

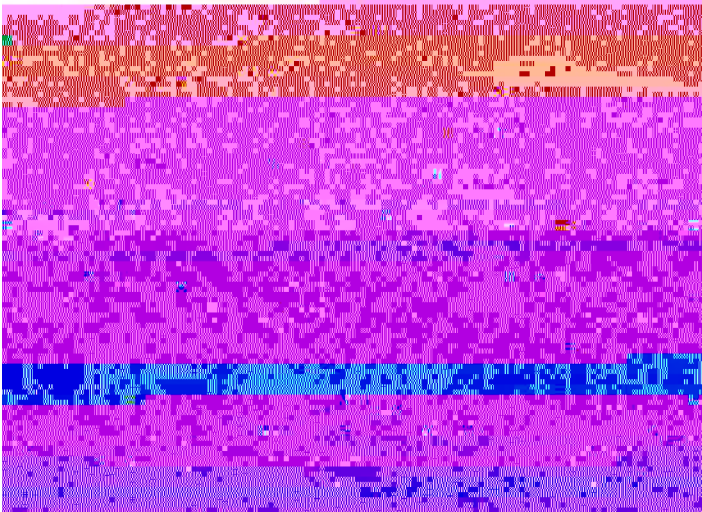
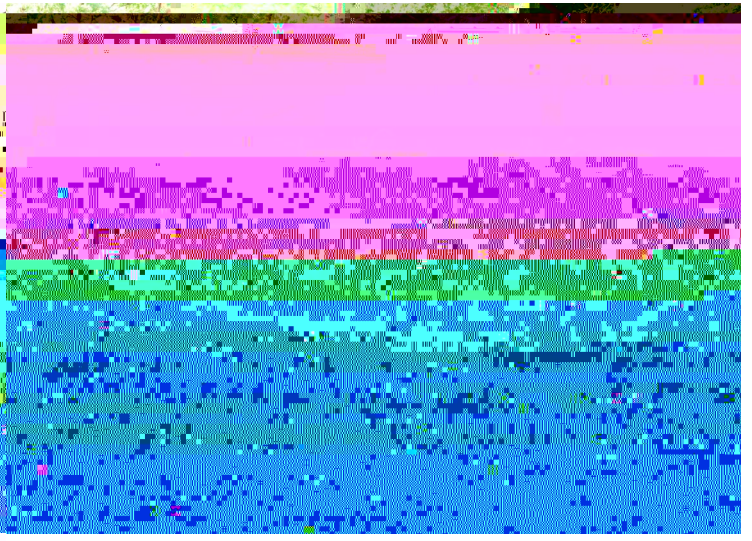
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Greetings from SAHE!

I hope that each of you is having a great semester and enjoying the arrival of spring. It seems to have finally arrived, and with it, blooming flowers and the greening of the Oak Grove after the dull colors of winter. This proved to be yet another relatively mild winter in Western Pennsylvania in terms of snow.

This has been a busy spring semester. Like many of our peers in Pennsylvania and nationally, COVID has a long tail in terms of its impact on applications to graduate preparation programs. We have strong candidates this year, but there are clearly fewer of them than before the pandemic. This makes your help with admissions even more important. We had made the decision to continue with a virtual Visitathon experience which allows prospective students to participate at a far lower cost while also drastically decreasing the effort required to offer the program, which is important with fewer people to share the work.

With the spring semester also comes the conference season, and I had the opportunity to talk with a number of SAHE alumni at ASCA in Portland and NASPA in Boston where we held a reception with the Division of Student Affairs. SAHE was very well represented at NASPA. Both Mimi Benjamin and I had several conference presentations. We also presented together on the uses of case studies in student affairs preparation and training, which considered both current uses as well as case studies from the 1950s. We were represented at ACPA in New Orleans by John Mueller who remains active in the Senior Scholars and several current students. It does seem that our student affairs conferences are approaching their pre-pandemic numbers.

You can read more about the 2023 graduates by visiting: <https://www.iup.edu/sahe/about/about-our-graduates/>. I encourage you to review their resumes and share this information with others who are looking for great new professionals to hire.

There are several other ways in which you can support the SAHE program. First, please continue to encourage your best and brightest students to pursue a career in student affairs that begins at IUP. You can also assist the SAHE program through your financial contributions to the SAHE Development Fund, which helps to support events such as our alumni reception at NASPA and our student awards. Donation directions appear on [page 5](#).

I mentioned in my fall letter that Margaret is now a freshman at the University of South Carolina. She had a very successful fall semester and is becoming more involved on campus. She is working in the admissions call center and was recently selected to serve as vice president of the Admissions Student Council.

I sincerely hope that this newsletter finds you well! Please continue to share your news and updates with us. We deeply appreciate your continued hard work, support, and loyalty to SAHE.

Best wishes,

We're in Week 7 as I write this, and we're having an unusually warm day for early spring. It's a reminder of what's to come – longer days, greener everything, annual conferences, and the excitement of celebrating another successful year in SAHE. Our students have been working hard throughout the semester, and I know they (and their faculty!) are looking forward to Spring Break. Spring Break for me mostly means catching up! This year, while I'm teaching some of my

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the sunshine and nervous anticipation of the end of another academic year! I am looking forward to the summer and grilling out with family and friends, running in the sunshine, and spending quality time with Jim and Lucas.

This academic year has continued to present many challenges, including declining enrollment and budget shortfalls. Although these challenges are difficult to navigate, the campus community has come together to focus on creating a new infrastructure for student success. Working collaboratively on this new initiative gives me hope that IUP can become an even more student-centered institution next academic year.

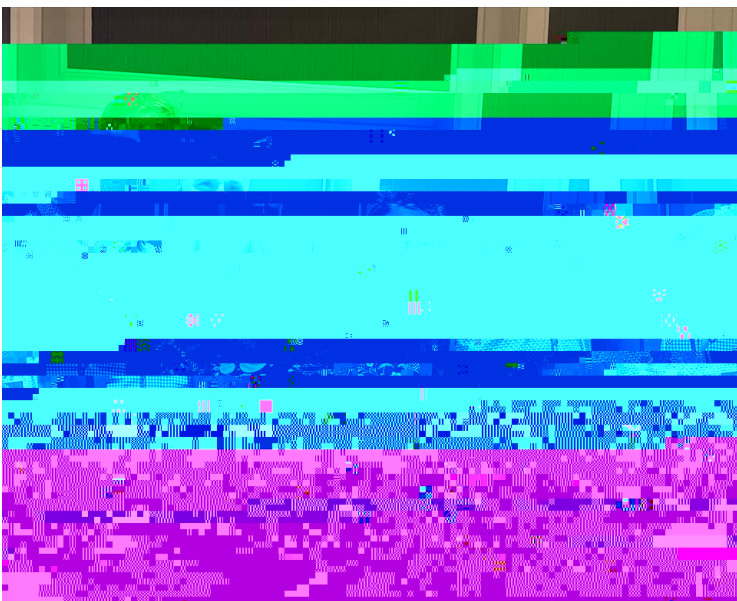
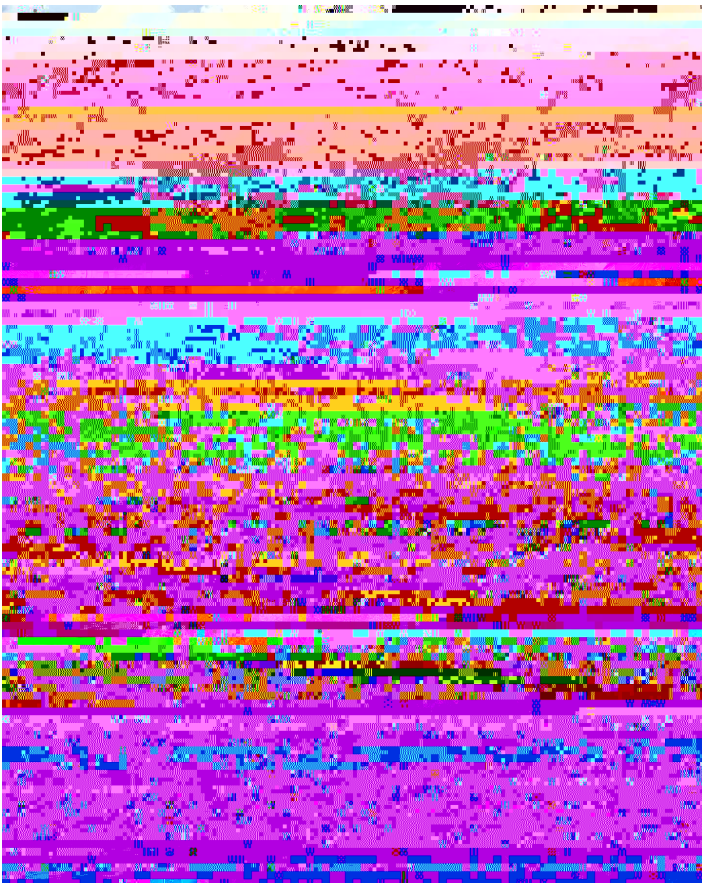
This semester I am teaching Student Development Theory II for all of the first-year students. Not only is it exciting to experience their AHA! moments, but I also get to see them grow in their ability to apply theory to practice. I always feel rejuvenated when I get the opportunity to teach for SAHE, and this semester is even more special as Jeremy Risinger is co-teaching with me. I

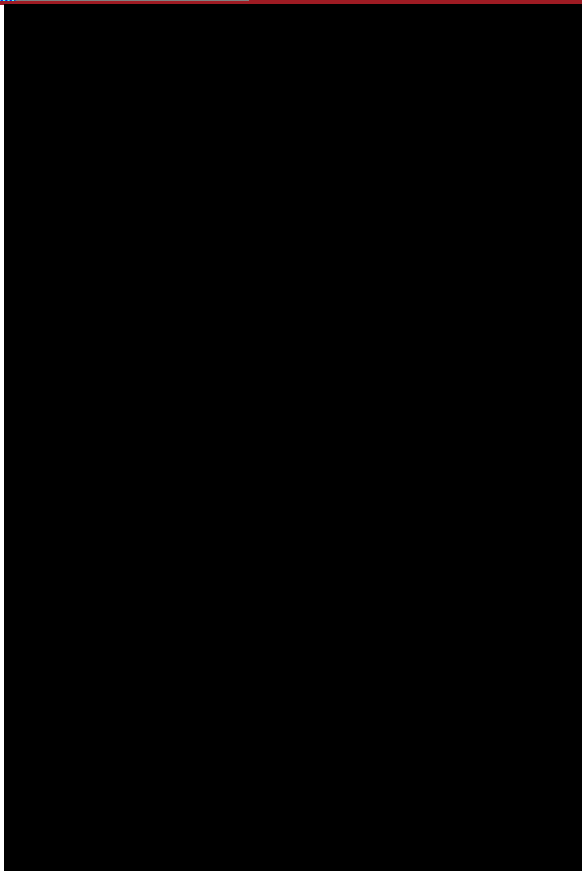
is serving as Interim Executive Vice
President for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer at

The SAHE Department was well represented at the 2023 NASPA Conference in Boston. NASPA is the largest student affairs professional organization and the annual conference was attended by almost 6,000 in person participants.

Dr. John Wesley Lowery presented a full day pre-conference workshop, *A Higher Education Case Law and Legislative Update*, with W. Scot Lewis, Saunie Schuster, and Daniel Swinton of TNG. He also presented *Guns on Campus: The Courts, State Legislatures, and Campus Consequences* with W. Scot Lewis of TNG and Marjorie D. Sanfilippo, Eckerd College. Along with Dr. Mimi Benjamin, he presented *Using Case Studies in the Preparation and Training of Student Affairs Educators*. Lowery also serves as NASPA Historian and chairs the History Advisory Board.

In addition to her presentation with Dr. Lowery, Dr. Mimi Benjamin presented *The Art of Living in Student Affairs: Self-Care/Well-Being and the Student Affairs Life* with Jon Dooley, Hannah Clayborne, and IUPUI Vice President for Student Affairs Tom Segar. She also presented at the 2023 SeSeSeSeS ! of





I am most grateful for the genuine conversations during our class sessions, everyone brings so much to the table from years of experiences, lessons, and just doing life. I am so honored to learn from and alongside such a great group of professionals.

-Bethany Jacobs

I am grateful for all of the great people I've had the pleasure of meeting and interacting with this year.

-Scot Florence



I am most grateful for my cohort and the one above me. They inspire me to keep going and help me stay grounded as I manage the end of my first year as a grad student.

-Madison Kiser

I am grateful for IUP Student Co-op Association Fitness Center. The resources there help me put my

The moment that I am most grateful for in the spring 2023 semester is traveling to New Orleans Louisiana with my SAHE friends from both cohorts

-CeCelia Martz

I am most grateful for the wonderful relationships I have built in the SAHE program so far; as they have helped me to develop and thrive in this new environment. Maddie Forbes and Bethany Jacobs have been my biggest cheerleaders and confidants, Dr. Tom Segar has been an incredible mentor, and the SAHE faculty have gifted me with their

The 2023 Associates for Student Development (ASD) Executive Board has been working to continue vital SAHE traditions that support the continued growth and development of our program. We kicked off the Spring 2023 Semester with the _____ Days Celebration to commemorate the second-year students having

Hi all! As the spring semester, and our two years in the program, come to a close, we want to take a moment to thank our SAHE faculty, alumni, and current students for all of their contributions that allowed us to bring you this issue of *Developments*. We would like to especially thank Dr. Mimi Benjamin for her guidance and for allowing us to take on this project this year. 🙏

