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Spring 2014

Program Innovation Sparks Increased Enrollment for ELR

Graduate students are able to earn a Master of Arts in the Employment and Labor Relations degree program which is now being **offered at four IUP locations**. With the help of new technology, **students are able to video conference in** from the three branch locations of Monroeville, Northpointe, and the Dixon Center via telecommunication and also by using department issued iPads. In addition, IUP's **rolling admissions**

Over 1000 alumni have graduated from the program since its inception in 1977, which provides a wealth of **networking** opportunities. Faculty and staff work with the students one-on-one to **secure internships and job placements**. Students are also **given research opportunities** both in and out of the classroom that enable them to build their skills if they are interested in furthering their education.



David Piper

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May 1- Deadline for May Master's and Doctoral graduates to apply for graduation.
May 10- Commencement in the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex (KCAC)

IUP recently executed a new 10-year lease for the Monroeville Graduate and Professional Center. As a result, the nearly 12,000 square-foot **Center has undergone a renovation** that includes a brand-new look: New carpet and new paint for the entire Center in addition to new furniture for the student computer library and the reception/waiting area.



IUP is currently pursuing



Graduate Studies and Research Program Announcements

office by taking advantage of the Banner Document Management (BDM) system recently made available to us. Once implemented, **all application documents will be scanned and stored electronically** throughout the admission process. **paperless**

Early Admission Program Policy

This program is for **highly motivated and successful IUP undergraduates** who wish to continue their studies in a graduate program at IUP. Applicants must have at least a 3.25 GPA to be considered for early admission and must have completed at least 15 credit hours in their undergraduate major. Students may apply in the semester in which they will earn their 90th credit.

Applicants will be considered according to the existing criteria of each graduate program, with the single

Students are allowed to earn up to 15 credits of graduate study as an undergraduate in this program.

Upon completion of their undergraduate degree, students will automatically become graduate students if they

Dual Enrollment in Graduate Programs

Students may apply and be admitted to two master's degree programs simultaneously. **Up to 50% of the credits in one degree may be shared with the other degree**, provided:

1. The courses are required or electives in both programs.
2. The courses are accepted as substitute courses by the graduate coordinator of the program.

*Shari Robertson
Dean's Associate
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Research Highlights

Update from the IACUC

The IUP Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is pleased to announce that online Animal Care and Use (ACU) training is now available to the IUP community, via IUP's contract with the Collaborative

Research Highlights

Research Appreciation Week Events

- **Research Appreciation Week was a great success this year!** We started off the week with the Research Awards Luncheon, held on March 31, 2014 in the Blue Room, Sutton. The lunch celebrated faculty, staff, and scholarly work from across campus. The University President and Provost were in attendance, as well as members of the Indiana community such as our county commissioners.

8 Faculty members were awarded the Deans' Outstanding Researcher Award.

8 Faculty members were awarded with Sponsored Program Awards from the Research Institute for their excellence in research.

3 Doctoral students were recognized for their excellence in dissertation research subjects.



Deans' Outstanding Researcher Awards

Dr. Framarz Byramjee	Eberly College of Business & Information Technology
Dr. Jeffrey Ritchey & Dr. Nurhaya Muchtar	College of Education and Educational Technology
Mr. Sean Derry & Mr. Chris McGinnis	College of Fine Arts
Dr. Bitna Kim	College of Health and Human Services
Dr. Christian Vaccaro	College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr. Shundong Bi	College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics



Sponsored Program Awards





The **Ninth Annual Undergraduate Scholars Forum** was held on April 1, 2014. This effort was led by the SGSR and

The **Applied Research Lab** held a workshop on how they can help assist with student and faculty research.

Research Highlights

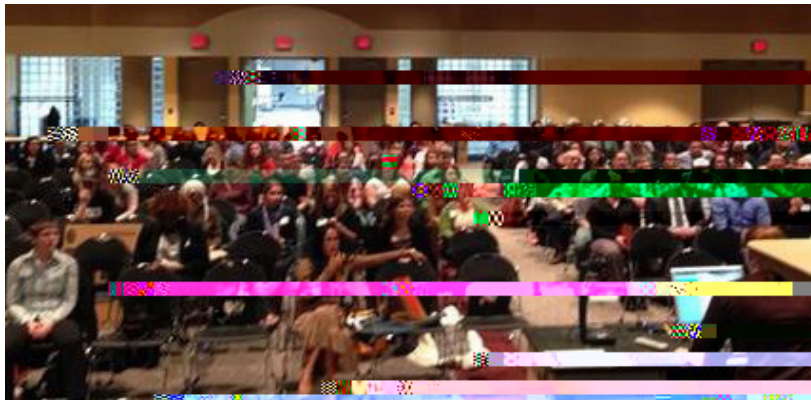
Fourth Annual Graduate Scholars Forum

The Fourth Annual Graduate Scholars Forum was held on April 2, 2014. This effort was led by the SGSR and a Institute, and countless faculty and staff volunteers.

One hundred and five students from five colleges presented their work through research posters, juried art exhibits, and oral presentation.

- 51 students from Humanities and Social Sciences
- 4 students from Education and Educational Technology
- 2 students from Fine Arts
- 29 students from Health and Human Services
- 19 students from Natural Sciences and Mathematics

83 faculty members participated as judges and/or student research sponsors.



*Photo from Dean Correia's twitter (taken while he was on stage for the awards ceremony)

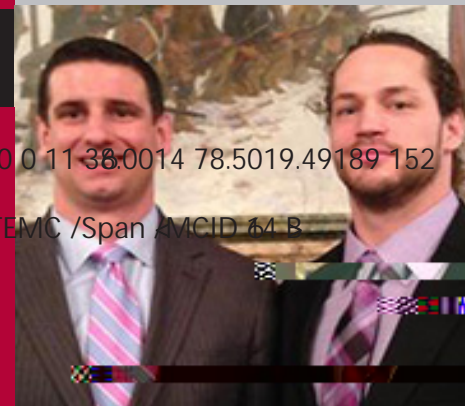
The School of Graduate Studies and Research also supports undergraduate research at the Capitol. This annual conference is an educational event which allows undergraduate students enrolled in Pennsylvania colleges and universities to showcase their research talents to the Commonwealth's key decision-makers:



Left: Watkins discusses a poster presentation with **Senator White** at the Capitol.

David Watkins, a Chemistry major, presented "Investigating the Origins of Observ.

Right: Alexander poses for a picture with P.A. State Representative, **Dave Reed**.





New Electronic RTAF Form Available to Graduate Students

