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A new bronze hawk statue, created by artist Raymond Gibby, was dedicated in April. The statue, a gift to the university from alumni Ray Kinter, overlooks the Oak Grove from its site on the flagstone patio outside the IUP Performing Arts Center.



## Academy of Culinary Arts to Rebuild and Renovate

On April 15, US Rep. Glenn “GT” Thompson announced \$500,000 in federal funding towards updating the facilities at the Academy of Culinary Arts in downtown Punxsutawney.

The master plan, formally endorsed by IUP’s Council of Trustees in March, will provide state-of-the art facilities for future culinary and baking and pastry students. As proposed, the current Fairman Centre will be renovated to provide more efficient space for enhanced use and increased impact of the building. The new building will offer over 30,000 square feet of instructional space that will provide new opportunities for increased enrollment at the Academy.

At the recent press conference, culinary student Shakyra McNeal from Verona, Pennsylvania, spoke about her current experience in the program. Shakyra mentioned the love she had for her instructors and that they, “never give up on you and they push you to do your best.” Shakyra would like to further her education at IUP after she completes the culinary program; however, she is focused now on finishing the summer semester and completing her 450-hour externship in the fall. She is very excited to think about what the new facilities will offer the students in the future.

The tentative timeline for the demolition of buildings that are currently in the downtown location is 2023-2024. To read more, please visit the following [website](#).

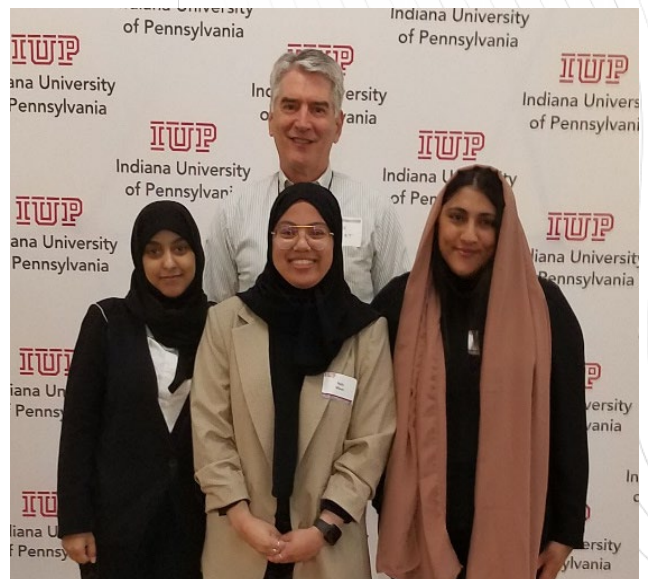


Culinary student Shakyra McNeal giving remarks at the press event

## Undergraduate Scholars Forum Dean’s Award Winners

On Wednesday, April 6, Respiratory Care students Najla Alfares, Saja Albedaiwi, and Reem Alyahya presented their research entitled, “The Best Position to Place a Nebulizer in a Ventilator Circuit to Deliver the Highest Deposition of Aerosol Particles to a Patient,” at IUP’s 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholars Forum. Their research efforts were rewarded with the presentation of the Dean’s Award, given to the top-ranked project in the College of Health and Human Services.

The Forum is an opportunity for all undergraduate and graduate students to present their original research, scholarly activities, and creative endeavors.



Respiratory Care undergraduate students Najla Alfares, Saja Albedaiwi, and Reem Alyahya with faculty member Jack Albert

*Congratulations!*

## Criminology & Criminal Justice Distinguished Alumni

Two Department of Criminology alumnae were honored as IUP's 2022 Distinguished Alumni: the Deputy Assistant Director of the Counterintelligence Division at FBI Headquarters and the Professor and Assistant Chair at Appalachian State University.

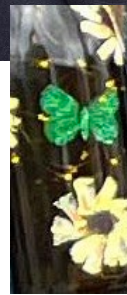
Assistant Deputy Director Debra Evans Smith received her baccalaureate degree in 1981 in Criminology and had a stellar career with the FBI for 30 years, beginning as one of the first 50 Black female agents in the 1980s and ending in the top ranks. Dr. Catherine Marcum was awarded her Ph.D. in Criminology in 2008. She is published in over 60 peer-reviewed journals and is an author or co-author of 20 books.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor for an alumnus at IUP and recognizes IUP graduates who have achieved distinction through sustained performance in their fields or who have provided outstanding service to IUP. Smith and Marcum were celebrated as part of IUP's 2022 Celebration Weekend in early April; they are two of less than 400 alumni who have received this award out of over 150,000 IUP alumni.

The Department's April 8<sup>th</sup> Distinguished Alumni Panel was well-received by both undergraduate and graduate students who attended the event. Smith and Marcum shared their knowledge and expertise with students while highlighting the value of strong writing skills in their profession. Students were engaged, and their questions demonstrated their interest in the backgrounds and career advice of the distinguished panelists. After the presentations, students had the opportunity to meet and interact with the speakers. The Department appreciates the willingness of our distinguished alumni to enrich our students' lives and welcomes all Criminology alumni to return to IUP often.



Debra  
Evans  
Smith



Catherine  
Marcum



## Nursing Faculty Members to Take on New Roles

Faculty members in the Department of Nursing and Allied Health are taking on new roles for the Fall 2022 semester. Janis Barner will take over as Nursing Christian Fellowship (NCF) Faculty Advisor and Becky Beer will take over as Sigma Theta Tau Zeta Lambda Chapter's Webmaster Chair.

Nurses Christian Fellowship is a professional organization and ministry, with membership open to nursing students, professional nurses, and nursing faculty in the IUP community.

Sigma Theta Tau: Zeta Lambda Chapter, the honor society for nursing majors, recognizes superior achievement and the development of leadership qualities, fosters high professional standards, encourages creative work, and strengthens commitment to the ideas and purpose of the nursing profession.

## Health & Physical Education Student is Major of the Year

SHAPE America-Society of Health and Physical Educators honored Paige Mikesell as a Major of the Year during the organization's 136th national convention and expo in April. The award celebrates outstanding undergraduate students in the health, physical education, recreation, and dance professions who are nominated by a faculty advisor or professor.

Mikesell was recognized during the Opening General Session. "The outstanding achievements of future professionals like Paige is integral to the future of SHAPE America and our profession," said SHAPE America President Terri Drain, the founder and coordinator of the Health and Physical Education Collaborative.

Paige, an outstanding student, is very active at the university as well as in the teaching profession. As a student-athlete (swimmer) at IUP, she is successful in the pool and in the classroom. She was named a CoSIDA Academic All-American and carries a 4.0 grade point average. Paige was also named a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Scholar-Athlete.

"Paige has been one of the strongest students to come through our program in recent years. We can't wait to see what she accomplishes as a health and physical education teacher," said Dave Lorenzi, the professor who nominated Paige for the Major of the Year Award. Paige is graduating in May and will start her MEd program in adapted physical activity at IUP in the fall. She will also be a full-time graduate assistant in the Kinesiology, Health, and Sport Science Department, helping to run teacher in-service trainings and community outreach programs.

For more information on the graduate programs in health and physical education, visit our [website](#).



**About SHAPE America:** SHAPE America-Society of Health and Physical Educators is the nation's largest membership organization of health and physical education professionals. Since its founding in 1885, the organization has defined excellence in physical education, and its national standards for K-12 physical education serve as the foundation for well-designed physical education programs across the country. SHAPE America provides programs, resources, and advocacy to support health and physical educators at every level, from preschool to university graduate programs. For more information, visit [SHAPE America](#).

## Dietitian Nutrition Program Students Get Hands-On

Students of the newly created online graduate program gathered in person to learn how to conduct nutrition-focused physical exams, a type of exam used to assess malnutrition status in patients and clients.

Dr. Nicole Clark, faculty member in the Department of Food and Nutrition, led the session, occurring over two weeks in late February and early March. Students were able to experience the exam using accurate tools of the trade, such as calipers, measuring tapes, grip-strength testers, and balance scales. Although an online program, in-person gatherings such as these are crucial for students entering the field of clinical dietetics. Being an evidenced-based field with hands-on practical applications, the need for such an event was seen by program director Dr. Jodie Seybold and Dr. Nicole Clark, who teaches the Clinical Nutrition Assessment course tied into this event.

Special coordinated events like these are what make the Department of Food and Nutrition a stand-out department at IUP. Faculty members Dr. Stephanie Taylor-Davis, Dr. Pao Ying Hsiao, Dr. Nicole Clark, and Dr. Jodie Seybold create a variety of specialized and individualized experiences, preparing students for success in the field of food, nutrition, and dietetics.

Have questions? Visit the department's [website](#) to learn more about exciting opportunities for growth in the field of nutrition!

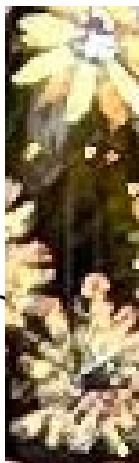


Students Emily Crusan and Katie Freeborough experience true-to-life models of edema and how to identify pitting levels.



Students Paige Beattie and Brianna Herr take triceps arm circumference measurements.

*thank you*



## Administrative Professionals

CHHS celebrated Administrative Professionals Day with a luncheon followed by a bottle painting party – look for photos of the painted bottles on the pages of this newsletter! Thanks to our administrative staff members for all you do: Crystal Deemer, Chelsey Fuga, Tracy Gordish, Dolores Karcher, Karen Mack, Bev Mastalski, Kelly Montanti, Katelyn Rowe, Lisa Stewart, and Makayla Sunealitis.

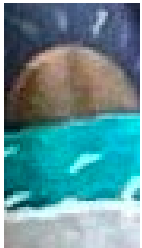


## Program Evaluator for NLN CNEA

Meigan Robb, PhD, RN was recently selected to be a program evaluator for the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Accreditation (NLN CNEA). The NLN CNEA accredits nursing programs across the academic spectrum, including practical/vocational, diploma (RN), associate, bachelor, master's, clinical doctorate, post-graduate certificate, and distance learning programs.

Program evaluators like Meigan volunteer their services to NLN CNEA to promote excellence and integrity in nursing education through their values-drive accreditation process.

## CRIM Faculty and Students Present at Conference



Faculty and students from the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice participated in various sessions at the annual conference for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) held this year in Las Vegas. ACJS is the largest international association for criminal justice. Established in 1963, ACJS promotes criminal justice education, research, and policy analysis within the discipline of criminal justice for both educators and practitioners.

CRIM faculty Bitna Kim and Daniel Lee, along with CRIM doctoral students Vanessa Gutierrez, Kristopher Kell, and Cole Stillson delivered a paper presentation entitled *Rural, Suburban, and Rural Disparities in the Research Receptivity: State-wide Surveys of Chief Probation/Parole Officers and Police Chiefs in Pennsylvania*.

Kim and Stillson presented a second paper called *Crime and Criminal Justice During the Covid-19 Pandemic: A Synthesis of Systematic Review Evidence*.

A paper entitled *Unfinished: Challenges in Juvenile Justice Reform* was delivered by CRIM faculty member Alida Merlo and longtime co-author Peter Benekos from Mercyhurst University.

CRIM doctoral student Carley Pinskey along with faculty member Sadie Miller presented a paper titled *Violent Video Games and Aggression: Understanding the Influence of Individual Factors on Agreement with the Moral Panic*.

Faculty member Kim and CRIM alumnus (MA and PhD) Brian Payne (Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at Old Dominion University) were invited speakers for the Doctoral Summit held during the annual conference. This year's summit topic was Addressing Identity Based Barriers in Academia.

## Sociology Faculty Published Online

Dr. Diane Shinberg, faculty member in the Department of Sociology, has had her grant report published and distributed by the Center for Rural Pennsylvania. The full report, titled *Profile of Rural PA Women 2022*, is available on their website [here](#) or read the executive summary available [here](#).

