An anniversary to remember

We’re calling all alumni to help us celebrate the university’s upcoming 50th. Page 12

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Retirement is a funny thing. As soon as people hear you’re leaving a position where you’ve served for as long as I have, they start using words such as “legacy,” “capstone,” “hallmark,” and “crowning achievement.” My retirement has been no exception.

Some point to the physical expansion of our campus—the 100 acres we’ve acquired and the 21 buildings we’ve erected in the past 18 years; others mention IPFW’s move to NCAA Division I athletics. Still others talk about the increased number of endowed chairs, academic offerings, and community partnerships that make our graduates so competitive.

Of course, I’m intensely flattered by the generous words and kind sentiments of my colleagues, the press, and the community at large. Some have gone so far as to call me one of the “founding fathers” of IPFW. How could I not feel thrilled—and deeply humbled—by such an outpouring of well wishes?

At the end of the day, however, I’ll leave the legacy writing to others. Certainly, I’m proud of all those achievements; I just can’t take sole credit for them. This campus is filled with many remarkable people who care deeply about this institution and each other. Without them, none of those accomplishments would have been possible.

Students Come First

Take our attitude toward students, for example. A good university starts with a caring and competent faculty, people who are deeply committed to students’ success. At IPFW, we have the kind of faculty that offers real help to students—no bouncing them from pillar to post. We’re extremely intentional about making students our top priority. A recent accreditation report said it this way: “IPFW walks the walk in putting students first.”

Unified Faculty and Staff

Eighteen years ago, we were experiencing political unrest and contention on campus. So while we were busy erecting the infrastructure that changed the physical landscape, I began the work of tearing down those interpersonal walls through convocations, chancellor’s chats, and personal invitations to my home. It was my initiative, but faculty and staff responded, set differences aside, and began to pull in the same direction. Today, IPFW is truly a family.

Community Ties

Finally, a good university needs to be a rich resource for the community, and it needs to earn the support of that community in return. That’s why I made a conscious effort to hire key people who would reach out to the community in real and tangible ways. We launched the Omnibus Lecture Series, built strong relationships with local government and area businesses, and garnered the support of our state representatives.

For all these reasons, IPFW has become more than a good university; it’s a great one. And so you—our alumni, faculty, and staff—will always be my crowning achievement. You trusted me with your hopes, your dreams, and your futures. For this, I am forever in your debt. Serving as your chancellor has been the most rewarding experience of my professional life. It was an honor to serve you, and I wish only the best for you—and this institution—long into the future.

Michael A. Wartell
Chancellor Emeritus
You have said that taking this position at IPFW is like coming back to your roots. Tell us about your memories growing up in the Hoosier state.

I grew up in a little farming community on highway 52 between Indianapolis and Rushville, starting my elementary years and completing my high-school education in the same building. My graduating class consisted of 65 young people from Gwynneville and the surrounding communities. Being deeply rooted in such a small town gave me a real sense of what it means to be a neighbor and a friend.

How have your 17 years of leadership at other universities prepared you for the job you’re facing at IPFW?

In each of my previous positions, I’ve spent a lot of time working with local and statewide businesses, companies, and community leaders, developing partnerships and collaborations on behalf of my specific campus, and higher education more generally. Everything I’ve done to help build these institutions—whether it’s growing enrollment, building new facilities, establishing new degrees and programs, or supporting faculty research—has been accomplished as a result of those partnerships.

I get very excited about taking a new idea, determining the right people who should be at the table to vet the idea, and then putting a plan in place to make it happen. Because I’ve been fortunate to work in a number of universities, I’ve had the opportunity to discover what works in different settings—and what doesn’t. I’m looking forward to taking what I’ve learned in my past experiences and applying that knowledge to my new position at IPFW.

One distinguishing feature at IPFW is the “open-door” policy between students and faculty. What have you done to help foster faculty-student partnerships at other universities?

Faculty-student collaborations abound at our Tri-Cities campus; in fact, it’s one of our signatures. Faculty members readily engage students in mentoring, research projects, internships, and activities outside of the classroom—both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. In the area of open-door policies, I try to lead by example. Students, faculty, and staff frequently stick their heads in my door to say hello, and a few times each semester, my cabinet and I sit down with student leaders to talk about issues, share concerns, and discuss ideas for new projects and initiatives.

What are you looking forward to most in your new position?

The people. To me, leadership is all about building relationships, earning trust, and developing open lines of communication. Chancellor Wartell has done an excellent job mobilizing and unifying this community, and I plan to spend time and energy building those same kinds of relationships in order to maintain IPFW’s ongoing success.
Dear Alumni:

T.S. Eliot said, “What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.”

This quotation perfectly sums up where IPFW stands right now. We’re saying goodbye to Michael Wartell after an 18-year tenure as chancellor of our fine campus, yet, at the same time, looking forward to a new beginning in welcoming Vicki Carwein as the university’s ninth leader.

I try not to be too personal in my letters, but I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Chancellor Wartell, not only for his unwavering support of the Alumni Association, but also for supporting me both professionally and personally.

When offered the alumni director position in October 2008, I truly had no idea what I was getting myself into. I knew I possessed the skills needed to plan events, but I was unsure about many of the other things this job entails. Chancellor Wartell put me in a position where I had to hone skills I didn’t know I had, and there hasn’t been a day when I’ve regretted taking on this challenge.

I’ve learned so much about myself these past four years, and I have Chancellor Wartell to thank for much of it. He has been more than a boss to me; he has been a mentor and a friend. I look forward to continuing our friendship as he moves on to his next challenge, and I wish him and his wife, Ruth, all the best wherever the future takes them.

While we’re saying goodbye to Chancellor Wartell, we also welcome with open arms Chancellor Carwein, a Hoosier native returning to her roots to take the helm of Indiana’s fifth-largest public university. Most recently serving at Washington State University–Tri-Cities, Carwein brings with her many years of experience in higher education, including 23 years at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, leaving as dean of the College of Health Services, and a stint at the University of Washington–Tacoma, where she served as chancellor.

The Alumni Association will officially welcome Chancellor Carwein at this year’s Mastodon Roast, scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 9. I hope you can join us and show her what Mastodon pride means to you as an alumni or alumna.

Amid this transition and over the coming year, the Alumni Association and the university will plan for IPFW’s 50th-anniversary celebration during the 2013–2014 academic year. This issue of our alumni magazine is dedicated to giving you just a taste of what we hope to acknowledge during this landmark occasion. You’ll meet several alumni whose stories are the kind we’re looking to highlight: entrepreneurs, business leaders, couples who met on campus, and legacy families (multiple generations of IPFW graduates). Be sure to read their stories and find out how you can be a part of this yearlong celebration.

Finally, as you read through the rest of the magazine, look for something that interests you, whether that’s attending alumni events such as the Mastodon Roast and Homecoming, an Omnibus Lecture, or a theatre production. We’re also offering new travel opportunities this year! Take a long weekend to ski in Michigan or fly west with us to enjoy warmer weather on the Southern California coast. We assure you that neither trip will disappoint!

The Alumni Association’s vision is to support our alumni and university by building pride in being a Mastodon, creating a visible presence, and connecting our widespread alumni. The Alumni Association staff is always willing to help you find a way to get involved, so don’t hesitate to contact us. We hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Kimberly M. Wagner
Director of Alumni Relations

Kimberly M. Wagner, B.A. ’01, M.P.A. ’05
Director of Alumni Relations

Dear Fellow Alumni:

Our future’s so bright ... you gotta wear shades.

You all recall that song, either firsthand, or on the oldies station. Either way, the message is the same—there’s so much to look forward to—and it’s the same at IPFW.

If you haven’t been on campus lately, you need to check it out. So many new buildings and programs—you’ll hardly recognize it. I encourage you to come to campus for one of our alumni events. We have many events coming up this fall, including the annual Mastodon Roast in the new Steel Dynamics Keith E. Busse IPFW Alumni Center. All our special events are a great way to reconnect with your university and with fellow alumni.

I’m starting my first of two years as president of the Alumni Association board of directors, and I’d love to hear from you regarding your ideas on how to position our Alumni Association to serve our members.

Please contact me through the Alumni Association office. My goal for our association for the next two years is to become more accessible and relevant to our members. And, I can only do that with your feedback and input.

I look forward to seeing you at an Alumni Association event soon. Go Dons!

All the best,

Denice Kallmyer Beights, B.M.E. ’94
President, IPFW Alumni Association
Fourth of July Rooftop Party
Each year, the Alumni Association sponsors a party on the roof of parking garage No. 1 during the city’s annual Fourth of July fireworks showcase to raise money for our scholarship and program funds—and 2012 was another great year! With the help of many volunteers, partners, and sponsors, we raised more than $1,600!

Thanks to this year’s partners and sponsors:
- Coca-Cola
- Indiana Stamp
- Oasis Radio Group—U.S. 93.3 FM
- Pizza Hut
- Wendy’s of Fort Wayne

Ice Cream Social
On an incredibly hot evening in mid-July, the IPFW Alumni Association hosted its annual Ice Cream Social, part of this year’s Three Rivers Festival. More than 300 people found relief in ice cream sundaes, root beer floats, and other frozen treats while enjoying music by the Fort Wayne Community Band and a baton-twirling performance by Miss Three Rivers Festival Rachael Bazzell. Thanks to everyone who attended and volunteered at the event!

Become a fan of the IPFW Alumni Association!
The IPFW Alumni Association is on Facebook! We post updates about our events, photos, general university information, and other fun facts and tidbits. Become a fan of the association by visiting facebook.com/ipfwalumni.
Upcoming Events

Fourth Annual Nearly Naked Mile
Wednesday, Sept. 19
Registration begins at 6 p.m. Event starts at 7 p.m.
Alumni Plaza (outside Walb Student Union), Main Campus

Care enough to run in the buff! The Alumni Association, Student Activities Board, and Student Government Association are partnering for the fourth year to host this fun event that benefits our community. Participants are encouraged to dress crazy for the costume contest, run or walk a mile through campus, and then enjoy a cookout at the end of the "race." The registration "fee" is the donation of a gently used article of clothing, which will be donated to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission and Charis House. For more information, contact the alumni office at 260-481-6807 or alumni@ipfw.edu.

Career and Internship Fair
Tuesday, Sept. 20
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
International Ballroom, Main Campus

Employers from a variety of industries will be in attendance, in search of highly qualified IPFW students and alumni. Admission is free. For more information and a list of employers attending, go to the Career Services website at ipfw.edu/career and log in to your JobZone account. If you need assistance accessing your account, please call 260-481-0689.

14th Annual Mastodon Roast
Tuesday, Oct. 9
5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Steel Dynamics Keith E. Busse IPFW Alumni Center, West Campus

Graduates and faculty are invited to IPFW’s signature alumni event! At last year’s roast, guests were a part of the formal dedication of the Steel Dynamics Keith E. Busse IPFW Alumni Center. This year’s roast will feature another landmark event—the formal introduction of IPFW’s new chancellor, Vicki Carwein. You also will have the opportunity to mix and mingle with your favorite professors, athletics coaches, and fellow alumni while enjoying the hog roast. Dinner is free for grads, faculty, and guests. For food-count purposes and because alcohol is served (Your first drink is on us!), your name and the names of your guest(s) must be on our registration list. RSVP online at ipfw.edu/alumni, or by calling 260-481-6807.

Dental Hygiene Alumni Luncheon
Saturday, Nov. 10
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Steel Dynamics Keith E. Busse IPFW Alumni Center, West Campus


General Studies e-Mentoring
Tuesday, Nov. 13
6 to 9 p.m.
Walb Student Union Ballroom, Main Campus

General studies graduates are invited to meet junior and senior general studies students for career networking. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by “speed-dating” style interviews. To sign up, please contact Sandy McMurtrie at mcmurts@ipfw.edu or 260-481-6828.

Homecoming 2012
Saturday, Dec. 1
Memorial Coliseum Expo II and Main Arena

Alumni and their families are invited to join IPFW students for our annual homecoming festivities! The Mastodon men’s basketball team will host the Miami University (Ohio) RedHawks at 7 p.m. Prior to the game, there will be a tailgate-style party in Expo II. In addition, alumni-recognition awards will be presented during the festivities. Keep your eyes open for more information this fall! For more information, contact the alumni office at 260-481-6807 or alumni@ipfw.edu.
Twice as nice
Hot and cold running alumni trips in 2013!

California dreaming
Six days, five nights on the West Coast!
Huntington Beach, California
Thursday, March 14–Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Want to enjoy a fun-filled weekend on the West Coast? Here’s your chance! For the first time in IPFW alumni history, join us for a six-day trip to Huntington Beach, California. This trip is being organized to give Mastodons the chance to travel out west in search of warmer weather at the end of one of our typical Indiana winters. The group will fly round-trip from Fort Wayne to Los Angeles and stay at the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort, a four-star resort located on the beach. In addition, we’ll host a reception for travelers and alumni living in the Southern California area over the weekend, and everyone will have the option to cheer on the men’s volleyball team as they play in the Long Beach State Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

The resort is situated in the beautiful seaside community of Huntington Beach, overlooking the Pacific Ocean and miles of white-sand beaches. In addition to the stunning California scenery and a dramatic indoor waterfall, the hotel also offers a lush, tropical swimming pool, a spot to bask in the sun and look out over the ocean. Additional recreational amenities include a sand volleyball court, tennis court, bicycle rentals, and fully equipped fitness center. All 290 hotel rooms include private, furnished balconies, most with breathtaking views of the pristine Southern California coastline.

Trip includes:
• Five nights accommodations beachside resort
• Round-trip airfare from Fort Wayne to Los Angeles
• Weekend pass to Long Beach State volleyball tournament
• Invitation to IPFW alumni event
• Special IPFW keepsake gift
• All taxes and fees included in package price

Trip Includes:
• Three night’s accommodations in tranquil forest-set condominium
• Lift tickets for two mountains offering 114 different runs
• Three night’s accommodations in tranquil forest-set condominium
• Daily breakfast buffet
• All taxes and fees included in package price

To reserve your spot for either trip, contact 260-481-6807 or alumni@ipfw.edu.

The Miser
By Molière
Translated by Virginia Scott
Directed by Craig A. Humphrey

Molière’s 17th-century comic masterpiece has a new twist. This production is set against the backdrop of the chic, carefree, romantic Paris of the 1920s. The Miser is a love story. Céleste is in love with Maruline, Elise is in love with Valere, and their father is in love with his money! When Harpagus, a wealthy, money-grubbing old widower, decides to marry off his two children for profit against their wishes, and chooses for his new bride the object of his son’s desires, the entire household embarks on a mad dash to unite the children with their rightful partners and to separate the old man from his beloved fortune.

Williams Theatre: Sept. 28, 29; Oct. 4, 5, and 6 at 8 p.m.
Oct. 7 at 2 p.m.

The Women of Lockerbie
By Deborah Brevoort
Directed by Jeffrey Casaza

In The Women of Lockerbie, a mother from New Jersey roams the hills of Lockerbie, Scotland, looking for her son’s remains lost in the crash of Pan-Am 103. She meets the women of Lockerbie, who are fighting the U.S. government to obtain the clothing of the victims found in the plane’s wreckage. The women, determined to convert an act of hatred into an act of love, want to wash the clothes of the dead and return them to the victims’ families.

Studio Theatre: Nov. 8, 10, 15, 16, and 17 at 8 p.m.
Nov. 18 at 2 p.m.

To purchase a season subscription, to make reservations for any upcoming show, or to gain more information, call the Larson Ticket Office in the Gates Athletic Center, 260-481-6555.

IPFW Department of Theatre 2012–13

Single-ticket prices for plays
$14 adults
$14 seniors, faculty, staff, and alumni
$10 groups of 10 or more
$5 students 11 and under
$10 college students with ID
FREE admission for IPFW students with ID

Single-ticket prices for musicals
$16 adults
$16 seniors, faculty, staff, and alumni
$12 groups of 10 or more
$5 students 11 and under
$10 college students with ID
FREE admission for IPFW students with ID

Patrons with disabilities
Accessible parking and lower-level seating available.

Sign-language interpreter services provided during Sunday matinees on the last weekend of each production in Williams Theatre.

SoundMaestro® Personal Listening System available for patrons with hearing loss.

Text telephone device (TDD) ticket reservations: 260-481-4105.
Join us as we prepare to celebrate IPFW’s upcoming 50th anniversary. We need your input. Don’t make us feel “listless.”

Jeff Ptak, AGS ’02, BGS ’03, Sarah Leffers-Ptak, BA ’05, and their son Kayden stroll across campus on a sunny summer day. Read their story on page 17.
Visitors to the new Steel Dynamics IPFW Alumni Center will see a plaque at the entrance to Alumni Director Kim Wagner's office. The plaque honors Tom and Millie Blume for their service and generosity to the university. It all began with a bit of sound advice Tom received some 40 years ago.

After graduating from Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne, Tom went off to Bloomington, where he earned a bachelor’s in business in 1965. Back in Fort Wayne, he landed a job in banking and began a six-year hitch with the Army Reserves. In 1971, Tom started making plans to return to Bloomington for an MBA. He immediately enrolled in the industrial engineering technology program at Purdue Calumet, but even though he couldn’t see himself moving to the Region, he wanted to learn more about metals. A part-time job in engineering would provide hands-on experience in his chosen field. A part-time job in engineering at Superior Linkage in New Haven was the perfect solution.

“My boss at the time said, ‘Are you crazy? Why don’t you go to IPFW and keep working for us?’ The bank will pay for your education,” Tom recalls. “That turned out to be some great advice.”

There were other dividends. Because he stayed close to home, Tom met Millie Moser, a Fort Wayne North Side High School graduate, and they hit it off. They got married in 1978, the same year Tom completed an MBA at IPFW.

Tom’s career in banking covered 36 years and several executive positions. He served as chief operating officer for Summit Bank and as regional president for NBD Bank, Bank One, and STAR Financial. Millie earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education at IPFW in 1972 and returned to complete a master’s in education in 1975. “At that time, the university was still very young, and the number of degrees you could earn was limited,” Millie says. “But there was a big emphasis on education degrees. My mom was a fourth-grade teacher, and that’s what I wanted to do, too, so it was perfect for me.”

Tom’s career was cut short by several years in 1984, when Kurt Westman was born. “I recently went to an event on campus, and I almost got lost. It’s unbelievable what’s been accomplished during Chancellor Michael Wartell’s tenure. I think IPFW is a tremendous economic resource for our area. It’s a great tool for economic development.”
And the rewards? “It’s very gratifying,” Kurt says. “It’s a good feeling to start up a greenfield project, put people to work, and watch it be successful.”

IPFW grads are among the people Kurt likes to put to work. “We continue to support IPFW through resources and through our recruiting,” Kurt says. “IPFW is a good source of quality graduates in technology, and that’s something we always keep in mind.”

“The campus sure has changed since we were students,” Kurt adds. “The size, shape, and look are all very impressive. This administration has done some great things over the last 20 years or so.”

Simply Briljent!

Kathy Carrier is a homegrown entrepreneur in the truest sense. She learned what it takes to start up and maintain a successful business from her father, Marion Krommiski, who founded and led a thriving heating and air-conditioning distributorship in Fort Wayne for more than 30 years.

“My brothers and I worked for the family business as we were growing up,” Kathy says. “So I learned a lot while I was still very young.” That and an IPFW education have served her well.

After graduating from Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne, Kathy spent a year in Bloomington, but she wasn’t exactly taken with the big-campus experience. “Too many students in the lectures, professors who never seemed to be available—I just wasn’t happy in Bloomington,” Kathy recalls.

Back home again, Kathy enrolled at IPFW, where she had a family connection. “My mother, Georgia, taught English at IPFW for many years, so I already had a positive feeling about the university,” Kathy says. “At IPFW, I was able to develop relationships with the business school faculty. They cared about me and my progress. I was very happy at IPFW. Even though it’s a big campus now with a growing enrollment, I think there’s still that small-school feeling.”

As an IPFW student, Kathy was sports editor for The Communicator, the campus newspaper, and president of the Accounting Society. After earning a bachelor’s in business in 1981, she worked for an accounting firm before signing on with what is now Lincoln Financial Group.

Fulfillment eluded Kathy, however. “I didn’t feel as if I had any control over my career,” she says. “I grew up in a family-owned business with an entrepreneurial spirit. I wanted to make my own mark.”

She’s certainly done that with Briljent, the consulting firm she founded in 1998. Briljent is a Czechoslovakian variation of “brilliant.” The company serves state and federal government and some corporations. Starting with one employee—Kathy, of course—Briljent now employs 250. One very big feather in the company’s cap is a large contract to provide training, quality, and call center operations services to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Briljent keepsakes for consumers, and works with corporate clients and catalogs to create one-of-a-kind items that they then can offer to their clients and employee groups. “I spent my entire career in service,” Kathy says. “I wanted to start a company that makes a product, something you could hold in your hand and love. Plus, Fort Wayne has a number of successful textile ventures, so we were able to tap into great textile talent and mentoring.”

Kathy’s husband, Dave, shares the entrepreneurial spirit. He operates his own custom woodworking business, DXD Furniture. They have two daughters and two sons, one of which, Mike, earned an IPFW degree in general studies in 2007.

Kathy’s currently serving in the military. As she oversees two growing businesses, Kathy still finds time for her alma mater. She was on the search community that landed the new chancellor, and she’s served on the School of Business Advisory Board, the College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board, and with the IPFW Foundation. She also recently endowed an English scholarship in perpetuity in her mother’s name.

“I think it’s important that members of the community be involved with our university because IPFW means so much to our community,” Kathy says. “I’m still involved, and I intend to always be.”

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public art project that will bring function as university’s 50th anniversary fete is another by local artists. The cornerstone of the 40, more than 100 mastodons were created town. Indeed, Mastodons on Parade was to forget them; they still stand watch all over celebrate IPFW’s 40th anniversary? It’s hard Sarah Leffers-Ptak and Jeff Ptak 18 fiberglass mini-mastodons created to generate scholarship money for financially Another objective of the project is to bike-rack sculptures that will be placed national—to create one-of-a-kind Another component of the project aims something more catalytic, a legacy for the community, because the university plays a big role in our community,” says Irene Walters, executive director of university relations and communications at IPFW. “We think Sculpture with Purpose will accomplish that on several levels. “Visually, the project will transform the streetscape and create a sense of place. Psychologically, it will promote pride around the city and on campus. Intellectually, the project will foster greater awareness of green living and physical fitness. And, functionally—we’ll have more spaces for bikes.” The bike-rack sculptures will come in three sizes, and depending on the size, artists will receive stipends of $5,000, $2,000, or $1,000. The only stipulations are that each sculpture include the IPFW triangle and that at least one bike can be secured with a U-lock. The plan also calls for including QR codes that will direct smart-phone users to more information about the piece and project. The “Artist Call for Proposals” is now available online, with submissions due in November. The top 50 ideas will be selected in May 2013 by a committee led by Jim Sparrow, executive director of Arts United. Another component of the project aims to awaken the muse and cultivate an appreciation of art among young people. Students at participating area schools will be given recycled bicycles that they can transform into works of art. The bikes will be attached to the sculptures when they’re unveiled in May 2014. Sculpture with Purpose is sponsor-driven. Lincoln Financial Group is the title sponsor, and several other businesses have stepped forward at the three levels of sponsorship: Decade ($10,000), Celebration ($5,000), and Commemorative ($2,500). More sponsors are still needed, however, to fund the project and generate an anticipated $50,000 scholarship fund. “Sculpture with Purpose supports the desire to create public art, but adds an innovative element or purpose,” says Ruth Stone, Sculpture with Purpose project manager. “By taking the practical idea of a bike rack and putting its design in the hands of artists, these sculptures will transform the streetscapes of Fort Wayne and create public places for interaction between residents and their city. “Also, by limiting the production cost of the pieces and creating a community-wide collaboration, there will be a movement among businesses to support the initiative.” Ruth adds. “The community will come together to accomplish this transformational change in our city that will serve as the tipping point to future public art projects in our community.” And the entire community is invited to be a part of the project as a sponsor, artist, school, or volunteer. To get involved, call Ruth at 260-481-6105 or write to sculpture@ipfw.edu. You can also visit sculpture@ipurpose.com.
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne—northeast Indiana’s largest public university—is celebrating 50 years through a new public art initiative, Sculpture with Purpose, that will enrich Fort Wayne with sculptural bike racks.

BE PART OF THE ACTION

AS A SPONSOR
Underwrite one of the 50 sculptural bike racks to be placed on IPFW’s campus and throughout Fort Wayne. Choose from three funding levels: Decade, Celebration, and Commemorative. Join the movement and leave a lasting gift to celebrate the university that educated you. A portion of funds raised will support IPFW scholarships.

AS AN ARTIST
Share your talent and creativity by leaving a legacy through an imaginative sculptural bike rack.

• Local and national artists of all disciplines are invited to submit a 3-D design.
• At least 50 sculptures in three levels with stipends awarded accordingly.
• Sculptures will be throughout IPFW’s campus, and our city’s streets, trails, and parks.
• Artist Call for Proposals will be available online in late September.

IPFW and Fort Wayne—Since 1964, moving forward together has defined who we are.

Enriching Fort Wayne with sculptural bike racks.

For more information, visit sculpturewithpurpose.com or email sculpture@ipfw.edu.
Naomi Tutu
Human Rights Advocate
“Hard Conversations: Talking About Race and Racism”
Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013

Naomi Tutu is a lifetime advocate of human rights. Daughter of Bishop Desmond Tutu, she was born in apartheid South Africa, but later lived in Lesotho, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Tutu served as a development consultant in West Africa and coordinated programs for race and gender awareness at the African Gender Institute at the University of Cape Town. She is a consultant to two human rights organizations, the Spiritual Alliance to Stop Intimate Violence (SAM) and the Foundation for Hospices in Sub-Saharan Africa (PHSSA).

Tutu has led workshops for conflict resolution and issues of race and racism, as well as women’s retreats through her organization, Sister Sojourner.

Grant Imahara
Robotics Engineer
“Engineering in Entertainment”
Monday, March 25, 2013

Before becoming a “Mythbuster,” on the popular Discovery Channel TV science program, Mythbusters, Grant Imahara was an animatronics engineer and modelmaker for George Lucas’ Industrial Light & Magic, where he specialized in electronics and radio control. His film credits include Star Wars, The Matrix, Jurassic Park, and Terminator.

Imahara has worked closely with R2-D2 units for the Star Wars films and is one of only three official R2-D2 operators in the United States. He also developed circuitry for the iconic Energizer Bunny. *Kickin’ Bot: An Illustrated Guide to Building Combat Robots*, Imahara’s first book, was released in 2003. It’s regarded by many robot-building enthusiasts as the bible for combat robotics.

Susan Orlean
Journalist and Author
“My Encounters with Extraordinary People”
Thursday, April 18, 2013

Susan Orlean is the author of the best-selling book *The Orchid Thief*, which was made into the Oscar-winning movie *Adaptation*. Her latest work, *Rin Tin Tin: The Life and The Legend*, tells the story of Rin Tin Tin’s journey from orphaned puppy to movie star and international icon.

Orlean was a staff writer for *The New Yorker* and a contributing editor at *Rolling Stone* and *Vogue*. She has contributed to *Esquire*, *Smithsonian*, *New York Times Magazine*, and many other publications.

Orlean teaches creative writing at New York University and has been a writer-in-residence at several other universities.
Externships—a combination of a job shadow and mini-internship—are an excellent way for IPFW students to prepare for a career. In just a few days during fall or spring break, they get a real feel for what the day-to-day world is like in a field that interests them. Externships help students begin to network and find mentors. And the benefit is certainly not one-sided. Externship hosts, many of whom are IPFW alumni, can build partnerships with promising students who will soon be in the job market. Hosts can also build valuable partnerships with IPFW Career Services. These connections help your business, our campus, and the entire community.

Jessica Miller, B.S. ’09, interior design, Design Collaborative interior designer and recent externship host, found real value in the program. “When I started my current position, I had someone who really knew the ropes walk me through everything I needed to know. Having someone to help me was a huge benefit, and it really showed me how much training—even the small things like where we keep supplies and basic office functions—can make a difference. When it came time for my company to add a full-time permanent staff member, the externship experience was a great trial run of the training process for me.”

Venus Lee, interior design major and Miller’s extern, agreed that learning the little things made a big difference and that this was time well-spent. “My externship was a wonderful experience. I now have a better idea of what a real design firm does. Even after just a couple of days, I learned some things that I couldn’t have in the classroom—like the importance of a client’s budget and other preferences and conditions that have to be considered in an actual project. I even had the experience of being able to share some new ideas I had with the interior designer, who thought they were good!”

Lindsay Sprunger, B.A. ’11, English, now with Fort Wayne Youtheatre, believes that even though externships are brief, important connections can still be made. “Externships provide real-world experience and partnerships with professionals. Considering today’s job market, those connections have never been more important. I’m an actual living example, as I got my foot in the door here through an IPFW internship. I saw a little of myself in our extern, and it reminded me what it was like to start out in a career. It was rewarding to help someone in that position. And it was nice to have an extra pair of hands to help with a project.”

Lynn Kies, theatre major and Sprunger’s extern, really appreciated being able to meet local professionals and find out that there are more possibilities for a career in her field than she imagined. “I’m new to Fort Wayne, and it was exciting to be able to meet people who actually work in theatre here. Externships are a great way for students to get involved in the community and make connections—which is really important. For me, it was incredibly valuable to learn about the different opportunities that exist beyond just performing on stage. There are many people working busily behind the scenes that I just didn’t know about until this experience. I got to tour the theatre and even help prepare scripts for an actual play. I feel much more confident about my major and career choice now.”

So, why not consider hosting an IPFW extern? There’s no cost, and it’s easy to get started. Just fill out the host registration form at ipfw.edu/career. Or, contact Ashley Calderon, assistant director of career services, at 260-481-6591 or calderoa@ipfw.edu to sign up or get more information about how you can help your business, our campus, and the community by hosting an IPFW extern or through other great opportunities.
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• Internships and internships

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IPFW Class Notes

1972
Bruce Menshy, B.S.B., accounting, director of operations at Raytheon Co., received the Monsignor Thiele Award from the United Way of Allen County for his volunteer efforts.

1973
Ed King, B.M., music education, was named 2012 Fort Wayne Community Schools Teacher of the Year.

1979
Ann Obergfell, A.S., radiography, B.S. health services management (IPFW 1982), was promoted to dean of the IPFW College of Health and Human Services.

1981
Maj. Justus (Ed) Littlejohn Jr., A.S., criminal justice, B.A., psychology (1985), M.A., professional communication studies (1992), previously commander of the Indiana State Police Laboratory Division, is now the first director of the Indiana Department of Toxicology.

John Proegler, A.S., arts, marketing, was promoted to marketing manager at PHD Inc. Proegler has been with the company since 1988.

1982
Paul Grandienard, B.S., agriculture, was named executive vice president and chief credit officer by Independent Alliance Banks Inc., the holding company for Grabbill Bank and Markle Bank. Grandienard joined Markle Bank in 2002.

1983
Dan Mobley, A.S., commercial arts, joined Catalyst Marketing Design as art director. Mobley previously worked for the company as a freelance artist.

1985
Jim Gabbard, B.A., arts, works directly with communication sciences and disorders (CSD) students to increase their skills in photography as an effective way to communicate.

Douglas Meyer, B.S.B., marketing, joined Grabbill Bank as vice president and business banker. Meyer has 20 years of commercial lending, banking, and management experience.

1988
Bill Busch, B.S., supervision, business consultant with XCELHR, received the company’s 2011 Business Consultant of the Year Award.

1991
Barry LaRow, A.G.S., president and CEO of LaRow & Beyond Marketing Communications and Training, is writing a regular column for Jetset Magazine. The columns are available at jetsetmag.com.

1993
Davon Bultmeier, B.S., agriculture, a wealth adviser with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in Hoagland, received the 2011 Voices in Philanthropy Award from the Lutheran Community Foundation. Bultmeier received the award for exemplary service helping clients put their charitable goals and values into action.

1999
Maclyn Parker, H.D.R., an attorney at Baker & Daniels, was recognized as an IPFW Champion during Commencement on May 9.

2000
Erica Wehrmeister, A.S.N, B.S.N. (2009), MBA (Indiana Tech 2011), has been named chief operating officer of Lutheran Hospital.

2001
Dennis Tratnyek, M.B.A., business administration, an employee at Star Financial Bank, was awarded the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Financial Services Champion of the Year award.

2002
Bob Brewer, B.A., arts, M.A., arts (2010), was named IPFW’s Outstanding Advisor at the academic advising luncheon.
Luke Forbing, B.S.B., accounting, has accepted a position as manager of finance and accounting operations at Chromatin Inc. in Chicago.

Karrie Detwiler, B.F.A., metals, was named Sandhills South/Central Regional Teacher of the Year in North Carolina on Dec. 12, 2011. Detwiler teaches art at J.W. Turlington Alternative School. This prestigious honor positions her to compete for North Carolina Teacher of the Year.

Sherri Chaney, B.S., was promoted to vice president and trust officer at Grabill Bank.

Leslie McKinley, M.A., social work, was promoted to administrator at the Village at Pine Valley, Lutheran Life Villages’ new skilled-nursing and rehabilitation campus on Coldwater Road. McKinley has been with the organization since 2007.

Andrew Young, B.S., business accounting, B.S., finance (2011), passed the Uniform Combined State Law Examination (Series 66) and the Indiana Life and Health Insurance License.

Jennika Laird, A.S., electrical engineering technology, B.S., computer engineering technology (2011), has been named to the 2011 USA Today All-USA College Academic Team. This annual program honors full-time undergraduates who not only excel academically, but also extend their intellectual abilities beyond the classroom to benefit society.

Chuck Surack, Doctor of Humane Letters Degree (honorary), owner and founder of Sweetwater Sound, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Saint Francis. His support launched the school’s music technology degree in 2007.

Alexandria Lightning, B.S.N., received recognition from Chi Eta Phi Sorority, an organization for professional nurses and student nurses.
STAT is a new student organization established in 2011. The goal of STAT is to bridge the gap between being an IPFW student and becoming an alumnus or alumna. STAT strives to accomplish this by promoting pride and tradition on campus, by making the time spent on campus more memorable through creative, fun events and opportunities, and by helping to connect current students with alumni.

As winner of the Building Block Award for superior contributions to the IPFW community, and as one of the most active student organizations on campus, STAT provides its members with experiences that enhance their education, as well as opportunities to meet IU and Purdue alumni, faculty, staff, and students.

During the 2011–2012 academic year, STAT organized several events and meetings that included:

- The Nearly Naked Mile, during which almost 200 people ran nearly naked through campus to help raise clothing donations for the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.
- The Dining Etiquette Dinner, which gave students the opportunity to learn not just about which fork to use, but also the importance of social awareness.
- STAT Congrats, when cookies were passed out to students at the conclusion of their first week on campus.
- Other events included bonfires complete with s’mores after sporting events and monthly membership meetings with free food and presentations on a wide variety of topics.

1. STAT Officers: Courtney Trout (founding President); Paul Hasting (VP); Laddan Abbasi (Secretary); Seth Kirby (Treasurer)
2. STAT’s Nearly Naked Mile.
3. John Niser, chair of family and consumer sciences, instructs students during the Spring Dining Etiquette Dinner. The next one is scheduled for October 2012.

On the cover: Alumni Jeff Ptak and his wife, Sarah Leffers-Ptak.