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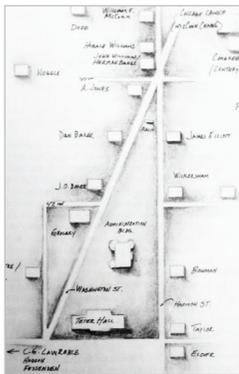
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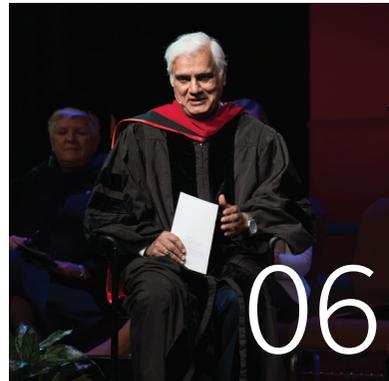


The magazine name, *Triangle*, represents the original configuration of the Marion College campus, renamed Indiana Wesleyan University in 1988.

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# NEWS BRIEFS



## EXCELSIA COLLEGE DEDICATES NEW CAMPUS FEBRUARY 2016

In February, President David Wright participated in the grand opening of Excelsia College's new campus. Excelsia is IWU's sister institution located in Sydney, Australia that specializes in counseling, performing arts, and teacher education programs.

## DESIGN APPROVED FOR NEW EASTBURN PLAZA WATER FEATURE

Eastburn Plaza, between the Barnes Student Center and the Jackson Library, will soon be under construction as work begins on the newly approved water feature to replace the former fountain.



## ADMISSIONS TEAM TRAVELS TO HONG KONG JANUARY 2016

A Residential Education admissions team travelled to Hong Kong, China on Jan. 26-31 for the purpose of establishing connections with key schools and educational leaders in the area. The trip included college fairs, school-sponsored sessions regarding higher education in America, and several opportunities to speak with students and parents.

## HAMMONS APPOINTED AS PROVOST AND CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

Dr. Stacy Hammons will become IWU's provost and chief academic officer on July 1. Hammons is the dean in the College of Arts and Sciences where she has maintained an impressive program of scholarship throughout her years of administrative service. She has embraced the identity and mission of IWU and has worked tirelessly to promote the wellbeing of the faculty and schools under her care.

## IWU CELEBRATES SPRING COMMENCEMENT

APRIL 2016

Approximately 1,500 students graduated during three ceremonies in the Chapel Auditorium on April 30. Graduates included the first students from the Master of Practical Theology and the Bachelor of Science with a major in Healthcare Administration.

Gov. Mike Pence, the 50th Governor of Indiana, spoke at the morning commencement and shared personal and faith lessons learned since his college graduation. The commencement speaker at the subsequent ceremonies was Bill Stanczykiewicz, director of The Fund Raising School and Senior Lecturer for Philanthropic Studies at the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy in Indianapolis.



## FIRST ELC COHORT TO BEGIN CLASSES MARCH 2016

The first cohort for the Emerging Leaders Consortium (ELC)— a leadership development-based cohort experience for high achieving first-generation, ethnic minority, and low-income college students — will begin classes this fall. The 10 students will begin their IWU journey this summer with an eight-week online pre-college experience designed to further prepare them for college. Throughout their time at IWU, students will continue to have academic and social support with an intentional focus on community engagement, internships, and faculty/staff mentoring.

# A NEW Season OF Service



## JOHN BRAY JOINS IWU COMMUNITY AS DEAN OF THE CHAPEL

**J**ohn Bray finds his being named dean of the Chapel at Indiana Wesleyan University ironic because he didn't even like to attend chapel when he was a Marion College student in the 1970s.

"He missed quite a few chapels when we were students," said John's wife, Patty. "I guess he is now proof that there is hope for those kinds of students."

John said one of his first goals will be to design chapels that are creative and energetic and will appeal to all students. "We want to study the different ways that students worship and how we can help them to do that in a more meaningful way," he said.

When John began what was to be a one-year term as interim dean of Chapel in September 2015, he never expected that three months later IWU professors and administrators would begin asking if he would consider apply for the job full-time.

"Patty and I love the University and really enjoyed what we were doing, so when asked if I would consider applying for the job, I said 'Sure'," said John. "We were at peace with the process and wanted the University to find the

best person for the job. If it were us, we would be thrilled. If it were someone else, we were fine with that, too."

On Feb. 29, CEO for Residential Education Dr. Keith Newman announced that John had been appointed to provide spiritual leadership to IWU's 3,000 residential students as the new dean of the Chapel.

"It was like a dream come true, but we hadn't even been dreaming about it," Patty said.

The dean of Chapel search committee was comprised of faculty, staff, students, and administrators. More than 60 applications were received for the position.

"I could not have asked for anything more in the energy, enthusiasm, passion, and leadership that John Bray brought to the assignment of serving as our interim dean of the Chapel," Newman said. "As an IWU alum, experienced pastor, and IWU Board of Trustees member, John knew us well and was able to step right into his role. His love for students and the IWU community became apparent very quickly."

John graduated from Marion College in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in Religion, was ordained by The Wesleyan Church in 1974,

and earned a master's degree in Ministerial Leadership from IWU in 2007. He has 43 years of ministerial experience. While serving as pastor of Heritage Wesleyan Church in Rock Island, Illinois, membership increased from 24 in 1974 to 3,000 in 2014.

"John has a contagious enthusiasm for life, for the Lord, and for students. He and his wonderful wife, Patty, have captured the hearts of our students, staff, and faculty, and I couldn't be more excited about the future of spiritual development on our campus," Newman said.

Patty also is an ordained pastor in The Wesleyan Church and while John has been serving as interim dean of the Chapel, Patty has been serving as interim senior pastor of Fall Creek Wesleyan Church in Indianapolis.

"I am honored to serve IWU as dean of the Chapel," John said. "Patty and I are thrilled to devote the next season of our lives to making a difference in the lives of students at a place which has made such a difference in our lives. Our prayer is that God continues to make his presence known in a profound way."

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# RAVI ZACHARIAS

**D**r. Ravi Zacharias—a world-renowned evangelist, author, and founder of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM)— became the thirteenth inductee into the Society of World Changers on March 30, 2016.

Zacharias was honored with the recognition at the Society of World Changers Convocation held in the Chapel Auditorium. The Society of World Changers was established in 2003 to recognize role models who have exemplified the concept of being a world changer and whose lives can serve as an inspiration to future generations. The ever-growing list of world changers includes household names such as Frank Peretti, Bill and Gloria Gaiher, Dr. Ben Carson, Elizabeth Dole, and John Maxwell.

Zacharias' journey to where God has him now began many years ago.

As a college student, Zacharias initially pursued a career in business management; however he began to feel his heart being pulled in a different direction. Subsequently, he changed his course of study to theology and graduated in 1972 from Ontario Bible College (now Tyndale University College and Seminary). Little did he know this simple decision would alter the rest of his life as his goal became to present the Gospel of Christ to a needy society.

In 1976, he received a Master of Divinity degree from Trinity International University in Deerfield, Illinois. Through his studies and personal research, he became well versed in the disciplines of comparative religions, cults, and philosophy. As a result, he has become one of the most widely known Christian apologists around the world.

"I like to give [apologetics] two prongs really," Zacharias said in a 2013 interview. "It's not only to defend the faith when hard questions are asked, but it is to clarify truth claims when there is woolly headed thinking or muddy waters."

Zacharias, an Indian-born American citizen, founded RZIM in 1984. The organization, known for its evangelistic and apologetic foundation, is a global ministry that seeks to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cultural influencers throughout the world. RZIM also produces two radio programs—"Just Thinking" and "Let My People Think"— featuring Dr. Zacharias speaking on biblical truth. The program airs on nearly 2,200 outlets worldwide. RZIM is based in Atlanta, Georgia and has additional offices in Canada, India, Singapore, the United Kingdom, the Middle East, Hong Kong, Romania, Turkey, Austria, Spain, and South Africa.

Known for his clear thinking and articulate speech, Zacharias has spoken at scores of international venues over the past 43 years, including many prestigious universities such as Harvard, Dartmouth, Johns Hopkins, and

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Cambridge. He has addressed writers of the peace accord in South Africa and military officers at the Lenin Military Academy and the Center for Geopolitical Strategy in Moscow. At the invitation of the president of Nigeria, he addressed delegates at the First Annual Prayer Breakfast for African Leaders held in Mozambique. He has also appeared on CNN, Fox, and other international broadcasts.

Closer to home, Zacharias has direct contact with key leaders, senators, congressmen, and governors who consult him on an ongoing basis. He has addressed the Florida Legislature and the Governor's Prayer Breakfast in

Texas and Louisiana, and has twice spoken at the Annual Prayer Breakfast at the United Nations in New York, which marks the beginning of the United Nations General Assembly each year. As the 2008 honorary chairman of the National Day of Prayer, he gave addresses at the White House, the Pentagon, and The Cannon House.

While his reach and influence has expanded over the years, his Christ-centered mission has always remained clear.

"My life has to change, my life has to be transformed... And I believe only Christ is enough to transform my heart,"

said Zacharias in a 2015 interview. "And so, it's sort of a multiplied opportunity of individual conquest. That's the way I look at it. The Gospel of Christ, as we speak to the masses, is multiplied opportunity of individual conquest. His message conquers the individual, and life changes."

Zacharias has authored or edited more than 20 books. Some have been translated into Russian, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Spanish, and other languages. Perhaps one of his most well-known publications was the 1995 Gold Medallion winner "Can Man Live Without God." Additional book titles include "Walking from East to West," "The Grand Weaver," "Why Jesus," "Beyond Opinion," and "The Lamb and the Fuhrer."

Zacharias has been honored with the conferring of seven doctoral degrees, including a Doctor of Humane Letters from IWU.

Zacharias and his wife, Margie, have three adult children: Sarah, Nathan, and Naomi. They reside in Atlanta, Georgia.



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Q.

What was it like growing up in India for the first 20 years of your life?

A.

Very different than here, but with all of the struggles and challenges, I am ever grateful for my roots. The family unit defines everything in India. The academic competition was too severe and took its toll. But friendships were deep. I left India when I was 20 years old.

Q.

How did you come to know Christ?

A.

At the age of 17, fearful of academic failure, I tried to take my own life. A Bible was brought to me and in that bed of suicide, I prayed and trusted in Jesus as the author of life and the Savior of my soul.

Q.

What inspired you to go into ministry?

A.

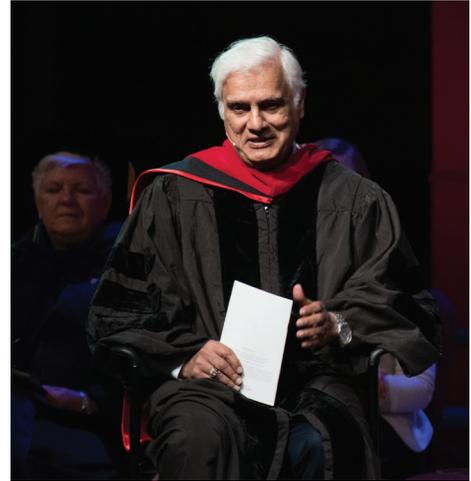
Frankly, I never thought of it formally. I came to the West to study business. God had other plans. I changed that pursuit and studied theology instead. God did the rest.

Q.

You have encountered so much through your life-long ministry. What has been one of your most interesting experiences?

A.

The most interesting is to see the Grand Weaver at work in life. How He shapes you through the events and choices made. The earnest pursuit of God's will brings delightful surprises, regardless of the twists and turns. When He calls, He opens doors. He shapes you for the call and the call for you.



**Q.**

**After being in ministry for 43 years, what is one thing you wish you could go back and tell a younger Ravi Zacharias?**

**A.**

That I had pursued more formal education than I did. That is the one regret. Also, how important one's family life is. And, to be more prayerful, especially before key decisions.

**Q.**

**Is there a verse that you find yourself returning to time and time again?**

**A.**

My life verse is Romans 1:16. To ever remember that one should never be ashamed of the Gospel. It is the Gospel through the Holy Spirit that changes hearts. How we share it is critical.

## RAVI'S WORDS OF WISDOM

"So, I say to you, in a school like this, where you are given the undergirding spiritual values, and the soul is taken care of, and goodness and decency and dignity are upheld, remember you are created in the image of God and you are to love your neighbor as yourself. Those two imperatives are the greatest commandments on which hang all of the laws and the prophets.

**EMBRACE THOSE TRUTHS, EMBODY THOSE TRUTHS AND THANK GOD FOR A PLACE YOU CAN STUDY WHICH GIVES YOU A BALANCE OF ALL THE DISCIPLINES. "**



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# CONTINUING THE LEGACY OF A TRULY GREAT CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

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“It’s time to dream again.”

**I**n late 2014 President David Wright challenged the IWU community with these words. The community had weathered the challenges of the economic downturn, of new federal regulations, and of changing perspectives on the value of a Christian higher education. It was time to dream about what God has in store for the future of this great university.

Over the past year and a half Dr. Wright has worked with the University community to create a new strategic plan that maps our dreams for the next five to 10 years. After the April Board meeting, Wright shared the overall structure and focus of this new strategy.

Indiana Wesleyan University’s new strategic plan is grounded in a mission that has remained constant:

**IWU IS A CHRIST-CENTERED ACADEMIC COMMUNITY, COMMITTED TO CHANGING THE WORLD, BY DEVELOPING STUDENTS IN CHARACTER, SCHOLARSHIP, AND LEADERSHIP.**

With the mission statement in mind, leaders began to ponder what that mission will look like in 2026. This led to the creation of a three-fold strategic plan that includes a foundational vision statement, four key strategies, and 12 key initiatives.

The Vision Statement reads as follows:

**INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY IS A TRULY GREAT CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY SERVING THE WORLD.**

“Our new vision statement captures our imagination as we are beginning to dream about how we can serve our community, our world, and each other,” said Dr. Keith Newman, CEO for Residential Education. “It makes our opportunity crystal clear and sets us apart in a culture that defines ‘greatness’ in a substantially different way.”

To determine what it means to be a “truly great Christian University,” Wright has turned to Jesus as his foremost example, citing Matthew 20:26, 28. Just as Jesus came to serve others on earth, IWU hopes to serve others as well.

“What if the way we ensure our future is not by becoming bigger, more powerful and richer, but by becoming better servants who embody day by day what Jesus Christ has done in and for this world,” said Wright. “That’s my aspiration when I talk about IWU being a truly great Christian university.”

The reasons driving the University’s pursuit of the new vision are simple. For one, IWU believes its students need a great Christian university centered on Jesus Christ, grounded in God’s Word, and committed to excellence in all it does. Second, the world needs the graduates of a great Christian university who are exemplary in character,

scholarship, and leadership. Third, the world needs a university that discovers and teaches truth informed by rigorous scholarship and vibrant Christian faith. Lastly, the Church needs the example and contributions of a great Christian university.

“There’s a line that runs through this world that divides those who seek to know the Truth under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and those who pursue truth without reference to God,” said Wright. “There is a day approaching when a truly great Christian university will stand out more and more among its peers as a new and different place.”

In keeping with the Vision Statement, the new strategic plan lays out four key strategies under which each of the 12 key initiatives fall.

These four key strategies will provide IWU with a framework to evaluate current activities and plan future initiatives that fulfill the mission and achieve the vision of being a truly great Christian university serving the world.

“This past year and a half has been a great time of planning and collaborating,” said Audrey Hahn, CEO for Non-Residential Education. “It has allowed us to dream

about what can happen within our own units in addition to thinking bigger picture across the University. I truly believe that IWU is going to continue to be a truly great Christian University in the coming years.”

“We are going to do some pretty historic things,” said Wright. “I’m really thankful that we’re part of a community that can tackle and do these things together, and I look forward to the fun that we’re going to have in coming days.”



# 01

## **GREAT STUDENTS**

WE WILL RECRUIT, PROVIDE AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO, AND GRADUATE GREAT STUDENTS.

# 02

## **GREAT PEOPLE**

WE WILL PROVIDE OUR PEOPLE WITH THE RESOURCES TO MAXIMIZE OUR GREAT CHRISTIAN LEARNING COMMUNITY SO THAT IT IS ENJOYABLE, DIVERSE, AND UNIFIED IN PURPOSE.

# 03

## **GREAT PROGRAMS**

WE WILL OFFER GREAT ACADEMIC AND CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THEM AT SUSTAINABLE COST.

# 04

## **GREAT SCOPE**

WE WILL ENLARGE OUR SCOPE BY FOSTERING A GLOBAL MINDSET AND SERVING THE GLOBAL CHURCH.



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# KEY INITIATIVES

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**A**s part of the new strategic plan, the University has identified 12 key initiatives that it believes will significantly advance its four strategies (Great Students, Great People, Great Programs, and Great Scope). The 12 initiatives were selected out of dozens of possible proposals submitted by members of the Indiana Wesleyan University community.

However, not all 12 initiatives will start immediately.

“I believe they are all worthy of our pursuit,” said President Dr. David Wright. “But, I believe we need to address the most urgent needs first.”

The University will first focus on seven key initiatives that most quickly build enrollment, build needed infrastructure, and continue to invest in the people of IWU.

## 01 **ENDOWMENT FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS DIVERSE STUDENT AFFORDABILITY & ACCESS**

Both of these initiatives will focus on providing future students with the scholarships necessary to receive an education at IWU. In a 1,000-plus-person study conducted by IWU, the biggest consensus was the desire to increase endowments that help scholarship students have the IWU experience. As a result, the Board of Trustees has approved a plan for significant fundraising, including a generous gift-matching program, to build new endowments for affordability and access. IWU hopes to raise \$32 million in new scholarship endowments over the next six or seven years.

## 03 **TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING INITIATIVE**

This initiative is designed to invest in IWU faculty and staff in order to prepare them to provide students with a transformational learning experience. An initial multi-year plan will create a new \$2 million endowment to support scholarship, engagement, and faculty and staff development. This will bring the endowment for this work to \$4 million.

## 02 **NON-RESIDENTIAL GROWTH INITIATIVE**

IWU Non-Residential Programs will expand into five new metropolitan service areas. These new locations—which have yet to be announced—will provide access for many more great students to attend IWU, increase the University’s ability to serve, provide strong return on investment of resources, and quickly generate revenue to invest in other initiatives.

**“MY HOPE IS THAT THROUGH THESE NEW INITIATIVES, IWU WILL CONTINUALLY STRIVE TO BE A TRULY GREAT CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY THAT IS KNOWN FOR ITS STUDENTS, ALUMNI, FACULTY, AND STAFF WHO ARE CHANGING THE WORLD.”**

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# THE 12 KEY INITIATIVES

## GREAT STUDENTS

**ENDOWMENT FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

**DIVERSE STUDENT AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS**

**NON-RESIDENTIAL URBAN GROWTH INITIATIVE**

## GREAT PEOPLE

**TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING INITIATIVE**

**SHALOM CENTER**

**EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT**

## GREAT PROGRAMS

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE**

**BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING**

**INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL**

**STUDENT SERVICES**

## GREAT SCOPE

**SERVING THE GLOBAL CHURCH: GLOBAL CHRISTIAN LEARNING COMMUNITY**

**FOSTERING A GLOBAL MINDSET: STUDY ABROAD INITIATIVES**

04

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

As part of the Great Programs strategy, IWU has plans to invest \$3 million in upgrading the information technology infrastructure to make it more student and faculty friendly, more robust, and more attuned to the latest in digital information systems.

05

### **BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING**

Over the next two years, a fundraising campaign will be conducted to secure lead gifts that would make possible the creation of a new IWU School of Engineering.

06

### **INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL**

Football will be the 18th intercollegiate sport at IWU and the first male sport added since 1969. The Board authorized start-up funding to begin building the infrastructure for intercollegiate football, and has authorized the University to begin a fundraising campaign that would make possible a new football stadium on the IWU residential campus. The program brings with it several benefits, including bringing vitality to the campus, and forging new relationships. The first football season is planned for Fall 2018.

"[The Board's] affirmation of this significant new initiative demonstrates their recognition and appreciation of the sustained mission and excellence of our athletic program," said Wright. "We are grateful for the many ways our athletic program fulfills our mission to develop students in character, scholarship, and leadership, and we are eager to welcome and support these new athletes who will join us in the very near future."

07

### **GLOBAL CHRISTIAN LEARNING COMMUNITY & STUDY ABROAD**

IWU is already making notable progress with current global initiatives. The University plans to continue the work they have been doing, evaluate, and prepare next steps to advance this strategy.





# A POTTER'S HANDS, A SERVANT'S HEART



**A**fter Luke Wright graduated from IWU with a Ceramics degree in 2008, he felt a call from the Lord to deny himself. After much thought and prayer, he was led to do something he never imagined himself doing. In the fall of 2009—with only a stamp set, some clay and a vision to help others—Wright founded MudLove, a company that handcrafts unique bracelets and pottery.

Wright knew he wanted to change the lives of people around the world through MudLove. So, he partnered with Water for Good, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing access to clean water for those in the Central African Republic, and committed to giving them 20 percent of MudLove's profits.

MudLove is best known for its handcrafted elastic bands attached to a clay piece stamped with various words like love, hope, peace, and believe. The company makes nearly 80 percent of its sales through its website, but has brick and mortar locations in Warsaw and Winona Lake, Indiana.

However, starting MudLove has been far from easy. Some years even yielded little or no profit and left Wright scrambling to keep his company from falling apart.

"The most challenging thing about starting this business has been learning how to fail and being okay with failure," said Wright. "I've had to learn from my mistakes."

And learn from his mistakes he did. MudLove has continued to grow in its success with products sold in several retail stores such as Tree of Life Bookstores and Family Christian Stores. When asked what makes a business successful, Wright paused for a few seconds.

"Caring how you impact others through business," he said. "Being successful on paper doesn't matter. But, if you're glorifying God through it, then that's what success is."

For one week in April 2015, Wright travelled for the first time to the Central African Republic (CAR) with a group of colleagues from MudLove and Water for Good. While there, he witnessed the incredible impact fresh water access had on the people of the CAR.



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*-LUKE WRIGHT*

He observed the work that was being completed, met the African people that are employed to dig and maintain the water wells, and saw the difference MudLove and its customers are making in people's lives.

The trip served as a reminder that MudLove mission goes far beyond selling products. With MudLove's seventh anniversary quickly approaching, Wright is looking forward to seeing how the company will continue to grow and expand as it remains rooted in the values with which it was first founded.

"It's about being a group of people that is eager to learn and eager to change the world," he said. "If people who interact with us walk away encouraged and full of excitement, joy, and love, then that was a successful moment."

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**D**r. Jo Anne Lyon, general superintendent of The Wesleyan Church, sat on a neutral-hued couch just inches away from the official Seal of the President of the United States. The slightly curved walls sported yellow stripes and framed portraits of leaders past— a reminder of the stories the room could tell if only it could talk.

She was in the Oval Office of the White House. Surrounding her was a small group of faith leaders from around the country called to Washington D.C. to discuss with President Barack Obama poverty and inequality, as it related to immigration reform.

“The great respect that comes from the history of The Wesleyan Church is abolitionists and suffragettes,” said Lyon. “Working in those capacities really lends credibility to our speaking out on immigration reform and speaking out for those who have no voice.”

Lyon’s involvement with the Council on Faith at the White House is just one of many opportunities The Wesleyan Church has had to give a voice for Christianity in her time as general superintendent. As her eight-year tenure comes to a close in June 2016, she has been able to reflect on all the wonderful opportunities The Wesleyan Church has had to spread the love of Christ.

“The great call of the Church is to continue to be as Jesus and love the Lord your God with all your mind, heart and strength, and your neighbor as yourself,” said Lyon. “And loving your neighbor as yourself also means that your neighbor has opportunity, dignity, and hope.”

Other initiatives with which The Wesleyan Church has been involved often included World Hope International, since the organization is the official humanitarian agency working alongside The Wesleyan Church. In fact, Lyon founded the humanitarian organization in 1996 with the mission to bring opportunity and hope to those living in despair. World Hope’s efforts typically focus on expanding the mission of the Church in a country through economic development, education, and health.

One of World Hope’s largest relief efforts, in partnership with the Wesleyan Church, was

# A VOICE for the Voiceless

“BUT LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN LIKE WATERS,  
AND RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE AN EVER-FLOWING STREAM.”

-AMOS 5:24



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its involvement in Sierra Leone throughout the Ebola crisis. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) deemed the 2014 Ebola outbreak the most severe epidemic ever known with an estimated 14,124 cases in Sierra Leone alone. World Hope worked to establish many relief services, including an isolation facility in the Bombali District that provided medical supplies and ensured all health staff were properly trained.

“World Hope, The Wesleyan Church, and all the faith groups working together... their work really cut the Ebola numbers and deaths that the CDC had projected,” said Lyon.

Besides relief efforts, Lyon has had the opportunity to represent The Wesleyan Church as a board member of many organizations including the National Association of Evangelicals Executive Committee, Christian Community Development Association, and Council on Faith of the World Economic Forum. Through these organizations, Lyon has seen truth proclaimed, Christ glorified, and people’s lives changed.

“Holy living is not alone, but it is in connection with other people,” said Lyon. “So that means evangelism, justice, and discipleship all wrapped up into one.”

Lyon is thrilled with the impact The Wesleyan Church has had for the kingdom of God over the past eight years, but acknowledges the success did not result from her own doing.

“It has been absolutely total reliance on God, and really seeking God’s wisdom in decision making, in seeing the future and seeing what the Church needs at this time in history,” said Lyon. “I think it is one of the most exciting times in history because God is calling the Church to be a light in this world— and it means even greater sacrifice than what it’s been in the past.”

While she is not seeking re-election to the general superintendent position in June, Lyon plans on continuing God’s work wherever He may lead her.

“It’s humbling that God chooses you to be a voice for the voiceless, and you have to know that that is constantly what your voice is about,” said Lyon. “It’s not about your career, it’s about being God’s voice in this day.”





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**D**r. Bud Bence and his wife, Carol, have invested more than two decades of their lives in Indiana Wesleyan University students, and that support will continue even though the couple retired as faculty members five years ago.

The couple has established the Bence Family Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide undergraduate scholarships at IWU, one for a nursing student and the other for a ministry student.

“Carol and I wanted to do something to give back to a university that has meant so much to us, so we chose to invest in the lives of students and the future of education,” Bud said.

The Bences first thought about establishing a scholarship fund when they retired in 2011, but chose to wait until they felt more comfortable managing their retirement income.

“The tipping point for the scholarship came when we were required to start taking annual minimum distributions from our

investments,” Bud said. “We chose to take advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover Provision to help students and to reduce our tax burden. It was a win-win decision.”

The provision allows people who have reached 70 1/2 to donate up to \$100,000 to charitable organizations directly from their individual retirement account (IRA) without treating the distribution as taxable income.

For many years, taxpayers had to wait until December to determine if Congress would reauthorize the provision. In December 2015, Congress made the rollover provision permanent, giving families the entire year to plan charitable donations.

The Bences want Grant County students to be given priority for the scholarships, with one exception. Should there be no candidate for the Ministry scholarship, priority would be given to an international student who plans to enroll at Wesley Seminary at IWU.

“Grant County is a designated area of primary-care health professional shortage, so by increasing the number of health care providers in the county, we can increase the health care opportunities for the entire population,” Carol said.

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Since 2008, Carol has been active with an initiative called “GROW Nurses,” and after retiring at IWU she became the program coordinator. The program, which is sponsored by the IWU School of Nursing, interests and encourages students at Grant County high schools to pursue nursing careers.

During their long careers as IWU administrators and professors, the Bences have seen multiple examples of the role that scholarships play in determining if a student is able to complete his or her degree.

Carol recalls a first-generation student, recruited through the GROW Nurses program, who worked and took maximum advantage of financial aid and scholarships to complete a bachelor’s degree in Nursing at IWU.

“The sad thing to me, which she shared with me as she prepared to graduate, was that she still had an outstanding bill at IWU. Until the bill was paid, she could not get her diploma. Without a diploma, she could not sit for her state nursing boards. Without a nursing license, she could not get a job to finish paying her college expenses.

It was a classic Catch-22 situation until Carol learned of IWU’s Support our Students (SOS) fund, which provides small grants to students with last-minute expenses.

“Thanks to a boost from the SOS fund, this former student is now thriving as a nurse at Marion General Hospital. I still keep in touch with her,” Carol said. “That experience is what made me so passionate about endowing a scholarship.”

“Carol and I were blessed that we got to enjoy both administration and teaching during our careers at IWU,” Bud said. “But I am especially pleased that I spent the last three years of my full-time employment in the classroom.” Bud continues to teach at least two classes a year.

The Bences have three children and four grandchildren. Their two daughters, Tamara and Aimee, are graduates of Houghton College, where their parents met as students. Their son, Ryan, and his wife, the former Aubrey Pepper, are IWU graduates. Dr. Ryan Bence is an emergency room physician in the Indianapolis area.



## IWU DEDICATES RENOVATED CAFÉ TO DR. BUD BENCE

In a dedication ceremony on Jan. 22, a newly renovated café inside Noggle Christian Ministries Center was officially dubbed Bence Café. The name honors Dr. Clarence “Bud” Bence, a well-respected community, church and academic leader who has devoted numerous years to The Wesleyan Church.

## WESLEY SEMINARY CONTINUES TO MAKE LOCAL AND GLOBAL IMPACT

Just as John Wesley once said, “I look on all the world as my parish,” Indiana Wesleyan University looked on all the world as its classroom when it created Wesley Seminary at IWU. Created in 2009, the Seminary’s enrollment now includes students from 34 different states and 10 different countries.

In commissioning the seminary, the General Board of The Wesleyan Church directed the seminary to serve all of The Wesleyan Church, estimating then that 85 percent of Wesleyan pastors did not have a seminary education.

When the Seminary opened, it enrolled 29 students in its Master of Divinity program and 100 students in its Master of Arts program. Currently, of the 500 enrolled Seminary students, 40 percent are Wesleyan.

“We want to equip the church with men and women who are theologically trained, spiritually alive, and with gifts and graces that a broken world desperately needs,” said Rev. David F. Smith, Ph.D., dean of the Seminary and a professor of New Testament and Christian ministry.

A university taskforce — led by Dr. Ken Schenck and the Rev. Russ Gunsalus — designed a seminary that would be affordable, accessible, and practical, and would capitalize on Indiana Wesleyan University’s strength — serving adult learners.

“We wanted a seminary that was ‘not your father’s seminary,’” said Schenck, the founding dean of the Seminary and now a professor in the School of Theology and Ministry at IWU. “We wanted it to focus on the practice of ministry. We wanted it to be as spiritually formative as it was intellectually stimulating.”

“We had this great opportunity to start from scratch and address the needs that were out there,” said Gunsalus, who chaired IWU’s graduate ministries program and is now executive director of Education and Clergy Development for The Wesleyan Church. “We were able to increase educational quality and effectiveness of our clergy.”

### International Reach

The Seminary quickly established a bilingual program for Spanish speakers, including its first international cohort of students in Bogota, Columbia. The Seminary is exploring a program in French-speaking countries such as Haiti through a partnership with a Canadian congregation.

“So the goal has been that we go to where the students are,” said Wayne Schmidt, vice-president for Wesley Seminary. “With that, has come international reach.”

Recent graduates include Alfredo Barreno, the national Wesleyan leader of Hispanic ministry in North America, and Jose McKella, the national superintendent in Panama, who both just completed their Master of Divinity work. Anita Eastlack, a district superintendent in Penn-Jersey District of the Wesleyan Church, just graduated with a Master of Arts in Leadership.

“The Seminary truly faces outward to the whole denomination,” Schenck said, “and is embraced by the whole denomination, not as a regional school but truly as the seminary of the international Wesleyan community.”



# Wesley Seminary

## BY THE NUMBERS

\$500,000

Amount of money disbursed in annual tuition discounts through the Wesley Seminary Scholarship Fund

507

Number of students enrolled in Wesley Seminary in 2015-2016

181

Number of Wesleyans currently enrolled in Wesley Seminary

21-80

Age range of students enrolled in Wesley Seminary

35

Number of international students currently enrolled in Seminary

34

Number of states represented in Seminary population

31

Percentage of students who self-selected as ethnic minorities

10

Number of countries represented in student population



During the construction phase of the Wesley Seminary building, a steel beam bearing John Wesley's words, "The World is My Parish" was signed by students, alumni, faculty, and friends before being put into its permanent place in the structure.

### Church Planting and Church Revitalization

"The Seminary has had an impact in both church planting and church revitalization," Schmidt said. "We have a four-course certification in church planting and another in church revitalization. The Seminary has developed partnerships with churches that want to start multiple campuses, and those churches need to home-grow their own leaders."

### Future growth

"I am looking for two trajectories in the future. First, determining the ministry partners with whom we have yet to connect that will allow us more of an impact to the local church," Smith said. "... Second, we are seeking new delivery methods, new international partnerships, and financial co-laborers who have a vision as vast as the Kingdom can possibly reach."

The Seminary recently achieved a big milestone when it announced its Doctor of Ministry. The first cohort begins studying transformational leadership in June. The Doctor of Ministry program comes in

addition to the seminary's Master of Divinity and Master of Arts programs, which offer six areas of specialization.

Wesley Seminary also has worked to make its programs affordable for all.

"We invest about \$500,000 a year in discounts for Wesleyan pastors to make it as affordable as possible," Schmidt said. The Wesley Seminary Scholarship Fund continues to grow through the generosity of individual donors and churches.

"So many people have been able to afford and get a seminary education without uprooting their families," said Gunsalus, an ex officio board member. "And that has been really gratifying."

"It is amazing how we can already see Wesley Seminary grads all over the Wesleyan Church," Schenck said. "There is a real loyalty and excitement about being Wesley alums."



# NEWS & EVENTS



## EXPERIENCE INDIANA EVENT PROMOTES HOOSIER EMPLOYMENT AND RECREATION

Vendors, employers, and students gathered on the residential campus from March 21-24 for Experience Indiana. The four-day event was part of a grant initiative funded by the Lilly Endowment that seeks to celebrate local opportunities in business, employment, the arts, and recreational sites. It was also a great opportunity for networking and business training practices.

Experience Indiana events included a celebration of the different talents the state has to offer, a workshop providing entrepreneurs with timely educational programming, an exhibition of attractions from around Indiana, and a job fair providing networking and recruitment opportunities.

## INNOVATIONS IN FAITH BASED NURSING CONFERENCE: JUNE 20-23

The fifth Biennial Innovations in Faith-Based Nursing Conference will be held on the Marion residential campus on June 20-23. Nurses from varying backgrounds can explore Christian foundations and worldview in professional nursing, identify innovative strategies for nursing education and practice, embrace cultural attributes in the profession of nursing in local and global settings, and experience networking in a Christian community.

Conference participants can earn up to 10 CE contact hours. Keynote presenters include Greg Seager speaking on global healthcare, Nita Belles speaking on human trafficking, and Dr. D. Joy Riley speaking on bioethics. Over 30 breakout sessions will be hosted during the four-day conference. The event is co-sponsored by Nurses Christian Fellowship, IWU School of Nursing, and Sigma Theta Tau -Eta Chi Chapter.

Visit [indwes.edu/nursing-innovations](http://indwes.edu/nursing-innovations) for more information.

## STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MARCH FOR LIFE

IWU Students for Life representatives joined thousands of people walking through the streets of Washington D.C. in the March For Life on Jan. 22. They were protesting the ruling of Roe v. Wade, ending their march at the Supreme Court Building.

“This experience was a major eye opener for me,” said Kole McFadden, IWU Students for Life president. “It felt so good to be able to be an activist for life.”

## ADMITTED STUDENT WEEKEND

Accepted students from across the country came to Marion on March 19-20 for Admitted Student Weekend. Over 400 future wildcats met classmates, registered for their first semester of classes, and visited the residence halls. The weekend concluded with the Wildcat Bash where one student won a \$2,000 scholarship.

## PHILLIPS RECOGNIZED FOR INCREASING DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS

Justin Phillips '16, an Addictions Counseling graduate student, received the Jefferson Award for her work in spreading awareness around the heroin epidemic and increasing access to Naloxone—a medication used to counter the effects of an opioid overdose. Phillips' drive to raise awareness about drug abuse stems from losing her 20-year-old son, Aaron, to a heroin overdose in 2013.

The Jefferson Award is part of a National Award program conducted by each state to recognize outstanding public service. Award recipients are chosen monthly for performing outstanding personal acts, positively impacting the community, and working as a local volunteer or paid professional who goes well above their job description.

Phillips was also given the 2016 Richard M. Fairbanks Circle of Hope Award. Award recipients are recognized for their contributions related to drug and alcohol research, education, or treatment.

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## NEW GRANT KICK-STARTS SUMMER THEOLOGY INSTITUTE



A \$599,111 Lilly Foundation grant is being used to establish Examen, a free summer high school youth theology institute. The program is part of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s High School Youth Theology Institutes initiative, which seeks to encourage young people to explore theological traditions, ask questions about the moral dimensions of contemporary issues,

and examine how their faith calls them to lives of service.

Amanda Drury, assistant professor of practical theology and director of Examen, will be joined by other IWU faculty members in leading 20 high school students through a two-week study of scripture and pivotal theological texts. Students will also take part in service projects; examine the ethical dimensions of contemporary issues; and learn about religious practices, including prayer, contemplation, and worship.

## LEE SELECTED AS 500 FESTIVAL PRINCESS



The 500 Festival, a nonprofit organization committed to enriching the quality of life for Indiana residents and visitors, announced in February that IWU junior Nursing major, Morgan Lee, has been selected as one of 33 college-aged women to be named 2016 500 Festival Princesses.

“This program is more than a tiara and sash, for I will be serving as an ambassador for the 500 Festival and all events leading up to the 100th running of the Greatest Spectacle in Racing, the Indianapolis 500,” said Lee. “I am so excited for the opportunity to serve all those I will encounter during my community outreach events and all 500 Festival events!”

Each Princess will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, made possible in part by the 500 Festival Foundation. Princesses are also provided with once-in-a-life-time experiences, including involvement in various Indianapolis Motor Speedway functions, such as the pre-race ceremonies and Victory Circle celebration for the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**OCTOBER 7 AND 8** Plan now to attend the 2016 Homecoming celebration! You won't want to miss a special concert featuring the Gaither Vocal Band, several Wildcat athletic events, and a chance to reconnect with old friends. For more information, visit [indwes.edu/alumni/homecoming](http://indwes.edu/alumni/homecoming).



**OCTOBER 14** Students' grandparents are encouraged to attend the 21st annual Grandparents Day. Grandparents can experience college life including chapel, campus tours, and special presentations, as well as having the option to attend class with their grandchild. For more information, visit [indwes.edu/events/grandparents-day](http://indwes.edu/events/grandparents-day).

# WILDCAT



## MEN'S BASKETBALL KNOCKS OFF SAINT FRANCIS TO WIN NAIA DII NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

2016 NAIA CHAMPION



The men's basketball team made two defensive stops in the final seven seconds to win the NAIA Division II National Championship for the second time in three years in Point Lookout, Missouri. IWU beat No.1 Saint Francis (Ind.) 69-66 in the title game after losing to them three times earlier in the season. Jonny Marlin '16 was honored as the NAIA National Championship Most Outstanding Player.



## VOLLEYBALL WINS NCCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

2015 NCCAA CHAMPION



The volleyball team claimed the 2015 NCCAA National Championship with a 3-0 victory over Oklahoma Baptist on Dec. 5 in Kissimmee, Florida. IWU has won four NCCAA national championships and last accomplished the feat in 2010.

# PRIDE



## **ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL? IWU SAYS YES!**

The Board of Trustees voted to approve the administration's recommendation to add football as the 18th intercollegiate sport with a proposed start date of Fall 2018. The official announcement and press conference were held on April 1.

## **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYS IN 14TH CONSECUTIVE NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**

The high-octane offense of No. 4 Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) found its stride in the fourth quarter as they overcame a 16-point deficit to beat the IWU women's basketball team 86-84 in the NAIA DII National Championship Round of 16. The national championship appearance is the 14th straight for IWU as they have played in Sioux City, Iowa every year since 2003.

## **WOMEN'S TENNIS HAS HISTORIC SPRING BREAK TRIP AS IWU BEATS PAIR OF TOP-10 TEAMS**

For the first time in women's tennis history, the Wildcats defeated an NAIA Top-10 team with a 5-2 victory over No. 9 Keiser (Fla.) on March 10 in West Palm Beach, Florida. Two days later, IWU collected a second win over a top-10 team with a 5-2 win over No. 6 William Carey (Miss.).

## **MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD HAS BEST INDOOR SEASON; MOFFITT WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

The men's and women's indoor track and field teams closed out a successful NAIA National Championship in Johnson City, Tennessee with one national champion and nine All-American performances. The men's team had a program-best 13th place finish, while Michael Moffitt '16 won his second NAIA national championship with a jump of 7 feet 1 inch in the men's high jump.

## **JONNY MARLIN HONORED WITH NCCAA PETE MARAVICH AWARD**

The NCCAA national office announced that men's basketball senior Jonny Marlin is the 2016 NCCAA Division I Pete Maravich Award winner. The award recognizes outstanding NCCAA student-athletes in Division I Men's Basketball and highlights excellence in competition, skill, academics, and Christian service.

## **DEMICHAEL SELECTED AS UNDER ARMOUR AD OF THE YEAR**

The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics announced that Athletic Director Mark DeMichael is one of 28 winners of the Under Armour AD of the Year Award. The award highlights the efforts of athletic directors for their commitment and positive contributions to student-athletes, campuses, and their surrounding communities.

## **WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING ADDED FOR 2016-17**

A new sport will grace campus next school year as women's swimming & diving has been approved. Current plans have IWU beginning competition for the 2016-17 season. The official announcement of the 17th program in IWU history was made on Feb. 15.

## **WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TAKES 13TH PLACE AT NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Angel Osladil, Sarah McBeath, and Isabel Wharton all ran times under 19-minutes as women's cross country earned 13th place out of 35 teams at the 36th annual NAIA Women's Cross Country National Championship in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## **MEN'S SOCCER ADVANCES TO FIRST NAIA QUARTERFINALS**

The men's soccer run through the 2015 NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship came to an end in the NAIA National Championship Quarterfinals on Dec. 2 in Delray Beach, Florida. No. 1-ranked Rio Grande (Ohio) scored early in a 3-0 outcome to eliminate the Wildcats. This marks the first time in program history that Indiana Wesleyan was one of the final eight teams remaining in the national tournament.

## **MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY RACES TO BEST EVER FINISH AT NAIA NATIONALS**

It was a record-setting day for the men's cross country team as they placed third out of 36 teams for the best finish in program history at the 60th annual NAIA National Championship in Charlotte, North Carolina. Jacob Reinking and Neno Bellinotti led the Wildcats with top-20 finishes.

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# FAREWELL ΠΑΣ

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Shatford House was built in 1962 using what was then cutting-edge construction methods—building the top floor first. The process was flawed, at least in this instance, and the structure collapsed before completion. No one was injured.

Shatford was rebuilt and throughout the last 54 years, fostered a legacy known for its traditions and close sisterhood of female residents bonded under the Greek letters ΠΑΣ, which stand for Abundant Life, Beginning the Journey, and Christ-like Community.

On May 4, the beloved residence hall once again collapsed, this time intentionally. The decision to raze Shatford was made after a thorough assessment that identified significant structural challenges and limited modernization options. There are no plans to build a new building on the site.

To commemorate Shatford, the University has launched the Shatford House Legacy Project through which alumni can purchase a brick from the residence hall that has facilitated new beginnings, brought together lifelong friends, and become a second home to generations of students. Bricks will be engraved with a logo memorializing Shatford House and

can be purchased for \$50. They will be available for pickup at Homecoming on Oct. 7 and 8.

Shatford House Legacy Project funds will go towards the creation of the Shatford House Scholarship Fund. The annual scholarship will support an outstanding residential female student who demonstrates exceptional leadership potential.

“This is an excellent way to honor the rich heritage of all of the women who called Shatford House their home during their time at IWU and Marion College,” said Lance Percy, associate vice president for Alumni and Church Relations.

Visit “The Shatford Legacy Project” on Facebook for more information and to share your memories of Shatford.



**JOIN US FOR A WOMEN OF SHATFORD RECEPTION**  
on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in Teter Café.

# ALUMNI NEWS

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

## 1970s

**C. Gordon Acton '71** is the Head Math Teacher at Evangelical Christian School, Ft. Myers, FL.

• **J. Dean Pickett '73** is a retired pastor in the Church of the Nazarene.

## 1980s

**Jeffrey Pease '83** is the Director of Commercial Sales for Tacony Corporation, GA. • **Teresa (Daugherty) Biddle '86 & '95** was named the Clinical Director of the Year at Bluffton Regional Medical Center, Bluffton, IN. • **Nathan Wilson '86** is the Mental Health Program Manager at TCN Behavioral Health Services Inc., Xenia, OH. • **Jeffrey Whiteside '89** was elected to the board of the Indiana Youth Institute, Indianapolis, IN.

## 1990s

**Daren Anderson '96** is the Associate Pastor at Ravenna Free Methodist Church, Ravenna, MI. He also runs a Christian music booking agency called Be Loud Promotions. • **Daniel Downer '96** is the Pastor of Celebrate Recovery at Brookville Rd Community Church, New Palestine, IN. • **Robert Goldston '98** was elected Board Chairman of the Kalamazoo Youth for Christ. • **Amy (Baize) Ward '98** was promoted to Senior Project Analyst at Ball State University, Muncie, IN.

## 2000s

**Heather Kim '00** is the Assistant Vice President for Trine University Peoria, Peoria, AZ. • **William Kallsen '00** is a Managing Partner and Part Owner of Erichsen, Kallsen & Associates, CPA's, LLP, Spirit Lake, IA. • **Granville Hayworth '01** was promoted to Chief Engineer at Tenneco, Grass Lake, MI. • **Shelley Jackson '01** was named Partner at Plews Shadley Racher & Braun LLP, Indianapolis, IN. • **Claudette Pickets '02** is a Senior Managing Consultant at BKD National Health Care Group, Indianapolis, IN. • **Anna (Lipscomb) Brown '04** is a Volunteer & Special Events Coordinator at Kokomo Rescue Mission, Kokomo, IN. • **Tamara Lay '04** received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award. • **Sarah (Haggard) Wolfe '04** was promoted to Program Director at Adams County Healthy Families, Decatur,

IN. • **Trevor Brunsink '05** published "The Twelve Coins", an allegorical, coming-of-age, young adult, fantasy novel in November 2015. Available on Amazon.com. • **Sandra (Duvall) Metz '06** is a Marriage and Family Therapist for Gilead Counseling, Cincinnati, OH. • **Ryan VanMatre '06** is the Executive Pastor at Dayton United Methodist Church, Dayton, IN. • **Bryan (Barrows) Zulberti '06** was promoted to Senior Supervisor of DSS Processing, Syracuse, NY. • **Will Boyd '07** is competing on the USA national golf team in the Military Olympics being held in Korea. • **YaWanda Dobson '07** was promoted to Senior Consultant II at BKD, Indianapolis, IN. • **Megan (Gibson) Keith '07 & '10** is a Benefits & Payroll Administrator at Wild Birds Unlimited, Carmel, IN. • **Cisco Ortiz '07** is a Professor with the Criminal Justice/Psychology/Social Sciences Department at Trine University, Angola, IN. • **John Paul Bratcher '08** is an Estate Planning Attorney at Hahn Loeser & Parks, Naples, FL. • **Jeremy Hunt '08** is the Director of Digital Strategy at Eduvantis, Chicago, IL. • **Joseph Maurits '08** is a Compliance Manager for Western & Southern Financial Group, Cincinnati, OH. • **Alexys Vosmeier '08** was appointed Local Office Director for the Indiana Department of Child Service's Huntington County office. • **Lyndsey (Hile) Coffey '09** is employed at American Honda Motor Co., Troy, OH. • **Nathanael Gray '09** received his Master in Landscape Architecture from Ball State University in May 2015, and was hired by the Landscape Architecture firm RHAA, Mill Valley, California.

## 2010s

**Jennifer (Gullett) Bell '10** is a Nursing Educator at IU Health. • **Michael Dickson '10** is an Operations Supervisor at TMS Health, Fishers, IN. • **Jen Graves '10** is an Enrollment Rep at Helix Education, Indianapolis, IN. • **Jennifer (Upp) Inman '10** is a Finance Manager for the John Jay Center of Learning. • **Michael Kenna '10** is an Account Representative for Signet Jewelers, Cuyahoga Falls, OH. • **Carrie (Campos) Douglas '11** is an Air Traffic Controller in the United States Army. • **Dorothy (Harris) Griggs '11** is the Assistant Manager at Red Roof Inn, Granger, IN. • **Anthony Pottorff '11** is a Social Studies Teacher at Columbus East High School, Columbus, IN. • **Kimberly Wernecke '11** is a Lead Preschool Teacher at Tutor Time Learning Center, Okemos, MI. • **Joshua White '11** released a musical album, "A Monster Inside,"

under the moniker, Son of None. **Joshua Ganger '12** plays the trumpet on the album. **Aaron James Nicolas '15** is the recording engineer. • **Edward Dixon '12** is a Data Analyst at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. • **Pamela (Burking) Martin '12** is a Teacher at MSD of Pike Township, Indianapolis, IN. • **Jessica Montalvo '12** is an Academic Specialist for TRIO Upward Bound at Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, IN. • **Michelle (Fath) Shaw '12** was promoted to Director of Customer Care at American Senior Communities, IN. • **Henry White '12** is a Principal Engineer at CB&I, The Woodlands, TX. • **Aaron Augello '13** is an English Instructor at Able English School in China. • **James Hammond '13** is an Account Manager for Angie's List, Indianapolis, IN. • **Rachel Heffern '13** is a Clinical Research Nurse Coordinator for The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Westerville, OH. • **Dana (Kozlowski) Kazee '13** is in Business Development at Lakeshore EMS, Merrillville, IN. • **Rachel Miller '13** is a Registered Nurse at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, OH. • **Andrew Purdin '13** is the IT Manager at Hohman Plating & Manufacturing, Dayton, OH. • **Rebecca (Ciganek) Rosner '13** is the Public Education Coordinator at McHenry Township Fire Protection District, McHenry, IL. • **Rebecca Roy '13** received a Masters of Music from the Peabody Conservatory of John Hopkins University in May 2015. She is a self-employed musician and is a contracted staff singer at Opera Delaware and at Christ Church Christian Hundred, Wilmington, DE. • **Kayla Bales '14** is an Administrative Assistant for True North Strategic Advisors, Ft. Wayne, IN. • **Beth Brown '14** is an Occupational Health Nurse Manager at ATI Worksite Solutions, Indianapolis, IN. • **Brandi (Roark) Carmical '14** is a Staff Nurse at Saint Joseph London, KY. • **Kaedra (Hall) Clark '14** is a 5th grade teacher at Stephen Decatur Elementary School, Indianapolis, IN. • **Myra Collins '14** was promoted to an accountant at Defense Finance and Accounting Services, Cleveland, OH. • **Jakeisha (Bell) Cozmanoff-Robinson '14** is the Sr. Executive Assistant at ITT Technical Institute, Indianapolis, IN. • **Morgan (McIntire) Fitterer '14** is a Registered Nurse in the ICU at Genesis, Davenport, IA. • **Timothy Gallant '14** was ordained on February 14, 2016, by the Wesleyan Church. • **Emily (Lumpkin) Hines '14** is Spiritual Formation Resident Pastor at Brookhaven Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN.

North Springfield, PA. • **Victoria (Binkerd) Dunno '14** serves in Worship Ministry as a member of the First Assembly of God, Ft. Wayne, IN. • **Amy Harness '14** joined the advertising department at The Shelbyville News, Shelbyville, IN. • **Jeffrey Leffelman '14** works in Assembly at Lowe's, Boynton Beach, FL. • **Misty (Williams) Malone '14** is Office Manager for Lindemeyer, CPA in Louisville, KY. • **Travis Miller '14** is an Admissions Advisor for Marygrove College, Detroit, MI. • **Daniel Millsap '14** is Assistant to the Constitution Administrator for the City of Solon, OH. • **Maxwell Ntiamoah '14** is a Supply Chain Warehouse Manager for Frito-Lay, Frankfort, IN. • **Sheri (Ashcraft) Rothrock '14** is a Controller/IT Administrator for Cohen & Malad, LLP,

Indianapolis, IN. • **Brian Sawyer '14** is an MFG Engineer for General Motors, Kokomo, IN. • **Denise (Harrigan) Simcox '14** is an Administrative Coordinator for the Cleveland Clinic, Independence, OH. • **James Skala Jr. '14** is a Testing Analyst at AmTrust Financial Services, Cleveland, OH. • **Marissa (Witchger) Stewart '14** is an Interior Designer for TLC Management in Marion, IN. • **Marcell Strong '14** works in Premium Client Services for Monster, Indianapolis, IN. • **Angelo Trunzo '14** is the Executive Director of Highlands County Homeless Coalition, Sebring, FL. • **Nate Blair '15** is an Outreach Coordinator at Methodist Sports Medicine Center, Indianapolis, IN. • **Theresa Brandon '15** is a Receptionist for the Restoration House Pregnancy Resource Center in Hammond,

LA. • **Valdir Filipe '15** is a Cost Controller for Eni in Luanda, Angola. • **Summer Hoffman '15** is a Cardiac Rehabilitation Specialist for Lakeland HealthCare in St. Joseph, MI. • **Janet (Boring) Hood '15** is Coordinator of Operations and Planning for Advocate BroMenn Medical Center, Normal, IL. • **Tracy (Chamberlain) Leopold '15** was promoted to Officer in the Specialty Finance Group of 1st Source Bank, IN. • **Ken Nelson '15** is a Group Leader of Purchasing for Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Lafayette, IN. • **David Priest '15** is an Associate Editor for C-NET. • **Ryan Spurgeon '15** is a Facility Services Consultant for Cintas Corporation, Ft Wayne, IN.

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Living Memorials provide an opportunity for people to make a donation to Indiana Wesleyan University in memory of or in honor of special people in their lives.

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Hilda Clarke

**Busta Brown**  
Hilda Clarke

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Patricia Alsip, '97  
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Diana (Graber) Burgan, '96, '09, '13  
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Charlene (Cantley) Clardy, '93  
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Kevin Gibson, '06

Gary Goodrich, '59  
Beatrice (Haisley) Harvey, '45  
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Tammy Huff, '99  
Gloria (Yates) Huston, '86  
Jeffrey Jones, '91  
Harold Johnson, '46  
Pembor Kirkpatrick, '99  
Betty (Barney) Lochner, '47  
Lyle Love, '52

Cari Mangulabnan, '14  
Phillip Martin, '93  
Alan Matthews, '90  
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Inal (Burgess) Turner, '79  
Honour (Kelly) Weichert, '51  
Luella (Martin) Yarnell, '50

# OH BABY!

|FUTURE ALUMNI|



**01** Selah Marie Dotson was born August 14, 2015, to Christopher and Emily (Bowman) Dotson '10.

**04** Hannah Joy Moffitt was born February 9, 2016, to Jacob '09 and Kinzie (McGill) Moffitt '09.

**07** Noah Edward Backer was born April 20, 2015, to Ben '09 and Courtney (Strange) '11 Backer.

**02** Isaac Brian Rickey was born October 29, 2015, to Jeffrey '02 and Amber (Swarts) Rickey '01.

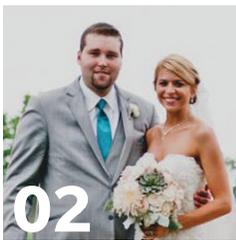
**05** Eliana Isabelle Koontz was born May 15, 2015, to Janelle (Mowat) '07 and Ron Koontz.

**03** Abram James Cully was born January 2, 2016, to Tom '02 and Olivia (Lewton) '10 Cully.

**06** Jayden Taylor, aged 8, was adopted in March 2015, by Bob and Tracey (Baumgartner) '97 Taylor.

# IDO

DOWN THE AISLE



**01** Aaron Goshen '14 married Janelle (Jewell) Goshen '14 on June 29, 2014.

**05** John Sheehan '11 married Jordan (Elder) Sheehan '12 on August 29, 2015.

**02** Devin Gray '15 married Catherine (Harris) Gray '14 on June 20, 2015.

**06** Heather (McKenzie) '13 Hall married Elliot Hall on January 9, 2016.

**03** Ben Peltier '13 married Paige (Oler) Peltier '14 on June 20, 2015.

**07** Amanda (Chapin) Gootjes '13 married Michael Gootjes on June 19, 2015.

**04** Kyle Heckaman '15 married Tess (Anglemyer) Heckaman '15 on July 17, 2015.

**08** Eric McLeland '14 married Natalie (Haskins) McLeland '14 on June 20, 2015.

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VERSE OF THE YEAR

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.  
1 PETER 4:10 NLT

I am often asked, "Do you enjoy being a university president?"

The answer is, I do. It's one of the most consuming and challenging ministries I've ever been asked to do.

What I like most is that the job opens many doors, allowing me to meet many wonderful people.

Recently, Zhejiang Normal University, a new IWU partner, invited me to attend two forums in China. I listened while dozens of Chinese, African, and European educators and political leaders discussed the importance of global partnerships. As far as I could tell, IWU was the only Christian university in the room.

Earlier, I attended the Fifth Annual President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge at the White House. I sat with dozens of educational, religious, and political leaders from around the globe as they discussed the challenges and promise of global interfaith dialogue. Again, IWU was the only Christian university represented.

In January, I stood at a podium in the Indiana Senate chamber to testify about a proposed bill that sought to balance the claims of religious freedom and civil rights in our state. People from every aspect of the political spectrum spoke their views publicly and passionately.

When I attend these forums I often ask myself, "How should a truly great Christian university engage in this conversation? What unique contribution should a truly great Christian university make?"

With these questions weighing on my mind, I was struck anew this past Easter season by this interchange between Jesus and Pilate.

Pilate the Governor asked Jesus, 'Are you a king as people say you are?'  
Jesus answered, 'I came into the world to reveal the truth.  
And everyone who belongs to the kingdom of truth listens to my voice.'  
Pilate was worried about these words but handed Jesus over to be beaten.  
(Paraphrase by J. Philip Newell)

Edward Shils said, "Universities have a distinctive task. It is the methodical discovery and the teaching of truths about serious and important things." (The Academic Ethic)

At the heart of a truly great Christian university is an unshakable confidence in the Lord and Savior of the world, the source of all truth, the One in whom truth finds its meaning and its greatest glory.

When students pursue their intellectual studies in a context of openness to the presence of Jesus, the result can be life transforming.

Here is how one of our graduate students described this experience.

"I had my moment in the car. I was driving home, and I began a conversation with God. Out of nowhere, this indescribable feeling blew me away. At that point in time, I knew I loved God. I was sitting there adding up the blessings in my life, and I just knew I was in love. I was so happy that I had finally... FINALLY found Him. I now yearn for my day to revolve around the cross. . . . I am growing not only as a Christian, but more importantly as a child of God."

Do I enjoy being president of a great Christian university where testimonies like this one are born? I can't imagine anything better.

DR. DAVID WRIGHT '77  
PRESIDENT

# IWU STUDENT CULTURE



## #IWUASW

Accepted students from across the country came to Marion for the two-day Admitted Student Weekend. Over 400 future wildcats met future classmates and registered for classes.



**indwes** We handed out these custom Wesley the Wildcat bobbleheads during Admitted Student Weekend. Can't wait to see them back on campus next fall, along with a whole bunch of new students! #IWUASW



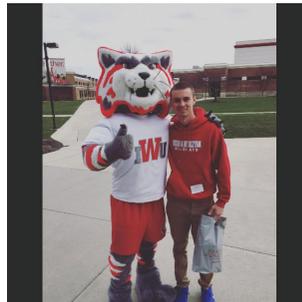
**christianslenk** Officially a Wildcat! Can't wait to be back here in August! #iwuasw #wesleyandme #iwu #wildcat



**indwes** One lucky student took home a \$2000 scholarship tonight. Congrats, Austin! #IWUASW



**jamerzzzzzz** #iwuasw #wesleyandme #roomie



**jakemcpherson15** Can't wait till Fall, already meeting such great people and making memories #iwuasw

## #ASWECOULD BE



**mirandacoraly** IWU's first collaborative senior art show. So stinkin proud to be a part of something so amazing. So thankful for those that came out! Leaving this place and these people will be so hard, but these memories are priceless. #aswecouldbe



**wendymj** Senior show is a wrap, folks! A ton of hard work went into producing these photos and building this table, but I wouldn't have had it any other way. I am still so humbled by the people who helped along the way and have continually supported me as an artist. I am overwhelmed with gratitude and so very thankful for each and every person who has been a part of my journey thus far. Cheers to the new stage of life ahead!



**foxygy** life imitates art? #aswecouldbe

**NEEDTOBREATHE**

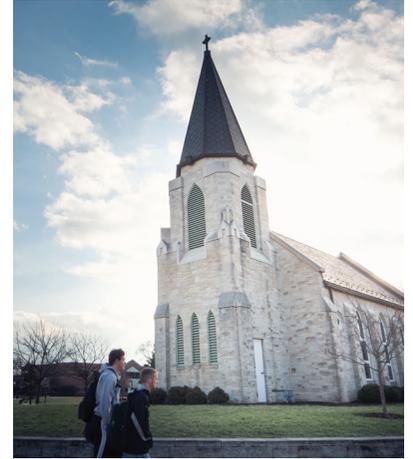
**#FUSIONSIXTEEN FROM THE STANDS**

**collidefcc** Wow what a show! #collidefcc #fusionsixteen

**mckayladanielle** Thanks for doing what you do, @needtobreathe you'll never know how much I appreciate your music and your talent. #NEEDTOBREATHE #FUSIONSIXTEEN #IWU

**kevincampbell** Another picture I took from the @needtobreathe set at #FUSIONSIXTEEN

**colfaxccyouth** #fusionsixteen started out about as awesome as could be! @needtobreathe rocked the place which was packed out! #colfaxccyouth #fusionsixteen



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