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Greetings Alumni,

This past January the Department of Economics found itself in the seldom experienced circumstance of breaking in a new inexperienced chairperson. As noted by Dr. Nicholas Karatjas in the Fall 2016 newsletter, he has retired from 38

As current economics students juggle financing their college education with other responsibilities, they often look towards scholarships to help fill the gap. Through the support of generous alumni, faculty and staff members, emerit professors, and friends, four scholarships are currently available to current economics students:

0505 - Karl A. McDermot Scholarship for Economics

0449 - Robert J. Stonebraker Scholarship for Economics

0359 - Donald A. Walker Department of Economics Scholarship

5351 -

FACULTY NOTES

In an interview with WalletHub, Dr. Todd B. Pot s discussed various aspects of the economics of professional football. In part ular, his interview covered some of the challenges facing professional football in 2017 and the composition of a good football fan, among other interesting topics. For more information go to: <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-worst-cities-for-football-fans/9691/#todd-b-pots>.

Dr. Yaya Sissoko presented a research paper entitled: "Is It Factor Accumulation or Total Factor Productivity Explaining the Economic Growth in ECOWAS?: An Empirical Assessment" (co-authored with Dr. Brian Sloboda) at the ICAPE Annual Conference held in Chicago, IL, on January 5-8, 2017.

On February 14, Dr. Willard W. Radell presented "Trade, Jobs, and Politics" in the Great Decisions Series sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, St. Andrew's Village, and IUP's Office of Extended Studies.

Drs. James J. Jozefowicz and Stephanie M. Jozefowicz presented "Marriage: One Giant Constrained Optimization Problem" at the IUP Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' weekly meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2017.

IUP hosted its sixth cohort of

STUDENT NOTES

Congratulations to Caleb King, a Mathematics and Economics double major, who was appointed as the student trustee on the IUPUI Council of Trustees for 2017-18. Members of the Council of Trustees are volunteers appointed by the governor to be responsible for financial oversight of the university and for ensuring compliance of university policy with state law. The Council of Trustees meets quarterly and other times as needed.

Economics major

Twelve economics students gave oral presentations at the Undergraduate Scholars Forum on April 4, 2017. Student presentations from the Department of Economics at the Undergraduate Scholars Forum included:

Edward Foley

“The Failure of Economic Development Strategies Using Cultural Dimensions: Vietnam and Jamaica” (Advisor: Dr. Yaya Sissoko)

Samir Mahmoud Hasabou: “Economic Development Challenge: Romania and Chile” (Advisor: Dr. Yaya Sissoko)

Nicholas Perini: “Improving Education and Infrastructure in Argentina and Ghana” (Advisor: Dr. Yaya Sissoko)

Nathan Zisk: “Economic Development in Southern Africa: A Case Study of Botswana and Zimbabwe” (Advisor: Dr. Yaya Sissoko)

The session judges were Dr. James J. Jozefowicz and Dr. Todd B. Pot s;

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