Commencement is Sunday

The IUPUI commencement exercises will be Sunday, May 14, beginning at 3 p.m. in the RCA Dome. A total of 5,430 students are eligible to receive degrees, including 258 IU School of Medicine graduates.

Immediately following the all-school exercises, the School of Medicine graduates will gather for a special ceremony to receive their diplomas and recite the Physician’s Oath – a pledge to patients they will serve and uphold the standards of their profession.

For additional details about this year’s commencement ceremonies, visit: alumni.iupui.edu/commencement/2006/.

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Spring House Calls a success
More than 150 IUSM students participated in Spring House Calls Saturday, May 6, offering assistance to residents of the Haughville and Blackburn neighborhoods. The volunteers, the biggest turnout in the 10-year history of the program, planted flowers, cut grass, removed weeds, washed windows and performed maintenance on the homes.

To view photos of the event, see www.springhousecalls.com.

Spring faculty meeting set for May 16

Dean D. Craig Brater, MD, will discuss the state of the IU School of Medicine at the spring faculty meeting, which will be 3:30 - 5 p.m. May 16 in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. In addition, Daniel F. Evans Jr., president and CEO of Clarian Health Partners, will give a presentation on "Medicaid and the Uninsured Reform...the Massachusetts Model."

Other agenda items include:

- Faculty Steering Committee report and election results
- Standing committee reports (written reports are available: Academic Standards, Biomedical Research, Clinical Faculty, Contract/Promotions, Community Relations, Curriculum Council, and Promotions and Tenure
- New Business
  - Scientific Session -- 9/13/06 -- Dean’s Grand Rounds and Scientific Poster Session
  - Fall Faculty Meeting -- 11/30/06 -- 3:30 p.m. -- Emerson Auditorium
- Introduction of new President of the Faculty Simon Atkinson, PhD

All-School Grand Rounds – June 21

William Neaves, PhD, president and CEO of the Stowers Institute for Medical Research in Kansas City, Mo, will present the final All-School Grand Rounds for the academic year 2005-06 on Wednesday, June 21, at 8:30 a.m. in the Emerson Hall auditorium, room 304.

Dr. Neaves’ topic will be “Stem Cell Research: Science, Religion and Law.” Faculty, students, residents and fellows are encouraged to attend.

Public health certificate offered

The IU Department of Public Health now offers a one-year certificate in public health for individuals who are seeking an introduction to the core concepts of public health. The certificate program is offered in response to local requests from IU faculty, residents and students and from professionals in the metropolitan area who want to move into the public health arena and strengthen their research skills in population health.

Completion of five core public health courses, two public health seminars, and a community project will lead to an 18-credit graduate certificate in public health from the IU School of Medicine Department of Public Health. Credit from the certificate program can be applied to the MPH Program.

See www.pbhealth.iupui.edu for more information about the new certificate program.

Deadlines set for promotion recommendations and sabbatical requests
The schedule for the submission of recommendations for promotions to be effective July 1, 2007, is as follows:

- July 7: Submit tentative list to Dean's Office.
- July 14: Formal recommendations (original only), including all documentation, to be submitted to the Dean's Office

The schedule for requests for sabbatical leaves during academic year 2007-08 is as follows:

- October 13: Tentative list to be submitted to the Dean's Office.
- November 3: Formal applications for sabbatical leaves to be submitted to the Dean's Office (original plus three copies)

Forms to be used for promotion recommendations are available on the web at http://administration.iusm.iu.edu/promotion.html.

Sabbatical leave information is available at http://administration.iusm.iu.edu/policies.html.

Send all the completed forms for promotions and sabbaticals to Lynn Wakefield, Fesler Hall 318.

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**IUSM to host DNA Repair Symposium**

The 8th Annual Midwest DNA Repair Symposium will be hosted by IUSM May 20 and 21 at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center. This two-day event will include keynote lectures by Susan Lees-Miller, PhD, of the University of Calgary, and Paul Modrich, PhD, of Duke University, as well as other presentations and a scientific poster session.

For more information see www.dnarepairsymposium.org, or contact the co-organizers John Turchi, PhD, at jturchi@iupui.edu, or Brittney-Shea Herbert, PhD, at brherber@iupui.edu.

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**Adult learning disabilities topic of Crossing Michigan Street series**

“Learning Disabilities in Adults” will be the topic of the Crossing Michigan Street series on will be the Tuesday, May 16. The series is sponsored by the IUPUI Office for Professional Development’s Office for Women. William Kronenberger, PhD, associate professor of psychiatry at IUSM, will be the speaker.

The program will be from 12:15-1:00 p.m. in the University Library, room 1126.

The Crossing Michigan Street series highlights health topics for women and their families. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to bring a “brown bag” lunch and hear health profession experts on campus address issues of concern on a variety of subjects.

To register for this event, go to www.opd.iupui.edu, or call 278-6221.

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**Life Sciences Lunch Series – May 16**

The next in the series of Life Sciences Lunch Series presentations will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The topic, "Indiana Takes Center Stage in Adopting IT to Improve Patient Care," will include information from an Institute of Medicine reported in 2000 stating that between 44,000 and 98,000 hospitalized Americans die each year as a result of preventable medical errors. Not only does the U.S. health-care system waste an exorbitant amount of
money each year, it has literally turned into a life or death situation for patients around the country, and in Indiana. Through various efforts, Indiana is embracing computerized medical information systems.

The series is presented by the Indiana Health Industry Forum and Barnes & Thornburg LLP. Lunch is provided or attendees can bring their own lunch. The presentation begins at noon. Register at www.btlaw.com/Event.asp?Event_ID=435, or calling 317-231-7356.

The presentations can be viewed at Barnes & Thornburg LLP offices in Indianapolis, South Bend, Fort Wayne and Elkhart, also in cooperating facilities in Muncie, Terre Haute, West Lafayette, Evansville, Bloomington, Richmond,

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Career development event – May 17

The IUSM Graduate Division will present a career development event for postdoctoral fellows and graduate students. "Careers in Industry," a discussion with scientists from Dow AgroSciences, Eli Lilly, and Roche Diagnostics, will be from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, in the Riley Hospital Outpatient Center conference rooms A and B.

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Solutions Conference – May 17

The 2006 Solutions Conference is an annual event that brings IUPUI's top scientists, faculty, researchers and programs together with business and technology leaders, entrepreneurs, nonprofit organizations and policy makers to understand trends, examine research, and identify partners.

This year's conference will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, in the Informatics and Communications Technologies Complex at the corner of West and Michigan streets on the IUPUI campus.

The event is open to the public. Registration fees include admittance to the conference, parking and annual membership: $75 general public; $50 partners and discounted rate.

For event information, see www.iupui.edu/~solctr/conference/2006/index.html.
To register, see www.iupui.edu/~solctr/forms/conf-reg-form.php.
For questions or comments, email solution@iupui.edu, or call 317 278-9170.

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Physician to the Astronauts to address IUPUI community

What do smoke detectors, mylar, barcodes, wristwatches, and battery powered tools all have in common? They are all examples of secondary applications or "spin-offs" developed originally by NASA.

During his presentation on Friday, May 19, at University Place Hotel and Conference Center, Scott Phillips, MD, IUSM '90, will be doing everything except giving away top NASA and Department of Defense secrets. His presentation will include insight into his role in the Space Shuttle Rescue and Recovery team and as a flight surgeon, and how the space program continues to impact our daily lives.

Cost for the luncheon presentation at University Place Hotel is $20. Contact Danny Kibble at djkibble@iupui.edu, or 274-5060 or 866-267-3104 to make reservations. or with questions. The event is sponsored by the Alumni Associations of the Indiana University schools of medicine, law–Indianapolis, and nursing.

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LAMP seminar – June 2

The June 2 Leadership in Academic Medicine Program (LAMP) will be "Key Elements of a Successful Academic Career" presented by Maurice Hitchcock, EdD. The program will be from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in the Riley Outpatient Center, lower level conference rooms A and B. Lunch is provided.

Dr. Hitchcock is a nationally recognized leader and expert in faculty development. He is currently professor and director of the Division of Medical Education at the University of Southern California School of Medicine. He also holds an appointment in the School of Education at USC where he is an active mentor and chair for health professions faculty pursing graduate training in Education.

His program, the last LAMP session for this academic year, will tackle such questions as:

- What are the core elements needed to achieve and sustain a successful academic career?
- What does the literature tell us about "Quick Starter Junior Faculty?"
- How can the lessons learned from quick starters be used to make changes that will improve chances for career success?
- How important is the influence of a network of colleagues on career success?
- How can an individual improve her/his effectiveness through collaboration?

Since lunch will be served as part of this session please RSVP to Kelli Diener at kas1@iupui.edu, or 278-5461.

2006 symposium to address health and philanthropy

A distinguished group of experts from the health and philanthropy field will share their perspectives at the Center on Philanthropy’s 19th annual symposium "Health and Philanthropy: Leveraging Change" on Aug. 24-25.

View the agenda and register online at www.philanthropy.iupui.edu (scroll down the “Upcoming Events” box to link to the symposium page.) Speakers include:

- Greg Simon, President, FasterCures, The Center for Accelerating Medical Solutions
- Dr. Henrie Treadwell, Director, Community Voices at Morehouse School of Medicine
- Dr. John Seffrin, Chief Executive Officer, American Cancer Society

Breakout sessions include “Funding for Ethically Sensitive Research: Cautionary Tales from the Trenches” and "Biological Philanthropy – The Donation of the Body and Its Parts."

Questions can be address by Andrea Pactor, Program Manager, Philanthropic Services Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, 278-8990, or apactor@iupui.edu

Chiang Mai medical school seeks collaboration

The Indiana University School of Medicine has received an inquiry from representatives of Thailand’s Chiang Mai University School of Medicine about a possible affiliation agreement between the two schools. An IU faculty member with interest in developing a collaborative relationship with Chiang Mai would be needed. If interested, contact either Herbert Cushing, MD, at hcushing@iupui.edu or Kenneth Fife, MD, PhD, at kfife@iupui.edu.
2006 Sigma Xi Graduate Research Competition

The IUSM chapter of the Sigma Xi Research Society will sponsor its annual Graduate Research Competition June 6 - 7. This competition is open to the public and will take place in the Van Nuys Medical Sciences Building, room 326. Faculty and staff are invited to encourage student participation in this exciting and competitive forum to showcase their research and communication skills. Abstract forms and instructions for the competition are available by email from the chapter president at pgallag@iupui.edu. The deadline for abstract submission is Friday, May 26. Abstracts must be returned by email to Patricia Gallagher, PhD, pgallag@iupui.edu, Department of Cellular & Integrative Physiology, MS 350D.

Research and Sponsored Programs begins new e-publication

The Research Enterprise is the new mode of communication from the IUPUI Research and Sponsored Programs office. The "Research Enterprise" will replace the "R&SP Communicator" and will be published monthly, distributed by e-mail. It will contain time-sensitive research information as well as links to information on grants and contracts, funding opportunities, compliance and research centers.

Watch for the Research Enterprise. Contact the R&SP office for more information.

Education Research and Development Grants

IUSM offers Educational Research and Development Grants to stimulate educational research and development. The funding supports innovative projects designed to improve medical education. It is anticipated that grants of up to $10,000 will be awarded this year for the funding period begins July 1 and ends on June 30, 2007. For more information, see meca.iusm.iu.edu/Resources/ERD.htm.

NRSA policy change comments sought

The NIH is seeking comments on proposed policy changes to the NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA). The proposed policy would institute a cap on the reimbursement of tuition and fees of $16,000 per year for pre-doctoral trainees, $4,500 per year for post-doctoral trainees, and $21,000 per year for trainees in a combined dual-degree training program. The NIH also proposes providing an additional fixed amount of funding toward reimbursement of health insurance costs. Comments will be accepted until Friday, June 2. See grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-06-064.html.

Special care sitter classes offered

Riley Hospital’s Community Education and Child Advocacy Department will conduct special care sitter trainings June 24 and Sept. 23. Individuals interested in becoming a special care sitter or a special care sitter trainer may call Christina Rogers at 278-7621, or email cmrogers@iupui.edu. See www.rileyhospital.org/kids1st for a registration form or more information.
Cystic fibrosis walk – May 20

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Great Strides Walk will be Saturday, May 20. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the IUPUI Library lawn and the walk steps off at 10 a.m. The walk is to raise funds and awareness for cystic fibrosis. Donations can be made or walk registration completed at www.cff.org. Jana Yeley, NP, in the IUSM Pulmonary Division and Adult Cystic Fibrosis Center coordinator, is the leader of the IUSM team.

Smith named Nurse of the Year

Gina Smith, RN, a veteran IU School of Medicine cancer nurse, has been named the Nurse of the Year for the 2006 Indianapolis Star Salute to Nurses, an annual awards program designed to recognize excellence in nursing in central Indiana.

Smith works at the IU Cancer Center with multiple myeloma patients. A resident of Westfield, Smith is a graduate of the IU School of Nursing. She has worked in cancer care since 1999.

She will receive her award during a luncheon on Wednesday, May 3, at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. The Nurse of the Year award is the highest achievement in the local awards program.

Also being honored is Laurie Buckner, RN, a nurse at the Homeless Initiative Program at Methodist Hospital, who will receive the Lifetime of Compassion Award.

In total, 116 Clarian and IUSM nurses were nominated for the recognition by patients, family members, co-workers, supervisors, doctors and others. The names of all the nominees can be viewed at http://view.exacttarget.com/?ffcb10-fe8e107526606787d-fded16787260017572117475-ff241d757262.

FACET recipients to be honored in May

Sarah Baker, EdD, associate professor of radiologic sciences, Department of Radiology, and Mary Johnson, PhD, associate professor of microbiology and immunology, IUSM- Terre Haute, are recipients of the 2006 Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching (FACET) Awards.

Nineteen IU faculty members from across the state have been selected to receive the FACET Awards. They, along with the 2006 recipient of the P.A. Mack Award for Distinguished Service to Teaching, will be honored before a group of administrators, trustees, FACET alumni and special guests at the 18th annual FACET Retreat May 19-21 at Potawatomi Inn Resort and Conference Center near Lake James in Pokagon State Park in Angola.

FACET, which is directed by IUPUI faculty Sharon Hamilton and Robert Orr, was founded in 1989 and honors IU faculty who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to teaching and learning through areas of self-evaluation, course preparation, research, instructional skills and student impact.

Chancellor’s convocation award recipients

Eight IUSM faculty were honored during the IUPUI Chancellor's Academic Honors Convocation April 28.

Joseph DiMicco, PhD, professor of pharmacology and toxicology and of neurobiology, and Douglas Rex, MD, professor of medicine, were named Chancellor’s Professors, an honorary title they will carry while on faculty at IU.
Rose S. Fife, MD, and Clement McDonald, MD, each received the Glenn W. Irwin, Jr., MD Research Scholar award;

Marilyn Bull, MD, Liang Cheng, MD, Joseph Fitzgerald, MD, and Richard Kohler, MD, -- recipients of the Prestigious External Award Recognitions

Chancellor's Scholar Awards for academic achievement were presented to Aaron Moberly, MS 4, John J. Harris, a graduating health professions student, Kellie A. Park, an MD, PhD student, and Cristin Heyroth, an MS student in medical genetics.

St. Margaret's Guild was the recipient of the Chancellor's Community Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement.

2006 Trustee Teaching Awards were presented to:

Carla Aldrich, PhD – IUSM – Evansville
Andrew Beckman, MD – emergency Medicine
Glenn Bohlen, PhD – Cellular & Integrative Physiology
Talmage Bosin, PhD – IUSM – Bloomington
Suzanne Bowyer, MD – Pediatrics
Timothy Brady, MD – Medicine
Richard Burgett, MD – Ophthalmology
Thomas Davis, MD, PhD – Pathology & Laboratory Medicine
Joseph DiMicco, PhD – Pharmacology & Toxicology
Taihung Duong, PhD – IUSM – Terre Haute
Stephen Echtenkamp, PhD – IUSM – Northwest
Waqs Ghumman, MD – Medicine
Philip Gibbs, MD – Anesthesia
Mitchell Goldman, MD – Medicine
Robert Goulet, MD – Surgery
Robert Harris, PhD – biochemistry & Molecudar Biology
Roberta Hibbard, MD – Pediatrics
Victor Jolgren, MD – Muncie
Abigail Klemsz, MD, PhD – Pediatrics
William Kronenberger, PhD – Psychiatry
Sue London, MLS – Medical Library
Bruce Martin, PhD – IUSM – Bloomington
David Matthews, MD – Surgery
Rakesh Mehta, MD – Medicine
Glenn Merkel, PhD – IUSM – Fort Wayne
Bruce Molitoris, MD – Medicine
Robert Nelson, MD – Medicine
Susan Robinson, MS – Radiology
Ann Roman, PhD – Microbiology & Immunology
Mark Seifert, PhD – Anatomy & Cell Biology
Jeff Sperring, MD – Pediatrics
Frederick Stehman, MD – OB/GYN
Christopher Suelzer, MD – Medicine
Virginia Thurston, PhD – Medical & Molecular Genetics
John Turner, MD – Family Medicine
James Walker, PhD – IUSM – Lafayette
Joanne Wojcieszek, MD – Neurology
Donald Wong, PhD – Anatomy & Cell Biology

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Honors

When you see posters promoting this year’s Indy Jazz Fest, think of Isaac Arthur. Arthur, a computer support service student employee in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and a Herron School of Art and Design visual communications major, won the poster design competition and a $1,000 prize. The competition was sponsored by American Pianists Association and Kroger Company.

Tatiana Foroud, PhD, professor of medical and molecular genetics, has been awarded the District Award of Merit from the Boy Scouts of America. She is an active Scout leader, serving, among other things, as the assistant cubmaster at Pack 747 at St. Richards School in Indianapolis. The District Award of Merit is presented to leaders who give a significant amount of time for Boy Scouting, not only in their own pack or troop, but also for the district.

M. Sue Kirkman, MD, associate professor of medicine, has been named editor-in-chief of Diabetes Forecast, the magazine for the lay public published by the American Diabetes Association. Joining Dr. Kirkman’s team as associate editors will be Paris Roach, MD, David Marrero, PhD, and Craig Williams, PharmD, all of the IU Department of Medicine; Henry Rodriguez, MD, IU Department of Pediatrics; and Ginger Such, RD, CDE, program director of the IU Diabetes Center of IU Hospital.

Julia LeBlanc, MD, MPH, has been honored by the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and the ASGE Foundation as a recipient of the ASGE Career Development Award. The award, totaling $150,000 over two years, funds research relevant to gastrointestinal endoscopy. Dr. LeBlanc’s study is entitled “The role of EUS in staging non-small cell lung cancer: Does EUS improve conventional staging in all NSCLC patients?” She is director of the endoscopic ultrasound program at IU.

Peggy Richwine, MLS, IUSM Medical Library, has been awarded the Librarian of the Year Ovation Award by the Indiana Health Science Librarians Association. Richwine was honored for her outreach activities with hospital libraries throughout the state. In particular, her management of projects such as the MedlinePlus Indiana Team (www.medlineplus.gov) and INHealthConnect (www.medlineplus.gov/inhealthconnect) have enabled libraries throughout the state to provide quality consumer health information resources.

Apryl Scott, MS I, is the recipient of a National Cancer Institute Summer Research Fellowship. She will spend the summer studying TGF-beta and TGF-beta receptor signaling and will work directly with Zhong-Yin Zhang, PhD, chairman of the the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

J. Brent Sneed, MD, will be honored by the American Academy of Family Physicians with the Pfizer Teacher Development Award. Dr. Sneed, a 2003 Indiana University Family Practice Residency graduate, is one of only 15 physicians who have been selected for this prestigious national award in 2005. The award recognizes an outstanding community-based physician who combines clinical practice with part-time teaching of family medicine. As an award recipient, Dr. Sneed will receive a scholarship to attend a seminar to further the development of his teaching skills. Dr. Sneed is the preceptor for the IU Family Practice Residency program.

This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 14, 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 of this week’s program are Kathy Miller, MD, David Crabb, MD, and Steve Bogdewic, PhD.

Guests will include Lorraine Corriveau, exotic pet and bird vet at Purdue University, who will discuss new guidelines for pet owners that specialists at Purdue University have developed to help them recognize avian flu symptoms and take preventive measures to keep any outbreak from spreading.

Also appearing on the show will be Goutham Rao, MD, author of the book Child Obesity: A Parent’s guide to a Fit, Trim, and Happy Child. He will discuss how parents can create healthy home environments to help their children
overcome obesity. Dr. Rao is clinical director of the Weight Management and Wellness Center at Children's Hospital of Pittsburg.

Charles Emery, PhD, joins Sound Medicine to describe a study he recently completed on how exercise might boost the body's wound-healing capacity. Dr. Emery is a professor of psychology at Ohio State University.

Finally, in keeping with Mother's Day, co-host Kathy Miller, M.D. will share her second installment of her pregnancy journal. Even before her baby is born, she's adjusting to a new role of being cared for rather than giving care.

Archived editions of Sound Medicine, as well as other helpful health information, can be found at soundmedicine.iu.edu/

 Scientific Calendar online

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

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