

NOTES FROM THE CHANCELLOR

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RECORD NUMBERS OF STUDENTS continue to enroll in Indiana University East's degree programs as we further position ourselves as the region's leader in baccalaureate and master's degree education.

This exciting news follows a trend of continuous growth on campus since fall 2007. Enrollment increased by 16.2 percent this semester compared to last year, the highest growth rate among all IU campuses for the fourth straight semester.

NO LONGER SMALLEST REGIONAL

IU East has now surpassed IU Kokomo in terms of our undergraduate enrollment and the total number of credits that our students are taking this semester. In this regard, we are no longer IU's smallest regional campus.

I believe this growth is significant because it means more students are recognizing the strength of our programs. They will be well-prepared to lead the communities and companies across this region long after they graduate.

INNOVATION WITH IVY TECH

IU East continues to partner with Ivy Tech Community College in innovative ways to create an affordable and accessible higher education system for residents in this region.

We are the first state university campus to completely discontinue admitting students to associate degree programs, allowing us to focus on undergraduate and graduate admissions.

We have created automatic, admission-based scholarships for Ivy Tech graduates, and the number of new transfers from Ivy Tech continues to increase. We also share library services and periodically hold joint Chancellor's Cabinet meetings.

RAPID GROWTH IN ONLINE PROGRAMS

Through these partnerships, we have also been able to expand our reach to underserved and remote areas of this region through online courses. Currently, three bachelor degree completion programs are offered entirely online.

It's clear that our programs are needed here as enrollment has risen dramatically. Credit hours taken online this spring semester have increased nearly 35 percent compared to last spring and over 100 percent since 2008.



Nasser Paydar
Chancellor, Indiana University East

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BOARD OF ADVISORS TO PLAY LARGER ROLE

We are also expanding the size and the role of the IU East Board of Advisors. The 25-member board is chaired by Angie Dickman, vice president of Reid Hospital & Health Care Services. Allen Bourff, superintendent of Richmond Community Schools, is vice chair.

The board will provide input on the campus' role in the economic development of the region, relating campus priorities to community needs, specifically to business and industry.

With the creation of new committees, the board will also help strengthen relationships among IU East and other area educational institutions and key community businesses and organizations.

RESEARCH, LEADERSHIP CENTERS OPEN

The School of Business and Economics is sponsoring two new centers – the Business and Economics Research Center (BERC) and Center for Leadership Development (CLD).

BERC collects, analyzes and interprets financial, demographic and economic information to be used to assist business, industry and non-profit organizations in the IU East service area. A good example of the center's work is the Economic Benchmark Report released in October, the result of a partnership between IU East, the Wayne County Foundation and the Indiana Business Research Center at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.

The report (available at iue.edu/chancellor) compares the Richmond area on a national and statewide scale using a wide range of indicators, ranging from per capital personal income, to industry concentrations to area demographics. This report will help us, and other leaders in the region, to gain a better understanding of our current economic situation, so that we can act appropriately.

The CLD creates and offers leadership development initiatives designed to enhance the managerial and leadership capacities of the IU East service region. The center provides leadership seminars, informational briefings, institutes and conferences to further advance the managerial and leadership capacities of individuals and companies in both business and community organizations.

RESPONDING TO BUDGET CUTS

Indiana has cut higher education funding by \$150 million to address challenging economic conditions across the state, and IU East will be affected.

We must eliminate \$1.5 million from our budget in 2010 and 2011, but I believe that our careful planning, innovative partnerships and efficiencies that we have in place will position us to weather the storm.

Our commitment to our growth strategy for the campus and the quality of our academic programs is unwavering and will not be jeopardized.

We also recognize and embrace the responsibility that we have to share the burden with the rest of the state, and we believe our plan will allow us to become even stronger when the economy eventually recovers.

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