE HAPPENING IN THE WORLD TODAY, AND HOW MIGHT WORLD VISION MAKE A DIFFERENCE THERE?

One of the privileges that I have because of my position is I get to go all over the world to see what's happening. Today, the most heartbreaking thing in the world is the refugee crisis. I've been to Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon to meet with refugees and hear their stories. Eighty percent are women, children and the elderly. They've lost everything because of the violence in the Middle East. There are 12 million people displaced out of Syria and another 3 million out of Iraq. It's on a scale that is unimaginable. Christ died for these people. How can we turn a cold shoulder to them?

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM YOUR CRITICS?

One thing you learn is you have to have thick skin. World Vision has a million donors in the U.S. and there's always someone who doesn't like what you say or do. But, I think it's important to listen to critics in order to understand where they're coming from. I think one of the difficult things when you're bringing hard messages to the Church or to the public is you're not going to be popular sometimes. You're going to have to be countercultural and challenge the status quo. What I find is I better be sure from Scripture that this is what God wants us to say and do.

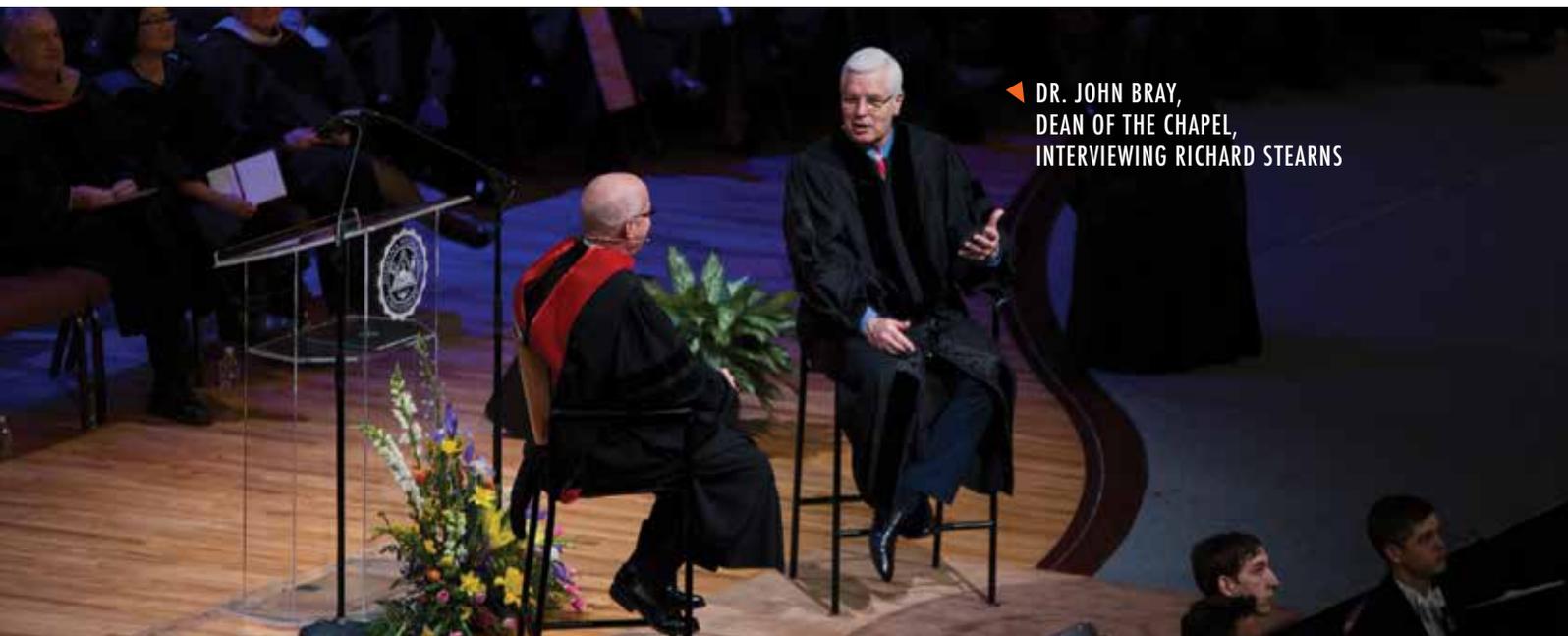
WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE STUDENTS SEEKING GOD'S WILL FOR THEIR LIFE?

First of all, I want you to be encouraged by my crazy career: a degree in Neurobiology, an MBA in Marketing, selling shaving cream, president of Parker Brothers, CEO of Lenox, and finally, at age 47, He called me to World Vision. I think the moral of the story is your careers will take many twists and turns. God is still writing your stories. If you think you know what you're going to be when you grow up, you're probably wrong. God will use every one of you with one condition: You have to be available and willing to be used. Don't make the mistake of believing God only uses extraordinary people to change the world. God uses ordinary people who are willing to be obedient and to serve.

RICH STEARNS' VOICE

What has God given you? Moses had a stick, David had a slingshot, and Paul had a pen. Mother Teresa possessed a love for the poor; Billy Graham, a gift for preaching; and Joni Eareckson Tada, a disability. What did they have in common? A willingness to let God use whatever they had, even when it didn't seem very useful. If you will assess what you have to offer in terms of your time, your treasure, and your talent, you will have a better understanding of how you might uniquely serve.

From "The Hole In Our Gospel", by Richard Stearns



◀ DR. JOHN BRAY,
DEAN OF THE CHAPEL,
INTERVIEWING RICHARD STEARNS



JOINING THE BATTLE AGAINST ADDICTION

*Mom uses son's death to
provide hope for others*

Justin Phillips' phone rang on Oct. 9, 2013, breaking through the quiet of her office. She answered, only to be greeted by a voice delivering the news she had been terrified of receiving. Her breath caught in her throat, and her face drained of all color. Her 20-year-old son's body had just been found.

Aaron grew up in his family's home being fiercely loved by his parents and two siblings. He was known for his sensitivity, ingenuity and, perhaps most of all, athleticism. He fell in love with sports as a toddler and was playing organized football by the third grade. He had early dreams of succeeding in school and playing in the National Football League.

"He could honestly excel at any sport, and he tried them all. He also cheered on his teammates on the sidelines, mentoring and leading. He took up for the underdog," said Justin, who received a degree in Addictions Counseling from the Indiana Wesleyan University School of Graduate Counseling in April.

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Despite Aaron's drive and talent, Justin said his life began to shift significantly during his junior year of high school. He had fallen off the varsity football team's starting lineup, suffered a concussion and was frustrated with his new seat on the bench. Soon after, he stopped playing football altogether.

When Aaron was 18, a new hobby came into his life but, unlike football, it was outright perilous. Heroin.

"In March of 2012, I believe he started heroin," said Justin. "In June, I saw real suspicious behavior. He was really pushing me away."

In October, Aaron admitted to his mother that he was addicted to the opioid narcotic. Knowing a drug addict was not who he was, nor who he wanted to be, he knew he desperately needed help.

"I remember being scared and confused," said Justin. "Yet I did not know how dangerous it was and how swift a death

sentence it could be. I wanted to save him but I knew it was his journey to get better."

For the next 40 days, Aaron entered an inpatient addiction program. He successfully completed the program and assimilated back into normal life. He landed a steady job painting apartments and began building a new friend group with whom he could live his sober life.

"In the beginning [after he completed the program], I felt very hopeful," said Justin. "He wanted it so bad, and that was obvious. Yet, there was a part of me that didn't trust him completely."

Aaron remained clean from January 2013 to August 2013, but his life was far from easy. In February 2013, he suffered the tragic loss of his close friend Jake who died of a heroin overdose.

"I think it shook him up to see Jake on life support," said Justin. "He said, 'Mom, Jake died so I could see why to live.'"

As months passed and summer arrived, however, Aaron developed insomnia and felt anxious about his future. He fell back into heroin use later that summer.

Oct. 6, 2013, was the last time Justin hugged her son's athletic frame and looked into his hazel eyes. For the following two days, her calls to Aaron went unanswered and her voicemails went unreturned.

On the third day, Justin received the call no mother wants to receive. It was her ex-husband calling to tell her that he had found their son's body. Aaron had died of a heroin overdose, just like his friend had done eight months earlier.

Justin now dedicates her life to spreading awareness around the heroin epidemic and increasing access to naloxone, a medication sold under the brand name Narcan and used to counter the effects of an opioid overdose.

"Aaron used for a very short time," said Justin. "He desperately wanted to have recovery and did not make it. I want to save lives so others do not have to know what it is like to lose a loved one from overdose."

Justin founded Indianapolis-based Overdose Lifeline, Inc. (ODL) in 2014. The nonprofit is dedicated to preventing opioid deaths

and reducing the stigma of addiction. It seeks to facilitate naloxone distribution to first responders and laypeople as well as maintain initiatives that focus on education, harm reduction, prevention, resources and support.

So far, ODL has distributed over 9,800 kits, which has resulted in more than 285 lives saved.

In 2015, Justin and her organization worked with Indiana legislators on a bill titled Aaron's Law, named in honor of her son. The law, enacted in April 2015, seeks to expand access to naloxone prescriptions. In 2016, she was recognized for her continued work when the White House awarded her the 2016 Champion of Change award.

"Most days I don't realize the magnitude of what we have accomplished," said Justin. "The best experience is when I hear stories of Aaron's story changing someone's trajectory."

To supplement her initiatives, Justin began working on her addictions counseling degree at IWU before her son died. "I think this is all part of God's plan," she said. "We are doing this together. Changing the language and reducing the stigma so addiction gets treated like a true chronic disease."

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To help make an impact like this, visit overdose-lifeline.org

FEEDING THE 3,000

It takes more than five loaves and two fish to satisfy students' hunger

At 5 a.m. on the average day, when most Indiana Wesleyan University students are still sleeping, the kitchen in Barnes Student Center already is bustling with workers who are prepping to serve 5,500 meals throughout the day.

IWU uses two main dining areas to feed nearly 3,000 residential students. Baldwin Dining Room serves cafeteria-style, offering all-you-can-eat fare including homestyle cooking stations, a grille area, salad bars, and pizza and pasta bays. By contrast, Wildcat Express offers a fast-food concept where students can grab a meal from any of its seven restaurants – including a Chick-fil-A Express.

Both Baldwin and Wildcat Express have been managed by Pioneer College Caterers since August of 2001. Pioneer, which is based in Nashville, Tennessee, specializes in providing food services for Christian colleges and universities.

“It’s a very nice set up having both Baldwin and Wildcat Express,” said Director of Food Service James Lipetri. “Two different styles, two different choices for our students.”

Between Baldwin and Wildcat Express, Pioneer serves 34,000 meals a week when classes are in session, and more than one million meals a year. Pioneer employs 50-80 IWU students, in addition to several workers from the Marion community who range in age from 16 to 80 years old.

Lunch tends to be the busiest meal during the week for students, faculty and staff – and for significant numbers of Marion area residents

who always are welcome. Baldwin serves lunch to about 700 to 1,100 people, while 600 to 900 people eat lunch at Wildcat Express. Those numbers can increase by as many as 300 diners when prospective students and their parents are visiting campus.

Providing a wide variety of food options is important, and Pioneer is continually reevaluating students’ likes and dislikes. Lipetri said some of the most popular items in Baldwin are Buffalo chicken wraps, grilled chicken, pasta, bananas foster, chicken nuggets, country fried steak, mashed potatoes, ice cream, cereal, grilled cheese and tomato soup.

The less popular items tend to be new options Pioneer introduces from time to time. For example, braised red cabbage. Nonetheless, Lipetri said once students begin to try new items, they generally gain in popularity.

“Our program is unique with the variety of our menu service,” said Lipetri. “All these options add to the Baldwin flare. Our guests can be as creative and as healthy as they choose.”

To create well-rounded and budget-friendly menus, Pioneer maintains a five-week rotating menu. This method not only provides variety and budget consistency, but also offers Pioneer data on food consumption patterns. With this information, the food service can reduce waste by preparing accurate amounts of food.

Sometimes, however, even carefully planned menus need to be adjusted from week to week based on fluctuating availability or cost of items.



JAMES LIPETRI
Director of
Food Service

“My biggest enjoyment is my interaction with our students and guests on campus,” said Lipetri. “It’s people I get to come in contact with on a daily basis, along with the staff we have employed here on campus.”

“What our guests struggle with in the grocery store, we struggle with here also,” said Lipetri. “Like produce, it can be costly, especially in off season. And, a lot of times, the quality isn’t even there. So, between cost, quality and availability, it’s quite challenging.”

An increase in peanut butter prices a few years ago led Pioneer to innovate. Lipetri knew the budget would not allow him to purchase pre-made peanut butter, so he began making peanut butter in-house. Finding that this method not only saved money but also increased the quality, Lipetri decided to permanently switch to homemade peanut butter.

Today, several other items are also made in house, including salsa, soups, teriyaki sauce, spaghetti sauce and pizza sauce.

“A lot of times quality can be better if we make items in-house,” said Lipetri. “Items aren’t loaded down with fillers and salts. We just like to keep it as fresh as possible.”

Making items in-house is not the only initiative Lipetri has introduced to bring a healthier aspect to IWU’s food service. A gluten-free program has been implemented in both Baldwin and Wildcat Express to cater to the growing number of diners who have a gluten allergy or intolerance. Gluten-free items are clearly marked.

“[The gluten-free program] has been very helpful for those who have restricted diets so they can find a healthy meal and not have an adverse effect,” said Lipetri.

While the process of running the IWU food service is intricate and ever changing, LiPetri said the guests who dine in Baldwin and Wildcat each day are the biggest — and best — part of the job.

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Grocery List

- FOR ONE YEAR -

132,480
APPLES

144,400
BANANAS

9,600 lbs
OF BONELESS WINGS

25,000
6" SUB SANDWICHES

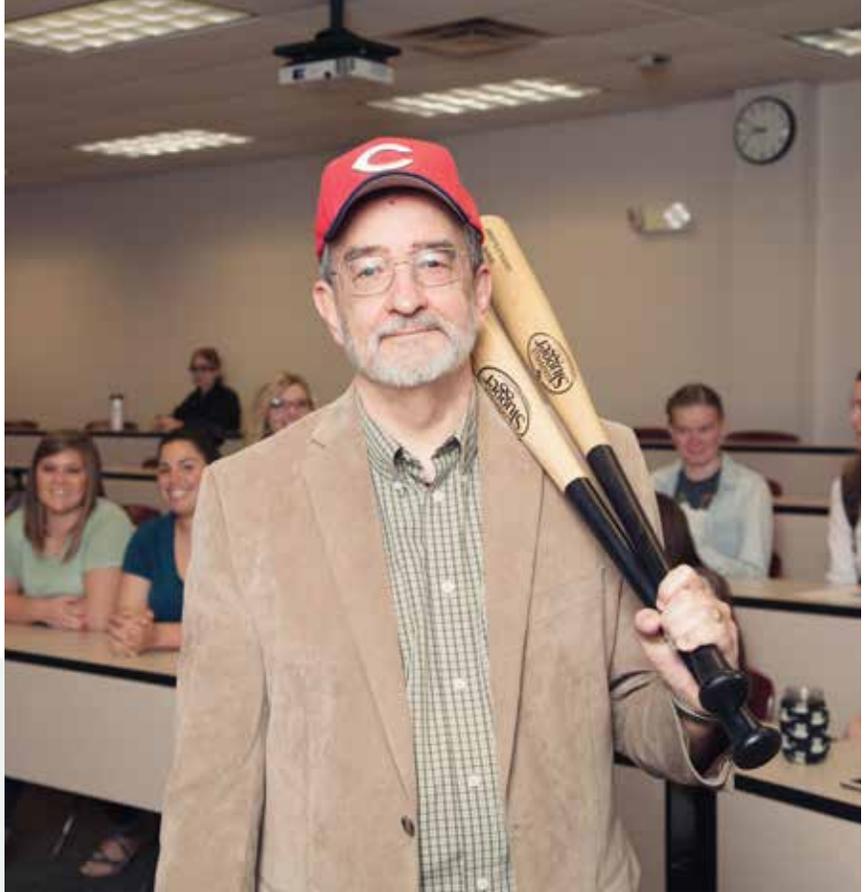
16,000
PIZZAS

86,000
BURRITOS &
QUESADILLAS

15,000 lbs
OF PASTA

Play Ball!

PROFESSOR VIEWS HISTORY THROUGH THE LENS OF BASEBALL



Mark Smith always has been a serious student of baseball, beginning when he was playing the game as a youngster and continuing into his adult life as an Indiana Wesleyan University professor who teaches a course on the game.

“My dad taught me how to play baseball, but my real love of baseball came from my mother,” Smith said. “Members of her family were not just rabid baseball fans, but also were true students of the game.”

Smith’s family lived in south-central Ohio, and their team was – and still is – the Cincinnati Reds.

“After my mother died in 1995, my sister and I were going through her belongings and found a ticket stub in her wallet. It was from a baseball game she had attended 17 years earlier when Tom Seaver pitched a no-hitter for the Reds. She had carried the stub all of those years like a little religious relic,” Smith said.

Little wonder that Smith, an associate professor of History, decided to share his love of the game with his IWU students. He has taught the class three times in recent years.

“It is a serious class on the history of major league baseball, and I try to make

it as difficult as the other classes I teach,” he said. “Of course, some students think it is going to be an easy course, like the proverbial basket weaving, but they are in for a surprise.”

One of the things Smith found fascinating about baseball is that you can use the sport as a window to look at American history. For example, how the issue of playing baseball on Sundays was influenced by religious beliefs.

“It is interesting that baseball was first played on Sundays in Midwest cities with large Lutheran and Catholic populations,” Smith said. “But back in the East there was more of a Puritan view, an English view, about what you did and didn’t do on Sundays.”

Baseball teams in Cincinnati and St. Louis, cities with large German Lutheran populations, were playing Sunday baseball in the 1880s and 1890s. Pennsylvania, on the other hand, was the last state to allow Sunday baseball – in 1934.

Smith’s students also looked at American racial attitudes through the lens of baseball, both before and after Jackie Robinson broke the sport’s color barrier in 1947. Carl Erskine, a Brooklyn Dodger teammate of Robinson’s, spoke once in Smith’s class.

“It was one of greatest experiences I’ve ever

had in a classroom,” Smith said. “I was more of a student that day than a professor, just listening to Carl Erskine talk about the great Dodger teams of the 1950s but mostly about Jackie Robinson.”

The 90-year-old Erskine is a retired bank president who lives in Anderson, Indiana. He spent his major league career with the Dodgers, from 1948-1959, and held the single-game strikeout record for the World Series for 10 years.

“The jaws of several students in the back of the room just dropped when Erskine told them about striking out Mickey Mantle four times in one World Series game, because they knew how good Mantle was,” Smith said.

As Smith was putting the course together for the first time, he began to realize that baseball is a very liturgical game.

“I grew up in a small Methodist country church, so we were not high liturgy, but I’ve come to love Christian liturgy. I also have come to love the liturgy of baseball.” For example:

The Star-Spangled Banner is the opening hymn for baseball games.

The seventh-inning stretch, when you stand up and sing Take Me Out to the Ballgame, is a part of the pageantry and rituals.

Spring training comes at a time of year when it’s still the middle of winter, but you are looking forward to spring and new life.

Then there is opening day, and then the All-Star Game comes at mid-season.

The World Series comes just at the right time when things are starting to die down from the summer.

Then there is the annual induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown.

And baseball is the only sport where the manager wears a uniform like the players – with the exception of the late Connie Mack who wore a suit and straw hat.

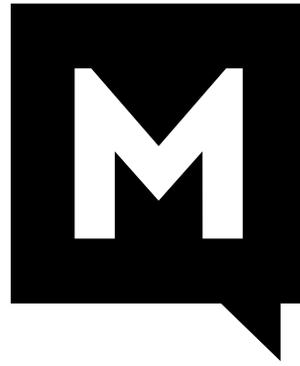
Although Professor Smith played baseball through high school, he said his best days were in Little League.

“I was a pitcher, but I had about worn out my arm by the time I was 16 or 17,” he said. “I grew quickly and was almost as tall as I am now when I was 12 years old.

“One year we were playing in a tournament in Ohio, and I struck out 22 of 24 batters in a game that went into extra innings. There was a formal protest after the game by the opposing coach because he thought I was too old. So I had to start taking my birth certificates to games to show that I was only 12 years old.”

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MARION DESIGN CO.

DESIGNED TO SERVE

IWU-led team using design to revitalize Marion

Two Indiana Wesleyan University design professors have launched an organization that has the potential to forever change the community of Marion, Indiana.

Marion Design Co. (MDCO) was co-founded by two IWU professors, Wendy Puffer, coordinator of Design for Social Impact, and Herb Vincent Peterson, coordinator of Graphic Design. MDCO is a community-based creative studio run by volunteer and professional designers whose aim is bold and simple: to use design to revitalize Marion.

“I think the idea for this has been growing inside us in different ways for a long time,” said Peterson. “I think that’s the beauty of it. It was by God’s grace for all of our lives to intersect at this one particular moment where each of us brought this particular heart piece, and in that it synthesized to create Marion Design Co.”

Staffed entirely by volunteers, MDCO is housed in a former bank building on the courthouse square in downtown Marion.

The team behind MDCO is comprised of community members, all of them connected by a passion for their city. Some are lifelong Marion residents, others are IWU alumni and some are current IWU students.

Collectively, under the guidance of Puffer and Peterson, the volunteers contribute various skills, which include graphic design, photography, videography, interior design, web design and more.

“We’re able to take how we work with design and apply it to a wide variety of problems,” said Peterson.

Over the summer, the MDCO team worked 40 hours a week for 16 weeks to begin identifying areas of opportunity within the city. Common themes they uncovered through in-depth research included blight, poverty, wayfinding issues and racism.

“We call them ‘wicked problems,’” said Peterson. “Because they feel impossible to solve.”

Despite feeling overwhelmed at times, the MDCO team always turns back to God, who called them to this work.

“We have an old vault in our building that has become our prayer vault,” said Puffer. “Whenever we run into a wall, we just move into that vault and pray or read scripture. It really has been all for His glory.”

A defining characteristic of MDCO is the willingness to listen. The team spends countless hours building relationships with neighborhood leaders, sitting on community advisory boards and talking with local community members in an effort to understand the needs and desires of their neighbors.

“I think the biggest message in all this is that you just have to listen,” said Puffer. “Once you’re truly listening to someone, you can’t help but want to do something about it because you become part of their story.”

MDCO has already begun work on several community-improvement projects. These



Marion Design Co. is housed in a renovated bank that provides a space for creative conversation and open collaboration.



Herb Vincent Peterson
Co-founder, Marion Design Co.

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initiatives include renewing public parks, branding the city of Marion, revitalizing the downtown area and creating a set of brand design guidelines.

While Puffer and Peterson provide leadership and direction, IWU Art + Design students are the ones working together to implement these projects. This unique opportunity allows them to practice skills learned in the classroom and acquire highly valued experience that many undergrads do not obtain.

In fact, MDCO has been incorporated into some of the design classroom curriculum. For example, as part of the brand design guidelines project, Peterson’s Design Research class performed detailed ethnographic research of the Marion community to gain a better understanding of how citizens live their daily lives. Once the students completed their research, they passed their data to students in a Placemaking Design class so they could collaborate on a set of design guidelines for the downtown area.

“Not only is the learning outcome so great for our students, but it also is a great role for IWU Art + Design to say how much we love our community,” said Peterson.

Because student involvement is so mutually beneficial, Puffer and Peterson have a vision that it would expand beyond just Art + Design students to include students across all academic divisions.

“We really imagine it moving beyond Art + Design to Business students or Communication students or Biology students,” said Puffer. “Because they all offer new skills and diverse perspectives.”

In coming months, Puffer and Peterson plan to apply for several grants that, if received, would allow them the financial ability to expand the work MDCO is already doing. Beyond Marion, they hope the model of MDCO would eventually be adopted in other college towns across the nation and across the globe.

“This model can be easily taught to other schools to help them think about how they’re allowing the community to educate their students,” said Peterson. “What an amazing opportunity that would be to create missional work that is eternal for our students. To me, that’s the big picture.”



Gardening is no easy task. It takes months of tilling the land, planting the seeds, watering the ground, pulling the weeds and, finally, harvesting the crop. The labor-intensive process can be tedious, but it has benefits that extend far beyond the physical.

The Alliance Gardens was founded in 2012 by IWU Biology Professor Dr. Grace Miller for the purpose of being “an educational farm committed to using sustainable agricultural techniques and practicing biblical stewardship principles to cultivate community while seeking to develop a stronger, more equitable local food system.” While living out its mission statement, the Alliance Gardens encourages the care for God’s creation and the stewardship of natural resources.

Every season, the team — comprised of a garden manager and several student interns — works from April to October farming more than 85 fruits and vegetables using organic practices. Their primary production garden is located on 38th Street, but the Alliance Gardens also maintains a demonstration garden on 46th

Street where the team practices various farming techniques.

In fact, the Alliance Gardens harvested more than 2,500 pounds of produce this year. About one-fourth of the harvest is donated to local food banks and shelters, while the rest is sold to the local community. Members of the team regularly host produce stands around Marion such as the Marion Open Air Market, Elder Hall’s parking lot and even the Mallway in the Barnes Student Center.

In addition to farming and distributing its produce, the program seeks to educate the local community on the benefits of buying local, fresh food. Purchasing locally often guarantees higher quality produce, empowers the customer in their selection, supports local farmers who use environmentally friendly techniques, and builds community between farmer and consumer.

“The best part of working for the Alliance Gardens has been building relationships with people in the IWU and Marion communities,” said Kaley Necessary ‘14, Alliance Gardens manager and IWU

sustainability coordinator. “Through the garden, I am able to share the joy of gardening with others while educating them about where our food comes from.”

The Alliance Gardens even partner with several local nonprofit organizations, including The Crossing, Kids Hope, the Marion Community Garden Association and Upward Bound. Groups of students from the organizations volunteer in the garden weekly in exchange for fresh produce they can take home to their families.

“These students are some of our hardest working volunteers,” said Necessary. “They love learning about what’s going on in the garden. And, we have the privilege of witnessing students become interested in caring for creation and taking steps to making healthier choices.”

When interacting with community members, whether they are volunteers, students or customers, the Alliance Gardens team always seeks to share Christ’s love through the ministry of gardening.

Former student garden intern Alyssa (Mann) Knowlton ‘14 had a particularly



KALEY NECESSARY

*Alliance Gardens manager
and IWU sustainability coordinator*

impactful experience during her time with the Alliance Gardens. As she was watering the crops one evening, a young girl, who lived near the plot, approached Knowlton and asked to help. It was not long before the watering can in the girl's hand sparked a question—"Where does water come from?" Knowlton dove into an explanation of how God is the creator of all things including water. When she realized the girl had never heard the creation story, she pulled out her Bible and began to read Genesis.

"It was a humbling and overwhelming experience to share the creation story with someone for the first time," said Knowlton, a Biology graduate. "Afterward I could only pray that some spiritual seed had been planted in [her] heart and that the Word of God would water it and help it grow. We may be taking care of a garden, but God's reminding me that there's a mission greater than the physical."

As the 2017 harvest season begins, the Alliance Gardens team is excited to implement new initiatives such as its Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. CSA is a relationship between farmers and community members who

share the risks and benefits involved with growing produce. Customers purchase "shares" of the farm in the form of produce. When customers commit to purchasing produce at the beginning of the season, farmers have the funds needed to plant and harvest produce. This year, 20 families are signed up to be CSA members with the Alliance Gardens.

"I hope the gardens continue to be a place where IWU students, faculty and Marion community members can enjoy each other, grow and learn," said Necessary. "My prayer is that the gardens would be a place where people can learn more about the character of God and about their own identity as His children. By spending any amount of time in creation, one can see that we serve a God of abundance. Not only is He continually making things new, but He surrounds us with the fullness of His presence and abundant love."

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WHAT DO WE HARVEST?



APPLES
ARUGULA
ASPARAGUS
BEETS
BROCCOLI
BOK CHOY
CABBAGE
CARROTS
CORN
CUCUMBERS
EGGPLANT
GREEN BEANS
HERBS
KALE
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ONIONS
PEPPERS
PUMPKINS
RASPBERRIES
SPINACH
STRAWBERRIES
TOMATOES
WATERMELON



ONE MAN'S LEGACY

Dr. Wilbur Williams retires from 50-year teaching career

Former students who returned to campus for Professor Wilbur Williams' retirement luncheon may have lost their appetites temporarily when they discovered a copy of the Kings Test in the center of each banquet table.

Yes, the legendary, but much-dreaded 49-question exam. Yes, the test that traumatized the 17,000 students who sat in Williams' Old Testament Survey class during his 50-year career at Indiana Wesleyan University.

"The test can't be that hard. I know all of the answers," Williams frequently told bewildered students.

Williams knew all of the answers because he had walked in the footprints of those kings during the 156 trips – spiritual odysseys he called them – which he took to the Holy Lands over the past half century. For 40 years, he participated in archeological excavations in Israel and North Africa.

Over the years, Williams took scores of students with him to the Holy Lands – and paid the expenses for many of them. For students who did not have that privilege, Williams brought the Holy Lands alive in the classroom.

Williams once estimated that he had spent nine months of his life on airplanes, flying back and forth to Israel. The knowledge he gained on those trips and shared with his students earned him Professor of the Year honors eight times.

And for the past 22 years, he did it all for \$1 a year after he and his wife,

Ardelia, chose to defer their salaries to pay for Williams Prayer Chapel and for four sculptures the couple commissioned for the Marion campus.

At the end of April, both the professor and the Kings Test officially retired. But what a journey it has been, one not likely to be repeated.

"Someone else will take your place, but no one will replace you," Chancellor Keith Newman told Williams during a retirement convocation in March.

"Dr. Williams has been a pillar of the IWU community for the last 50 years," Newman said in an earlier interview. "His faith in Christ, love for this institution and passion for his students has brought a component to this University that will be truly irreplaceable. We are honored to call him one of our own."

Dr. David Wright, IWU president, went a step further. He said Williams defined Indiana Wesleyan University.

"In the history of institutions some people emerge who both define and exemplify the identity and mission of the institution. Wilbur Williams is one of those people for IWU," Wright said.

The president shared five of those defining characteristics:

HE HAD A LOVE FOR GOD'S WORD

"He not only gave lip service to the importance of God's word, he also had a passion for us to really know God's word."

HE LOVED THE LAND AND PEOPLE OF GOD'S WORD

"He had a great passion for taking people to the Holy Lands where he made the place and people of God's Word real in a way that captured our hearts and imaginations."



CELEBRATING

DR. WILBUR WILLIAMS



HE HAD A LOVE FOR STUDENTS

“He had a deep passion for students’ personal and intellectual development. We realize how much time he put into making connections with students.”

HE HAD A LOVE FOR THE INSTITUTION

“Institutions are not always easy to love, but he had a deep and abiding love for the University itself. He had a commitment to promote, care for and enhance IWU.”

HE HAD A LOVE FOR FAMILY

“He served as a long-time example of evaluating what matters most and of keeping his commitments. All you had to do to sense his deep love for Ardelia was to see the two of them together.”

Wilbur and Ardelia, who met as students at Marion College, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in January. Ardelia Williams taught and was chair of the IWU Art Department from 1967 to 2002 before failing health forced her to retire.

“Wilbur and Ardelia Williams have transformed Indiana Wesleyan University in countless ways,” Wright said. “You cannot walk across our campus without noticing their contributions. What a legacy they have left.”

Professor Williams’ final words of advice for students: “No matter what you do, you will do it better if you pray about it. Seek to do something you cannot do without Him.”

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DR. WILBUR WILLIAMS

THE KINGS TEST

An excerpt from the famous exam

WILL YOU PASS?

Match the kings of Israel that each statement describes.

- | | |
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| A. Asa | C. Jeroboam I |
| B. Ahab | D. Jeroboam II |

_____ “Jonah gave the only prophecy in the Bible about a king of Israel who would specifically have a very prosperous reign.”

_____ “I had a huge grain storage below ground level for wheat or oats to distribute to the people in case my city was put under siege.”

_____ “Before I was king, I met a prophet Ahijah. I watched as he took off his outer garment, tore it into 12 pieces; he gave me 10, saying I would rule over that group.”

_____ “When I tried to demand an unnamed prophet to be punished for his utterances about my new altar, I ordered him arrested. Suddenly, my elbow locked; I asked him to pray for me and he did. I wanted him to come home to my house, but he refused.”

GRIDIRON UPDATE

FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHING STAFF COMING TOGETHER



HEAD COACH
JORDAN LANGS
ON-SITE OF THE
FOOTBALL STADIUM
CONSTRUCTION

Indiana Wesleyan University won't play its first football game until the fall of 2018, but Head Coach Jordan Langs has been working for the past several months to assemble a coaching staff and recruit players. Coach Langs sat down recently with Sports Information Director Kyle Schmidt to offer the following update on IWU's newest athletic venture.

Q&A WITH COACH LANGS

WHAT DOES THE COACHING STAFF LOOK LIKE, AND WILL THERE BE MORE PEOPLE HIRED IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

There are four coaches on staff with me right now. Eric Terrazas is our offensive coordinator, and he came here with me from Wheaton College. Evan Knight is the defensive coordinator, and he was on staff last year at Saint Francis (Pa.), which is an NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) school. Chris Moore is our offensive run game coordinator and assistant head coach, and he comes to us from Trinity International (Ill.) where he was the offensive coordinator last season. And Josh Aldrin is the defensive line coach and he came with me from Wheaton. Those are the four guys who we have currently hired, and by the time summer comes we will have hired a defensive backs coach, a wide receivers coach and a specialist coach to work with kickers, punters and snappers. By August we will have an assistant offensive line coach and a running backs coach.

WHAT IS THE UPDATE ON RECRUITING STUDENT-ATHLETES?

We have about 60 guys for the 2017 class, and by the time we show up in August we could be in the 65-70 range. It is a very talented class that will represent IWU very well and will also have a lot of potential from a football perspective. We have already moved on to the 2018 recruiting class.



WHAT KIND OF STUDENT-ATHLETES HAVE YOU BEEN RECRUITING?

When we are searching for Wildcat football players the first thing we look for are student-athletes who will be committed to embracing, respecting and adhering to the Christian mission of Indiana Wesleyan University. That is our first priority. We are devoted to making sure that members of our program will be models of the institution's mission. We will not be perfect, but we never want to diminish the mission or environment of IWU in order to try and win football games. By doing that, we firmly believe that we can uphold the standard of excellence that this place is accustomed to both on and off the field.

HOW IS THE FOOTBALL STADIUM CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSING?

The stadium is moving along very nicely. The more construction meetings we have the more we realize how blessed we are. Everything we need from the support building and field perspective will be ready for us by August. The rest of the stadium will continue to be built throughout next fall and winter.

IS THERE ANY UPDATE ON THE FIRST FOOTBALL SCHEDULE?

We will start playing a varsity schedule in 2018. IWU will be a provisional member of the Mid-States Football Association, so we are not full conference affiliates until 2019. So in 2018 we will play a lot of conference teams, but we are in full control of who we schedule. We will play between eight and 11 games in 2018, and the schedule is continually being worked on. I would expect it to be finalized sometime this summer.

WHAT WILL THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR LOOK LIKE FOR IWU FOOTBALL?

We will start by going through a training camp in August. Then we will treat the year like a season just without games on Saturday. It is a chance to teach the kids how to go to class as student-athletes, teach them how to practice, teach them how to train and teach them how to be good teammates. This will help assimilate them into the life of a student-athlete. We are excited

about that opportunity and look forward to this time of practice and preparation.

Located on a five-acre lot adjacent to the athletic complex, the new football stadium will have 2,500 seats with berm seating around the field that will boost total capacity to 4,000. Work on the playing field and support building is to be completed by August 2017, while the full stadium is expected to be ready before the team's first game in the fall of 2018.



WILDCAT



CHEER TEAM COMPETES AT FIRST NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Indiana Wesleyan University cheer team placed 12th at the first NAIA Competitive Cheer and Dance National Championship on March 10-11 in Oklahoma City. The Wildcats finished 12th place in the 12-team national championship after earning an at-large bid to the final site. IWU finished with a two-day score of 64.48. Friday's preliminary round counted for 25 percent of the team score while Saturday's final round was worth 75 percent.



IWU INDUCTS INAUGURAL ATHLETIC HALL OF HONOR CLASS

Indiana Wesleyan University inducted the first class into the Athletic Hall of Honor during a banquet on Feb. 11. The class included four individuals and three teams. The inaugural class consisted of the Amphics & Eureka's, Sue Bowman, Marion Duvall, John Foss, Perry Frank and the 2000 women's cross country team. The Hall of Honor inductees were recognized at halftimes of the men's and women's basketball games vs. Saint Francis (Ind.).

PRIDE



MAHURIN, PETERS REACH 2,000 CAREER POINT MILESTONES

Men's basketball seniors Lane Mahurin and Bob Peters became the first IWU teammates to reach 2,000 career points. Mahurin reached the milestone first on January 25, 2017, vs. Goshen (Ind.), and Peters hit 2,000 points with less than five minutes remaining in his final game vs. Union (Ky.) in the national semifinals. Mahurin ranks third on the all-time scoring list with 2,288 points, and Peters is sixth with 2,004 points. The all-time scoring leader, with 2,452 points, is Perry Frank, who played for the Marion College Titans from 1982-1986.

44 WILDCATS NAMED NAIA STUDENT-ATHLETES

Indiana Wesleyan University athletes showcased their strength in the classroom as indicated by the 44 names of IWU students that appeared on the NAIA Scholar-Athlete lists that were released for the fall and winter seasons. In order to be nominated, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved a junior academic status.

16 WILDCATS NAMED NAIA ALL-AMERICAN DURING WINTER SEASON

The Indiana Wesleyan indoor track and field teams and the basketball teams combined for 16 NAIA All-American honors this winter season.

IWU indoor track and field finished with 13 All-Americans. They are: Bethany Bailey (pole vault), Chad Ellens (4x800), Kendra Frieden (4x400), Rachel Gibson (4x400), Jailyn Krantz (60 hurdles), Sarah McBeath (1 mile), Machaela Mertz (4x400), Michael Moffitt (highjump), Josh Neideck (4x800), Michael Olson (4x800), Jacob Reinking (3,000 meters), Emily Rupp (4x400), Noah Stratton (4x800).

Women's basketball was represented by Kelsey Key as an NAIA All-American Honorable Mention while men's basketball boasted Lane Mahurin on the First Team and Bob Peters on the Second Team. Mahurin was also named Crossroads League Co-Player of the Year and to the CoSIDA Second Team Academic All-America College Division.



INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD COMPETES AT NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Indiana Wesleyan University indoor track and field placed 22nd in the women's championship and 25th in the men's championship held March 2-4 in Johnson City, Tennessee. IWU compiled 13 NAIA All-American performances and six new program records at the three-day national championship.

DR. COLLEEN DERR NAMED PRESIDENT OF WESLEY SEMINARY



Dr. Colleen Derr has been named president of Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University. She will begin her new role on May 1.

Derr will succeed Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, who has served as interim leader since the departure of Dr. Wayne Schmidt, the founding leader of the Seminary. Schmidt was elected general superintendent of the North American General Conference Wesleyan Church in June of 2016, succeeding Lyons.

“I know that God is going to use me in a powerful way to continue to help Wesley Seminary grow,” Derr said. “The team that envisioned the Seminary gave birth to this beautiful place, and I am excited about playing a role in its future. I feel passionate about our role in kingdom building.”

Derr has been a part of Wesley Seminary since 2011, serving as a faculty member and assistant dean. She has served as the chair of the Seminary faculty, as a member of the University Faculty Senate and been active on numerous University committees.

She played an integral role in the development of the Master of Arts in Children, Youth and Family Ministry and is currently part of the team developing a Doctor of Ministry in Spiritual Formation that is scheduled to launch in the fall of 2018.

Before joining the seminary faculty, Derr served as a denominational leader through multiple leadership positions in The Wesleyan Church. She is an ordained elder and has served in pastoral ministry.

“Dr. Derr is a respected teacher, researcher, leader and colleague,” said IWU President Dr. David Wright, in announcing her appointment. “She has earned a reputation as an advocate and resource for an array of church ministries, an effective administrator and a wise and dynamic leader.”

Her educational achievements include an M.A. in Ministry Leadership from Indiana Wesleyan University, and an Ed.D. in Christian Education Leadership from Regent University.

Derr is married to Wayne Derr, and they have four adult children, Jerica, Zachary, Tyler and Anna.

“We are grateful that God has prepared Dr. Derr for this work and look forward to her leadership. We have a great sense of anticipation for the new vistas of service that God will open to the faculty, staff and students of Wesley Seminary in the years to come,” Wright said.

Wesley Seminary has developed quality programs and faculty since it opened in 2009 on Indiana Wesleyan’s Marion campus. The seminary now serves more than 500 students in 34 states and 11 countries.

“The Seminary is being used by God to engage and equip pastors to lead their churches and reach individuals for Christ,” Wright said.

DR. JOY MOORE TO JOIN FACULTY AT WESLEY SEMINARY

When Dr. Joy Jittaun Moore was asked if she would consider joining the faculty of Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University, she knew that God had been listening to her prayers – and to the prayers of her mother.

“My mother wanted me to move back to the Midwest, which is home for me, because her health is declining, and I am an only child. My father died several years ago,” Moore said.

“I also felt a need to be closer to my mother, and was considering a move to the Chicago area to pastor a church,” she said. “But I really did not want to leave the academy.”

Both prayers will be answered July 1 when Moore joins the Wesley Seminary faculty as a Professor of Homiletics and Christian Ministry.

Since 2012, Moore has been an Assistant Professor of Preaching at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, where she also provided the vision to establish the William E. Pannell Center for Africa American Church Studies.

Moore earned a B.A. in Education and Mathematics from National-Louis University in Evanston, Illinois; a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, also in Evanston, and a Ph.D. in Practical Theology from London School of Theology/Brunel University, London, England.

Before joining the faculty at Fuller Seminary, she served four years at Duke University Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina, where she was associate dean for Black Church Studies and Church Relations and visiting professor of Preaching.

Previously an assistant professor of Preaching at Asbury Theological Seminary and chaplain and director of Church Relations at Adrian College, she has held pastorates in the Michigan Area of the United Methodist Church.



LIVING A LIFE CALLING

IWU ALUM PASSIONATE ABOUT SERVING SOCIETY'S MOST VULNERABLE YOUTH



Dee Gibson

CEO, WHITE'S RESIDENTIAL AND FAMILY SERVICES

Dee Gibson often wonders what his life might have been like had he not made a last-minute decision to walk away from a football scholarship at a small private college to enroll at Indiana Wesleyan University.

"I might have been successful on the football field, and I might have been successful at the other college I was considering," Gibson said. "But, I don't believe I would have been as successful as I have been – and in a field of work that I love."

Since Gibson graduated from IWU in 1977, with majors in sociology and Social Work, he and his wife, Kathy, have been caring for some of society's most vulnerable children.

At the end of 2017, Gibson will retire after serving 40 years – the last 20 as the CEO – at White's Residential and Family Services, near Wabash, Indiana. For nearly 170 years, White's has helped families and children in crisis through residential treatment programs, foster care and home-based services.

Dee Gibson's decision to switch college plans was based on an illness and an awareness that the IWU campus was just a few miles from his Grant County home.

"I had mononucleosis during the spring of my senior year in high school, and I had gone through a crisis event during which I gave my life to the Lord," he said. "Although I wasn't able to verbalize it at the time, I sort of knew innately that I should not leave my roots in Grant County, which included Kathy and my family."

So, for the next four years, Dee did indeed remain in Grant County and he got his first taste of what would become his life calling while he was a freshman at IWU.

"Kathy, my high school sweetheart, and I got married during my freshman year of college," he said. "I went to school during the day, and then Kathy and I worked from 4 p.m. to midnight at the Grant County Juvenile Detention Center."

After one year at the detention center, the Gibsons moved to a two-room apartment in the Grant County Children's Home where they served as directors.

"During our 44 years of marriage, we always have worked as a team," Gibson said. And it was as a team that the two decided to venture out of Grant County and answer a call to serve at White's Institute in 1977.

After completing his degree from IWU, Dee went on to earn a master's in Management from Ball State University. This schooling, and the couple's growing commitment to the staff and youth at White's, solidified their future in Wabash.

White's Institute – later to become known as White's Residential and Family Services – has undergone dramatic changes during Gibson's 40-year tenure and, specifically, during his two decades of leadership as the Chief Executive Officer. In addition to substantial expansions of the residential campus in Wabash and the acquisition of a 110-acre campus in Wheatfield, Indiana, White's now offers therapeutic foster care for more than 130 children, adoption services and home-based care from offices in five other Indiana cities.

At any one time, the two residential campuses are serving more than 130 Indiana children – ages 12 to 18 – placed by the state's juvenile justice system

and the Department of Child Services. All of the residential students live in cottages with house parents providing the attention and structure they need.

In 2012, the board, Dee, and Mike Haarer worked together to open Compass Rose Academy, a parent-choice residential treatment center for at-risk teen girls from across the country. The center, based in Wabash, operates a 9- to 12-month program for junior and senior high students. Many families are desperate to find a program that incorporates clinical intensive services and a Christ-centered approach to finding hope and healing. Compass Rose has both.

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Gibson is quick to say his 40-year journey has been a two-way street.

"When you work with kids in crisis, kids in the margin, you also learn a lot about yourself. You learn about any weakness in your own personal character," he said. "These kids have a way of teaching you how to become a better person, a better father and a better husband. In this line of work, you have to walk that talk and live out the life of character you are asking them to live."

After retiring, Gibson still plans to be involved in an advisory capacity at White's, but he and his wife will be moving from



Kathy and Dee Gibson

the home they have occupied for 40 years on the Wabash campus.

"Forty years is a long time to be in ministry at a place where you are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. So, yes, we are looking forward to having a little more time and a little more space just for our family," he said.

"It's been an honor to work with such incredible people! I am forever grateful to all the staff, the foster parents, the families and kids we have served through the years. We are so grateful to have been able to live our life's calling from the Lord. Kathy and I truly believe that we have received far more than we could ever have given."

Dee looks out at the campus from the administration building. The grass is greening. The trees are budding. And the kids are taking their time walking from school to their cottages, enjoying the warmer air.

That football scholarship couldn't be further from his mind. There is no regret here.

"It has been an honor," he said.

ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni News provides alumni a venue for sharing personal and professional accomplishments. Submissions are edited for length, clarity and style standards.

1960s

Jim Huffman '63 received a Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Asian Studies (AAS) for his work at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. • **James Jacobs '69** recently published a book titled "No Ordinary Season."

1970s

Marcella (Brown) Hughes '77 is now an aesthetician at The Phoenician Resort in Phoenix, Arizona.

1990s

Delores Brown '92 began teaching at Murfreesboro City Schools in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. • **Aaron Reid '96** was voted Coach of the Year by the Christian Athletic League of Southwest Minnesota for his service as varsity basketball coach at Community Christian Church in Willmar, Minnesota. • **William Klenzman '99** is CEO of Cogburn Electric Inc. in Marion, Ohio.

2000s

Kelli (Stebing) Souder '01 is human resources manager at Grabill Cabinet Co. in Grabill, Indiana. • **John Wickstrom '04** was recognized as IWU's Pastor of the Week for his service at Wesleyan Community Church in Oak Lawn, Illinois. • **Ambria Nofziger '06** is owner of Ambria Photography in Wauseon, Ohio. • **Justin Elshire '07** has been appointed senior relationship manager at TD Bank in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. • **Aaron Gross '07** was recognized as IWU's Pastor of the Week for his service at Logansport Church of the Brethren in Logansport, Indiana. • **Geoffrey Lawson '07** is student minister at Tates Creek Christian Church in Lexington, Kentucky. • **Laura (Jurek)**

Merchant '07 is a graphic designer at Cornett in Lexington, Kentucky. • **Jeff Mongonia '07** is division president at Compassus in Brentwood, Tennessee. • **Joe Jackson '08** was recognized as IWU's Pastor of the Week for his service at Savanna Church in Wesley Chapel, Florida. • **Michael Morelli '08** is executive manager at Morelli Automotive Group in Bowie, Maryland. • **Teresa (Saylor) Pearson '08** is an adjunct faculty member at Indiana Wesleyan University in Lynn, Indiana. • **Chris Conrad '09** was recognized as IWU's Pastor of the Week for his service as District Superintendent for the West Michigan District of the Wesleyan Church. • **Traci Druschke '09** received the \$25,000 Milken Educator Award for her excellence in teaching at Oak Hill Elementary School in Evansville, Indiana.

2010s

Ashley Miller '10 is now human resources & legal assistant to the Indiana Railroad Co. in Indianapolis. • **Kimberly (Burton) Wernecke '11** is lead junior kindergarten teacher at Tutor Time Learning Center in Okemos, Michigan. • **Daniel Curtis '12** is supervisor with GEICO in Indianapolis. • **Matthew Schwarzentraub '12** was recognized as IWU's Pastor of the Week for his service at Croswell Wesleyan Church in Croswell, Michigan. • **Marinette Boyd '13** is a human resources representative at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. She is also in the process of enrolling into the Ph.D. program at IWU with a start date of June 2017. • **James Coffing '13** is production supervisor at EPI Marketing. • **Natalie Collins '13** is the bilingual customer service representative at Reynolds and Reynolds in Kettering, Ohio. • **Misti Henderson '13** completed MSN-Nurse Executive Leadership at Chamberlain College of Nursing in June 2016. She is currently assistant director of nursing in home care at Elite Personal Care, LLC in Bedford, Indiana. • **Rachel (Murphy) Owen '14** is clinical research coordinator at Parkview Research Center. • **Shelly England '15** is now employment navigator at Warren County Board of DD

in Lebanon, Ohio. • **Randy Kuhlman '15** is area manager for Walmart eCommerce in Avon, Indiana. • **Jamie (Burkholder) Manfred '15** is a technical writer for KJWW Engineering Consultants, a division of IMEG Corp., in Rock Island, Illinois. • **Bryan Sanoshy '15** is now attending Butler University to earn a master's in Music Composition. His anticipated graduation is May 2018. • **Parker Snowden '16** is employed by the Goshen Health system, working as a nurse in a neurologist's office in Goshen, Indiana.

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| IN MEMORIAM | *A space to remember and honor alumni who have passed.*

Stan Banker, '40 died December 24, 2016	Thomas Goodpaster, '18 died January 6, 2017	Janice A (Smith) Kleyla, '02 died May 31, 2016	Alice (Kiser) Rice, '77 died March 23, 2017
Robert Berkebile, '50 died November 23, 2016	Anne (Brittain) Gorveatte, '98 died December 10, 2016	Dale Lappin, '51 died February 2, 2017	Jacklyn M (Wood) Ryan, '76 died January 28, 2017
George W Bowersock, '56 died August 5, 2015	Cody Harris, '98 died February 25, 2017	Macel Neaderhiser, '52 died December 10, 2015	Wesley Sime, '52 died January 14, 2017
Brane Pierce, '58 died November 15, 2016	John Harris, '49 died January 30, 2017	Ronald Ogle, '03 died May 8, 2016	Bobbie Sims-Wells, '94 died February 8, 2017
Patricia (Miller) Browder, '89 died October 30, 2016	Sheryl (Pickett) Hass, '97 died December 7, 2016	Rich Orrell Sr., '05 died February 26, 2017	Jean (Honsberger) Snyder, '75 died November 7, 2016
Chris Brumm, '09, '12 died December 10, 2016	Philip Hodson, '98 died November 20, 2016	Danita (D.C.) Parker, '10 died January 4, 2017	Dana L Sparks, '86 died February 26, 2015
Robert A (Bob) Clements, '64 died June 25, 2015	James Hollingsworth, '64 died December 9, 2016	Yvonne Perkins, '93 died November 10, 2016	Maurice L Tolan, '57 died April 18, 2017
Raymond Dulworth, '66 died December 25, 2016	Elsie (Windquist) House, '48* died December 9, 2016	John M. Perme Jr., '88 died November 1, 2016	Fern L Tolan, '55 died April 13, 2017
Grace (Harrington) Dyk, '55 died February 19, 2017	Marjorie (Snow) Jeffries, '52 died February 18, 2016	Joan (Cheesman) Phillippe, '52 died March 23, 2017	Fred J Walker, '15 died February 16, 2017
Emily Ericson, '60 died March 18, 2016	Dean Johnson, '99 died November 2, 2016	Necola Reed, '14 died December 12, 2016	

* Owosso Alumnus

OH BABY!

|FUTURE ALUMNI|



01| Lillian Joy Moses was born on November 17, 2016 to **Corbett '11** and **Kelly (Veenstra) Moses '11**.



02| Emmett Roderick Fraiser was born on December 6, 2016 to Tom and **Katie (Muir) Frasier '11**.



03| Charity Irene Snowden was born on February 13, 2017 to **Parker '16** and Faith Snowden.

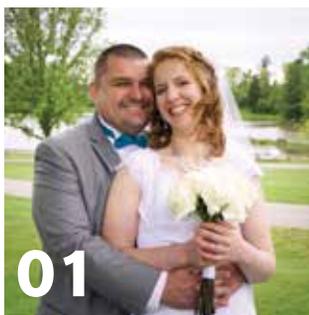


04| Colt David Laborde was born on March 20, 2017 to Ben and **Laura (Manning) Laborde '10**.

Not Pictured:

Margaret (Maggie) Grace Rizkallah was born April 4, 2016, to **Keri (Betts) Rizkallah '08**.

Adrienne Agrias Robinson-Bolner was born September 16, 2016, to Aaron and **Andrea (Robinson) Bolner '02**.



01| Joanna Backscheider '15 married Robert Williams on May 14, 2016



02| Charlee Vaughan '13 married **Daniel Curtis '12** on October 8, 2016



03| Samantha Gallant '14 married **Derek Freds '11** on October 22, 2016



04| Jamie (Burkholder) '15 and David Manfred married on May 23, 2015

IWU STUDENT CULTURE



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Accepted students from across the country came to Marion for the two-day Admitted Student Weekend. Nearly 500 future Wildcats met future classmates and registered for classes.



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The weather in Indiana has taken a warmer turn, and spring has sprung on campus.



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