IU president Michael A. McRobbie presided over the September 28, 2012 naming ceremony for the School of Public Health, previously known as the School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. This historic event was held in the Tony A. Mobley Auditorium and was attended by IU Trustees Patrick Shoulders, vice chair of the Trustees, and Philip Eskew Jr.; emeriti deans Drs. Tony A. Mobley and David Gallahue; and many faculty, staff, students, and friends of the School of Public Health.

Following welcoming comments and introductions by President McRobbie, the keynote address was given by Gregory N. Larkin, M.D., FAAFP, Indiana State Health Commissioner. Next, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Multicultural Affairs Edwin C. Marshall, delivered comments. Dr. Marshall is an optometry professor with an extensive background in public health and he served as the chair of the IU Public Health Coordinating Council which planned the transformation of the school. Provost and Executive Vice President Lauren Robel spoke about the synergy between the two schools and the new opportunities for federal funding.

Interim Dean Mohammad Torabi spoke to the unique approach to addressing public health problems, “Our vision for our School is very simple: we collectively are committed to building on our strengths on the Bloomington campus and almost seven decades of our School’s research, teaching outreach/service programs, and nationally renowned faculty to become one of the top-tier accredited Schools of Public Health.”

Remarks on behalf of the school’s faculty were delivered by Dr. Katie Grove, clinical professor and chair of the school’s Academic Council. “As a faculty member in the Department of Kinesiology and the Program Director of the Undergraduate Athletic Training Program our fit into a School of Public Health may not be readily apparent to some, but those would be people who don’t understand athletic training. The faculty, staff, and students in athletic training, however, are excited to incorporate our programs’ skills, knowledge, viewpoints, and expertise into this new and diverse School. It is an exciting time!”

Second year health behavior doctoral student Margo Mullinax was the final speaker. Addressing the audience on behalf of the school’s students, Ms. Mullinax concluding by asking, “So, what is really in a name? For the students of the new IU School of Public Health—Bloomington, this is easily summed up in one word: opportunity!”

Faculty Annual Report (FAR) and CEPH

Faculty in the School have been completing the Faculty Annual Report (FAR) for years, but never before has this task been more important than now. CEPH requires annual reporting on issues such as the number of refereed articles published; number of grants awarded; the number of students included in various elements of scholarly activities; and many more.

This means that accurate and complete recording of your scholarly activities is essential. Please provide complete and accurate reporting to maximize its efficiency and effectiveness. If you have any questions regarding how to use the FAR, contact Dr. Kathy Gilbert, Executive Associate Dean.
**MPH Degrees Proposed**

Three additional MPH concentrations are under development for CEPH consideration. From the Department of Kinesiology faculty comes a proposed MPH in Physical Activity – designed to train professionals to: effectively quantify physical activity; monitor diverse populations; design, deliver, and evaluate physical activity interventions focused on improving health and wellness. The other two programs are being proposed by the Department of Applied Health Science. The MPH in Professional Health Education has a two-fold mission. The first is to enhance the professional practice of health education by preparing graduates to meet the criteria as Certified Health Education Specialists. The second is to prepare graduates to meet health challenges of the 21st century as professionals in a variety of public health settings. The MPH in Family Health, the second proposed program from this department, will train professionals to develop and implement effective interventions, educational programs, and policies to enhance the health and wellness of individuals and families across the lifespan.

**Public Health Lecture Series**

In recognition of the School’s name change, Dean Mohammad Torabi has established the Public Health Lecture Series. The series kicked off on October 22, 2012 with inaugural speaker former Indiana State Health Commissioner Judith A. Monroe, MD. Dr. Monroe currently serves as the Deputy Director of the CDC and Director of the Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support. In this role she provides critical leadership improving and supporting the public health system. She spoke about the “winnable battles” in public health. This particular lecture was sponsored by the Ruth Clifford Engs lecture series, established in honor of health historian Dr. Engs, author and professor emerita in the Department of Applied Health Science in the School.

**Other speakers scheduled during the fall semester include:**

**November 9, 2012:**
Dr. Bernice Pescosolido, Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Indiana University and Director of the Indiana Consortium for Mental Health Services Research.

**December 7, 2012:**
Dr. Joan Austin, Distinguished Professor Emerita, Indiana University School of Nursing.

**Fall Timeline**

- August – December 2012: Departments finalize degree program competencies and curricular revisions
- August – December 2012: Working Groups continue to meet (contact evsgold@indiana.edu to join a Working Group)
- August – December 2012: Bi-weekly meetings of Core Group continue development of Self-Study
- August 2012 – December 2012: Monthly meetings of Steering Committee continue to review progress on Self-Study