

NOTES FROM THE CHANCELLOR

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INDIANA UNIVERSITY EAST has become the university of choice for students across eastern Indiana and western Ohio. The evidence is in our enrollment numbers: In 2006, after 35 years, IU East had 2,200 students; in the last four years, we have added over 1,100 more.

This fall, 3,365 students are enrolled on campus, a 15 percent increase compared to last fall and 50 percent compared to fall 2006. The remarkable growth has set new record highs for the campus at the same time that we raised our admission standards, a reflection, I believe, of our new mission as a bachelor's and master's degree institution.

We also welcomed the largest class of new bachelor's degree-seeking students (708) in the campus' history. Of our incoming freshmen, 91 percent are teenagers. These students represent our future human resources and the region's future economic opportunities.

GIFT PROVIDES NEW OFF-CAMPUS FACILITY

Richmond businessman Kirit Patel recently gave the campus a 9,040-square-foot office building, valued at \$498,000, located on the city's east side.

We are grateful for Mr. Patel's outstanding commitment to our community and his confidence in our growing campus. His generosity will allow IU East to provide the region with additional opportunities and options for extending its reach into the community.

In the coming months, we will announce our plans for the building. We're exploring community outreach possibilities.

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS IN THE WORKS

IU East continues to develop new academic programs to enhance the educational opportunities of the region.

We are eagerly awaiting further approval of two more master's degree programs by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education – a Master of Science in Nursing and a Master of Science in Management. Already approved by the university trustees, both programs will prepare students to serve in leadership and administrative roles and improve the workforce in the communities we serve.



Nasser Paydar
Chancellor, Indiana University East

We are also expanding our portfolio of bachelor's degree programs by adding programs in human life science and in biochemistry. The B.S. in Human Life Science provides students with extensive preparation for graduate or professional studies or a variety of health-related professions. The biochemistry degree prepares students for jobs requiring laboratory skills, including those in research and development institutes and companies, and for a master's degree or Ph.D. in biology-related fields.

STATE CHAMBER VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS COLLABORATION WITH IVY TECH

Our innovative partnership with Ivy Tech Community College—Richmond is highlighted in a new video, “Regional Collaboration: Helping Deliver Student Success,” created by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

The video praises our collaboration as a model for the rest of the state and recognizes the affordable and accessible higher education system that we have created for residents of eastern Indiana. You can view the video at achieveindiana.com, a new website from the Indiana Chamber as part of the Lumina Productivity Initiative.

PARTNERSHIP GARNERS \$489,884 GRANT

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences and School of Education have partnered with Richmond Community Schools, the Wayne County Historical Museum, and the Indiana State Museum to receive a Teaching American History grant for \$489,884 from the U.S. Department of Education.

We will provide local high school history teachers with the opportunity to research Wayne County's roots in industrialization, entrepreneurship, social justice and transportation. The funding provides graduate-level coursework and an intensive summer institute merging American history topics with best teaching practices. Teachers will conduct field study at the state and local level and have access to high-quality instructional materials and technology.

RECORD YEAR FOR WHITEWATER VALLEY ART COMPETITION

I am proud of IU East's rich history of promoting the arts, dating back more than 30 years when the annual Whitewater Valley Annual Art Competition was established. Former fine arts professor Tom Thomas, who passed away last year, founded the event, and his legacy remains very much alive on our campus.

Selected entries of this year's competition are on exhibit in Whitewater Hall through early December. With the support of the Wayne County Foundation, the exhibition features a record number of works this year. The competition was juried by John McNaughton, a nationally acclaimed 20th century artist.

NATIONALS FOR VOLLEYBALL, CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our women's volleyball program, which repeated as KIAC conference tournament champions and qualified for the NAIA national tournament. The nationally-ranked Red Wolves finished the regular season 36-3. Impressive!

The Red Wolves cross country program sent a student-athlete to nationals again this fall. With her fourth-place finish in the KIAC conference meet, freshman Carlie Rider from Eaton, Ohio, advanced to the NAIA cross country national championships on Nov. 20 in Vancouver, Wash. Congratulations, Carlie!

