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I cannot believe the academic year is over, as it just seemed to fly by so quickly. We had a wonderful year and celebrated the graduation of many, several weeks ago. To continue that celebration, this edition of the college newsletter is all about our students and the wonderful things they do while here at IUP. From collaborating with faculty on research to winning awards and receiving scholarships, our students come from a variety of backgrounds, and they work hard to get the most out of the education they are receiving. Their hard work and accomplishments shine a bright light on our college, and we are very proud of them! If you have questions or just want to visit, please feel free to do so, as we would love to hear from you. Thank you for all that you do to support our students with internships, jobs, encouragement, and overall. We are great because of the support that you provide.

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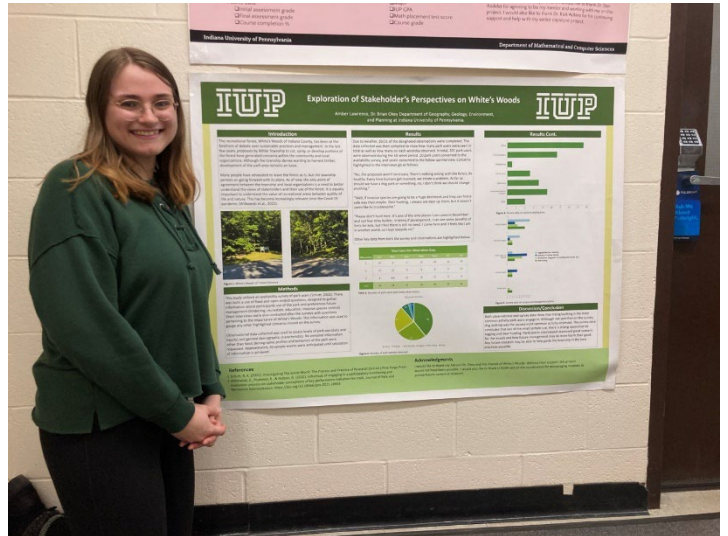
Equality Video Created by IUP Student



Mr. Thomas Oraskovich (Sociology and Political Science/Pre-law) recently created an LGBTQIA+ video that was shared with all IUP students as part of his role in IUP's Student Government Association. Through the project, he was able to utilize the skills he gained in his sociology courses at IUP. Mr. Oraskovich is grateful for the opportunity to create the video and promote equality at IUP. He said, "Through my sociology courses, I was able to gain a deeper understanding of the issues facing the LGBTQIA+ community, and I was able to use that knowledge to create something that I hope will make a difference." Mr. Oraskovich's video was well-received by the IUP community and served as a reminder of IUP's commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. He is determined to continue making a positive impact on the university and the community.

Undergraduate Student Participation in U-SOAR

Ms. Amber Lawrence (Sociology) participated in the 2022 Undergraduate Summer Opportunity for Applying Research (U-SOAR) program under the direction of Dr. Brian Okey (Geography) and with assistance from Dr. Valerie Gunter (Sociology). For her project, Ms. Lawrence measured public opinion on the use of White's Woods, a recreational forest area in Indiana County. For years, proposals by White Township to develop, spray, and possibly log the park for profit have generated concerns within the community and local organizations. Her academic interest in environmental sociology led her to work with Friends of White's Woods to explore why and how the park is used. Using a mixed methods approach, Ms. Lawrence observed over 200 park users, completed 20 availability surveys, and conducted seven qualitative interviews over a 20-day observation period. She found consensus among park users that White's Woods should be left alone from human tampering and kept as a natural area. The participants in her study enjoy the area and see it positively impacting their physical and mental health. On April 17, 2023, Ms. Lawrence discussed her research on a local radio broadcast further demonstrating the public impact of sociological inquiry.



FDNT Department Ambassador talks with Alumni

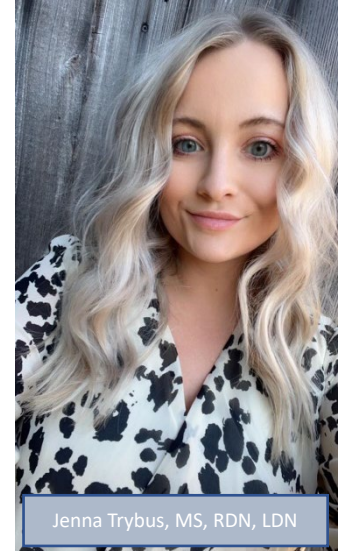


Megan Sensue, RDN, LDN

The IUP Food and Nutrition (FDNT) Department Ambassadors had the opportunity to speak with several alumni this semester. Graduate ambassador coordinator, Emily Crusan, strengthened alumni connections by inviting FDNT ambassador alumni to present to the current ambassador team. FDNT Ambassador alumni guest speakers included Jenna Trybus, MS, RDN, LDN (class of 2020), Megan Sensue, RDN, LDN (class of 2021), and Abigail Nettle, RDN, LDN (class of 2021). Each alumnus presented/attended as a guest speaker during the program's biweekly ambassador meetings.

The alumni shared descriptions of their current jobs as registered dietitian-nutritionists, memories from their IUP FDNT undergraduate ambassador experience, and post-graduation advice. The undergraduate ambassadors were excited to learn about the different positions one can hold in the field of nutrition. Jenna works with bariatric surgery patients as an outpatient dietitian. Megan works with the older adult population as a long-term care dietitian. Abby works with persons with diabetes as a private practice dietitian. The variety of employment among the three alumni inspired the ambassadors for their own futures in the field. Ambassador, Sarah Mason, stated, "Having the alumni speakers was very beneficial as I gained a deeper understanding of their professions and experience as RDNs."

The presentations confirmed the bonds formed within the Food and Nutrition Department. The alumni were enthusiastic to offer their support to current students. Ambassador, Madi Cumberland, shared, "I enjoyed that each speaker spoke so highly of being an ambassador and how it helped them in their current career. I also appreciate that gave us contact information so we could talk to them further if we needed to. It really feels like they want us to succeed in our futures as nutrition professionals." The FDNT Department Ambassadors Program has created many relationships, both personal and professional for many years. The program continues to create excellent rapport between the department and prospective students, current students, and alumni.



Jenna Trybus, MS, RDN, LDN



Abigail Nettle, RDN, LDN

Criminology Doctoral Student Wins Award

Alessa Juarez, a doctoral student in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, was the recipient of the graduate student Outstanding Oral award for the College of Health and Human Services at IUP's 2023 Scholars Forum for her presentation "Evaluating Moral Reasoning and the Efficacy of Ethics Course Among Criminal Justice Majors. Drs. Shannon Phaneuf and Sadie Miller served as faculty mentors.



Using data collected from 187 CRIM majors at IUP in the fall of 2022, the study explored whether undergraduate criminology majors oriented toward law enforcement differ from those oriented toward other areas of the discipline, such as courts, victim services, corrections, or private security. The study also examined the role ethics classes and/or content play in developing moral reasoning. Dependent variables for this study consisted of three scales that assessed students' ethical perspectives and moral reasoning. The scales represented less serious ethical violations, moderate ethical violations, and serious ethical violations. Each scale consisted of a series of hypothetical situations that required students to make a moral decision regarding their actions in that scenario. For each scenario, students were asked the likelihood they would engage in the behavior described in the scenario. Students responded on a 5-point Likert scale from "would definitely not engage" to "would definitely engage". Students' scores were then summed to create three separate scales based on the level of severity of the ethical violation.

Preliminary findings suggest that interest in law enforcement as a career was significant for moderate ethical violations (as opposed to serious or less serious ethical violations for which there were no significant differences between groups). Specifically, those interested in a career in law enforcement had significantly less likelihood of engaging in moderate ethical violations than majors interested in careers in some other sector of the field. Additionally, analyses suggested there were no significant differences in moral decision making for those who completed a full course on ethics versus those who had not completed such a course. Lastly, having a course where the topic of ethics was included in some way was significant for less serious ethical violations—specifically, those who had an ethical topic in a course were more likely to engage in less serious ethical violations. Most of these violations were minor and considered deviant, not necessarily criminal, behavior. Alessa's presentation also discussed implications for policy and future research.

Culinary Students Awarded Scholarship



Two IUP Academy of Culinary Arts students received the 2022–23 Linda Drummond Deabenderfer Scholarship. Each student will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to use towards their educational expenses. John Serian, Punxsutawney (left), and Michael Stibrik, Commodore (right) were the recipients of the Linda Drummond Deabenderfer Scholarship. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be in good academic standing with special consideration given to residents of Armstrong, Indiana, and Jefferson counties. Linda Drummond Deabenderfer, a long-time supporter and member of the IUP Academy of Culinary Arts Advisory Committee, established the scholarship to financially support students in the culinary field at IUP. Congratulations John and Michael and thank you

Linda for providing the scholarship!

Students Celebrate National Nutrition Month

In March 2023, the National Nutrition Month (NNM) committee, which is a part of the Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics (S.A.N.D), hosted a variety of events to help IUP students celebrate National Nutrition Month. National Nutrition Month was created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics as an annual campaign to educate people about making informed food choices and developing healthy eating patterns and physical activity habits. This year, the theme for National Nutrition Month was “Fuel up for the future,” and encouraged individuals to eat with sustainability in mind. To kick off National Nutrition Month, the committee held a smoothie sale on March 8th



outside the HUB gym, where students could buy a smoothie made with banana, coconut oil, flax seed, soy milk, and spinach for two dollars. The proceeds from this event were donated to the IUP Food Pantry and Help Center. On March 23rd, NNM hosted the 7th annual crock pot cook-off in the HUB Susquehanna room. This event was open to anyone in the Indiana community; for two dollars, community members could come and sample a variety of soups and cast their vote for their favorite. This year, thirteen teams participated and consisted of undergraduate students, graduate students, and individuals from the Indiana community. Over \$400 was raised to support the IUP Food Pantry and Help Center! To end the lineup of events, the National Nutrition Month committee and the Department of Food and Nutrition hosted Liz Dunn, MS, RD, LDN, to give two presentations that shined a light on the world of adaptive sports and spinal cord injury. Her first presentation, “Spinal Cord Injury: Maximizing Nutrition to Minimize Complications” was given to all Food and Nutrition majors, and the second presentation, “Adaptive Sports: Similarities and Differences in Sport and Nutrition,” was open to the IUP community. These presentations mark the end of another successful campus-wide celebration of wellness and healthful living during National Nutrition Month. Pictured L to R: Members of the Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics Sarah Anderson (Senior) and Amber McClure (Junior)

KHSS Student Has Passion for Athletics

Senior, Samantha Traini, from Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, originally attended University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown for the first two years of college. Then she made the decision to transfer to IUP. Traini majored in accounting while at UPJ, but once she transferred to IUP, she made the choice to change her major to sports administration. “Whenever I transferred, the first thing I did was get a job working with IUP Athletics. I quickly learned that I had a passion for athletics, so I switched my major to Sport Administration so that whenever I graduate, I will be able pursue a career doing something I enjoy.” Since changing her major, Traini has enjoyed her sport administration classes. The classes she has taken so far have made her feel like she can be fully prepared for when she starts her career in the sports industry. Throughout her time at IUP, Traini has appreciated her professors for molding her knowledge.

“Professors at IUP, especially in the KHSS department truly do want their students to succeed. My professors are always willing to answer questions I may have, and they encourage students to get involved both on and off campus by providing countless opportunities.” While a full-time student, Traini works for IUP’s athletic department, which draws her interest even more in the sports industry. She has grown to enjoy her time in sports information. Traini would like to pursue a career in sports information, which involves her compiling statistics and information about athletes during games. Also, Traini would work on putting together that information, so she can post it on websites for the public to view. Since she has enjoyed her time in extra-curricular activities, Traini would like to advise prospective students to be involved in activities outside of class. “I would say to get involved. My one professor continuously tells us that having a degree is great but having experience is what will set you apart from others.” Despite her busy schedule, Traini likes to hang out with friends and be active.



International Honors Society Welcomes New Members



IUP’s chapter of Psi Chi, the International Honors Society in Psychology, inducted fifteen new members into the honor society this year. To be eligible, students need to be a Psychology major or minor, have an overall GPA of 3.3 or higher and a Psychology GPA of 3.0 or higher. Congratulations to our new members! From left to right: Tyler Swanson, Rachel Snyder, Sandra Shanshala, Emily Richards, Darcy Mossholder, Trinity Miller, Brendan McGurgan, Kylie Krantz, Kyle Dovidio,

Olivia Durand (Vice President), Symia, Taimuty-Loomis Front row: Danielle Manning (Social Media Chair), Morgan Zagorski (President) Not present: Kayla Dawes, Katelyn Rayba, Haley Ross.

Community Nutrition Students Engaged in Service-Learning

Community nutrition students successfully planned and implemented two service-learning projects to support our IUP community and food insecure children of Indiana County. The project netted 508 items donated to the IUP Food Pantry and Help Center and over \$1,000 for the Indiana County Community Action Program’s Power Pack Program.

Jodie Seybold, PhD, RDN, LDN and the students enrolled in her Community Nutrition course this Spring 2023 put together two service-learning projects that supported the IUP community and the Indiana County community.

March was National Nutrition Month and this year's theme was Fuel for the Future. Dr. Seybold and the students in Community Nutrition focused on that message when developing their service-learning projects. As community nutritionists and public health practitioners, identifying needs and gaps in services is one of the central skills in these professions. Working with Malaika Turner and Tina Wiggins at the IUP Food Pantry and Help Center, the community nutrition class was able to collect 508 items that were delivered to the pantry for student access.

When identifying gaps, reviewing statistics is essential to building a case for proposing change. The current statistics of food insecurity among children in Indiana County is 18.2%. That is almost 1 of every 5 children in the county who struggle with obtaining enough quantity and quality of food. The Power Pack Program, a national program through Feeding America, provides children pre-K – 6th grade with weekend food items to get them through until the next offered meal at school. Local organizations and pantries are authorized to run the program through grant- and donation-focused funding. ICCAP, Indiana County's central pantry, offers the Power Pack Program in support of over 800 children.



However, the program only runs when people donate. The Community Nutrition students worked to solicit donations from community organizations that totaled over \$1,100. With a generous donation from Mr. Joshua Muscatello and the 9th Street Deli group, a total of \$2,218 will support county children in need.

You can donate to both the IUP Food Pantry and Help Center and to ICCAP's Power Pack Program at any time. We hope you continue to give through the year.

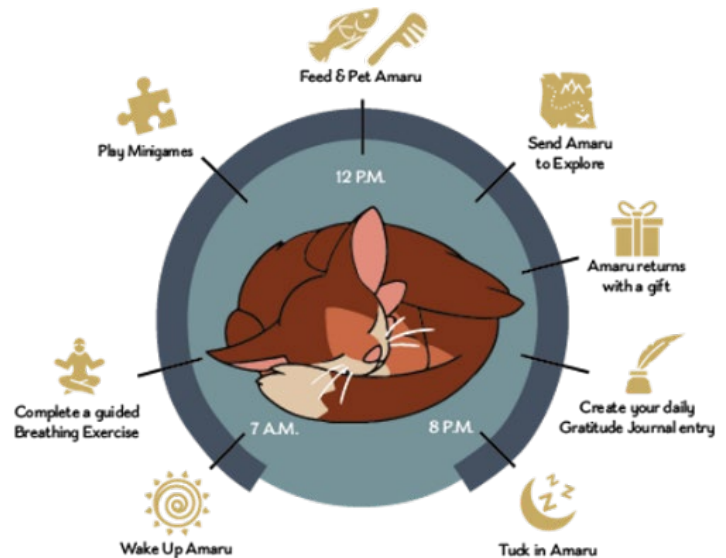
IUP Doctoral Student Receives IUP Funding

Sarah Gann, a student in Indiana University of Pennsylvania's clinical psychology doctoral program, is launching a study designed to determine how a virtual pet game application can affect adolescent mental health. Gann's presentation of this proposed study, "Amaru: A Golden Key to the Adolescent Mental Health Crisis," won IUP's 2022's Three-Minute Thesis competition. After completing the university's required research approval process during the fall semester, Gann is ready to launch her research project and is looking for adolescent participants (children between the ages of 13 and 18). "Adolescents have been experiencing a mental health crisis for years," said Gann, who is a therapist at Lake Psychological Services in Indiana in addition to her full-time studies at IUP. "There are just not enough child and adolescent therapists and counselors available for children who are in need of these services—waiting lists can be up to six weeks for care—and there are not enough resources," she said.

“Schools don’t always have the resources to teach self-care and anti-anxiety strategies, and parents aren’t always aware of how to help their children in this area,” she said. “This population is very connected to their phones, so I started thinking about the best ways to leverage teenagers’ use of cellphones to help them improve self-care, and in turn, their mental health,” Gann said. “While there are many apps that target mental health, very few are engaging,” Gann said. “While an app cannot replace therapy, I am hoping that Amaru can be one way to overcome some of the barriers to receiving treatment and help improve teen’s mental health,” she said. “I really liked that the Amaru program was created by a psychologist, so it has a lot of evidence-based practices at its foundation. It’s also very engaging and very simple to understand and play. It has a goal of just three self-care practices a day, so it can be easily adapted to almost anyone,” she said. In the game, players are introduced to an anxious magical creature named Amaru. When Amaru feels anxious, the player must complete a self-care task to help him calm down. These self-care goals are selected by the player and include engaging in mindful meditations, journaling, taking screen breaks, movement, and bonding with Amaru, Gann said. For the study, the participants will be asked to keep the goals of mindful meditation and journaling but are encouraged to select a goal most relevant to themselves for the third task. Completing self-care tasks results in a strengthening of the player’s “aura” and the appearance of “gratitude glints,” which contain messages of encouragement and beads that can be used to virtually purchase items at the virtual shop. The player can also bond with Amaru by giving him food, petting him, and playing relaxing mini games, including puzzles and music memory games. The more the bond with Amaru grows and the player’s aura grows, the less often Amaru experiences anxiety upon waking. To encourage players to spend time away from the screen, Amaru loses energy after 15 minutes of play and must take a 30-minute nap to regain energy.

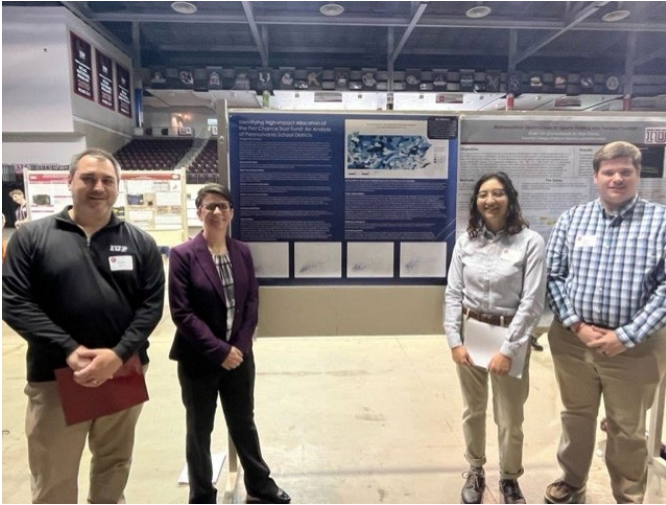
Alternatively, Amaru can go on adventures to bring back artifacts, during which the player is encouraged to take a screen break. Sleep boundaries are also encouraged by setting sleep and wake times for the player, with Amaru losing energy at bedtime. The game does include a referral system where you can earn friend coins for inviting others, but it is not a social game and players do not interact. “I also think adolescents will like the fact that at its core, the app has them focusing on taking care of Amaru; to take care of Amaru, they need to take care of themselves,”

Gann said. The game developer is Gabriel Pappalardo from Six Wing Studios. While Six Wing Studios has conducted internal research to support its claims that Amaru benefits self-care practice, focus, anxiety, stress, and mood, Pappalardo was very supportive of a validation study from an external academic institution, Gann said. While the game developer will see the results of Gann’s study, no participant names will be used in reporting results. Both the adolescent participants and parents will be required to fill out consent forms and short questionnaires at specific times during the study. Adolescents are asked to play the game daily for between 10 to 30 minutes. Parents and adolescent participants will receive a modest stipend, which is funded through an IUP Graduate Student Research Grant. Persons interested in participating in the study can contact Gann at cckbc@iup.edu, or Gann’s faculty advisor, Stephanie Davis, at sdavis@iup.edu. Participants are being enrolled in the study on a



rolling basis through the end of the spring semester; Gann is looking for 30 to 40 participants. “The Amaru program was originally marketed towards adults to address burnout in the workplace,” Gann said. “But because adolescent brains are still developing, adolescence is a critical time to learn skills that help with self-care and positive mental health strategies,” she said. Gann is the daughter of Paul and Michelle Gann and is a 2015 graduate of Normandy High School. While at IUP, she has participated in the Forensic Journal Club and the PsyD Graduate Student Organization.

Sociology Students Present at Undergraduate Scholars Forum



Two IUP students, Angel Alcantara (minor Sociology) and Owen Zablocki (major Sociology) presented research posters at the Undergraduate Scholars Forum as part of their training as inaugural Justice Research Fellows (JRF) at the Administration and Leadership Studies Research and Training Center (ALS-RTC). The Justice Research Fellowship allowed Alcantara and Zablocki to participate in "real life," practical mini-research projects with ALS-RTC faculty during the spring 2023 semester. Alcantara's poster is entitled "Identifying High-Impact Allocation of the First Chance Trust Fund: An Analysis of Pennsylvania School Districts." Their study is intended to determine

which Pennsylvania school districts would benefit the most from the allocation of revenues from the First Chance Trust Fund, which provide at-risk youth with constructive opportunities, such as establishing scholarships and providing grants to youth programs, aimed at reducing criminal behavior.

Zablocki's poster is entitled "Comparison of County Level Assaults and Issuance of Protection From Abuse Orders in Pennsylvania." His study analyzed how well county UCR assault arrest rates predicted Protection From Abuse issuance rates for the state of Pennsylvania. His study also provided choropleth map visualizations of three years of county level rates for both domestic assault and Protection From Abuse issuances. Both Alcantara and Zablocki said "I would like to thank Dr. Robert Orth, Professor Lindsay Vaughan, Dr. Christian Vaccaro, for their assistance and guidance on this project." The Justice Research Fellowship program is supported through a Council of Chairs and Office of the President Strategic Plan Grant. ALS-RTC Director, Dr. Christian Vaccaro, said that the experience has multiple beneficiaries. "Alcantara and Zablocki have had an excellent series of training on careers in public service and now getting networked to Pennsylvania State public agencies. We hope to work with interested department chairs and the CHHS Deans office to develop a sustainability plan to support students in the future."

Sociology Club Engaged in Service-Learning

The IUP Sociology Club has had a busy year! Students attended the Winter Warm-up on February 3, 2023, with an eye-catching sign that drew a lot of attention and interest from attendees. They sent virtual Valentine's Day cards to children currently receiving care at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. The Sociology Club held a hugely successful bake sale in the lobby of Stapleton Library on February 15. All the bake sale items were made by the students and their advisor.



Bake sale items included chocolate-covered strawberries, brownies, chocolate chip cookies, chocolate-covered pretzels and Oreos, cupcakes, and Rice Krispie treats. They raised \$200, half of which was donated to the Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP) food bank and the other half was used to support club activities. In the final weeks of the semester, the Sociology Club is selling t-shirts and crewnecks so students and faculty can show off their IUP Sociology pride, and they are getting ready to celebrate Sociology Day on May 1 in McElhaney Hall. IUP Sociology Club members will be easy to spot at the undergraduate commencement ceremonies on May 6. Each of them will be wearing a crimson, black, and white Sociology Club cord they received in recognition of their time and dedication to the IUP Sociology Club. Want to know more about the IUP Sociology Club? Please contact Dr. Dana Hysock Witham, Department Chair and Sociology Club Advisor.

Culinary Arts Student Receives Scholarship



On Saturday, April 15, 2023, The Women's Club of IUP held their annual Spring Brunch. This is the first time the club has had this event since 2019 due to the pandemic. The Women's Club of IUP was founded in 1949 for the purpose of fostering socialization and friendship among its members. The Women's Club maintains a variety of social activities and interest groups for members to participate in as well as coordinating several community service projects and fundraising for scholarships. This year, the Women's Club of IUP awarded \$1,000 to a deserving student from the IUP Academy of Culinary Arts.

The president of the Women's Club selects which department within the University they would like to award the scholarship to, then working with the Department Chair, determines the scholarship recipient. This was based on Attendance, minimum GPA of 3.0, as well as a 500-word essay the students were asked to submit describing their personal journey that led them to IUP Academy of Culinary Arts and how that decision will influence their future and career growth.

Karly Frammer is a graduate of Curwensville Area High School and the Clearfield County Career and Technology Center, where her teachers and family encouraged her to continue her education at IUP Academy of Culinary Arts. Ms. Frammer is planning to complete her education with an externship at The Broadmoor Resort in Colorado Springs, Colorado starting in August 2023. Congratulations to Karly on her academic successes and future endeavors!

Employment Relations and Health Services Administration Students Embark on Disney World

Students in Dr. Dave Piper's Case Studies in Labor Relations class spent a week interacting with Disney World team leaders. Students were immersed in real-world activities that were designed to give students a glimpse into the world of human resources. IUP alum Katie Ziebert, now a team leader with Disney World, talked with students about her career path. She shared with students what it is like to work with a big organization like Disney. Students also spent time on team-building exercises and learning from each other.



Sigma Theta Tau Zeta Lambda Chapter Presents Excellence Award



Dana (Klingensmith) Mikos, MSN, RN, OCN Executive Director of Nursing ACMH was awarded the 2023 Zeta Lambda Chapter Nursing Excellence Award on April 15th at the Sigma Theta Tau Induction Luncheon.

Dana Mikos has devoted her career to quality patient care and has been committed to improving the quality of nursing care in each of her roles. Dana has worked to elevate nursing within ACMH, inpatient and outpatient.

Dana is currently the Executive Director of Nursing at ACMH; however, she started her nursing career 32 years ago as a nursing assistant while enrolled in nursing school. She

went on to complete her master's in nursing at IUP in 2013 and went on to complete her Certification in Oncology Nursing. Dana has been described as a true representative of a professional nurse and her years of experience from bedside care to oncology to her leadership positions demonstrate her personal and professional growth in nursing.

Dana has a passion for the ethical treatment of patients and healthcare providers. She serves as a representative on the Ethics consortium affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh and is a member of the Ethics committee of ACMH. Her most recent accomplishment is bringing the new state of the art cancer center under the ACMH umbrella serving the residence of Armstrong County and beyond. Under the leadership of Dana Mikos, the Laube Cancer Center opened early in 2023.

Sigma Theta Tau Inducts New Members

The Zeta Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau at IUP held an Induction Luncheon on April 15th for 35 new members. Thirty-two of these members were junior and senior undergraduate nursing students, two were graduate students, and one was a faculty member in the Nursing and Allied Health Department.

Additionally, Nursing and Allied Health faculty member and IUP alumni Dr. Benjamin Martin presented his dissertation overview at the beginning of the luncheon. His presentation was titled “Clinical Judgement: An Essential Skill for Graduate Nurses.” Dr. Martin provided some insightful research findings and suggestions for improvement in clinical judgement in nursing education.



Nursing & Allied Health Professions student receives Judith Shoope Award



Taylor Smith is the 2023 recipient of the Judith Shoope Award. This is presented to the valedictorian of the May 2023 graduating class. The award comes with a \$500.00 gift from the IUP Zeta Lambda Sigma chapter along with the Shoope family. The recognition is for outstanding academic achievement. Taylor's name will be added to the perpetual plaque of all Shoope awardees since 1982. Congrats to Taylor!

Respiratory Care Students Receive Award at Undergraduate Scholar's Forum

Respiratory Care students Cameron Sivels, Ariasi Davis, and Emma Williams presented their oral presentation titled “How incentive spirometry techniques are being instructed among healthcare professionals” (faculty mentor, Jack Albert) at the Spring 2023 Undergraduate Scholars Forum. The students were awarded outstanding oral presentation for the College of Health and Human Services.



Other Student Highlights

Criminology Doctoral Students Present at Graduate Scholars Form

- Vanessa Gutiérrez presented a poster, “Policing COVID-19 in Rural Pennsylvania: A Mixed-Methods Exploration of Law Enforcement Experiences.”
- Alessa S. Juarez, and Drs. Shannon Phanuef and Sadie Miller co-authored a paper, “Evaluating Moral Reasoning and the Efficacy of Ethics Courses Among Criminology Majors,” that Alessa Juarez presented. Ms. Juarez received the College of Health and Human Services Graduate Outstanding Oral Presentation Award.
- Jenna Sorensen also presented a poster entitled, “Examining the Moderating Effect of Law Enforcement Agency Type on Body-worn Camera Assignment.”

Academy of Criminal Justice Science Holds Annual Meeting

- Doctoral candidate, Alessa S. Juarez, authored and delivered a paper entitled, “Influential Matters: Student and Safety Factors that Uniquely Contribute to Student Perceptions of Rule Enforcement” at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Science on March 15, 2023.
- Alessa S. Juarez and Paige Parsley (another doctoral candidate) co-authored a paper with Drs. Shannon Phaneuf and Sadie Miller. The paper, entitled, “Evaluating Moral Reasoning and the Efficacy of Ethics Courses Among Criminology Majors” was presented on March 17th by Alessa Juarez.
- Another doctoral candidate, Vanessa Gutiérrez, co-authored a paper with our Chair, Dr. Dan Lee, and Cole Stillson (another doctoral candidate) entitled, “Exploring the Impacts of COVID-19 on Rural Policing in Pennsylvania” that she delivered on March 16th.
- Finally, we learned today that one of our doctoral candidates, Matthew Dennis, was awarded a Graduate Research Grant for his dissertation research project, “Room for Growth? Understanding Attitudes Toward Horticultural Programming in Corrections”.

Punxsutawney Activities Board Holds Spring Semester Events

- February 14 - Students decorated cookies and made Valentine’s Day cards for a local personal care home.
- March 4 - Students travelled to Nemaquin Resort for brunch and to tour the facility. Students got to see kitchens, talk to chefs and alumni working at the resort and venture around the property.
- March 7 - A murder mystery dinner was catered by a local catering company and activity board members and other students performed the characters. The audience got involved in questioning the suspects.
- March 22 - Our local community group, “The Welcome Wagon” prepared a dinner of every pasta dish you could imagine for the students. After eating their weight in pasta, students played BINGO for Walmart gift cards.
- April 5 - The Activity Board hosted a Dip Party and prepared a variety of hot and cold dips for the event. Everything from Buffalo Chicken Dip to a sweet chocolate chip dip. Students were able to paint on canvas and create masks for the upcoming Masquerade Ball later this month.



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