Excited for 2013-2014!

The fall semester is off to a wonderful start! As our Weeks of Welcome come to a close, students have had the opportunity to enjoy concerts, open houses, on-campus fairs, athletic events, and more. Our freshmen are also settling into their new IUPUI home perfectly. Our students’ newest home/residence hall, the University Tower, welcomed its first-ever residents this fall—all 560 of them. The University Tower, thought to be a large contributing factor to our increase in the freshmen class, has made a huge impact on our campus housing. Nearly 2,000 students are living on campus this year.

Speaking of our freshmen class…Thanks to your hard work and dedication to your students, IUPUI was able to welcome its largest and most academically prepared class to date! 3,689 freshmen have enrolled here this fall—that’s a 27.3 percent increase over 2011 and a 14.5 increase over 2012. Nearly two-thirds of our incoming students finished high school with academic honors, and the entering class will have an average high school GPA of almost 3.40.

Some 205 freshman had SAT scores of 1300 or higher, a 46.4 percent increase compared to 2011 and a 5.7 percent increase over 2012. Also, more than one in four freshmen are ethnically diverse—making this one of our most ethnically diverse groups. In addition, 20 percent of our incoming students are 21st Century Scholars.

We’re also excited to announce that more than 1,800 of these freshmen have joined our Class of 2017 Facebook group. This group serves as an online community for these students. In the Class of 2017, students are able to ask each other questions, find roommates, make new friends, and even find fellow skateboarders. Our Admissions Counselors also play a big part in monitoring this page, answering questions about IUPUI, and more.

The new school year has had such a bright start, it makes it even more exciting to watch the Class of 2018 already beginning to form. We started receiving applications for Fall 2014 on August 1st, and by the end of August, we’d already welcomed our first 10 students to the Class of 2018 Facebook group. With your help and partnership, we’ve been able to continue our great reputation by bringing in some of the most diverse and academically prepared students. Here at IUPUI, we plan to continue such a trend, and we hope that you’ll continue to walk with us as we guide our students toward a path of greatness.

Thank you!

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Indianapolis ranked #1 in “Best Cities for College Grads”

CreditDonkey, a credit card comparison and financial education website, released the results of a study comparing 50 of the largest U.S. urban areas, to determine the best places for recent college-grads to begin their professional lives. They considered three factors, which are listed below:

1. Indianapolis, IN
   - College Graduates’ Unemployment Rate
   - Bachelor’s Degree Wage Premium
   - Cost of Living

"Indianapolis has some big advantages over its coastal counterparts when it comes to attracting new graduates. The city has a jaw-dropping unemployment rate of just 1.9 percent for people with bachelor’s degrees, and its cost of living is the lowest on our list at 87.2, below the national average of 100. The city also offers a wage premium of 73 percent for degree-holders.”

– CreditDonkey

IUPUI offers many great scholarship opportunities for incoming students. In fact, we award nearly $88 million annually to incoming freshmen. The best way to ensure your students are being considered for scholarships at IUPUI is to encourage early application. While there are varying deadlines, students should apply by November 1st for full scholarship consideration.

There are two primary types of scholarships available to incoming students: admission-based and competitive scholarships. Our admission-based scholarships are outlined in the chart below, and all freshmen applicants are reviewed for scholarship eligibility. In order to be considered for a competitive scholarship, students must submit a scholarship application. The scholarship application, along with a complete list of competitive scholarships, can be found on our scholarship central website located at www.iupui.edu/~scentral.

### Freshmen Admission-Based Scholarships

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<td>Valedictorian/Salutatorian Award</td>
<td>$20,000 ($5,000/yr for 4 years)</td>
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<td>Apply by 2/1, rank first or second in H. S. class, class size must be at least 25 students.</td>
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<td>Chancellor’s Recognition Award</td>
<td>$48,000 ($12,000/yr for 4 years)</td>
<td>Apply by 12/1 with 3.75 GPA and 1250 SAT/28 ACT.</td>
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<td>Dean of the Faculties Award</td>
<td>$16,000 ($4,000/yr for 4 years)</td>
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<td>IUPUI Service Award</td>
<td>$20,000 ($5,000/yr for 4 years)</td>
<td>Apply by 2/1 with 3.0 GPA and 1050 SAT/23 ACT; recipients must volunteer for 20 hours of service at IUPUI.</td>
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<td>Academic Honors Award</td>
<td>$4,000 ($1,000/yr for 4 years)</td>
<td>Apply by 2/1 with a 3.25 GPA and 1150 SAT/25 ACT; students must be on-track to receive the Indiana Academic Honors Diploma from their high school.</td>
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**IMPORTANT NOTES ON QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. To be eligible for consideration of the Chancellor’s awards, a student must have applied with all required materials by December 1, 2013. For the other freshmen admission-based scholarships, a student must be offered unconditional admission by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions or the Office of International Affairs.
2. SAT total refers to the Critical Reading and Math score total. ACT score refers to the composite score.
3. Scholarships are for first-semester freshmen who are enrolling as full-time students (defined as a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester).
IUPUI Awarded $200,000 NASA Grant for Future Aircraft Engines Study

The Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis has received a one-year, $200,000 grant from the NASA Aeronautics Research Institute through its program of Leading Edge Aeronautics Research for NASA, or LEARN. The grant funds a collaborative project by IUPUI, Purdue University, Tuskegee University, and Rolls Royce Corp. that explores innovative concepts for future airplane engines.

Responding to NASA’s call for early-stage highly innovative ideas with the potential to meet national aeronautics needs, the research team proposed a novel hybrid electric engine that would combine electric battery and motor drive with a highly fuel-efficient and compact combustion turbine engine.

Aircraft electrification could cut operating fuel cost and decrease the environmental impact by taking advantage of the shrinking size, weight, and cost of electric battery storage and motor drives. Conventional turbine engines are designed to operate efficiently during cruise but often burn fuel inefficiently during taxiing and idling at congested airports. Electric propulsion could provide a more energy-efficient solution for ground movements, just as electric cars are more efficient for city driving. To maximize fuel efficiency for medium-range aircraft, the benefits of electric propulsion would be combined with an innovative wave rotor turbine engine invented at IUPUI. This engine merges the functions of a compressor, combustor, and turbine found on today’s aircraft engines into a single rotating component.

The project is led by professor Razi Nalim, who worked at NASA’s Glenn Research Center before founding the combustion and propulsion research laboratory at IUPUI. Nalim has continued his long-standing research collaboration with Rolls-Royce Corp. in Indianapolis. In the past decade, his team has demonstrated the design and operation of the novel wave rotor combustor, with funding from Rolls Royce, NASA, and other sponsors.

The new NASA grant will fund research to evaluate the HyWREAP system – hybrid wave-rotor electric aero-propulsion. Rolls-Royce engineers will provide advice and expertise in engine design. The HyWREAP target is a 90 percent reduction in fuel use for subsonic regional jets compared to current technology. The success of this technology will enable aircraft to be completely redesigned for electric propulsion.

The LEARN grant will support research through two phases of study. The Phase 1 award is for one-year efforts to explore the overall viability and advance the concepts. The Phase 2 proposal will later be released to eligible recipients of Phase 1 awards to further develop the most promising concepts and explore potential infusion options within NASA and beyond.

Photo above: Professor Razi Nalim working in his lab.

About the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI
The mission of the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI is to be one of the best urban university leaders in the disciplines of engineering and technology recognized locally, nationally, and internationally. The school’s goal is to provide students an education that will give them the leverage to be leaders in their communities, industry, and society.
Like most things in life, a little personal attention can go a long way. Our recruiting staff and our JAG’s (Jaguar Alumni Group) volunteers make sure of that as they personally assist students and their families in the college search process. We’re pleased to introduce you to the faces behind the wealth of information and support. If you or your students have questions about IUPUI, feel free to contact your designated staff person or, as always, you may reach out to me.

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Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis has been named among the 30 best non-Historically Black Colleges and Universities for minorities in the United States by Diverse: Issues in Higher Education – a critical source of news, information, and commentary on the full range of issues concerning diversity in American higher education.

 Ranked No. 19, IUPUI was credited for doubling its graduation rate for African Americans between 2004 and 2010 through targeted programs developed by the campus. The programs include:

- University College: Serves as a gateway for entering IUPUI students to provide advising, first-year seminars, career services, and other forms of support.

- Multicultural Success Center: Leads the campus in creating an inclusive environment of excellence that embraces diversity and social justice, and provides opportunities for personal and professional growth and community development.

- The Student African American Sisterhood and Student African American Brotherhood, part of the Diversity Enrichment and Achievement Program: Provides mentoring, retention, graduation, and connectedness for African American students through social and academic interventions.

Additionally, IUPUI recently received the inaugural Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. IUPUI was commended for making strides in the enrollment and graduation of minority students and for putting in place some distinctive diversity and inclusion programs to recruit and retain faculty, staff, and students from underrepresented groups.

“IU leadership also is maintaining a keen eye on diversity as it formulates its strategic plan. The plan, Vision 2025: Commitment to Indiana and Beyond, has identified diversity as one of 10 strategic initiatives. Through this initiative, IUPUI’s goal is to nurture and promote a campus climate that seeks, values, and cultivates diversity in all of its forms and that provides conditions necessary for all campus community members to feel welcomed, supported, included, and valued by the campus and each other.”

“Diversity is the future of our country, our cities, our world. As an urban university, IUPUI has a special obligation to encourage more participation and persistence in college by those who have historically not pursued higher education at the rate our nation needs to be successful,” said IUPUI Chancellor and IU Executive Vice President Charles R. Bantz.
You Are INVITED to Fall Fest @ IUPUI

Encourage high school students to join us for Fall Fest @ IUPUI!

This event offers students an opportunity to visit IUPUI during the Fall semester where they can spend the day exploring academic opportunities, touring campus, and seeing what makes IUPUI one of the top seven universities *US News & World Report* says everyone should be watching.

**When:** 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 18, and November 15.
**Where:** IUPUI Campus Center
To find out more, register, get directions, or check out lodging options go to http://visit.iupui.edu/fallfest/.

**WHAT WILL TAKE PLACE DURING FALL FEST?**
- **Applying to IUPUI:** A 30-minute session providing information on the application process.
- **Paying for College:** A 30-minute session that discusses financial aid, deadlines, and other ways to get the most from your college dollars!
- **Campus and Housing Tours:** Tour the campus and housing with current IUPUI students.
- **Your First Year at IUPUI:** You’ve prepared yourself for the application process and the financial commitment, but have you given any thought to how different life will be in college? IUPUI staff will talk with you about how to prepare yourself for the challenges ahead.
- **Academic Fair:** Take some time to explore the wide range of programs available at IUPUI.
- **Lunch on campus:** Enjoy lunch after Fall Fest on IUPUI’s campus. Registered students will receive a $7 guest card toward their lunch.

Student from Puerto Rico receives one of IUPUI’s Top Scholarships!

Luis Ramos is a graduating senior that has chosen to attend IUPUI in the Fall and study biology. Luis is originally from Cidra, Puerto Rico and is graduating from Radians High School. He is also a Plater International Scholarship Recipient.

The Plater International Scholars Program is designed for exceptional incoming freshmen who are committed to combining academic excellence with global citizenship. This highly competitive scholarship program is for students who have an interest in international affairs and cross-cultural experiences. Plater International Scholars will be actively involved in international programming, both off and on campus. In close cooperation with the Office of International Affairs, recipients of the Plater International Scholarship will be exposed to high profile international visitors, international seminars, and lectures. Students selected for this scholarship program receive $12,000 per year for four years of study, $2,500 for a study abroad experience, and a $2,500 housing stipend for International House, located in the Campus Apartments on the Riverwalk, for their freshman year.

**Here’s why Luis chose IUPUI:**
“When searching for universities, I knew that I’d prefer one with an urban setting, and the fact that IUPUI is a large school located in a beautiful city really caught my attention. I was immediately impressed with the campus’ accessibility to Downtown Indianapolis, which seemed very exciting for my college life.”
Did you know?

Did you know that our office and almost all of our Admissions Counselors have their own Facebook pages? Each counselor is dedicated to keeping the students from their territories up to date on the latest news and information happening at IUPUI. From sports to parking, campus-wide activities to scholarship information, just add us, and you’ll never miss a beat!

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