The IU School of Public Health-Bloomington reflects a strategic and important new direction for what was the School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, recognized by communities throughout our region as the School of HPER since 1945. With the recent transition of the school to a school of public health, we build upon our traditions while serving the state and our nation with an energized, broader mission.

Our monumental achievement would not have been possible without the long-term vision and unwavering support of President McRobbie, Provost Robel, and Vice-President Marshall. As has been said, we stand tall on the shoulders of those who came before us. The loyalty and hard work of our former deans and emeriti faculty have also greatly contributed to our successful transition. Ultimately, our school’s administrative team, faculty, staff, students, and alumni worked diligently to make this possible.

Our vision is to be a futuristic, top-tier, accredited school of public health with the ultimate mission of preventing disease, promoting health, and improving quality of life for our local, state, and global community. We will do this by building on seven decades of school’s history of excellence in research, teaching, and public health practice.

We will capitalize upon the Bloomington campus’ strengths, not only in specific health-related areas, but also in terms of its unique and substantial depth in areas that will advance approaches to public health. These areas include extensive networks of social and behavioral scientists across the campus, advanced technology and informatics infrastructures, state-of-the-art schools, departments, centers, and institutes focused on topics such as genomics, bioinformatics, environmental health, and sexual and reproductive health, world-renowned international studies programs, and unique community and campus partnerships with the state’s health care system, particularly in rural areas.

In addition to the research and teaching efforts of the School of Public Health-Bloomington, an important characteristic of our new focus is a steadfast commitment to remaining engaged with community organizations throughout the state that respond to local public health needs directly. Among our top priorities will be to work toward strengthening the capacity of those on the front lines of public health to ensure that Hoosiers have consistent and seamless access to a highly-trained public health workforce as well as more effective and cost-efficient health-related programs and preventive services. As a result, we will have a more comprehensive and accessible public health system that improves the health of our state’s residents, and those around the world who have long turned to Indiana University for leadership in health-related areas.

As we forge ahead with our quest for excellence we look forward to making a difference in public health in our greater community.

Please stay in touch.

Mohammad R. Torabi
PhD, MPH, MSPH, FAAHB
Dean and Chancellor’s Professor
Friends and colleagues, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Trustees of Indiana University, I am honored to formally name the Indiana University School of Public Health—Bloomington. I commend it to the continued pursuit of excellence in intellectual and professional endeavors. May all who come here to learn, to teach, to work, and to serve bring still greater contributions to the advancement of knowledge and to the spirit of achievement that define Indiana University.

And with those words, the standing room only crowd spontaneously broke into cheers and applause.

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. Also there to share in the celebration were representatives from IUPUI’s School of Public Health, including its newly announced interim dean Eric Wright, department chair Greg Wilson and faculty member Carole Kacius.

Following welcoming comments and introductions by President McRobbie, the keynote address was given by Indiana State Health Commissioner Gregory N. Larkin, M.D., FAAFP. Dr. Larkin was appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels as the State Health Commissioner in March 2010. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Larkin served as the chief medical officer for the Indiana Health Information Exchange. He addressed the various public health care needs in the State of Indiana and echoed the importance of having a School of Public Health in Bloomington.

Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs, Dr. Edwin C. Marshall, an optometry professor with an extensive background in public health, served as the chair of the IU Public Health Coordinating Council which planned the transformation of this school, and was next to address the audience. He summarized the significance of the transition by quoting former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop: “Health care matters to all of us some of the time; public health matters to all of us all of the time.”

Dr. Marshall went on to emphasize the unique approach to public health being pursued by the school: “The HPER-to-a-school of public health model provides an opportunity to take a novel, non-traditional approach to public health education with a primary emphasis on community-based wellness, building upon strengths in social and behavioral health, epidemiology, and community-based research and practice.”
Following a beautiful musical interlude provided by the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music Jazz Duet, Provost and Executive Vice President Lauren Robel shared her expectations regarding the positive impact the school will have on interdisciplinary and collaborative research across the Bloomington campus, and increased opportunities for securing federal grants currently available only to schools of public health.

One of the lighter moments of the ceremony was provided by School of Public Health Dean Mohammad R. Torabi who introduced himself to the audience remarking that he has “. . . served as interim dean for two Schools during the past two years— the School of HPER and the School of Public Health—Bloomington. This may imply that I cannot keep a steady job! Indeed, it has been an honor and privilege to have served and played a small role in this capacity.” On a more serious note, he, too, spoke to the unique approach of the school 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 in Kinesiology 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!”

First year health behavior doctoral student, Margo Mulnax was the final speaker. Addressing the audience on behalf of the school’s students, Ms. Mulnax said, “As I walk every day through the doors of this building, under the carved motto ‘a sound body provides for a sound mind,’ I know that this, too, remains true. I am very excited to be a part of a public health model that will honor the rich history of our school by ...
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First-year health behavior doctoral student Margo Mulinax asking questions about how health is connected to the environment and to being active. I am proud to be graduating in a field that focuses on a holistic, community-level view of health, a field that focuses on prevention.”

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A festive reception followed the ceremony. The School — as represented by its faculty, staff, and students — remains especially grateful to the central administration of Indiana University for its unwavering support during this transition. And, of course, none of this would have been possible without the commitment and hard work of the faculty, staff, students, and alumni of the School past and present.

Bloomington Campus Provost Lauren Robel, Dr. Edwin C. Marshall, Indiana State Health Commissioner Dr. Gregory N. Larkin
The School’s formal naming ceremony on September 28, 2012 marked a major milestone in both the School’s and the University’s histories. In many ways, the event represented the culmination of efforts that began over four years ago. Certainly, there were a number of other important steps that occurred during 2012 that brought the School to September 28, and additional activities will take place in 2013 and beyond. Since the last edition of Dimensions Magazine was published, the following transition steps took place:

- **January 7, 2012** – School of Public Health Accreditation Self-Study Steering Committee initiated the SPH accreditation self-study.
- **January 20, 2012** – IU Academic Leadership Council approved the addition of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics.
- **February 7, 2012** – Faculty were formally updated on the status of the transition and accreditation.
- **February 9, 2012** – Graduate Data Management Working-Group convened.
- **February 13, 2012** – Centers & Institutes Working-Group convened.
- **February 16, 2012** – Evaluation and Competency Assessment Working-Group convened.
- **February 16, 2012** – Student Affairs Working-Group convened.
- **February 17, 2012** – Workforce Development Working-Group convened.
- **March 8, 2012** – Dr. Kathleen Miner, Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health Associate Dean, met as an external consultant with select central administration and School faculty and staff regarding transition progress to date.
- **April 26, 2012** – Faculty approved the revised School constitution and new by-laws.
- **June 23, 2012** – CEPH (Council on Education for Public Health) accepted application for Indiana University School of Public Health–Bloomington signaling the initiation of accreditation procedures.
- **July 18, 2012** – Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) granted Associate Membership to Indiana University School of Public Health–Bloomington.
- **September 28, 2012** – Naming Ceremony for School of Public Health–Bloomington.

During all of 2013, literally scores of faculty, staff and students will continue to be engaged in working group activities as part of the accreditation self-study process. Once the data have been collected and analyzed, the self-study report will be written and vetted first internally and then externally before revisions are made and it is submitted to CEPH for its review. The School will have one month to submit revisions based on CEPH’s feedback before the final self-study report must be submitted.

A team comprised of experts from existing schools of public health and/or the public health community will be selected by CEPH and sent to Bloomington to evaluate the School.

**UPCOMING DATE**

LEADERSHIP MILESTONES FOR FACULTY & STAFF

Dr. Ka He, Professor and Founding Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, joined Indiana University on August 1, 2012. Her academic background includes a Doctor of Medicine degree from Shandong University, MS and MPH degrees from Tsinghua University, and a ScD from Harvard University. Most recently Dr. He served as Associate Professor of nutritional epidemiology at the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Within weeks of his arrival Dr. He received a five-year, $2.3 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to examine trace element distribution in relation to residents’ risk for stroke in the nation’s “stroke belt.”

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2012 marked the completion of the first full calendar year for Dr. Kathy Gilbert as Executive Associate Dean. Dr. Gilbert began her duties in July 2011. She has been on the School’s faculty in the Department of Applied Health Science since 1987. Her main responsibilities include cooperation with the Dean to provide administrative support to the school, supervision of student services at the school level, supervision of professional and support staff facilitator for school committees, and coordination of promotion and tenure at the school level. She also is the representative for academics at the University level.

Dr. Gilbert received her PhD in family studies from Purdue University in 1987 and has taught a variety of graduate and undergraduate courses on the family and family process. Her pedagogical interests include design and delivery of high-quality online education. Her research has focused on various aspects of meaning-making in the context of love, stress, health, and resilience.

“We School of Public Health has a long history of focusing on the health of the public, whether it be in physical, mental, social or spiritual. We are now at a point where we are able to cherish and build on our past as we embrace the opportunities that our new school identity affords us. From the micro level of studying and intervening with individuals to the macro level of population studies, we will maintain our focus on public health, in Indiana and beyond.”

Dr. Bryan McCormick wore two hats in 2012. He continued his role as Chair of the Department of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Studies, and he also served as Interim Chair of the Department of Environmental Health. Efforts are currently underway to fill the latter position. In 2010, he was the recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship.

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“Among the School’s best known traditions are its commitments to graduate education and high levels of productivity in research and creative activity. A modern, multidisciplinary school of public health, we remain committed to building upon these traditions and further integrating research and graduate education to ensure that the school’s graduates are well positioned to help design innovative and evidence-based approaches to solving the complex public health challenges that face societies around the world.”

Dr. David Lohrmann Interim Chair, Applied Health Science

Providing leadership to the Department of Applied Health Science in 2012 was Dr. David Lohrmann, who became interim chair in 2010 after serving for eight years as departmental Director of Graduate Studies. The department continued to thrive due to enhancements in curriculum breadth and quality along with expansion of research internships and funding. In addition to administration, Dr. Lohrmann continued to personally focus on pedagogy and research related to school health programs, prevention education, and program evaluation.

“Because the Department of Applied Health Science is the home of the MPH degree in Behavioral, Social and Community Health, initiated 1949, our faculty has been substantially engaged in the transition to a School of Public Health by working, initially, to gain approval of required MPH degree concentrations in four additional areas and, this fall, by developing new MPH concentrations in Professional Health Education and Family Health. The MPH in Public Health Administration, also housed in Applied Health Science, has grown to four faculty members with over 25 students in just over two years and Bachelor of Public Health degree enrollments continue to increase.”

Dr. Bryan McCormick Chair of the Department of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Studies

Although we continue to address challenges in creating a new school of public health, I see this transition as an incredible opportunity for the departments of Recreation, Park and Tourism Studies and Environmental Health. We have the opportunity to enhance understanding of how experiences and environments may enhance or detract from the health of the public. Working collaboratively with other faculty in the school and beyond, we are examining causes of and solutions to the complex problems that affect our health.”

Dr. Ka He Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Dr. Katie A. Grove was elected to lead the 2012-2013 Academic Council. The Academic Council is the general policy-making authority for the faculty of the School of Public Health. It is the responsibility of the Academic Council to decide on matters of academic policy as outlined by the School's constitution and to report its decisions to the presiding officer of the faculty (i.e., dean of the School) and to the faculty at large. Implementation of adopted policies is the responsibility of the presiding officer.

Dr. Grove is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Kinesiology and is the Program Director of the Undergraduate Athletic Training Education Program. She is also an athletic trainer. Courses that she has recently taught include: A283 General Medical Issues in Athletic Training; A381 Principles and Techniques of Therapeutic Modalities; A491 Senior Seminar in Athletic Training; and P280 Principles of Athletic Training and Emergency Care. Through a summer class she teaches, she takes undergraduate athletic training students to the Dominican Republic where students and instructors assist in the provision of health care to Major League Baseball’s Latin American League and Dominican Baseball.

Dr. Grove came to IU in 1990 after completing her doctorate at the University of Missouri-Colombia where she served as the athletic trainer at Westminster College. Prior to that she held faculty and staff athletic training positions at Eastern Michigan University and Indiana State University. She earned the B.S. degree at University of Montana, and the M.S. at Indiana University.

The Office of Global and Community Health Partnerships (OGCHP) was formally established in 2012 through a combination of staff and resources of the former Office of Community Health Engagement, Global Health and AmeriCorps. Its mission is to improve global and community health by fostering partnerships that promote student engagement, workforce development, continuing education, community service, and collaborative and community-based research.

As its founding Executive Director, Eric Cooperman is no stranger to Indiana University. Before returning to her alma mater (BA ’91) in 2007 as AmeriCorps Program Coordinator for the Department of Applied Health Science, she was an attorney for the Toledo Municipal Court’s Office of the Public Defender in Ohio. She has also held faculty positions at Northern Illinois University and Dominican Baseball.

Dr. Susan Simmons was formally appointed the School’s first Director of Career Services in April 2012. In this role, she provides leadership for assisting students with their career planning needs through the management of career advising, event programming, and employer relations. She has participated in the Management Leadership Institute through the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) as well as NACE Career Coaching Intensive training. She is also a certified StrengthsQuest Educator through the Gallup Organization to provide career assessment.

Prior to her current position, Dr. Simmons served nearly seven years as the Coordinator of Career Services within the Department of Kinesiology where she provided individualized career advising and coordinated the internship program. Dr. Simmons received her Ph.D. in Human Performance from Indiana University with a major in exercise physiology and a minor in bioanthropology. She has completed research on the topics of growth and maturation in adolescent athletes. She has been teaching and working at the university level since 1995. Dr. Simmons has also held faculty positions at Northern Illinois University, where she taught exercise physiology, and Ivy Tech Community College, where she taught anatomy and physiology.

In 2012, Assistant Dean David Skirvin began additional administrative responsibilities with his operational oversight of the School’s Office of Development and Communications. His other administrative roles continued — namely in the areas of budgetary management, personnel administration, and facility management. Each year, Dr. Skirvin also teaches two graduate-level classes in budgeting and finance that focus on fiscal issues that affect sport and leisure-related organizations. Topical interests include: budgeting practices, financial planning, capital financing, public revenue streams, economic impact studies, private donation support, pricing, sponsorships, and general financial trends affecting universities, and collegiate and high school sports and other sport and leisure organizations.

Dr. David Skirvin
Assistant Dean

Charles “Chip” Bendar joined the school in January of 2012 as the new Director of Marketing and Communications. Chip has nearly 20 years of experience as an IU communicator with broad knowledge in all aspects of communication, including marketing, public relations, publicity, recruitment, and outreach.

He has direct experience with a wide-range of traditional and emerging communication technologies: social networking, video, podcasting, print, news releases, digital signage, web management, and electronic newsletters.

Chip most recently served as the Manager of University IT Communications for University Information Technology Services and the Office of the Vice President for Information Technology. An IU alum, Chip has been an active member of the CIC, CASE, EDUCAUSE, and other higher education-related professional groups.

Charles “Chip” Bendar
Director of Marketing and Communications

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Dr. David Skirvin, Assistant Dean

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THE SCHOOL’S NEWEST DEPARTMENTS:
THE DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY AND BIOSTATISTICS
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Epidemiology and Biostatistics

In 2012, the School established its newest academic department: the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. A distinctive department that provides essential tools for understanding disease etiology and means to provide effective and efficient approaches to prevention and treatment, the epidemiology program focuses on the distribution and patterns of health-events, health-characteristics and their causes or influences in well-defined populations. The biostatistics program focuses on development and analysis on a wide range of topics in human health. Faculty in the department consists of Dr. Ka He, Professor and Chair; Drs. Shinga Feresu and Barbara Van Der Pol, Associate Professors; and Drs. Zhongxue Chen and Amhed YousefAgha, Assistant Professors. Faculty members are strongly committed to teaching and student mentoring and are engaged in internationally recognized research programs. Research is conducted on a broad range of health outcomes and exposures. The department offers the MPH and PhD degrees in epidemiology and the MPH in biostatistics. These programs allow for the training of students to become professionals in public health. In addition, the programs foster a spirit of collaboration between students and faculty by including students in research projects.

As a newly created department, the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics strives to deliver a rigorous academic program by providing a broad, multidisciplinary training in the design of studies, collection and statistical analysis of data, and interpretation and dissemination of results in public health research. Faculty members are fully committed to help students develop a career in academia, industry or government and become the leaders in the field and believe that epidemiology and biostatistics are the cornerstone of public health research and practice.

Dr. Ka He is a nutritional epidemiologist. He received his ScD in Nutritional Epidemiology from Harvard University, MPH from Tufts University and MD from St. Louis University. He was an Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine at Northwestern University, and a research Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Nutrition at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Gillings School of Public Health. Dr. He is an elected fellow of the American Heart Association (AHA) and a fellow of American College of Nutrition (ACN). His primary research interests lie in nutritional epidemiology, specifically, diet and nutrients in relation to chronic diseases. Dr. He is the Principal Investigator of several NIH-supported projects, including tissue elements and cardiovascular disease risk factors, trace elements and risk of stroke, amino acids, protein and obesity, fatty acids and ischemic stroke, and dietary supplement use and risk of pancreatic cancer. He is also the Principal Investigator of the project – dust including supplement use and colon cancer - supported by the American Cancer Society. In August 2012, Dr. He received a five-year, $2.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to examine trace element distributions in relation to residents’ risk for stroke in the nation’s “stroke belt.”

Dr. Shinga Feresu, Associate Professor

Drs. Shinga Feresu and Barbara Van Der Pol have been working in the field of sexually transmitted infections for more than 25 years. Her research has focused on understanding the epidemiology of these diseases. In the late 1990s, she began working on projects designed to study issues related to reproductive health in women living in sub-Saharan Africa. The projects included collaborations with Family Health International, the University of California-San Francisco, and Case Western University. At the same time, Dr. Van Der Pol began providing laboratory support for a project designed to improve the understanding of the behavioral epidemiology of sexually transmitted infections in adolescent women. The focus of the research includes understanding the behavioral epidemiology and development of improved access to STD control services in marginalized and underserved populations both in the United States and abroad.

Dr. Barbara Van Der Pol, Associate Professor

Dr. Zhongxue Chen received his PhD in Statistics from Southern Methodist University in 2007. He worked as senior biostatistician at the Joseph Stokes Jr. Research Institute, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia for two years after graduation. He was an assistant professor of biostatistics at Florida International University for one year. In 2010, he held the position of assistant professor of biostatistics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. He moved to IU Bloomington this past year. Dr. Chen’s research interests include statistical hypothesis testing, clinical trial, linear mixed models, biostatistics, bioinformatics, statistical genetics, and collaborative research.

Dr. Zhongxue Chen, Assistant Professor

Dr. Ahmed YousefAgha, is interested in the integration of biostatistics, decision analysis techniques, and computer science (e.g., information systems, and simulation) for researchers in public health (e.g., health-outcome innovation, and health/ healthcare promotion intelligence). Because the focus of Dr. YousefAgha’s work is on applications of biostatistics, computer sciences, mathematics, and management science (e.g., operations research), the approach to his research cuts across a range of health promotion and disease prevention topics and issues.

Dr. Ahmed YousefAgha, Assistant Professor
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

In 2010, the school established the Department of Environmental Health. Its mission is to foster excellence in scientific research, training, and outreach in environmental health with a goal of identifying, understanding, and preventing environmentally-related diseases covering the human life span, and to enhance the quality of life of people in Indiana and around the world.

The department shares in the University’s commitment to promoting and protecting the health and well-being of human populations. The Department of Environmental Health is committed to understanding how environmental risks impact human health. The department is comprised of diverse faculty who are engaged in multidisciplinary research, teaching and service in Indiana and globally. Faculty and staff seek to provide students with the necessary skills and knowledge in toxicology, occupational health, and global environmental health to solve environmental health challenges locally and globally.

The department aspires to a role as a leader in toxicology, global, and rural environmental health and occupational health with degree programs tailored for students to enter professional settings in industry, government, and academia.

Dr. James Klaunig’s research interests are dedicated to understanding the mechanisms of chemically induced toxicology and carcinogenesis with emphasis on human health and genetic and environmental factors affecting human risk. His research has been supported by the NIH, USEPA, DOD, ACS, and non-Federal sources.

Dr. Joanna Shimek’s primary focus is teaching environmental health topics including exposure assessment, risk assessment and environmental epidemiology. Her research interests include biomarkers of exposure, assessment, ethics and the aging workforce.

Dr. Zemin Wang’s research interests are dedicated to the understanding of pathogenesis of environmental and industrial chemical-induced toxicology, and carcinogenesis, particularly, the role of genetic and environmental factors in human health.

Dr. Shaoyu Zhou’s research focuses on oxidative stress and mitochondrial dysfunction that contribute to pathogenesis of a wide range of environmental agents affecting human health. Using genetic and pharmacological approaches and various cellular and animal models he is examining molecular mechanisms of chemical induced oxidative damage, and dissecting the molecular components of mitochondrial genetic and bioenergetic alterations caused by environmental toxicants.

For a complete listing of all faculty:
Indiana University
School of Public Health-Bloomington
http://www.publichealth.indiana.edu/faculty/index.shtml
As the School of Public Health expands its programs and departments, the School has made significant strides to enhance student services through the creation of a comprehensive, centralized student services suite. The suite is a part of the courtyard expansion project that was completed in 2011.

The new suite houses the Office of Career Services; the Center for Student Leadership Development; the Office of Minority Recruitment, Retention and Outreach; and Undergraduate Academic Advising. The student space is named the Ruth V. Russell Student Forum in honor of Dr. Russell, a professor in the Department of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Studies (1981-2010) and Associate Dean of the Faculties in the Office of the Vice Chancellor (1997-2000). The dedication of the space honors her positive impact on students in the Department, the School, and the University.

On Monday, August 27, 2012, the new Ruth V. Russell Student Forum held an Open House. More than 100 students, faculty, and staff visited the new space, which includes a spacious lobby with open computer access, comfortable seating areas, a high-tech check-in system, a career resource room with computer workstations, and peer mentors to guide students through career planning resources. In addition, there are nine private offices housing career and academic advisors and conference space availability for workshops and on-campus interviews.

Career services experts provide one-on-one career advising, online and print resources, career workshops, job fairs, information sessions, and on-campus interview opportunities to assist students with career development and job preparation. A recent Volunteer Workshop connected nearly 80 students with representatives from 15 local volunteer organizations. Events such as this provide students opportunities to bridge academic work with hands-on experience. Services are available to all students and alumni across departments.

Academic advisors meet with each student regularly to develop and implement an academic plan in keeping with the student’s needs and goals. The advisors provide personalized service for each student.

The school is now in a much better position to assist students with services most critical to their academic and professional success.

Deb Getz chats with students outside the Office of Minority Recruitment, Retention, and Outreach.
Several school faculty, including Drs. Bryan McCormick and Rasul Mowatt, represented the School at the Indiana Joint National Public Health Week Conference held April 3–4, 2012 in Indianapolis. The conference included research presentations, networking mixers, speeches by national leaders and other activities designed to give information and a motivational shot in the arm to practitioners, students and academics. Other presentations at the conference included such issues as wellness in the workplace, obesity prevention, social media, sexual health, health equity, healthy eating, and tobacco control.

The conference, in its fifth year, was a joint effort of the Indiana University School of Public Health-Bloomington, the Indiana University School of Public Health-Indianapolis, Purdue University, the Indiana Public Health Association, the Indiana Society for Public Health Education, the Indiana State Department of Health, the Indiana Minority Health Coalition and the Indiana Public Health Training Center.

Drs. Bryan McCormick and Rasul Mowatt, faculty in the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Studies, discussed “Public Parks & Recreation: An Unrealized Public Health Resource.”

Both faculty members spoke on the developing partnerships between public health and parks and recreation providers.

“This is a new area of development for parks and recreation professionals, but one that is consistent with the origins of the organized recreation movement in the United States,” said McCormick, chair of the department. “The purpose of this session is to highlight the linkages of parks and recreation services to public health.”

By addressing the use and management of public space for public health, and offering suggestions about how recreation and service providers can partner with health service providers to encourage a health-conscious community, McCormick and Mowatt addressed what role public recreation and leisure providers play in reducing health problems for Americans. They express hope that positioning parks and recreation services in terms of health benefits will help spur initiatives that will encourage active lifestyles, and mental and emotional well-being.
The new IU School of Public Health-Bloomington made its debut at the 2012 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco from October 27 – October 31.

While the former School of HPER had a presence there in the past at the departmental level, the 2012 conference represented the first time for the School to fully display its entire spectrum of programs and research.

With the official renaming on September 28, the School’s APHA debut on October 27 was timely. The American Public Health Association is the oldest and most diverse organization of public health professionals in the world. Throngs of visitors to the School’s exhibition booth at the Exposition Hall were greeted by a new custom display attended by faculty, staff, and student volunteers from the school. Visitors were eager to hear about the unique mix of programs, and familiar alumni faces made their visit to say hello.

But more importantly, faculty across the school presented on their research at the annual meeting demonstrating the breadth and depth of the important knowledge creation that is occurring at the School. A number of media outlets covered numerous studies from across the school’s five academic departments.

In all, consensus is the debut was a rousing success thanks in great part to the energetic support of a host of individuals from across the school.
The Indiana University School of Public Health-Bloomington is doing something new to teach grant writing to its students. “We’re teaching them grant writing in the field,” said Dr. Beth Meyerson, Assistant Professor of Health Policy & Management.

Meyerson teaches H695: Acquiring and Managing Grants for Health & Human Services as a service learning course. Meyerson, who joined the faculty last year after almost two decades of public health practice, knew this was an important element of an MPH student’s education. “It is one thing to learn how to put a grant together in theory, and quite another to do so in a busy organizational environment with competing priorities,” said Meyerson.

Twenty-two students work on five grant teams; each paired with an Indiana organization to develop a funding proposal for submission in the next twelve months. Funders range from a small rural cooperative to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Organizations include Jubilee Health Care in Paoli, Indiana Youth Group, Planned Parenthood of Indiana, Indiana Minority Health Coalition and Positive Link. “Herein lies the service component of the learning,” says Meyerson. “Students learn how to develop a grant in the field, and the outcome is a service to the organization. These organizations will have a stronger chance to receive funding for needed services.”

The participating organizations agree. “It’s always with some trepidation that I enter into an important project with students,” says Mary Byrne, Executive Director of the Indiana Youth Group, a statewide organization serving lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth and their families. “My experience with these grant writing students has been wonderful.” Meyerson indicates the bonus of resume worthy work. Through this experience, students gain valuable work related experience. “This is critical in our economic times when graduates look for work in a down market,” Meyerson says. “Grant writing is always needed, and our graduates will be competitive because of this experience.”

Rachel Dowty, a Public Health Administration student agrees. Her team is writing a grant to pilot an additional nurse practitioner for the rural clinic Jubilee Health Care in Paoli, Indiana. “This course unites our academic and professional worlds and adds an opportunity to serve the community. We are getting the chance to experience in real time what public health organizations are faced with when seeking funds in the real world. This has definitely made it more challenging to write the grant proposal elements, but it’s great preparation for the future. I think the skills and knowledge gained in H695 will be an advantage after graduation, whether we hope to write grant proposals or not,” Dowty said.

Balancing the classroom and organizational expectations are challenging. Christina von Hippel, a Behavioral, Social and Community Health student assigned to the Planned Parenthood of Indiana group agrees. “My learning in this collaborative and service-oriented course extends far beyond the boundaries of the classroom into the fields of nonprofit development and sexual health education. It is difficult at times to balance the roles of both a student with syllabus-based deadlines and a grant developer with organization-based responsibilities. But as an applied graduate degree candidate in public health, learning to manage this balancing act could not be more essential. I am glad to be experiencing this rewarding growth now while I am still a student rather than later as a new public health professional,” says von Hippel.

Developing a class like this takes a lot of work. “There are a lot of moving pieces, from the pedagogical to the organizational perspective,” says Meyerson. The effort, Meyerson says, “is worth every minute of preparation. The MPH degree is a practice degree, and therefore we need to prepare students for grant writing in the field,” Meyerson said. “It’s a little like learning how to build a plane while flying,” she says with a smile. “But that’s what public health is all about. The application of knowledge in a dynamic environment.”

**SERVICE LEARNING IN ACTION:**
**REAL LIFE LESSONS FROM A SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH GRANTS CLASS**

Bradford Woods’ Horseshoes of Hope was featured on the January 10, 2012 debut episode of “Impact the World” on the Big Ten Network (BTN). “Impact the World” gives regular BTN viewers a window into the ground-breaking work being performed on Big Ten campuses that is improving and impacting lives, both in the United States and around the world. Hosted by actor Dennis Haybert, the series features breakthroughs and inspiring initiatives from all schools in the Big Ten Conference.

As if that wasn’t grand enough way to ring in the New Year, in February 2012, Bradford Woods received the American Camping Association’s Eleanor Eells Award at its National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The Award for Program Excellence is given to programs that motivate staff to develop effective, creative responses to the needs of people through camping; encourage the development of creative responses to societal problems through camping; stimulate the exchange of creative ideas with others; promote, in and out of camping, the positive contribution camp makes to the well-being of individuals and society; and, give recognition and honor to those whose programs exemplify these objectives.

The award was given in recognition of the Association’s Therapeutic Recreation Program.

**BRADFORD WOODS BANNER YEAR**

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ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM
gets a NEW HOME

Less than one year after most sections of the School’s courtyard expansion project were dedicated, which included the Tony A. Mobley Auditorium, the remaining second floor space, commonly known as the “shell space,” was completed and furnished in time for the 2012-13 academic year. The additional 4,000 square feet of space is the home of the School’s program in Athletic Training. This program includes a combination of classroom, clinical, and laboratory experiences as part of the two-year, NATA-accredited Post-Professional Education Program. The structure of the program provides students with unique opportunities to be exposed to different philosophies and techniques taught by a talented and experienced faculty and professional staff. Graduate students work closely with IU’s Athletic Department as well as the community school corporations to provide athletic health care for intercollegiate and interscholastic athletes. Primary research interests are lower extremity injury, functional ankle instability, and soft tissue mobilization. The additional 4,000 square feet eventually yielded six additional offices, a conference room, work stations for up to eight Visiting Scholars, and a teaching lab, and a 30-seat classroom.

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Anita Aldrich, Professor Emerita of Kinesiology and former dean

The School of Public Health lost one of its true giants when Dr. Anita Aldrich, former dean and faculty member, passed away on October 28, 2012. She was 98.

The holder of degrees from Northwest Missouri State University (BA, 1936), the University of Missouri-Kansas City (MS 1946), and Pennsylvania State University (EdD 1957), Dr. Aldrich began her teaching career in King City, Missouri, where she taught in both elementary and secondary schools, English, health, and physical education. In 1953, she initiated her enduring administrative career as Director of Health and Physical Education for the Kansas City Schools, and, in 1960 she was named Director of Elementary Physical Education and Secondary Girl’s Physical Education and Intramurals, where she served for four years. During this time, she spent several summers as a visiting professor at Utah State University and Indiana University. Through these early experiences, she developed a resilient passion for the advocacy of girls’ and women’s participation in physical activities and sports that paved the way for her momentous contributions to women’s athletics in her various leadership roles at Indiana University.

When she joined the faculty of Indiana University’s School of Public Health (formerly the School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation) in 1964, Anita Aldrich was already a well-known leader in the advancement of women’s athletics. She joined IU’s faculty with a joint appointment as chair and professor of Physical Education for Women and as a professor of education. Later, she served as acting dean for one year, from 1975 to 1976. After the men’s and women’s departments of physical education were combined in 1977, she was appointed the first chair of the new Department of Physical Education. It was the first of several for Aldrich. Most notably, she became the first woman member of the Indiana University Athletics Committee in 1971 and, after serving seven years, she was named the first woman to chair this committee, a position she held from 1978 to her retirement in 1985.

Dr. Aldrich held many leadership roles at the University, and in the community. She was also active in professional associations, serving in numerous state, district, and national leadership positions. She served as president of the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation and president of the Central District of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance and, finally, as president for the American Association (now the Alliance) for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, and Dance. She also was on the editorial board of the Journal of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. Her many honors include induction to the Indiana University Athletic Hall of Fame, where she was introduced by friend and colleague Bob Knight at his request. She received acknowledgments as the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from the University of Missouri at Kansas City; the Leadership Recognition Award from the Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; the Honor Award from the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance; and an award for Outstanding Service in the Advancement of Athletics from the Athletic Institute. She was named an Honor Fellow of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance and was elected to the American Academy of Physical Education.

In 2005, the School of Public Health (formerly HPER) established the Anita Aldrich Distinguished Alumni Award to honor an annual recipient who personifies the ideals of Anita Aldrich — demonstration of outstanding achievements, professional excellence, service to the community, and loyalty to Indiana University — all while making a significant difference in the lives of girls and women relative to participation in sports and fitness activities and healthy lifestyles.
Facilities continue to be well utilized by the primary constituency for which they were created: students. Of the 42,731 students attending IUB last year, 84% (35,894) participated in Campus Recreational Sports programs, and 63% indicated that they participate at least weekly. This finding was verified from ID card scanner data and participation counts. On the topic of facilities, several facility-based improvement projects took place in 2012, reflecting the continuous improvement approach toward all facility projects.

As part of its mission to provide diverse opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to engage in fitness and wellness activities, the Division of Campus Recreational Sports continually seeks to address ways to ensure that participation takes place in a clean, safe and state-of-the-art environment. In order to verify that it is indeed achieving these aspirations, the Division sought feedback from its many stakeholders, beginning with a student survey in 2011. To help ensure the validity of the results, Campus Labs, a national assessment firm, was utilized to manage the process and analyze the results. The survey process was repeated with the faculty and staff across campus during 2012. Results indicated that 95% of students and 97% of faculty and staff members would recommend Campus Recreational Sports to others. In addition, 91% of students and 92% of faculty and staff members report that recreational sports activities and programs contribute to the quality of life at IU-Bloomington.

2012 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- Woodlawn tennis courts were resurfaced
- Woodlawn fence was repaired and partially replaced
- Racquetball courts were renovated for martial arts classes
- Additional Woodlawn Field improvements including grading, new lights, irrigation system, and improvement of turf and track
- The Wildermuth Intramural Center roof was replaced and additional improvements were made following fire damage: cleaning, painting, new lights installed, new graphic panels erected, new partial divider wall for the track, five courts replaced, and five courts refinished
- Additional Wildermuth Intramural Center repairs and improvements including replacement of the track in May 2013
- Restoration and improvements to Court 1 in Gym 293 for strength and conditioning
- Conversion of the Multi-Sport II space at the Student Recreational Sports Center (SRSC) for strength and conditioning

These committed and seasoned faculty and staff members provide core capabilities that clearly align with the Indiana University Bloomington focus on health promotion and disease prevention in rural areas.

The School's structure of five academic departments – the Department of Kinesiology, the Department of Applied Health Science, the Department of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Studies, the Department of Environmental Health, and the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics – provide a substantial variety of programs and services. Each department offers numerous majors, minors, and opportunities for graduate and undergraduate studies. In addition to its academic departments, the School administers the Division of Campus Recreational Sports, which serves roughly 94 percent of the Indiana University Bloomington student body through various intramural, club sports, and individual sport opportunities.

With the 2012 establishment of a School of Public Health on the Bloomington campus, the institution has committed itself to address the significant public health needs of Indiana citizens and beyond.

With a focus on health promotion and disease prevention and an emphasis on rural issues that make up such a considerable portion of the state, Indiana University is well-positioned to lead the wellness movement that is essential to Indiana's future.

The archival photos used throughout this issue demonstrate the long proud history of the School as the School looks to the future.
Kate Hendrix, a School of Public Health junior pursuing a major in Parks and Recreation with a double minor in Aquatic Management and Fundraising and Resource Development started with a course assignment that eventually evolved into an important community outreach opportunity. Involved with water sport activities and related job, as a high school lifeguard in an urban area, she routinely witnessed the effects of poverty on water safety.

The project, called SUBMERGE, is a local swim program for low income youth who live in Bloomington, Indiana. The combination of Bloomington’s poverty rate, surplus of natural water resources, and 2012’s unusually high summer temperatures created potentially dangerous situations for local youth. SUBMERGE’s mission is based on the belief “that if we can save the life of even one child from drowning, then it is well worth our efforts to make the children of our community safe.”

Using the skills learned in her fundraising classes, Kate sought the help of family and friends. In addition, the IU Aquatic Institute offered additional assistance and became an official sponsor of SUBMERGE providing the seed money to get the program started. Local Monroe County Community Schools (MCCSC) school administrators assisted with identifying children who met the criteria for the SUBMERGE program. Working with the principals, teachers and staff at Fairview Elementary School, flyers were distributed to students and parents. Additional program registrations were delivered to community youth organizations, childcare facilities, and the Monroe County Public Library.

Thirty-four (34) students enrolled for the first season of the SUBMERGE swim program. SUBMERGE provided them with free swim lessons, swimsuits and towels. The IU Outdoor Pool hosted the SUBMERGE swimmers by providing a spacious, central location with qualified pool staff.

According to Ms. Hendrix, “The success of SUBMERGE is a direct result of IU’s committed faculty and the accessibility of IU’s many campus resources. I am especially appreciative to have the support and encouragement of Indiana University, IU School of Public Health, IU Aquatic Institute, Dr. William Ramus, Mr. Ryan Tabereaux, and Mr. Jonathon Purvis.” She went on to say, “However, the real results of this program can be seen on the faces of the children who are learning to feel safe in the water, and most importantly, learning to swim.”

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**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

**JOHN LESTER**

John Lester, BS’71, MPA’82, is nearly finished with his two year term as President of the School of Public Health Alumni Association Board of Directors. In this role, he leads the group in promoting and sponsoring special events and social activities, coordinating lifelong learning opportunities, linking students and alumni to the school and university, and celebrating the lives and accomplishments of alumni, faculty, staff and students.

The School of Public Health Alumni Association is made up of its alumni who pay dues to the Indiana University Alumni Association. Activities are open to all members and the group is working to expand engagement opportunities provided to alumni and students. “I am personally excited about the great work the alumni board has undertaken. We have recently created a committee structure to better engage our alumni,” says Mr. Lester. “As a result, our board members and volunteers have become much more active in serving our alumni. These activities will continue to build upon our mission.” Over the past few years, the School of Public Health Alumni Association has hosted several events including a back to school gathering for students, a tailgate party at Homecoming, and social gatherings in Anaheim, Bloomington, Boston, Indianapolis, Naples, New York City, San Diego, San Francisco, Tampa, and Washington, D.C. Mr. Lester notes, “We have more activities planned for the upcoming year including some basketball game watching parties, a few dinners with 12 Hoosiers events, an alumni social in Cincinnati, and a gathering for an Indianapolis Indiana game.

This has been a unique time to serve as President because Mr. Lester has also assisted with the transition from a School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation to a School of Public Health. Mr. Lester notes, “As alumni, we a bit sentimental about the HPER name which has served us well for years. But I know that our new name better serves what our school has been involved in since our inception.” He went on to say, “Our school has been about teaching students to help the public lead healthy lifestyles by preventing disease, promoting wellness, and improving quality of life. Our departments will not change their current emphasis, but instead will change the field of public health by bringing unique techniques, research and practices to improve the healthy lifestyles of the public. That is very exciting to me.”

Mr. Lester is owner of Lester Recreation Designs, LLC, a manufacturer representative company that works with park and recreation, schools, other public and private agencies and architects to provide quality playground, site furnishings, outdoor fitness and shelters for their projects. He has worked for Parks and Recreation Departments in Illinois and Indiana in positions of leadership, construction and administrative support and was the President of the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association and served for several years as member of the IPRA Board of Directors.

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**Alumni and Friends**

Our alumni represent the best of the best. Thanks to them, our school has earned an enviable reputation for excellence both at home and abroad. As the school and its programs have grown to encompass a broad spectrum of academic interests and professional fields, so too, has the base of alumni and friends. Our school is known for one of the most active and influential alumni groups in the United States. The school’s graduates continue to provide a loyal support network for current programs and students.

The school is dedicated to cultivating its ongoing relationships with more than 20,000 alumni living worldwide. Our ongoing efforts are to secure private support, organize alumni programming, and communicate with alumni, donors, and friends through special events, newsletters, Public Health Dimensions magazine, and our Annual Report.

Many alumni and friends give back by financially supporting the school, attending events, assisting with alumni engagement activities, or connecting with current students who are seeking mentors or assistance with finding internships or employment. Such involvement by alumni and friends help ensure the school’s continued growth and success.
A large audience at Bloomington’s Convention Center was present on September 14, 2012 to honor 63 students who received School of Public Health privately-funded scholarships in 2012-13. Private support in the form of scholarships is becoming increasingly vital to help bridge gaps in student affordability of higher education costs.

For information on how persons can help support School of Public Health scholarships, please contact Natalie Kubat, Director of Donor and Alumni Relations in the Office of Development and Communications, at 812.855.7891 or nkubat@indiana.edu.
Hornek Family Scholarship in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Studies
Elise De Jean
Reene Trupp
Ye Zhang

IMPACT Scholarship
Patrick Macriocco

JU Executive Development Program Scholarship for Park and Recreation Students
Stephanie Long

J. K. Rash Scholarship
Alyssa Ledger

James W. Crew Award
Ryan Guilliam

Jane Fox Dance Scholarship
Joseph Moustaf
Morgan Skiles

Joan Weinberg Wolf Scholarship for Dietetics
Sarah Ferguson

John Andrew Jarboe Memorial Scholarship
Amber Stites Combs

John R. Endwright Scholarship
Jessica Forney

Kate C. Remley Memorial Scholarship
Jenna Coote

Lesoy “Bud” Getchell Scholarship
Attie Kemph

Lucile M. Swift - Mona M. Russell Scholarship
Jonathan Brown
Manuela Desmond

Lyle and Evelyn Beavers General Recreation Trust
Abby Wallis

Margaret Seegers Scholarship
Li Huang
Yi Chun Lin

Marjorie P. Phillips Scholarship
Ada Waldburger

Mohammad R. Torabi Scholarship
Wasantha Jayawardene

Nancy Friedman Memorial Scholarship
Amanda Herrmann

Opal G. Conrad Nutrition Scholarship
Melissa Hansberger
Emily Schilling
Katlin Sutton

Pantaleoni Scholarship
Craig Sharwood

Ron Hall Scholarship
Jose Quiroz

Ruth Mary Griswold Scholarship
Stephanie Martin
Andrea Newcom
Nancy Nicolai
Sarah Parrish
Michael Weber
Marilyn Welton

Ruth V. Russell Humanitarian Scholarship
Kaitlin Schembircsler

Ryan White Legacy Scholarship
Christian van Hiepel
Sarah Palmer and Tarbell Scholarship
Breana Rogers

School of Public Health Alumni Board Scholarship
Kaleigh Bacher

Spike Dixon Athletic Training Scholarship
Kelsey Hubbard

Summer Camp Leadership Scholarship
Alexander Stanford

Updyke/President’s Challenge Award
Yu Long Chen
Najmeh Hoseini
Meghan Shipley

W.W. Patty Scholarship
Camille Huang
Kimberly Powell
Armand Turner

Abby Wallis

Kalieigh Bacher
Dean Mohammad Torabi welcomed friends and guests on October 19 to honor six individuals who have distinguished themselves in their careers and in contributions back to Indiana University and the School of Public Health. The annual alumni awards dinner and ceremony took place in the Grand Hall of the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center in Bloomington.

Anita Aldrich Distinguished Alumni Award
Presented annually to a graduate of the School of Public Health who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in professional excellence, service to the community, and loyalty to Indiana University. Recipients have made a significant difference in the lives of girls and women relative to participation in sports and fitness activities as well as the pursuit of healthy lifestyles.

2012 Recipient: Sandy Searcy
Sandy Searcy has served as Assistant Commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association since 1999. At the national level, she has served on the NFHS National Student Leadership Planning Committee since 1999, and she is a member of the 2006-11 NFHS Gymnastics Rules Committee and the 2008-11 NFHS Softball Rules Committee.

Sandy began her high school coaching career in 1983 while still a sophomore at Indiana University, serving as the boys’ swimming coach at Bloomington High School South. Sandy was named the girls’ swimming coach at Bloomington High School North a year later in 1984, a position that she held for 15 years.

She also was the boys’ swimming coach at North from 1986-96. Her administrative career began in 1988 when she was named girls’ athletic director at Bloomington North, and held that post through 1999, in addition to serving as a physical education teacher.

During those years, she was an executive board member of the ICGSA (Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association) from 1991-95, serving as president in 1997-98.

Mobley International Distinguished Alumni Award
Awarded to an international graduate of the School who has demonstrated outstanding personal and professional achievement. It was named for Tony Mobley upon his retirement in 2002 after serving for 26 years as Dean of the School, one of the longest-serving school deans in the history of Indiana University.

2012 Recipient: Dr. Chin-hsung Kao
Dr. Chin-hsung Kao serves as President of National Taiwan Sport University (NTSU), a post he has held since August 2010. President Kao earned his PhD in 1993, in the then-titled Department of Recreation and Park Administration. This followed an MBA that he earned from the Chinese Culture University in Taiwan in 1986, and a BBA from Fu-Jen University in Taiwan in 1984.

Prior to his executive leadership at NTSU, he served as President for the Executive Committee of the Asian Association for Sport Management (AASM). He has served as Honorary President on the Board of Directors for
the Taiwan Society on Sport Management since 2008. Dr. Kao was also Chief Editor at the Asian Sport Management Review (ASMR) from 2006 to 2008. President Kao’s research publications and scholarly activities are extensive, and reflect themes consistent with IU’s treasured past in recreation, physical education, and sport, and also in disciplines grounded in public health. He has presented and spoken at numerous international conferences, and has served as an exchange scholar at Beijing Sport University in 2010, at Macau University in 2001, and at Macau University of Science and Technology in 2006.

Early Career Outstanding Alumni Award

An annual recognition given to an alumnus or alumna of the School of Public Health at Indiana University who, through exceptional achievement, has distinguished himself/herself through professional accomplishment, community service, or service to the University.

2012 Recipient: Allison Chopra

Allison Chopra is the owner of Urban Fitness Studio, LLC, a private personal training studio in Bloomington. Her business opened in August 2008 and has experienced growth each year since that time during a period of a challenging economy.

The vision for Urban Fitness Studio is to connect with non-exercisers in an inviting, non-intimidating environment, with a focus on exercise as a means to physical and mental health. Currently, she and four other staff trainers (all of which are IU School of Public Health graduates) work with clients to find health and longevity through fitness. She also opened Urban Cycle Studio in the fall of 2011 - a dedicated spinning studio.

Both Urban Cycle and Urban Fitness are involved with the City of Bloomington’s Adopt-a-Trail program aimed at maintaining the B-Line trail. The studios are sponsors in the Little 500, Mag 7 Race Series Event, and the IU Mini Marathon. In addition to being an entrepreneur, Allison is a board member on the City of Bloomington’s Urban Enterprise Association and an avid IU Varsity Club supporter.

2012 Recipients: Dr. Chin-hsung Kao, Dr. William Oleckno, Sandy Searcy, Curt Simic, Laura Newton, and Allison Chopra

The John R. Endwright Alumni Service Award

Recognizes outstanding service and contributions, which measure accomplishments of service to the School and/or the profession. The former Dean suggested that a school’s foundation would only be as strong as the relationships it established with its alumni.

2012 Recipient: Laura Newton

Laura Newton currently serves as Assistant Director and COO of Visit Bloomington. She has become regarded as one of the best known and respected professionals in the local tourism industry.

A 1987 graduate of the School in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Studies, Laura began her career in the meeting/hospitality industry associated with “Visit Bloomington” in 1988.

During her professional tenure, she has been involved in all areas of marketing including tourism, motor coach, conventions, sports, and niche development. Laura is an inspiration in her devotion and commitment to Indiana University. She is a proud alumna who supports IU through various efforts including participation on the Monroe County Alumni Chapter board, guest speaking, evaluation panels, hiring staff and internship positions at Visit Bloomington. She is also a volunteer for numerous other organizations throughout the community.
The W. W. Patty Distinguished Alumni Award

Presented annually to graduates of the School who have demonstrated outstanding personal and professional achievement. Since the award’s inception in 1976, recipients have characterized the ideals set forth by the School’s first dean, William W. Patty. Under his leadership, the School rose to national stature and produced some of the finest professionals in the fields of health, physical education, and recreation.

2012 Recipient: Curt Simic

Curt Simic is widely recognized as a national leader in fundraising for higher education, management of foundations, and foundation-institution relationships. He has more than 40 years of experience in all areas of development and alumni and external relations, at both public and private institutions of higher education. His career included leadership positions at Yale, Tennessee, Alabama, Oregon, and California (Berkeley).

The capstone to his career occurred in 1998 when he became president of the Indiana University Foundation, a position he held from 1998 to 2008. In this role, he was the Chief Development Officer for Indiana University, responsible for oversight of all fundraising in a multi-campus development operation with centralized and decentralized functions, investment of the endowment, and development-related administrative services.

The recipient of many awards and honors, he continues to be a presenter and author on development topics and has been an advisor and consultant to many colleges, universities, and non-profit organizations. He has authored book chapters, articles, and brochures about the relationship between foundations and their educational institutions, the fundraising responsibilities of foundation and institutional governing board members, faculty relations, and funding mechanisms for foundations. Curt Simic earned his bachelor’s degree in physical education in 1964.

2012 Recipient: Dr. William A. Oleckno

Dr. William A. Oleckno’s career has been one of excellence as revealed by his many achievements, his unswerving professionalism, and his unwavering dedication to the field of public and environmental health. He has generously shared his talents and time to the betterment of his field as an educator, professional, and mentor.

Since graduating from the University of Pittsburgh in 1973 with a Master of Public Health degree in Environmental Health, William Oleckno has had a long and distinguished career as an academician and program administrator.

He took his first academic position as an instructor in the Public Health Academic Programs at the IU School of Medicine in Indianapolis. There he successfully built and managed the program while teaching and completing his doctoral degree with a focus on environmental health and safety in the School of Public Health (HIPER) at Indiana University Bloomington. Shortly after completing his doctorate degree in 1980, Oleckno became associate professor and coordinator of the newly approved Community Health Program at Northern Illinois University (NIU) in DeKalb. Dr. Oleckno immediately made his mark at NIU by developing first-class academic programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels with new concentrations in Environment and Health, Health Promotion, and Health Administration. During his long career at NIU, Dr. Oleckno was recognized for his outstanding teaching abilities and dedication to students.

The recipient of several teaching and research awards, he also published numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and two popular epidemiology textbooks. Both textbooks have received excellent reviews and have been adopted by faculty at many universities and colleges throughout the United States.

Indiana University Bestows its Highest Alumni Honor to two School Alumni

Two of the School of Public Health’s most prestigious alums also received honors from the University on October 26. IU President Michael A. McRobbie, along with Nancy Hamblin, national chair of the IU Alumni Association presented Dick Enberg and Curt Simic with the University’s Distinguished Alumni Service Award at a ceremony at the Henke Hall of Champions in Bloomington.

The name Dick Enberg is familiar to sports fans all over the world. After beginning his broadcasting career at IU, where he earned both a master’s and doctoral degree in the School of Public Health in health education, he went on to a distinguished career spanning more than half a century. He has broadcast virtually every major sporting event in the country and has won numerous professional honors, including 14 Emmy Awards. Enberg was inducted into the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame. He worked with Billy Packer and Al McGuire in what has been heralded as the best basketball announcing team in television history.

Curt Simic, a recipient of the School of Public Health’s W.W. Patty Award just a week earlier, earned his bachelor’s degree in physical education in 1964. He retired in 2008 from a career of more than 40 years in development at public and private institutions of higher learning, including his last 20 years of service and leadership at the helm of the IU Foundation. Simic has received numerous awards and honors, including the Council for Advancement and Support of Education’s Lifetime Achievement Award, Indiana’s Sagamore of the Wabash and IU’s University Medal.
Before 1960

In November 2011 the Big Ten Conference named football I-Man George Taliaferro, BS’51, as the recipient of the Big Ten’s Dungy-Thompson Humanitarian Award. The award recognizes Big Ten football players who have achieved success in the area of humanitarianism after their college careers have ended. A two-time All-Big Ten halfback, Taliaferro is chairman emeritus of the Children’s Organ Transplant Association and sits on the board of directors of the National Foundation for the Children’s Organ Transplant Association. Taliaferro is also a member of the board of directors of the Sanibel Island Aces, as the area’s premier birding and nature center. Taliaferro lives in Bloomington, Indiana.

Nancy Erickson Carlile, BS’58, of Sanibel, Fla., credits classmate Theodore A. Chandik, BS’59, MS’62, with helping her earn an ‘A’ in ornithology because of their fieldwork — and courting — in Bloomington and Bradford Woods. Jim was also the first director of the Boys’ Club (now Boys and Girls Clubs) in Bloomington. While at IU I had a Little 500 Scholarship and was named Outstanding Senior in Recreation in 1958. Jim continued to work with Boys Clubs, and was founding director at clubs in Huntington, W.Va. and Memphis, Tenn. He retired in 1993, after 38 years with Boys Club organizations, and died in 1998. I retired from the University of Memphis in 1992 where I was an academic advisor for student athletes. After raising our five children in Memphis, we retired to a winter home on Sanibel Island, Fla., and a summer place in Star Valley, Wyoming. I continue to move back and forth between the two.

1960s

Gary L. Wegenke, MS’64, has retired as dean of the College of Education and Human Development at Western Michigan University. He lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

After receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American College Health Association, Robert J. Wirag, MS’65, HSD’72, retired in June 2011 as director of Health Services at the University of Central Florida. He previously served as director of Student Health Service at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Wirag, who was inducted into the Sturzebecker Hall of Fame in the College of Health Sciences at West Chester University of Pennsylvania in October 2011, lives in Winter Springs, Florida.

1970s

Henry W. Davieros, BS’72, and his wife, Judith (McCain), BS’70, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at their beachside home in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. They also marked the milestone by taking their four grandchildren to Disneyworld. Henry is an administrative dean with Orange County Schools in Orlando. Judith, who is now retired, taught high-school biology for a number of years. The Davieros live in Maitland, Florida.

Basketball I-Man Stephen Downing, BS’73, MS’78, is athletics director at Marian University in Indianapolis. A former IU basketball player who was a member of the Boston Celtics from 1973 to 1975, Downing previously served as associate director of athletics at Texas Tech.

Keith H. Adkins, BA’77, MS’80, is senior pastor at Irvington United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. He is the author of Wrestling with Scripture: How to Interpret the Bible, published in May, and A Natural History of Scripture: How the Bible Evolved, published in November 2010. Both books are available on his website, www.keithhadkins.com.

"After 20 years as a recreation therapist, I went back to school and became a massage therapist," writes Rebecca J. Codiano, BS’78. She adds, “I have been a massage therapist for 14 years and own Therapeutic Solutions in Richmond, Indiana. I can be reached at becky@yourpathtohealthandwellness.com. She lives in Richmond.

1980s

Richard E. Killingsworth, MPH’88, writes, “I am very pleased to be sending you an exciting update about my transition to the State of Delaware Division of Public Health as the Chief of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. My last official day with the National Foundation will be December 31, 2012 and I am very honored and proud to have served as the inaugural Executive Director for this congressionally chartered foundation. The opportunity before me now brings me back to the roots of my professional career – public health, a profession I deeply and passionately love. I will be leading a team of over 100 professionals that manage issues in physical activity, nutrition, tobacco, obesity, diabetes, cancer, WIC, violence prevention, and many other important public health issues. My colleagues in Delaware are extremely dedicated and committed to the mission of public health and I am excited and honored to be serving beside them in our quest to improve the health of the First State and making it the healthiest state in the nation.”
1990s

Thomas A. Durso, MS’94, of Honolulu, is the lacrosse coach for Punahou School, which won the 2011 Hawaii High School boys’ lacrosse championship.

Mary C. Schutten, PED’94, is associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and professor of movement science at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich. She was the recipient of the College/University Health Education Specialist Award from the American Association for Health Education in 2011. Schutten lives in Grand Haven, Mich.

Sage Steele-Bailey, BS’95, a recipient of the School’s 2011 Anita Aldrich Distinguished Alumni Award was keynote speaker at the 2012 IU Alumni Association’s Cream and Crimson Alumni Leaders Conference. Steele-Bailey graduated from IU with a degree in Sports Communication in 1995. She joined ESPN in 2007 and is a co-host of ESPN’s flagship show, SportsCenter. Most recently, Steele-Bailey served as update host during live daytime SportsCenter editions, which debuted in August 2008. She began her television career at television station WSBT in South Bend, Ind., as a producer and reporter, then worked at CBS affiliate WISH-TV in Indianapolis from 1997-1998 as the weekend morning sports anchor and weekday reporter. Steele-Bailey lives in Canton, Connecticut.

Football I-Man Christopher J. Dittoe, BS’96, is president and co-owner of Dittoe Public Relations in Indianapolis. A quarterback for IU, he was a member of the Detroit Lions for two years. Dittoe lives in Indianapolis.

James B. Lewis, PhD’96, associate professor of human performance and health education at Western Michigan University, is a recipient of 2012 President’s Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition Community Leadership Award. The award is presented annually in recognition of efforts to improve the lives of others by making sports, physical activity, fitness, and nutrition-related programs available in their communities. Lewis, a WMU faculty member since 1995, is a recreation expert who also specializes in rural tourism, especially the development of rural areas through tourism. He lives in Portage, Mich.

Analia Garcia Gutierrez, BS’97, MPH’01, has worked for WebMD as a health educator since October 2007. She lives in Zionsville, Indiana.

Amy White Prince, MS’97, writes “I am working for the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and loving it!” The organization works to address childhood obesity. Prince is also an independent arts and crafts professional who lives in Portland, Ore.

Joseph D. Pollaro, BS’98, and his wife, Tarrah Smith Pollaro, BS’00, welcomed their first child, daughter Adella Mary, in October. Joseph is a vice president with JP Morgan Securities and Tarrah left her sales and marketing position with IMG to be a stay-at-home mom. The couple lives and works in San Francisco, California.

In September 2011, Josh E. Rawitch, BS’98, accepted the position of senior vice president for communications for the Arizona Diamondbacks, a Major League Baseball franchise. He was previously vice president of communications at the Los Angeles Dodgers. Rawitch has also served as an adjunct professor at the Annenberg School for Communications at the University of Southern California. He lives in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Patrick J. Sly Jr., BS’99, lives in Manila, Philippines, with his wife Jana (Black), BS’99, and his three children — Lauren, 8; Garren, 6; and Joe, 1. Sly is a director with Mead Johnson Nutrition, a major manufacturer of infant formula. His wife is a stay-at-home mother. Sly adds, “The entire family is enjoying our adventures in Asia.” He can be reached at pjslyjr@aol.com.

2000s

Amy L. Zeskind, BS’02, writes, “My husband, Ken, and I are proud and delighted to report the birth of our son, Brandon Liam Zeskind, in February.” A former clinical dietitian, Zeskind is now a stay-at-home mother. She adds, “[My kids] are the best bosses I have ever had even though my hours are a lot longer than they ever were working in a hospital.” Zeskind lives in West Bloomfield, Michigan.

Debra L. Herbenick, MPH’03, PhD’07, is a research scientist and sexual health educator at Indiana University, a widely read sex columnist, blogger, and author of six books. Her books include Because It Feels Good: A Woman’s Guide to Sexual Pleasure and Satisfaction (2009), The Good in Bed Guide to Anal Pleasuring (2011), Read My Lips: A Complete Guide to the Vagina and Vulva (2011), Great in Bed (2012) and Sex Made Easy (2012). She is also the author of a children’s book, The I Love You More Book (2011). Herbenick is associate director of the Center for Sexual Health Promotion in the School of Public Health at IU, where she is an associate research scientist. She is also a sexual health educator at the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction where she writes (and hosts audio podcasts of) the “Kinsey Confidential” column. In addition, Herbenick is certified as a sexuality educator from the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists and the founder and editor-in-chief of the popular blog MySexProfessor.com. From 2004 through 2012, she wrote a weekly sex advice column for Time Out Chicago and, since 2003, she has written sex columns and blogs for Men’s Health. Herbenick has also appeared several times as an expert in relationships and human sexuality on The Today Show, The Tyra Banks Show, The Doctors, and on various PBS specials. On one occasion, she taught about the vulva by using a vulva puppet on Tyra. The clip resulted in millions of views on YouTube and also aired on The Soup and Best Week Ever.

Kathy L. Osborn, BA/BS’87, JD’99, and Sarah C. Jenkins, Cert/BAF’03, JD’06, who both work in the Indianapolis office of the law firm Faegre Baker Daniels, were named recipients of the 2011 Pro Bono Award for Attorney Aiding Individuals by the Indianapolis Bar Association. Osborn, a partner in the firm’s antitrust, appellate, and business litigation practices, and Jenkins, a business litigation associate, were recognized for providing access to justice to underserved individuals. In its announcement, the IBA described Osborn and Jenkins’ recent work on a guardianship case on behalf of a man with a mental health disability who was living in a homeless shelter when he approached Faegre Baker Daniels about legal representation. In 2007, the man’s guardian caused his home and personal belongings to be demolished against his wishes, without his consent, and without notice. He came to Faegre Baker Daniels seeking legal assistance, and Osborn and Jenkins agreed to represent him on a pro bono basis. The pair spent almost 700 hours advocating for his rights through legal advocacy briefings, meetings, and social service contacts and litigated the client’s case with a successful result from the Indiana Court of Appeals. In addition to litigating the case, Osborn and Jenkins developed effective communication and representation strategies to facilitate the process of counseling a client with a mental health disability. The strategies they constructed and employed during this case have been the focus of various continuing legal education presentations on this topic. Osborn and Jenkins were honored along with other award winners at the IBA’s annual recognition luncheon in November 2011, at the Conrad Indianapolis. Osborn and Jenkins both live in Indianapolis.

Laura B. Overton, BAF’05, MS’06, of Indianapolis, is Web editor at the National Sports Journalism Center on the campus of IUPUI in Indianapolis.

Holly P. Piilewski, BS’05, works as a physician’s assistant in Asheville, North Carolina. She is actively involved in the Western North Carolina Chapter of the IU Alumni Association.

Eric J. Spoonmore, BS’05, MPA’07, is assistant director of development at the IU Kelley School of Business. His wife, Lindsey (Jarrett), BS’05, is an events planner at the Kelley School of Business. The couple lives in Bloomington, Indiana.
As a finance and real estate major with a minor in dance, Tonya Vachirasomboon, BS’05, JD’08, planned to own a dance studio one day. Now she practices in the business advisory department at the law firm Bingham Greenebaum Doll in Indianapolis, advising clients on mergers and acquisitions, start-ups and contracts. [Minor in Public Health]

Katherine Grenda Sansone, BAJ’06, writes that she was married in April. Communications and marketing director of a New York City recruiting firm she also serves as social media manager for the Metro New York Chapter of the IU Alumni Association. Sansone lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. [Minor in Public Health]

Emily I. Finkelstein, BS’07, has been recognized by Inc. 500 for running one of America’s Fastest Growing Companies. NextLot, an online auction software provider, gives auction houses the ability to broadcast their events online, attracting bidders from around the world. Finkelstein writes, “IU was the place where I was able to gain the experience, skills, and overall desire to become an entrepreneur, which has allowed me the opportunity to run my own business.” She lives in Raleigh, N.C.

Kimberly J. Spieth, BS’08, is director of marketing and communications at the YMCA of Harrison County in Corydon, Ind., where she lives.

Sean E. Russell, BS’09, is a rental account manager with the transportation and logistics company Ryder. In August, he married Stefanie H. Conrad BS’09, a dietician who specializes in home tube-feeding supplies and services, they met on the IU campus in Bloomington. The couple lives in New Orleans.

Ashley N. Lowe, BS’10, is a ticket office intern at Michigan State University.

Brian A. Smith, BS’10, received a master of arts’ degree in athletic administration from Ball State University in 2012. He is a sports writer and columnist for Irish Sports Daily. Smith lives in New Castle, Ind.

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Meet one group of people who are helping shape the School of Public Health’s future. The Office of Development and Communications oversees all marketing, development, and alumni and donor relations activities for the School of Public Health.

The office provides strategic communications expertise to meet the school’s institutional objectives, including media relations, collateral materials development, online communications initiatives, and branding. We consult with departments, centers, programs, and faculty members on a wide range of communications and development issues.

With more than 20,000 alumni living worldwide, this is no easy task. But staff are dedicated to cultivating ongoing relationships and demonstrating how the School intends to continue to be relevant in an ever-changing global economy.

Our School is known for one of the most active and influential alumni groups in the United States and our graduates, current students, and prospective students are a part of this loyal support network. The school’s image, and the alumni and donors who support us, ensure our continued growth and success.

Our goal is to protect, maintain, and enhance the reputation of the Indiana University School of Public Health—Bloomington through the development of consistent messages and cohesive design for both print and electronic media and to practice outstanding stewardship with donors and alumni.

The Office of Development and Communications thanks you for being a part of this exciting time!
A new School needs a online presence. Much hard work and team effort have resulted in providing a beautiful and relevant new gateway to our school:

publichealth.indiana.edu

Aside from its obvious new features, the site was specifically designed to work well with mobile devices. In an age of increasing use of mobile phones and tablet technology to access information, the new site’s programming can detect how the site is being accessed and can display the information formatted in a way best for the devices. This is one of the many ways staff have attempted to make the site useful for prospective students, current students, faculty, staff, and friends of our school.

It’s also important to note that the “feel” of the new site makes the most of the School’s proud distinction of being in the heart of the Bloomington campus. The visuals reinforce the School’s identity as part of a long and cherished tradition stemming back decades.

As feedback is received and new features are deployed the new site will continue to evolve, grow, and provide a compelling interface to engage with the wider world. Your feedback is most welcomed. Feel free to email sphodc@indiana.edu with your constructive comments.

Move over Yale, Columbia, and Ohio State! Coming in at number 10, our School’s social media (Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn) is already ranked above some pretty big names in schools of public health. What’s incredible is that the School attained the status after launching its social networking on August 1, 2012.

Why is social media important?
As the rankings note, for schools trying to attract prospective students, social media is no longer optional. A recent survey revealed that about two-thirds of high school students check out schools on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube before exploring their options further. Likewise, staying connected to our great alumni and friends is another important reason to redouble our social media efforts.