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## Welcome NKBA

The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) student chapter was officially recognized by IUP and can be found on [Crimson Connect](#), IUP's student organizations and events website.

The IUP student chapter of the NKBA, a relatively new student organization for interior design students, is a professional organization that specializes in networking and service within the kitchen and bath industry. Corporate sponsorship allows student membership to be free, so it is a great way for students to be part of a professional organization for little to no cost. Students in the organization have already participated in activities, including volunteering to update the Interior Design resource room, with oversight by faculty advisor Belinda Nuth Sloboda (Human Development, Fashion, and Interior Design Department). Additionally, the Chapter invited IUP alumni Mindy (Holmes) Mohney ('95) to speak via Zoom to students about her career as a successful kitchen designer.

More activities are planned for the Spring semester. For more information on the organization's activities, follow us on [Instagram](#).

Diana Martinez Guerrero, program chair of the NKBA student chapter and coordinator of the Resource Room Refresh, and student member, Dana Borrelli, analyze the space to accommodate the vast amount of resource materials.

## MPI Partners with Hospitality Management

Dr. Nicole Buse developed a partnership with the Pittsburgh Chapter of Meeting Professionals International (MPI) for the Fall 2020 semester. MPI Pittsburgh is dedicated to serving the diverse needs of meeting professionals through education, connections, and leadership development. The student chapter of MPI hosted a virtual lunch networking event with the Pittsburgh chapter of MPI on October 14. Five event management professionals shared their advice and experiences with students interested in pursuing a career in event management.

Furthermore, Dr. Buse developed a guest speaker series, inviting event industry professionals into the classroom to share their experience and advice with Hospitality Management students. This program has resulted in increased internship opportunities and mentor development.

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## Safety Sciences Hosts First Virtual Career Fair

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the Safety Sciences Department hosted its first ever Virtual Career Fair!

The Virtual Career Fair was held on October 15th and was facilitated through Handshake, a career servicing platform offered by IUP. More than forty companies attended the fair, and students attended over 630 sessions with recruiters over the four-hour event. The Department sends a special thank you to all the companies that attended, and we wish the best of luck to our students in achieving co-ops, internships, and full-time employment!

## Nursing and Allied Health Professions Alumnus Induction

Dr. Kamal Eldeirawi, alumnus from the Department of Nursing and Allied Health Professions, will be included in the upcoming induction as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing (FAA).

Kamal completed his master's degree in nursing education from IUP in the 90's and his Ph.D. in epidemiology from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). He is currently an associate professor of epidemiology in the department of population health nursing science at UIC and the director of the faculty mentorship program. He was previously recognized as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar 2013-16 at UIC.

Congratulations, Dr. Eldeirawi!

## *Congratulations!*

### Recognition for Employment and Labor Relations

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) acknowledged that IUP's Master of Arts in Human Resources and Employment and Labor Relations degree program is now fully aligned with SHRM's *HR Curriculum Guidebook and Templates*, a recognition given to less than 400 educational institutions throughout the world. The guidelines, created in 2006 and last revalidated in 2017, were developed by SHRM to define the minimum HR content areas that should be studied by HR students at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

As a university with a degree program aligned to SHRM's curriculum guidelines, IUP students are now eligible to apply for the SHRM-CP exam, giving them a professional distinction and a competitive edge.

## Connecting, Serving the Community, & Building Skills

Family and Consumer Sciences Education (FCSE) students and faculty have remained active throughout the recent months by participating in the 2020 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Conference, the upcoming 2020-2021 PA FCCLA STAR event competition, and local volunteer activities.

In the past, FCSE students have attended FCCLA events to gain experience working with secondary career and technical student associations related to the field of family and consumer sciences. This year, IUP students have been invited to compete in Pennsylvania's FCCLA Post-Secondary STAR events in March 2021. Students will be working over the next few months to develop project proposals related to interpersonal communication, professional presentation, the SAY YES to FCS campaign, and sports nutrition.

Michelle Tweardy, FCSE Instructor and Co-advisor of IUP FCSESA, and Lori Roles, Assistant Director in Admissions, recently participated in the 2020 FCCLA Virtual National Conference. The event was a great way to connect with nearly 500 prospective students, teachers, and industry professionals from across the country.

In the local area, FCSESA students have continued to meet virtually with club zoom calls, virtual student presentations, and volunteer events such as a blood drive with the American Red Cross. The students appreciate the opportunity to stay connected and plan to continue their involvement throughout the year.



*Makenzie Sayers and Hope Kiehl show off their FACS shirts, Spring 2020.*



*Alexis Stephenson and Anthony Hayducek volunteer with American Red Cross Staff, Fall 2020.*

## Graduate is One of the Most Influential Criminologists

Dr. Shaun L. Gabbidon has recently been recognized as one of the top influential criminologists by Academic Influence.

Dr. Gabbidon earned his Ph.D. in Criminology from IUP in 1996 and is currently the Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice in the School of Public Affairs at Penn State Harrisburg, only the second individual in the history of Penn State to receive this honor.

This prestigious honor comes through Dr. Gabbidon's important contribution to the field of criminology through his more than sixty peer-reviewed articles, eleven books, and his founding and current editorship of the journal, *Race and Justice: An International Journal*. He has served as a fellow at Harvard University's W.E.B. DuBois Institute for Afro-American Research and was a professor at the Center for Africana Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Gabbidon has received numerous awards, including the 2015 Julius Debro Award and the 2016 Outstanding Teacher Award from the Division on People of Color and Crime of the American Society of Criminology. He was also honored with the 2009 W.E.B. Du Bois Award from the Western Society of Criminology and the 2011 Outstanding Mentor Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. In 2016, Dr. Gabbidon returned to IUP to deliver the Department's Distinguished Lecture titled, "Shopping While Black: Understanding and Combating Racial Profiling in Retail Settings."

Dr. Shaun Gabbidon's influence in the field of criminology will be felt for generations, positively inspiring future academics, academics and policy makers alike.

Congratulations, Dr. Gabbidon!



## Celebrating Respiratory Care Week

The students, faculty, and staff from the respiratory program in the Department of Nursing and Allied Health Professions recently celebrated the annual Respiratory Care Week.

Respiratory Care Week 2020 (Oct. 25–31) was a full week set aside to appreciate and acknowledge hard-working Respiratory Therapists around the world. The IUP Respiratory Care program students celebrated with decorating pumpkins, eating pizza, and sharing treats to acknowledge and celebrate the week.

# Congratulations!

## Chef of the Year Awarded to Andrew Nutter

Culinary faculty member Chef Andrew Nutter was awarded the 2020 Chef of the Year Award by the Groundhog Chapter of the American Culinary Federation.

The ACFGC Chef of the Year award pays tribute to an active culinarian whose knowledge, skills, expertise, guidance, and direction have enhanced the image of the professional chef and who, by example, has given leadership and direction to culinarians seeking a career in the culinary profession.

Chef Nutter joined the Academy of Culinary Arts in August of 2006. He is currently an Assistant Professor where he teaches Sanitation Management, Purchasing, Soups, Stocks and Sauce Production, Beef and Veal Preparation, and Fish and Shellfish Preparation and Cookery.

Chef Nutter is very active with both the state and national levels of ProStart. He has been a judge at the Pennsylvania, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and California competitions. He is also the lead culinary author for the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation's Volume 1 and Volume 2 textbooks used for ProStart.

Congratulations, Chef Nutter, on this very deserving award!



*Chef Nutter is congratulated by Rick Harber, ACF Groundhog Chapter President.*

*Chef Nutter poses with his Chef of the Year Award.*



## Trauma-Informed Assessment in Early Childhood

At the October Early Childhood Education Summit, Dr. Brown, associate professor in Human Development and Family Science, discussed the research on trauma in early childhood and the impact on children's ability to learn, form relationships, and follow the rules of a classroom. Understanding a trauma-informed approach helps in managing early childhood classrooms.

Dr. Brown teaches courses on child development, marriage and family, infant/toddler mental health, early intervention, and family and community (among others). Professionals from all over the state came together at the Early Childhood Education Summit to discover trends in best practice. The conference, held virtually for the first time, was sponsored by PA Head Start and PA Child Care Association.

Dr. Sarah Brown  
Associate Professor  
Indiana University of PA

Trauma Informed Assessment in Early Childhood

EARLY LEARNING 2020  
Leading & Learning in the New Decade  
October 18-21, 2020 | Online Virtual Summit

SUMMIT

## FDNT Adapts to Virtual World

New technology has allowed students to create videos and take photos of food production, demonstrations, and preparation skills in a more advanced and captivating manner.

An IUP Academic Computing Policy Advisory Committee (ACPAC) Technology grant was awarded to the Food and Nutrition (FDNT) department to provide technology and equipment to stay advanced in the new digital world. Faculty members Michelle Tweardy, Jodie Seybold, Taylor Jones, and Stephanie Taylor-Davis were granted the funds in the Spring of 2020 to obtain phone and tablet stands with ring light bundles, dimmable/foldable photo studio light boxes with LED lighting kits, ring lights with tripod stand and phone holders, microphones, and a Samsung Galaxy Tablet. These items were used by faculty, graduate assistants, dietetic interns, and students in the Foods Lab, Dietetic Internship, and a variety of departmental programming.

Faculty are using the equipment to record demonstrations, Dietetic Interns are creating video projects, and Graduate Assistants are assisting with promotional materials. Students in the undergraduate Foods Lab and Experimental Foods courses are using the equipment to enhance their learning projects. With the new technology tools, the students in the Experimental Foods course take amazing, detailed photos to display different recipe outcomes in the lab. Students make a recipe and substitute an ingredient to find healthier options, and they use the equipment to document texture and color changes. Food photography provides a clearer, more advanced view of the final product and allows students to document and quantify changes with each different ingredient. This grant has allowed students to take photos and create videos with better quality to assist in understanding.

For more information on news in the FDNT department, check out our [website](#), like us on [Facebook](#), follow us on [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#), and/or watch our featured videos on [YouTube](#).



## Hospitality Management Virtual Career Fair 2020

In October, the Department of Hospitality Management (HOSP) hosted its 3rd annual career fair for the first time virtually through Handshake. Students who participated interviewed with employers; some were hired for career professional management positions and internships.

New this year, HOSP welcomed students from other IUP departments including the Academy of Culinary Arts, Food and Nutrition, and Safety Sciences. Also in attendance were students from our sister PASSHE schools at Cheyney, Slippery Rock, and East Stroudsburg universities. A broad range of employers attended the Fair from across the country, including Pennsylvania, Illinois, Maryland, Ohio, Missouri, Massachusetts, and Montana.

Dr. Yasong Wang, chairperson of the event, appreciated the guidance from Jan Shellenbarger and Kevin Fleck (from IUP's Career and Professional Development Center) stating, "They have been assisting us since June 2020 to make this event a positive experience for all involved ... I am proud to say it was a great collaborative team effort."

The students in Dr. Nicole Buse's Professional Development class were challenged to "meet the individual recruiters and then build a network and stay connected with the industry representative/alum who would serve in a professional mentoring role for them."

Senior HOSP student Kyle Sena remarked, "Being able to interact with employers representing food and beverage, restaurant and food service, tourism, hotel and accommodations, transportation and logistics, real estate, sports, leisure and gaming, private clubs, resorts, entertainment, contract services and destinations ... is a true testimony to the hard work the faculty does in building relationships with industry professionals. I was able to pursue my career dreams and am proud to say I was hired in contract services ... I am grateful for what I learned from the HOSP faculty at IUP and using these skills to land the perfect job!"

Chef Jeffrey Santicola added, "Our industry friends and alumni continue to support our HOSP program with both their time and resources. Many of our career fair participants told us they would like to Zoom into our classes and continue mentoring our students..."

Department Chairperson Stephen Shiring recognized the efforts of all those involved saying, "We are appreciative of the participation of our industry friends and alumni to recruit our students for career opportunities," and added, "I thank Dr. Yasong Wang for his leadership [and a] special thank you to Chef John Kapusta and Chef Lynn Pike, from the IUP Academy of Culinary Arts, for encouraging their students to join us."

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# ***Fall colors at IUP***

