

December 14, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

As I anticipated, this semester has flown by, and my tenure as president is coming to a close. While Cheri and I are excited about “our next great adventure,” we will miss the daily interactions with the friends and colleagues we have developed at Indiana State and in Terre Haute. We look forward to returning in 2019 and re-engaging in the university and community life.

Best of luck to all of you and to my successor, Dr. Deborah J. Curtis. I know everyone will provide President Curtis and her husband, Lynn, with the same warmth, respect and support we have encountered. This is an amazing university because of the incredible people who work and attend school here, and I look forward to watching and supporting its continued growth and development.

On Tuesday, I was honored to receive the CASE V CEO of the Year Award in Chicago. CASE is the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, and CASE V represents the entire Midwest. The achievements that led to this recognition are the result of your hard work during the past ten years. So many of you have worked diligently on developing and implementing our strategic plans and ensuring that we remained focused on our goals and how to reach them. I am indebted to all of you for the efforts you have put forth that have helped our institution advance on numerous fronts.

Last night, I received another honor that, once again, was the result of the work of many of our faculty who have built a strong partnership with the CANDLES Holocaust Museum. It is gratifying to hear Eva Kor and other non-profit leaders recognize the impact Indiana State faculty, staff and students are having on our community. Those who have contributed to the CANDLES museum include: **Laura Bates, Kevin Bolinsky, Paul Bro, Brendan Corcoran, Terry Dean, Elonda Ervin, Arthur Feinsod, Chris Fischer, Isaac Land, Ralph Leck, Chris Olsen, Ann Rider, Steve Stofferahn, Brad Venable, Edie Wittenmyer, Jared Wuerzburger and others.** The Center for Community Engagement has helped coordinate this partnership. Thank you for your good work!

Last week, Cheri and I were pleased to recognize some of the campus and community leaders who have been an important part of our presidency and the success Indiana State has realized. Recipients of the Jones Medal, an award created by President Richard G. Landini to recognize outstanding advice and counsel to the presidency, include: **Karen Adams, Mike and Amy Alley, Rita Anderson, Bob and Julie Baesler, Greg Bierly, Liz Brown, Nancy Brentlinger, Karl Burgher, Dave and Peggy Campbell, Ron and Julie Carpenter, Shawn Chambers, John Conant, Kelly Cook, Lant and Amanda Davis, Jo Einstandig, Teresa Exline, Linda Ferguson, Greg Goode, Bob Guell, Kelly Hall, Darlene Hantzis, Tim Hawkins, Jim Jensen, Rex Kendall, Steve Lamb, Jeff Lorick, Freda Luers, Chris MacDonald, Linda Maule, Patty McClintock, Diann and Craig McKee, Alane Meis, Randy and Nancy Minas, Al Perone, Beth Phillips, Kay Ponsot, Nancy Rogers, Kevin Runion, Virgil Sheets, Michael Shelden, Roxanne Torrence, and Charlie and Donna Williams.**

Previously, I had awarded Jones Medals to **John Beacon, Teddy (Lenderman) Perry and Jack Maynard.**

The list of those that impacted our lives and the progress that the University has made is long. While we were not able to honor everyone with a Jones Medal, we do want to thank everyone for your support of us, the university's mission, and the students of Indiana State University.

On Sunday night, we had a farewell pizza and selfie party with the students. This was a fun way to kick off finals week and have a chance to wish our students well. Cheri and I were gifted with a wonderful quilt made out of t-shirts from about 40 student organizations at ISU. What a great way to remember many of the organizations and the students who lead them.

This Friday, we will be cutting the ribbon on the new addition to the Health and Human Services Building. I hope you will attend the 1 p.m. ceremony in the North Gym addition to get a sneak peek at Phase I of this \$64 million state-funded project. The building will be ready for occupancy later this spring, and shortly thereafter, work will begin on Phase 2 – the renovation of the classrooms and labs in the existing building. It should be completed in the spring of 2019. Although construction is still being completed, tours will be offered following the brief ceremony.

At Saturday's Commencement, Indiana State will award two honorary degrees. Local artist **Bill Wolfe** will receive an honorary master of fine arts and former **Senator Luke Kenley** will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters.

Bill is an Indiana sculptor and painter whose studio is located in West Terre Haute. Locally, he is known for his 17-foot-tall statue of basketball legend Larry Bird, the V12 Sailor statue at ISU, the murals in the Vigo County Courthouse, the sculpture of the late Terre Haute poet Max Ehrmann and the restoration of the Gilbert Wilson murals in University Hall. Cheri and I were honored that he painted our official ISU portrait and were thrilled with the finished product.

The Honorable Luke Kenley retired from the Indiana General Assembly in September ending a quarter-century of distinguished service as a state senator. The Noblesville Republican was first elected to the State Senate in 1992 and has directly influenced major public policy issues relating to transportation and infrastructure, economic development, and K-12 education issues. He has been instrumental to higher education in the State of Indiana with his leadership of the Senate Appropriations Committee and his authoring of budget bills that support universities across the state as well as key statewide initiatives such as the 21st Century Scholars Program. He has also supported numerous projects at Indiana including the College of Health and Human Services and Hulman Center, the Indiana Principal Leadership Institute and Indiana State's student success initiatives.

Other items I would like to share:

- Indiana State's Master of Business Administration program in the Scott College of Business has been ranked the fifth best-administered program in the nation by The Princeton Review's annual ranking of business schools. The ranking was connected to how smoothly the school is run and the ease with which students can get into required and popular courses. Congratulations to **Jeff Harper**, **Brien Smith** and the **faculty and staff** involved.
- The scholarship office is in need of campus volunteers to help in interviewing students for the University's top scholarships – the President's Scholarship, University Honors Scholarship and President's Academic Excellence Scholarship. Interview dates are January 25, January 27, February 1 and February 3. To sign up, visit indstate.edu/volunteer and click on the date.

- The **Charles E. Brown African American Cultural Center** will host its annual **Fall Black Congratulatory Ceremony** from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in HMSU Dede I. The event celebrates the culmination of our student's achievements through the earning of a degree.
- Indiana State is one of three recipients of a \$5,000 **Stan Jones Student Success Grant** to support a project creating career immersion experiences for first and second year 21st Century Scholars pursuing liberal arts and sciences degrees. Congrats to **Aaron Slocum, Teresa Dwyer** and **Jaime Frey**.
- **Greg Bierly** has been recognized by Alpha Lambda Delta for ten years of service as an adviser to the group. Alpha Lambda Delta is an honor society for first-year students. Congrats, Greg!
- The elevator in Parsons and Rankin Hall will be inoperable beginning December 18 through January 7 for servicing and modernization. Individuals with disabilities who need to do business with offices located in the lower level or on upper floors should contact the office and ask for assistance.
- Winter Recess will take place December 25 through January 2. University offices will reopen on January 3. Offices that will be open during winter break include Public Safety (open 24 hours); Hulman Center (ticket office open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. December 27, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. December 28, noon to game time December 28 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on December 31); Recycle Center (open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 26, December 28, December 29, December 30 and January 2); and University Mail Services (Departments wanting to pick up their mail during winter recess can do so from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, December 29, in room 137 of Federal Hall. University Apartments South, University Apartments North and 500 Wabash will also be open. To conserve energy during break, please turn off all non-critical electrical items.

It has been an honor to serve as your president for the past nine and a half years. Cheri and I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley
President