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Student Showcase: Corbin Stoh

Corbin Stoh – Altoona, PA (Class of 2023)

1. Why did you choose the IUP Health & Physical Education program?

I chose IUP's Health & Physical Education program for a multitude of different reasons. First and foremost, IUP has one of, if not the best PE program in the state and I felt that gave me the best opportunity to strive as a professional. IUP also offers smaller class sizes, which I felt would allow me to reach my full potential as a student.

2. What are your plans after you complete your undergraduate program?

My plans after completing my undergrad are to find a job in a school district that's hiring. I'm currently a JR. High School Football coach and would love to continue that wherever I end up!

3. What advice would you give a prospective students that's considering the Health & PE program?

My advice for students looking to get into the HPED field is to go for it! This major has outstanding professors that want to see you thrive as a student and as a professional. Also, to me there is nothing more rewarding than being able to impact a student's life by teaching them the value of living a healthy and active lifestyle and would highly encourage others who have a passion for health and physical education to join!

4. What's your favorite thing to do during your free time?

My favorite things to do in my free time consist of enjoying time with my friends and family, coaching football and baseball & watching Notre Dame football.



Faculty Focus: Dr. James Racchini

Dr. James Racchini, Assistant Chairperson, in the Health and Physical Education-Athletic Training program

Dr. James Racchini is very familiar with the KHSS department at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Racchini is originally from Blairsville, PA, and attended IUP in the early 90s, which he majored in Health and Physical Education. After graduating from IUP, Racchini went off to Frostburg State University to pursue a Master's Degree. While at Frostburg, Racchini was a Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer for the Men's Soccer, Volleyball, and Baseball team. After getting a great experience from Frostburg, Racchini started his Athletic Training career at the University of Pitt Bradford and Marywood University.



While working at these two universities, Racchini started teaching different classes, which sparked his interest in teaching. After Pitt Bradford and Marywood, Racchini made his way back to Frostburg State as a Program Director for the newly formed Athletic Training program.

While being away from IUP, Racchini hoped he could revisit his good experience he had during his undergraduate career at IUP. Once he was offered a position at IUP, it was a no brainer for him, which led him back to his roots of Blairsville and Indiana. Dr. Racchini enters his 18th year at IUP, and he keeps busy with different activities. He keeps up with his personal fitness, while also officiating high school and small college basketball.

Interested in giving to the IUP KHSS Department?

The Kinesiology, Health, and Sport Science Department is happy to announce that we have decided to establish a KHSS Freshman Scholarship. We are looking forward to providing financial support to incoming freshmen to show commitment to our discipline and our belief in the talent of incoming freshmen who have chosen fields and future careers in KHSS.

Anyone wishing to help fund this scholarship can donate using the link:

<http://www.iup.edu/givetoKHSS>

(Please share this link with alumni, student organizations, and all in the IUP community!)



Featured Alumni: Alonzo Santiago

Alonzo Santiago, '17, Director of Events for Stadiumlinks

Alonzo Santiago is from Hermitage, PA. He attended Hickory High School. Before attending IUP, his older sister attended 2 years before he did. Alonzo visited his sister during his senior year of high school, and he fell in love with the campus. He didn't consider any other options after that one visit.

Throughout his time at IUP, his career plans changed numerous times. His original career plan was to become a Division 1 college Athletic Director. After that, he was focusing on social media/media relations. It wasn't until after he graduated, he found his passion for special events. While figuring out his career plans, Alonzo's favorite two classes that he took was Event and Facilities and Managing Budgets in Sports. During his time at IUP, Santiago said, Dr. Joshua Castle and Dr. Bob Kostelnik were incredibly helpful to him. "They had a wealth of knowledge that they were always sharing with us."



Santiago interned with the Sports Information department while at IUP. The experience with the Sports Information department opened his eye to an aspect of sports he wasn't familiar with. After interning at IUP, Santiago interned for FC Dallas, a soccer team in Major League Soccer (MLS). This internship was the first job that gave him a passion for events. For his internship duties, Santiago supervised the team's 18-field training complex. Santiago made a good impression during his internship, which led FC Dallas to offer him a full-time position.

After gaining different experiences in the sports world, Santiago has recently found a new position that best suits him. In July 2022, he became the Director of Events for Stadiumlinks. Stadiumlinks transforms stadiums into golf courses, which is a one-of-a-kind experience for golfers. He runs every aspect of event planning and logistics. He loves this role because it is exactly what he wants to be doing. It comes with a lot of cool travel opportunities and getting to see places he otherwise may have never gone to. He also does a lot of recruiting/hiring. He loves talking to/interviewing people, so this is another fun part of the job.

Santiago's advice to current IUP students in the Sports Management program would be "Apply Apply Apply!!" You must be actively searching and applying for internships/jobs in the industry. Going to Texas and working with FC Dallas was never a part of his plan. He didn't have any plans. Santiago just applied to jobs non-stop. "If you make applying to jobs your job, then eventually it will work out. You also need to not get discouraged by rejection." For every job that Santiago gotten, he has been rejected by dozen more jobs. "That's just the nature of the industry". Santiago suggests not to wait. "A lot of students will wait until junior/senior year to start building experience. From the moment you get on campus as a freshman you should start looking into what part-time opportunities there are on campus in sports."

Three KHSS Alumni Inducted in the IUP Hall of Fame

On September 24, 2022, the IUP Athletic Department inducted the class of 2022 to their Hall of Fame. Among the inductees, there are 3 KHSS alumni that will be representing the Sports Administration, Sports Studies, and Exercise Physiology majors.

Akwasi Owusu-Ansah: B.S. (Sports Administration) '14
2006-2010 (Football)

- While playing at IUP, Owusu-Ansah was an All-American as both a defensive back and all-purpose back in 2009. Had eight interceptions in the 2008 season. The Dallas Cowboys selected Owusu-Ansah in the fourth round of the 2010 NFL Draft. He also played for Jacksonville, Oakland, and Detroit. In 2017, Owusu-Ansah won the Grey Cup with the Canadian Football League's Toronto Argonauts.

Erin Holloway: B.S. (Sports Administration)'11 Master's (Sports Studies) '12
2007-2011 (Softball)

- Holloway is known for her outstanding records at IUP. She was a first team All-American, the Atlantic Region and PSAC Central Pitcher of the Year in the 2011 season. Holloway led IUP to program's first ever PSAC title and Division II World Series appearance. Holloway graduated as school's all-time leader in every pitching category.

Katie Woodruff Britt: B.S. (Exercise Physiology) '95
1991-1995 (Swimming)

- Britt had an amazing athletic career at IUP. Britt was a 12-time All-American. She set IUP records in three individual events in five relays. PSAC Champion, conference record in 200 free relay. Five top-10 finishes in USA Swimming Long Course National Championships.



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