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Congratulations...

to our Dean's List students who earned a minimum 3.25 GPA for the Fall 2021 semester . See the full list of recognized students [here](#).

Holiday Cookie Success!



Chef Erin Reed sends a big thank you to the students and faculty at the Academy of Culinary Arts who stayed late, came in over a weekend, filled bags, scooped truffles, rolled cookies, tied bows, cut ribbons, scaled ingredients, cut bars, sugared/trayed cookies, etc.!

A total of 180 Holiday cookie boxes were sold.

That equates to making:

28 pounds of toffee,

180 gingerbread loaves,

1100 truffles, and

450 DOZEN (yes, 5,400!) cookies,

earning a whopping \$5,040 to go toward the ACF endowed scholarship!!

It was truly a team effort and could not have been done without help from everyone.

Anyone who missed the chance to purchase a Holiday treat box can follow the Academy of Culinary Arts on social media to find out about their next fundraising event!

Santa Comes To Town as KHSS Helps Those In Need

Students and faculty from the Department of Kinesiology, Health, and Sport Science (KHSS) partnered with Indiana County Children and Youth Services' *Gift Drive* and Diamond Pharmacy's *Angel Wings Program* to raise money to purchase Christmas gifts for families in need. Students from the KHSS Majors Club used the funds to purchase, wrap, and deliver gifts to the organizations for distribution. Thank you to all KHSS students and faculty who donated \$845.00 that enabled the club to provide gifts for individuals from six different families. A special thanks to the students who participated in the annual Walmart shopping trip and the gift-wrapping party, and especially to Jenna Coffey (Health and Physical Education major) for her assistance with the delivery of the gifts.



Criminology Program Ranked Best in Pennsylvania

The [online master's in criminology](#) has been ranked first in Pennsylvania by Intelligent.com and second in the nation in its 2022 Best Online Programs in Criminology listing. More than 400 programs were compared by editors for the ranking, designed to recognize “top-quality programs that are offered online to ensure flexibility and accessibility for working professionals and those who cannot attend on-campus classes,” editors said.



Programs were evaluated on the basis of cost, course offerings, outcomes, flexibility, faculty, and reputation, with special focus on review of program strength, student readiness, return on investment, cost, and student engagement. IUP's program achieved a near perfect score of 98 out of 100.

“It is great to have our program recognized with such a strong ranking,” Daniel Lee, chair of the [Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice](#), said. “It is humbling to see us placed alongside other strong programs, but this ranking is evidence of how hard our faculty work to bring a strong curriculum to our students. Our program emphasizes the integration of theory and research to produce sound evidence-based practices, and our students are well-prepared to establish their careers and make a difference in the world.”

Academy of Culinary Arts a WQED Featured “Future Job”



The Academy of Culinary Arts was recently featured by WQED as part of its Future Jobs series exploring in-demand careers such as Culinary Arts, which is a profession growing at a higher rate than many other fields. The WQED crew spent a few hours at the Punxsutawney campus filming the students and chefs. The finished video was recently released and is available to view on WQED's [website](#) as well as on [YouTube](#).

CJTC Expands Act 235 Lethal Weapons Training

The Criminal Justice Training Center (CJTC) recently expanded its training programs with the addition of a new 5-year agreement to provide Act 235 Lethal Weapons Training to employees of Geo Group Inc. in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania. Geo Group has a government contract to provide security services at the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Moshannon Valley Processing Center in Clearfield County, which is slated to be the largest immigration detention center in the Northeast. The CJTC has already graduated their first cohort with 19 students completing the 40-hour training program.

The Act 235 Lethal Weapons Training Program, regulated by the Pennsylvania State Police Lethal Weapons Certification Unit, is a 40-hour training program that certifies individuals working for companies to carry firearms and other defensive weapons while on duty as security guards. The IUP CJTC has been approved to provide this training for several years on an as needed basis, and this 5-year agreement with Geo Group Inc. has opened a new and exciting opportunity. The CJTC Director Dennis L. Marsili expressed gratitude to CJTC Program Coordinator Marcia Cole for working with company representatives on the required state approvals and for revising course materials as well as HHS Assistant Dean of Business Operations Joshua Muscatello for his assistance in drafting the 5-year agreement.



Sociology Celebrates...

the Mollie E. Bolling Memorial Scholarship Recipient

The Mollie E. Bolling Memorial Scholarship, one of the Sociology Department's endowed scholarships, was awarded to senior Michaela Shaw. Michaela is vice president and editor of Her Campus and a member of Active Minds, Alpha Kappa Delta, the National Society for Leadership and Success, Psi Chi, and the Sociology Club. She also volunteers with Hopeful Hearts, a grief support group for children and families, in Indiana County.

Michaela will graduate in August 2022 with dual-baccalaureate degrees in Sociology and Psychology and a minor in Child and Advocacy Studies. She intends on pursuing a master's degree in social work with a concentration on children, youth, and families.

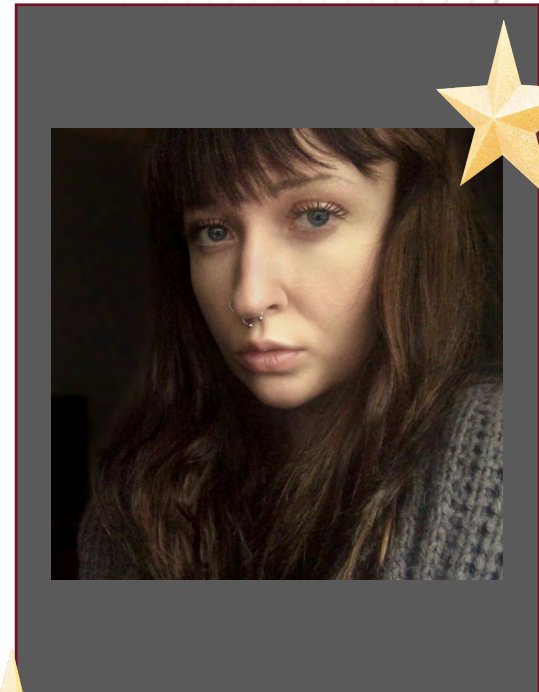
The memorial scholarship was established by Dr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Hunter in memory of Dr. Hunter's aunt, Mollie Bolling, who unselfishly shared her financial resources and kindnesses with her nieces and nephews. Dr. Hunter, who shared a household with Mrs. Bolling for a period of 10 years, was inspired by his "Aunt Mollie" to learn and value education, leading him to earn a doctoral degree in sociology and pursue a career as an educator.

& the Esko E. Newhill Scholarship for Excellence

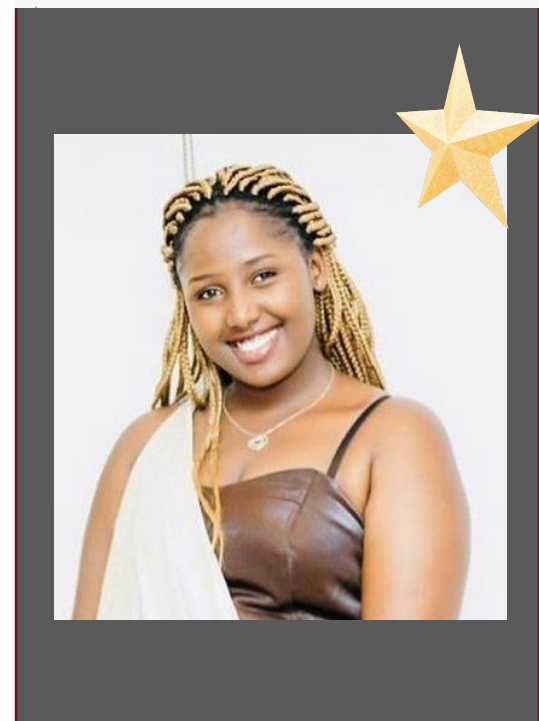
Angelique Muhoza was recently named as the 2021-2022 recipient of the Sociology Department's Esko E. Newhill Scholarship for Excellence. Angelique was born and raised in a refugee camp located in Rwanda, South Africa, and came to the United States in 2016. She has been a singer and active member in her church choir since coming to the US, and she has competed in a singing competition in San Antonio, Texas, where she won the gold medal! Angelique is working towards dual baccalaureate degrees in Sociology and Public Health. She is a member of the Pan African Student Association and volunteers at the Haven Project.

Angelique has been named to IUP's Dean's List every semester.

The Esko E. Newhill Scholarship for Excellence provides support to a junior-level student majoring in sociology who has demonstrated excellence in scholarship and interest in community and world affairs. The scholarship is awarded to a student who achieves an overall grade point average of 3.25 or better and who participates in the university or local community for at least one semester, demonstrates an interest in the humanities (art, music, drama, dance, or literature), or demonstrates an interest in and/or knowledge of world affairs.



Congratulations



Faculty and Alumnae Elected at Criminology's Largest International Organization

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice's Dr. Bitna Kim was elected Second Vice

President for the 2022-23 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Executive



Board. Additionally, three alumni from IUP's Criminology doctoral program were elected to ACJS leadership positions on the executive board for the 2022-23 year including Dr. Catherine Marcum (Trustee-At-Large), Dr. Alison Burke (Trustee for Region V), and Dr. Michele Bratina (Trustee for Region 1).

ACJS is an international association established in 1963 to foster professional and scholarly activities in the field of criminal justice. The organization promotes criminal justice research, research, and policy analysis for both academics and practitioners working within the field of criminal justice. ACJS membership consists of criminal justice scholars, professionals, and students (<https://www.acjs.org/>).



Perillo Receives Early Career Teaching & Mentoring Award

The American Psychology-Law Society (Division 41 of the American Psychological Association) has named Dr. Anthony Perillo its 2021 Early Career Teaching and Mentoring Award recipient, an honor for outstanding teaching and mentoring in the field of psychology and law. The Early Career Award is for those who received their Ph.D. or J.D. degree within seven years.

Anthony, who received a 2020 Academic Advising and Mentoring Award from IUP's Center for Teaching Excellence, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology, Assistant Director of Clinical Training for the Clinical Psychology Psy.D. program, and Assessment Clinic Supervisor in IUP's Center for Applied Psychology. His approach to teaching and mentoring follows a pedagogy of kindness, principles that prioritize compassion for student needs. A pedagogy of kindness comes down to two things: believe students and believe *in* students. Through his emphasis on experiential learning and professional development, Anthony approaches his work striving to offer students an instructor and mentor they can respect and trust.

Some of Anthony's key achievements in mentoring with students include setting up a peer-review mentorship system, co-running a Forensic Journal Club with Dr. Jen Perillo for IUP's Psy.D. students, securing two dissertation grants for his Psy.D. students, completing two peer-reviewed journal articles with Psy.D. students, and advising eight student-led national conference presentations.



Introducing...

ACA welcomes new Admissions Counselor



The IUP Academy of Culinary Arts is pleased to welcome Kala Vargo as the new Culinary Admissions Counselor. Kala, a 2019 Culinary Arts alumna, was the valedictorian of her graduating class. She also earned a bachelor's degree in Small Business Entrepreneurship Management from IUP.

Kala always dreamed of owning and operating her own food truck. After graduating from the Academy of Culinary Arts and working at various places in the industry, including the Duquesne Club and Nemacolin Woodlands Resort, Kala decided to start her own business with her cousins, and Clink'92, a mobile bar and food cart, was created. Clink'92 began with a restoration of a 1975 horse trailer, converted into a vintage mobile bar to serve private events in Pennsylvania as well as Ohio and Maryland.

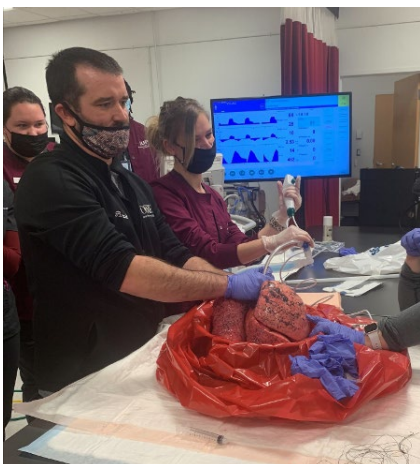
Kala also taught at the Academy of Culinary Arts during the summer of 2021. She is very excited to continue her career at IUP and share her experiences with future culinarians.

Nurses' Christian Fellowship Discusses Heart

"What Does 'Heart' Mean?" was the topic of discussion at the February Nurses' Christian Fellowship meeting. NCF, a professional organization and ministry for nurses and nursing students, meets regularly throughout the semester for fellowship, prayer, and discussion. To see more opportunities for nursing students to engage outside the classroom, view their [website](#).



Respiratory Care Welcomes CORE to Northpointe



Junior IUP respiratory therapy students at the Northpointe campus had a visit from staff at the Center for Organ Recovery and Education (CORE) in Pittsburgh for a classroom and wet-lab educational session in February.

It was a unique and rare opportunity to work with human lungs connected to a ventilator and see how the lungs respond to a variety of ventilator settings and situations. Each student had an opportunity to insert a scope into the lungs to visualize the internal anatomical structures.

Respiratory Care Student Wins Award

Emma Williams, a junior IUP respiratory care student, is the recipient of the 2021–2022 IUP Northpointe Essay Scholarship for her reflection on the fear, unexpected silver linings, and deeper purpose for her future career as a respiratory therapist since the start of the pandemic.

In her essay, Emma elaborated on the deeper purpose of her future career by stating, “The crucial part respiratory therapists have played in the pandemic has inspired me. It has inspired a passion in me for the profession. I want to be the reason someone is able to heal from COVID and go home to their family. I want to be able to work beside other healthcare professionals to give treatment to patients suffering from the virus.”

Emma was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship toward her spring 2022 semester. Emma is a 2019 North Penn-Liberty High School graduate from Liberty, Pennsylvania.

You did it!
Congratulations



IUP has emboldened me to persevere through the challenges of the pandemic.

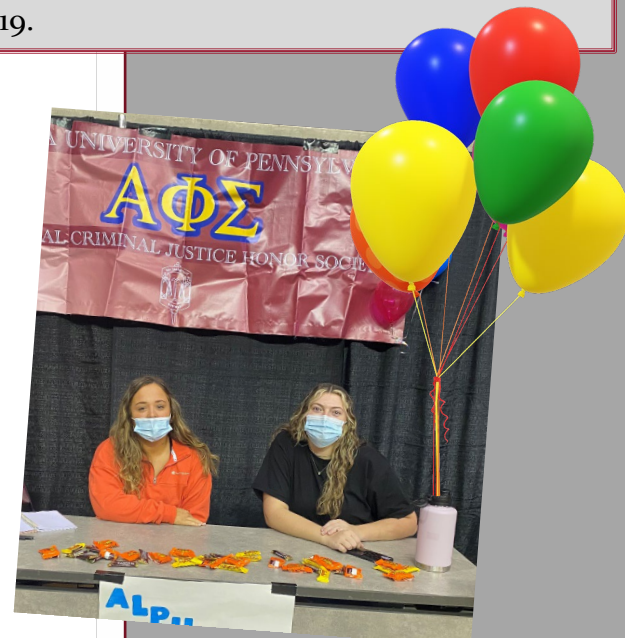
Nursing Faculty Member Writes Chapter

Dr. Meigan Robb recently wrote a book chapter for the 6th edition of *Clinical Teaching Strategies for Nursing Education*. The book, published by Springer, was released in January 2022.

Meigan’s chapter, *Pedagogical Technologies in Clinical Education*, explores technologies for clinical teaching including simulated electronic health records, telepresence, telehealth, electronic escape rooms, and other technology related approaches. Suggestions are provided for how clinical nurse educators can use these technologies in clinical teaching. This chapter also includes virtual clinical learning experiences and how educators responded with technology use to COVID-19.

Alpha Phi Sigma Hosts Event

Officers from Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, attended IUP’s Winter Warmup in early February to recruit new members. Along with free food, giveaways, and performances, students were able to talk with the officers and learn about the mission of Alpha Phi Sigma: to promote analytical thinking, rigorous scholarship and lifelong learning; to keep abreast of the advances in scientific research; to elevate the ethical standards of the criminal justice professions; and to sustain in the public mind the benefit and necessity of education and professional training.

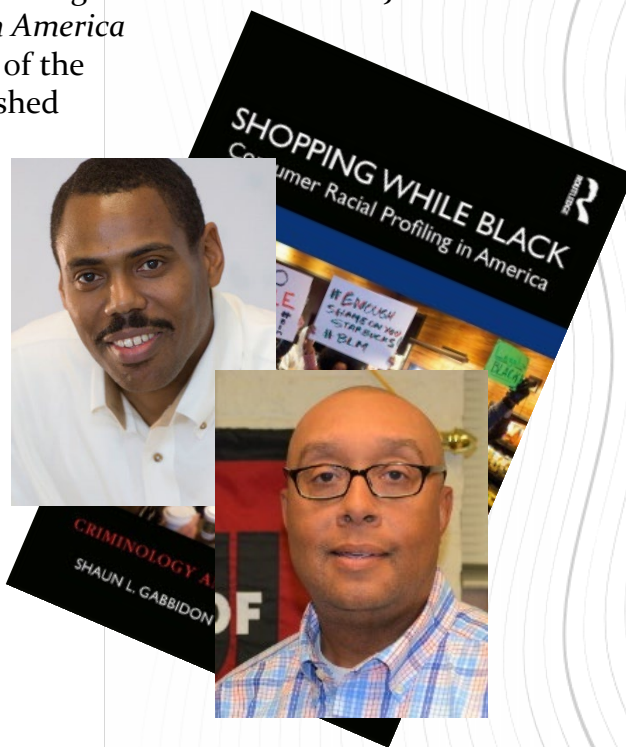


Criminology Alumni Recipients of International Awards

Two alumni from the Criminology doctoral program received prestigious awards from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), the discipline's largest international organization. Dr. Sean L. Gabbidon and Dr. George E. Higgins received the 2022 Outstanding Book Award from ACJS for their work *Shopping while Black: Consumer Racial Profiling in America* (2020, Routledge). Moreover, Dr. Higgins is also the recipient of the 2022 ACJS Fellow Award, given in recognition of his distinguished contribution to justice education and scholarship.

Gabbidon is a distinguished professor of Criminal Justice at Penn State Harrisburg. His research interests include race and crime, public opinion on race, crime and justice, security administration, and criminology and criminal justice pedagogy. He has authored more than 100 scholarly publications including more than 70 peer-reviewed articles and 13 books (<https://harrisburg.psu.edu/faculty-and-staff/shaun-gabbidon-phd>).

Higgins, a full professor at the University of Louisville's Department of Criminal Justice, focuses his research on substance use, cybercrime, race and ethnicity differences, criminal justice organization issues, and suicide. He has authored more than 200 scholarly-peer reviewed journal articles and 10 books (<https://louisville.edu/justice/about-us/faculty/george-e-higgins>).



CHHS Service Committee Collection



The College Service Committee organized a food drive in the final weeks of January to help restock the food pantries as the students returned to campus for the Spring 2022 semester. A total of 201 food items and \$50 in gift cards were collected and distributed to the IUP Food Pantry and the Punxsutawney Food Pantry.

Thanks to the HHS faculty and staff for their generosity!





Winter or Spring?

Many of the thousands of Groundhog Day visitors to Punxsutawney enjoyed the sculptures from the IUP Academy of Culinary Arts ice carving event. Chef Thomas Barnes and Culinary Admissions Counselor, Kala Vargo, worked hard to provide a wonderful ice sculpture display for visitors to take photos and celebrate the holiday!

