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Congratulations
Class of 2022



CRIM Student Receives Phi Kappa Phi Reynolds Scholarship

The IUP chapter of the interdisciplinary honor society of Phi Kappa Phi has selected Ms. Jessica Poley as this year's recipient of the annual Reynolds Scholarship. Poley graduated *summa cum laude* from IUP in December 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology with a pre-law concentration and minors in Women and Gender Studies, Political Science, and Philosophy. Poley will attend Widener University- Delaware Law School in the fall. Currently, Poley aspires to become a criminal prosecutor.



While an undergraduate student at IUP, Poley's academic aptitude was recognized many times over through various awards and recognitions including the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice's Jacqueline Watson Memorial Scholarship, Sutton Scholarships, Provost Scholar, Academic Success Scholarship, Stephen and Sandy Sheller Scholarship, Hershey Entertainment and Resort Hospitality Scholarship, IUP Outstanding Leader, Music Fund Scholarship, and Hawks Success Grant. Poley was also active in a number of organizations and maintained leadership roles within these organizations during her time at IUP. Poley was involved in IUP College Democrats, student government, academic senate, and IUP's Haven Project.

The Phi Kappa Phi Reynolds Scholarship is awarded to the top undergraduate student member of Phi Kappa Phi who plans to continue their education with post-graduate studies. The winner of this chapter-level award is forwarded to the national office of Phi Kappa Phi for additional fellowship consideration.

Phi Kappa Phi is an interdisciplinary honor society headquartered in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and the top 7.5 percent of juniors. Faculty and professional staff members and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify for membership.

Father and Son Graduate Together

Father and son Ron and Jared Burkhardt of Indiana County graduated together from IUP in May, Ron with his bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant, tourism, and event management, and Jared with his bachelor's degree in English. Ron originally attended IUP in 1986 as a biology pre-medicine major and left to pursue full-time employment and start a family. He returned to IUP in 1994 to complete the program at IUP's [Academy of Culinary Arts](#), which included an externship at the Boulders Resort and Spa in Arizona, followed by work at the Indiana Country Club, the Stonybank Restaurant (Clymer), and Cura Hospitality at Punxsutawney Area Hospital.

In 2021, Ron saw a Facebook Post from Chef Lynn Pike, Department Chairperson of the Academy of Culinary Arts and learned he could convert his culinary arts certificate to an associate's degree. After earning his associate's degree, he completed his bachelor's degree in May. As a natural next step, Ron is continuing his education at IUP in the dual master's program for employment relations and health services administration.

ATD Wins Community Service & Engagement Award

Alpha Tau Delta (ATD), a fraternity nursing organization that concentrates on service to the community and IUP, has participated in and held several service activities over the years, seeking to engage other IUP faculty and students to participate as well. Examples of service activities include blood drives, Habitat for Humanity, and the Race for Grace 5K to help raise money for children with Pediatric Brain Cancer, providing help to IUP students, individuals, and organizations in surrounding communities. It was not a surprise that the fraternity was awarded the Community Service and Engagement Award by the Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement and the Student Government Association Nominations Committee.



Congratulations, ATD members!

Didactic Program in Dietetics Reaccredited until 2029

Dr. Nicole Clark, Director of the IUP Food and Nutrition Didactics program in Dietetics (DPD) Program lead a successful reaccreditation. The program was informed in April 2022 by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) that the program will remain accredited until June 30, 2029. The accrediting team stated in their 17+ years of completing accreditations, they have never heard such admiration for the faculty and their continued work to help improve the curriculum and advance the education of students seeking to become Registered Dietitians Nutritionists.

Alumni reported that the hands-on practical experiences and experiences in the departmental student organization Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics (SAND) helped them to be successful in their pursuit of a career in food and nutrition. Both the students and alumni interviewed felt they belonged to a family instead of a department.

Have more questions? Visit the department's website to learn more about exciting opportunities for growth in the field of nutrition! <https://www.iup.edu/foodnutrition/>



Academy of Culinary Arts Faculty Judge at National ProStart Invitational in Washington

Culinary students from around the country descended upon the nation's capital May 6-8 to compete in the National ProStart Invitational® (NPSI), and two faculty from the Academy of Culinary Arts were on hand to judge the competition. 48 states competed over 2 days at the Washington Hilton in Washington, DC.

The NPSI is a competition focused on restaurant management and culinary arts for secondary school students. Top performing students at the state level go on to compete at the national level each year. The competition brings nearly 400 students to compete for coveted scholarships from the nation's best culinary and restaurant management programs.

The culinary competition highlights each team's creative abilities through the preparation of a three-course meal in 60 minutes, using only two butane burners, limited access to running water, and no electricity. Students are evaluated on taste, skill, teamwork, safety, and sanitation. Chef Andrew Nutter and Chef Erin Reed were part of this year's judging panel. Chef Nutter served as a Check-in Judge and Chef Erin Reed as a Tasting Dessert Judge. Admissions Counselor Kala Vargo also represented the Academy of Culinary Arts at the event's Business and Education Expo.

The IUP Academy of Culinary Arts offered a \$2,000 scholarship to all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place team members in both Culinary and Management categories.

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Criminology and Nursing Faculty Members Honored

Dr. Jennifer Gossett from the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice was the recipient of a 2021-22 Faculty Recognition Award in Content Pedagogy given by the Center for Teaching Excellence. This award recognizes course design thought to be particularly effective in teaching content within a particular discipline. Recipients must demonstrate evidence that supports thoughtful pedagogical progression that maximizes student learning. Dr. Gossett was a previous recipient of an IUP Sponsored Program Award for Outstanding Achievement in Curriculum and Instruction in 2014.

Mrs. Patricia Hockensmith and Ms. Roseanne Anderson, faculty members in the Nursing and Allied Health Professions Department who are both retiring this year, were honored for their years of service in Sigma Theta Tau Zeta International Lambda Chapter at the Sigma Induction Ceremony in April.



2022 Graduates Celebrated with CRIM Open House

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice hosted a celebratory open house on Saturday, May 7th to honor May and August program graduates. The doors to Wilson Hall were opened from 11:00-1:00 for faculty to greet and congratulate CRIM graduates and their family and friends. Students were able to say goodbye to faculty, share their plans after graduation, introduce their parents to professors, pick up commencement gifts from the department, and engage in fellowship and refreshments. Best wishes, graduates!



2021-2022 Health & Human Services Awards

Outstanding faculty and students were recognized for their achievements during the 2021-22 College of Health and Human Services' 32nd annual awards recognition ceremony on May 4th at the Rustic Lodge in Indiana.

Dr. Anthony Perillo, Department of Psychology, received the *Outstanding Academic Advisement Award*, given to a faculty member based on the number of years the applicant has been advising, the average number of advisees, quality and impact of advising activities, advising philosophy/beliefs, explanation of applicant's advising reaching students in a deeper way, mentoring students, and incorporation of students' career preparation beyond IUP. (no photo available)

Dr. Melissa Swauger, Department of Sociology, received The newly created *Outstanding Efforts at Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award (DEI)* to celebrate a tenured or tenure-track faculty member who has taken steps to improve DEI on campus, integrated DEI in their teaching or research, supported/mentored students from diverse backgrounds, or took other outstanding DEI initiatives. Dr. Swauger engages students by teaching a variety of DEI courses, often incorporating service-learning activities. She collaborates and works with vulnerable and disadvantaged populations, and she serves on many university, community, and regional committees and organizations dedicated to raising awareness, solving problems, and fostering change.



Ms. Nabiha Islam, a graduate student in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, received the newly created *Outstanding Efforts at Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Graduate Student Award*. Nabiha served as a graduate assistant where she dedicated herself to bettering the lives of her fellow students by spearheading social justice and inclusion efforts. At the Office of International Education, she managed the Culture Café, in which international and domestic students came to mingle and learn from one another. While with the Social Equity and Title IX office, she was one of two leaders in the Walking Audit, an exercise that involved walking, observing, and conversing with Black, Brown, and LGBTQIA+ students and literally taking steps to make the campus more inclusive. As part of the Division of Student Affairs and the Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement, Nabiha assisted in the creation of the Crimson Scholars Circle, an initiative to ensure the safe transition into college life for Black and Brown students and to provide mentors at IUP. Nabiha is also a founder of Students Against Racism (SAR), a recognized student organization which holds weekly meetings and activities and hosts difficult discussions in a safe space. Nabiha's experiences at IUP taught her anything is possible and she can have an impact on the world.



2021-2022 Health & Human Services Awards (cont.)

Mr. Charles Coleman, a Public Health major with a minor in Economics, received the newly created *Outstanding Efforts at Diversity, Equity, and Undergraduate Student Award*. Charles examined disparities of African American individuals in STEM-based professional roles, an Affirmative Action project presented at the IUP Undergraduate Scholar's Forum in April. He also published the results of an earlier study investigating the historical trends of racial segregation by position in the National Football League. Charles is interning this summer at a college preparatory school serving low-income boys and families in grades 9-12 from a cross section of the Mon Valley, assisting in the classroom, acting as a mentor/counselor, and serving as assistant basketball coach. After graduation, he will continue at IUP in the Master of Science in Health Service Administration Program in the Fall 2022.



Dr. Bitna Kim, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, received the *Outstanding Researcher Award*, given to a faculty member who has demonstrated significant research in the field/discipline; quality, originality, and interdisciplinary nature of their research; breadth; and mentoring future or less experienced researchers. Dr. Kim's scholarly activities have contributed to the discipline's strong demand for evidence-based research and multi-agency partnerships with a focus on meta-analyses of interventions, policies, and programs), anti-oppressive attitudes, community policing and community corrections, and multinational collaborations.

Dr. Joshua Castle, professor and chairperson of the Department of Kinesiology, Health, and Sport Science, received the Outstanding Service Award which is given annually to a faculty member who has demonstrated quality service at the department, college, university, community, state, national, and professional levels. Dr. Castle's service encompasses many levels and areas, and he volunteers regularly as a committee member, committee chair, program coordinator, department representative, director, co-director, and board of director member.



Dr. Tara Johnson, Department of Psychology, received the Outstanding Teacher Award. The award is given to a faculty member who possesses critical or synthetic thinking skills, who mentors or supports students outside the classroom, and who displays excellence in teaching. Dr. Johnson not only motivates her students to play an active role in their education, but she also teaches them how to effectively learn. She expects student involvement in class, encourages professionalism, emphasizes transferrable skills, builds teamwork, and holds students accountable.