



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
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DIVISION OF EDUCATION

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Dear IU Kokomo Division of Education Alumni:

The Division of Education is pleased to announce the creation of our own **EDUCATION ALUMNI NETWORK**. It is our hope that the Network will provide opportunities for alumni and Division of Education faculty and staff to maintain a continuous connection in our commitment to the enhancement of P–12 student learning.

Many new things have happened in the Division of Education over the past few years.

We have **NEW FACULTY MEMBERS**: **Ellen Sigler** teaches educational psychology and is Unit Assessment Director; **Julie Saam** teaches science education and will be Director of the M.S. in Education Program, as of July 1, 2007; **Amber Reed** teaches language arts/reading; **Masato Ogawa** teaches secondary social studies/international studies; **Shirley Aamidor** teaches early childhood education; and **Dean Cantu**, our new Dean of Education, teaches secondary social studies.

Additionally, **Michael Tulley** teaches reading and is Director of the M.S. in Education Program until July 1, 2007; **Ed Stipp** is the Director of Student Teaching/5–12 Advisor and License Officer; **Charlotte Miller**, is the Coordinator of Education and Student Services for our Elementary/Early Childhood Education Programs, CuLab Director, and Web master; **Bobbi Johnson** is Administrative Secretary; and **Amy Guerre** is our Faculty Secretary. We are in the process of searching for new tenure-track faculty in mathematics and early childhood education.

NEW PROGRAMS have been developed and are in various stages of implementation. They are a B.S. in Secondary Education, a B.S. in Early Childhood, an M.S. in Education degree program for elementary and secondary teachers (see enclosed flyer), and a Kindergarten Endorsement program.

The Division has two **EDUCATION CENTERS**. A partnership between the School of Business and Division of Education, coordinated by **Kathy Parkison** and **Margo Sorgman**, resulted in the Center for Economic Education, accredited by the National Council for Economic Education. The Center offers a stipend-based graduate course in economics education each spring, runs school-based workshops, and houses a library of published and teacher-developed materials to assist schools in implementing Indiana K–12 standards in economics. Three teachers from the research in economics education course won the Olin Davis Award for Exemplary Teaching of Economics in Indiana. A Fulbright Study Tour Abroad Program to take grade 3–12 educators to Turkey and the Republic of Georgia from June 10–July 9, 2007, is pending funding by the United States Department of Education. Application materials, due April 1, 2007, can be found at www.iuk.edu/education/fulbright.shtml.

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A Community Alliance to Promote Education Grant led to the establishment of the Center for Early Childhood Education, which supports Howard County programs in early childhood, provides research study grants, and funds scholarships for undergraduates in early childhood education. **Marilyn Skinner** serves as Director.

Our Dean has guided us toward the development of **NEW DIGITAL INITIATIVES**. The newly revised Division of Education Web site, which includes links to the Division Blog and weekly Newsletter, is available at www.iuk.edu/education/

We have created a new Division of Education Alumni Web site. By updating our alumni network database, we will be able to communicate easily with you, offer in-service and graduate offerings which enhance your professional development goals, display samples of your student work, share your stories and expertise, and engage you in search and screen processes and assessment of program effectiveness. We are exploring the development of an Alumni Speakers Bureau, Annual Awards for Outstanding Alumni in P-12 education, and an Annual Fall Family Picnic, among other things.

To assist us in learning about your professional needs and interest in the Network, we ask that you complete the Alumni Network Information form available online at the **Division of Education Alumni Network Web site** by March 30, 2007, at www.iuk.edu/education/alumni/

Respectfully,



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