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**Riley Children's Cancer Center celebrates 10 years of care**

Riley Children's Cancer Center is celebrating 10 years of providing care to children with cancer. As Indiana's first and largest pediatric cancer center, Riley has been among the nation's leaders in providing patient care for children with cancer and blood diseases.

The number of children surviving battles with cancer is ever increasing with 75 to 80 percent of children treated for cancer living five years or more after diagnosis. This is a dramatic increase in survival rates for children with cancer in the past 10 years.

Nearly 85 percent of Indiana children diagnosed with a childhood cancer are treated at Riley and Riley has approximately 9,500 outpatient visits per year and approximately 900 hospital admissions per year, which places it as one of the busiest in the region.

“Because of our reputation and success over the past 10 years, Riley receives cancer patients from across the nation,” says Robert Fallon, MD, medical director of pediatric hematology and oncology. Currently, there are 18 pediatric cancer physicians treating patients at Riley.

One of Riley's highly regarded cancer programs, stem cell transplantation, is recognized as the only pediatric stem cell transplant unit in the state, and performs approximately 25 to 30 life-saving stem cell transplants each year. Paul Haut, MD, directs the pediatric stem cell transplant program.

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## Looking for Health Care Heroes

The Dean's Office is initiating a process to support and streamline nominations for the annual Health Care Heroes program sponsored by the *Indianapolis Business Journal*. The program has a significant public profile, especially in the business and health community in Indianapolis. It includes

recognition during an award lunch and publication of the award recipients in an issue of the IBJ. IUSM faculty and employees often have been recipients in the past.

The names of prospective nominees should be submitted by **Wednesday, Dec. 8**, to Pam Perry, director of public and media relations, at [pperry@iupui.edu](mailto:pperry@iupui.edu). By coordinating the nominee process, the Dean's Office hopes to provide support from school leadership and create a process that avoids duplication.

Dean D. Craig Brater, MD, and the executive associate deans will make the final selection; nominators will be informed of the selected candidates and be asked to help create the 500-word narrative. The dean will be the signatory for all the nominees.

Nominees must be “individuals and/or organizations in the central Indiana health care industry that are making a significant impact on the quality of health care in the Indianapolis metropolitan area.”

The categories are: Corporate Achievement in Health Care, Advancements in Health Care, Physician, Non-Physician and Volunteer. Additional information, including nomination criteria, can be found on the IBJ Web site at [ibj.com/html/make\\_a\\_nomination.html](http://ibj.com/html/make_a_nomination.html).

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## **Conference for biomedical entrepreneurs – Dec. 7**

IUSM investigators who are interested in entrepreneurship or commercialization may want to attend the second Indiana Biomedical Entrepreneur Network event from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7, at University Place Conference Center.

Along with providing networking time, this event will focus on lessons entrepreneurs learned when starting a company. Presentations will be made by Sarah Byrn, president and CEO of SSCI Inc., and George Stookey, president & CEO of Therametrics Inc.

The event is free but registration is required and can be made at [www.ihif.org](http://www.ihif.org). Sponsors include the Indiana Health Industry Forum, the IU Research and Technology Corp. (formerly ARTI) and Ice Miller.

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## **SPEA lecture features Russian health care visitors**

“Population’s Health and Health Care Delivery in Russia: Challenges and Opportunities,” a lecture by Oleg Kuligin, dean of Ivanovo State Medical Academy in Russia, and Marina Kuligina, director of the Social Research Department, will be from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Pizza will be provided to those attending the SPEA special lecture in the Education/Social Work Building, room 2103.

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## **Beat the holiday blues – Dec. 7**

For many people, the holiday season brings celebration and good cheer. For others, it means the “holiday blues” or feelings of “bah, humbug.” For most, it also can mean added stress and worry, financial pressure and family dilemmas.

Learn how to optimize your emotional health this holiday season and take proactive measures to cope at the next “Crossing Michigan Street –

Information for Your Good Health” workshop on “Coping with Holiday Stress” at noon, Tuesday, Dec. 7 in University Library, room 1126.

Mary Dankoski, PhD, clinical assistant professor of family medicine, will present tips and suggestions for a happier holiday season.

The “Crossing Michigan” series is hosted by the IUPUI Office for Women, the IU National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health and IUPUI Human Resources Work/Life Program.

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## **Neatness is next to.... impossible; a workshop offers solutions**

Is your home or office such a mess that the police couldn’t tell if you’d been ransacked or not? Is chaos causing you to feel stressed and out of control? Are you fairly organized but looking for ways to simplify your life even more? Have you been late with bills or a project due to your disorganization?

Then you need to attend the free “Get Organized” workshop sponsored by IUPUI Human Resources Administration Work/Life on Monday, Dec. 13, from noon to 2:50 p.m. in the Union Building Hoosier Room (2nd floor of south wing).

Dana Carney, who was recently featured on WXIN Fox 59, will be the speaker. She will share ideas for combating cabinet and closet clutter, taming trashy tabletops and putting paper in its place. She’ll also address organization by function and accessibility to save you steps, tricks for computer filing systems and other neat ideas.

For details about the box lunch option and to register, see [www.hra.iupui.edu/TD\\_IUPUI.asp](http://www.hra.iupui.edu/TD_IUPUI.asp), select View and Register, then select Work/Life. Direct any registration inquiries to [hratrng@iupui.edu](mailto:hratrng@iupui.edu), or call

Lynnell Lindle at 274-8932.

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## **Music in Medicine, new offering from IU music school**

The IU School of Music is offering a new class, Music in Medicine. The class, which begins during the spring semester, covers a survey of literature describing medical applications of music.

Students will have the opportunity to collaborate with health care professionals who work with patients. Debra Burns, PhD, Mt-BC, assistant professor of music, who does music therapy research at the IU Cancer Center, will teach the course.

For more information, call Michele Thompson at 274-4000, ext 2.

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## **Jam the Jaguars Bus Food Drive a success**

The 2004 Jam the Jaguars was a tremendous success thanks to the donations of food and money from the IUPUI faculty, staff and students. Three busses were filled to capacity and the donations were distributed to 15 Indianapolis charities, churches and shelters.

The Office of External Affairs would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's food drive.

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## **Jags Bookstore offers new option for purchasing textbooks**

The Jags Bookstore and its new partner, Specialty Books, Inc., have three new ways to save shoppers time and money on textbooks.

### **Buy online. Pick up on campus.**

This is a new option that allows IUPUI students to purchase textbooks online, beginning Dec. 13, at [www.bookstore.iupui.edu](http://www.bookstore.iupui.edu) and avoid the cost of shipping by picking up the textbook order in room 132 of the IUPUI Conference Center from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 3-7; from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 8; or from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 9.

### **Buy online. Delivered to your door.**

Buy textbooks online, beginning Dec. 13, at [www.bookstore.iupui.edu](http://www.bookstore.iupui.edu) and have the order shipped directly to you.

### **Buy on campus at the Jags Bookstore.**

Buy textbooks on campus at the Jags Bookstore and save 5 percent at the "Early Bird" Textbook Sale, Dec. 27-Jan. 8.

All textbook purchases made online at [www.bookstore.iupui.edu](http://www.bookstore.iupui.edu) are received, processed, packaged, and delivered by Jags Bookstore partner, Specialty Books, Inc. All returns, exchanges and questions, in regards to online textbook orders need to be directed to Specialty Books, Inc. at [www3.specialty-books.com](http://www3.specialty-books.com) or 1-800-466-1365.

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## **Visual Media productions receive international honors**

Two productions of the IUSM Office of Visual Media have received international recognition. Visual Media was awarded their second Crystal Award of Excellence and their fifth Award of Distinction by the 2003 Video

## Communicator Awards.

The Crystal Award of Excellence was awarded the video production “Tomorrow’s Medicine.” The feature peers into the future of lung cancer by proposing techniques for the diagnosis and treatment of this disease that may be available 30 years from now.

“Tomorrow’s Medicine” was produced in association with the IUSM Centennial Celebration as a joint venture with the School’s Office of Public and Media Relations and the Indiana State Museum.

A CD-ROM titled “Consider Indianapolis” was honored with an Award of Distinction. Used to inform prospective medical residents about IUSM and the City of Indianapolis, the feature incorporates music videos, interviews of residents, photography and Flash animation to showcase the many qualities of both the school and the area. The Award of Distinction recognizes projects that exceed industry standards and are of exceptional quality.

The Communicator Awards is an international program founded by communication professionals to recognize excellence in their field. The entries from the Office of Visual Media were among nearly 3,000 submitted this year. These prestigious awards honor excellence across the spectrum of communication, including video, film and multimedia, advertising and public relations, broadcast and cable television, corporate communications and government agencies.

The Office of Visual Media offers a full range of professional media services in graphic design, illustration, video/multimedia, photography and print. They can be found on the Web at <http://visualmedia.iusm.iu.edu>.

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## Showalter Trust Fund applications sought

Since 1975, the Indianapolis campus of IUSM has received research funding through gifts made possible from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust Fund. The areas of appropriate biomedical research eligible for funding are broad and described by the benefactors as “the type of medical research that is most likely to permanently benefit mankind.”

Applications for funding from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust will be reviewed by the Biomedical Research Committee at IUSM. Proposals will be reviewed in two stages. An initial review will select the most meritorious proposals for further discussion and ranking. The BRC will provide a ranking of the most meritorious proposals, which will be presented to the Showalter Trustees. Funding decisions are made by the Showalter Trustees.

Applications for funding beginning July 1, must be received by the Dean’s Office, School of Medicine, Gatch Clinical Building, room 365, by **Monday, Jan. 3**. Submission of the original, 35 complete sets, and an Institutional Route Sheet are required.

Only current Indianapolis full-time faculty (non-visiting status) having a rank of assistant professor or assistant scientist are eligible to apply for funding from the Showalter Research Trust.

Funds awarded this year are expected to be fully expended in the 2005-06 fiscal year, or within the approved award period if longer than one (1) year. However, if there is a need to carry over award funds beyond the initial award period, procedures for a “no-cost” extension request may be obtained by contacting the Dean’s Office Grants Manager.

Note that the same proposal may not be submitted as both a Biomedical Research Grant and a Showalter Trust application. If eligible for both programs, the investigator is encouraged to submit to the Showalter Trust.

In addition, instructions and forms may be downloaded from the web at

[adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/srf.htm](http://adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/srf.htm).

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## **Biomedical research grants available**

The application deadline for an IUSM biomedical research grant is **Monday, Jan. 3**.

The objective of the Biomedical Research Committee is to foster scholarly and creative research by worthy investigators so that they can compete successfully for extramural research support.

In general, two categories of research projects will benefit from this program:

- Research projects of investigators new to the school who do not yet have extramural funding and who need support to acquire the preliminary data necessary to compete for extramural funding
- Research projects of established investigators who are between funding periods from extramural sources.

Applications for both categories are considered small grants and should have a maximum requested amount of \$40,000 and be limited to one-year duration. The same proposal may not be submitted as both a Biomedical Research Grant and a Showalter Trust application. If eligible for both programs, the investigator is encouraged to submit to the Showalter Trust.

For additional information, see

[adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/brg.htm](http://adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/brg.htm). Applications must be submitted by the deadline to the Executive Associate Dean for Research Affairs, Clinical Building, room 365.

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## **Educational Research and Development Grants**

Education Research and Development Grants through IUSM are available for 2005. These grants are designed to stimulate educational research and development and are particularly geared toward projects involving interdisciplinary and inter-unit learning for medical students, residents and other health-care professionals in Indiana.

The deadline for applying for the grants is **Friday, April 8**. For additional information, see <http://meca.iusm.iu.edu/Resources/Grants.htm>.

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## **Psychiatry organization offers minority scholarships**

The American Psychiatric Association invites ethnic minority medical students who have an interest in psychiatric issues to apply for the 2005 Minority Medical Student Scholarships and Awards:

### **Travel Scholarships for Minority Medical Students**

Supports travel and related costs for approximately 10-15 minority medical students interested in psychiatry to attend either the American Psychiatric Association annual meeting in May or the Institute on Psychiatric Services meeting in October. This program is a terrific way for medical students to witness organized psychiatry at work and to learn more about the field. Not only will students attend sessions for experts and trainees alike, they will be assigned to a mentor who will help them maximize their annual meeting experience and discuss career plans. The deadline to apply for the annual meeting is **Friday, Feb. 18**.

### **Minority Medical Student Fellowship in HIV Psychiatry**

This new program is intended to identify minority medical students who have primary interests in services related to HIV/AIDS and substance abuse and its relationship to the mental health or psychological well being of ethnic minorities. For more information, contact Carol Svoboda at (703) 907-8642, [csvoboda@psych.org](mailto:csvoboda@psych.org), or Diane Pennessi at (703) 907-8668, [dpennessi@psych.org](mailto:dpennessi@psych.org). The deadline to apply is **Thursday, March 31**.

### **Minority Medical Student Summer Mentoring Program**

This program is intended to identify ethnic minority medical students who have an interest in psychiatric issues and exposes students to a setting where they can work closely with a psychiatrist mentor for one month. The deadline to apply is **Monday, Feb. 28**.

### **Minority Medical Student Summer Externship in Addiction Psychiatry**

This new clinical shadowing program identifies minority medical students who may have a specific interest in services related to substance abuse treatment/prevention and provide a setting where the student can work closely with a mentor who specializes in addiction psychiatry for one month. The deadline to apply is **Friday, April 22**.

These programs are open to ethnic minority medical students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents currently enrolled in a U.S. medical school. Ethnic minorities are: American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Asian-American, African American, and Hispanic/Latino. Program details, application requirements, and the application form can be downloaded from [www.psych.org/edu/other\\_res/apa\\_fellowship/MedStudTravApp04.pdf](http://www.psych.org/edu/other_res/apa_fellowship/MedStudTravApp04.pdf).

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## **AAMC seeks award entries from students**

The Association of American Medical Colleges seeks papers from medical

students for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services "2005 Secretary's Award for Innovations in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention."

The competition is an opportunity for students enrolled in schools of the health professions to enter papers describing their innovative health promotion or disease prevention projects. Students may submit papers in one of two categories: single discipline projects or interdisciplinary projects.

Cash awards for entries within a single discipline are: \$3,500 for first place, \$2,500 for second place, and \$1,500 for third place. Interdisciplinary awards will receive: \$7,500 for first place; \$5,000 for second place; and \$3,000 for third place.

Student papers must be sponsored by a faculty member and should be submitted to that faculty member by **Monday, Feb. 7**. Sponsors should then forward the final entries to the AAMC by **Friday, March 4**. Late submissions will not be considered.

For more information, contact Juan Amador, AAMC Division of Diversity Policy and Programs, [SecretarysAward@aamc.org](mailto:SecretarysAward@aamc.org), or go to [www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/secretarysaward/start.htm](http://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/secretarysaward/start.htm).

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## **AAMC seeks nominations for Nickens Awards**

The Association of American Medical Colleges seeks nominations for the annual Herbert W. Nickens Award, as well as nominations for the Nickens Faculty Fellowship and Medical Student Scholarships. Nominations for all three awards must be received by **Friday, April 1**.

The Herbert W. Nickens Award is given to an individual who has made

outstanding contributions to promote justice in medical education and health care. The recipient will receive a \$10,000 award and will present the Nickens Lecture at the AAMC's 2005 Annual Meeting. Nominees may come from the fields of medicine, public health, education, law, nursing or the social sciences.

The Herbert W. Nickens Faculty Fellowship recognizes an outstanding junior faculty member, committed to a career in academic medicine, who has demonstrated leadership in addressing inequities in medical education and health care. The fellowship recipient will receive a \$15,000 grant to support his or her professional activities over a two-year period.

The Herbert W. Nickens Medical Student Scholarships are awarded to five outstanding students entering their third year of medical school who have demonstrated leadership in addressing the educational, societal and health care needs of minorities. Each recipient will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

For additional information, contact Juan Amador, AAMC Division of Diversity Policy and Programs, [NickensAwards@aamc.org](mailto:NickensAwards@aamc.org), or see [www.aamc.org/about/awards](http://www.aamc.org/about/awards).

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## **This week on *Sound Medicine***

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, to *Sound Medicine*, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis. Co-hosts this week are Kathy Miller, MD, and Stephen Bogdewic, PhD.

It's that time of year, when the flu is on the minds of many, but Indiana State Department of Health epidemiologist Wayne Staggs will give an update on a different kind of ailment. He will discuss the pertussis outbreak in Indiana

and the recent discussions of promoting a booster vaccine.

Frank Vocci, PhD, director of the Division of Treatment Research and Development at the National Institute on Drug Abuse, will explain developments in addiction research.

David Canal, MD, director or the IU Center for Surgical Education and associate professor of general surgery, will discuss virtual reality in the surgical suite.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine*, as well as other helpful health information, can be found at [soundmedicine.iu.edu/](http://soundmedicine.iu.edu/).

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## Online IUSM calendars

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at [www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar](http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar). To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Iona Sewell at [imsewell@iupui.edu](mailto:imsewell@iupui.edu).

A Special Events Calendar for presentations, symposiums, conferences and other activities at IUSM can be found on the School's Web page at [www.medicine.iu.edu](http://www.medicine.iu.edu). The calendar also can be accessed directly at [webdb.iu.edu/iusm/scripts/calendar/instr.cfm](http://webdb.iu.edu/iusm/scripts/calendar/instr.cfm).

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## Submissions to Scope

*Scope* wants your news items.

The deadline for submission is 8:30 a.m. on Fridays. *Scope* is published electronically and sent to faculty, staff, students, and residents.

There are three easy ways to submit story ideas or information to *Scope*:

- e-mail the information to [mhardin@iupui.edu](mailto:mhardin@iupui.edu)
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, Z-7, Ste. 306, IUPUI
- paste your plain text message into *Scope* Web form on the IUSM faculty & staff page: <http://medicine.iu.edu/faculty>

Contributions submitted by e-mail should be forwarded in 12 point, plain text format.

In the interest of accuracy, please do NOT use:

- acronyms
- abbreviations
- campus building codes (use full, proper name of building and include the room number)
- Dr. as a preface before names (designate MD or PhD)

To keep the electronic version of *Scope* as streamlined as possible, only seminars and lectures of general or multidisciplinary interest will be included.

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