Welcome to the Bayh College of Education newsletter! The goal of this newsletter is to foster a sense of involvement between faculty, staff, students, alumni, and our community. This newsletter is for you, so we want it to be relevant and interesting. We welcome and encourage any feedback and suggestions for the next edition.

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Dear Students, Staff, and Faculty,

It is always with great pleasure that I welcome you to a new academic year! A new academic year is full of new beginnings and endless possibilities. Over my years as an educator, I’ve collected many quotes. Do any of these beginning-of-school-year quotes resonate with you?

· Education is our passport to the future! (Malcolm X)
· The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows! (Sydney J. Harris)
· Today is the first day of the rest of your life! (Charles Dederich)
· You’re off to great places. Today is your first day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way! (Dr. Seuss)
· Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world! (Nelson Mandela)

I do hope you’ll enjoy this month’s newsletter and its strong people-centered emphasis. This communiqué provides rich insight into the great work being accomplished by student graduate assistants, faculty, staff, alumni, and our college partners. Important save-the-dates are also included.

As you know, Indiana continues to struggle with educator shortages. One year ago, the Indiana Department of Education listed 2,500 jobs available. Sadly, that number has risen to just under 3,300 earlier this month. One strategy, among several, in which the College is helping address the teacher shortage is ramping up our dual credit offerings and supporting high schools who offer a Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways for aspiring teachers (i.e., also entitled the Education Professions Pathway). We now offer to high school students, statewide, 15 dual credit hours that go directly into the major. These dual credits are offered at no cost. In fact, the College recently hosted five area school districts and more than 130 students enrolled in our dual credit options to a beginning-of-year Kickoff Event. We hope the day contributed much to inspiring a new generation of educators. A special thanks to colleagues, Kevin Bolinger, Malea Crosby, and consultant Karen Goeller for their planning efforts!!

I wish you the very best this fall! You can always find more information about the BCOE at https://www.indstate.edu/education/. Do feel free to contact me with feedback, suggestions, or concerns at Brad.Balch@indstate.edu. GO SYCAMORES!

Respectfully,
Brad Balch, Dean
There are many Graduate Assistants (GAs) in the BCOE, here are a few of them...

**Ashima Sitaula**
Department of Teaching and Learning, Bayh College of Education
I have just started this GA position this semester. My time is divided for this position. I support Dr. Lynn Scott with her research for part of the time. And for the other part, I develop instructional modules for the department’s elementary education candidates. What I truly appreciate about my time at ISU is the opportunity to connect with individuals from diverse cultures and backgrounds, leading me to cross paths with truly remarkable people. I also enjoy engaging in campus activities, fostering academic growth and social connections, and exploring campus events.

**Nathan Amoako**
I am the Instructional and Information Technology Services (IITS) Graduate Assistant for the College under the dean’s office, with direct supervision from Dr. Malea Crosby. I enjoy working with technology and as part of my assistantship I get to perform these roles: maintaining the BCOE Website, managing the department’s ISUlive content, providing technical assistance to BCOE conference rooms, and providing “Livestreaming” for events. I am a Computer Science graduate student and I love ISU’s teaching and learning environment. The professors are very welcoming and helpful.

**Katelyn Kidwell**
Bayh College Office of the Dean
I work at the front desk to greet people, deliver things on campus, and whatever tasks or projects they ask me to help with! What I enjoy about ISU would hands down have to be the people. I loved the people I met in my undergraduate experience and even now my graduate school experience! Getting involved at ISU was the best choice I ever made!

**Courtney Renfroe**
I am a new GA for the BCOE Graduate Student Services. In general, I assist faculty members and students who come into the graduate student services office, help out Dr. Linda Sperry with checking the reference list in student dissertations, and assist in statistical analysis. I enjoy how pretty the campus is (especially in the fall when all the trees change colors) and the endless opportunities it has to offer for students.

**Morgan Worrell**
I am a GA for the Department of Applied Clinical and Educational Sciences. I work in the main ACES office on the 2nd floor of the BCOE with the Administrative Assistant, Kimberley VanLannen, to assist with any tasks within the office or in the Grosjean clinic when necessary. ISU brought me many opportunities within the Speech-Language Pathology program and helped me find some of my closest friends!
Hannah Hunzinger
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GRADUATE ASSISTANTS
I'm the GA working in the BCOE with the Director of Continuous Improvement, Malea Crosby on the Triple E Grant the BCOE received from the Indiana Department of Education. The goal of the grant is to allow elementary, middle, and high school students to explore, engage, and experience various careers and learn about college. I assist with scheduling grant activities and travel to local elementary, middle, and high schools to help students explore potential careers and questions about college through informational and educational activities. What I enjoy the most about ISU is the small-town feel. The campus feels like home and the people are very welcoming and supportive!

Meg Hardesty
I am a GA for the ACES department, and I work in the Grosjean clinic at ISU where students provide speech therapy services for individuals in the community. I work in the materials room and manage materials like assessments, client files, and other items used for therapy delivery that the clinicians may need. I am also a TA for an undergraduate class in the communication disorders program. Something that I enjoy about ISU is the smaller campus size and my graduate program. I have enjoyed getting to know all the amazing women in my program and am so grateful for my extremely intelligent and fascinating professors as well.

Adrian Stutler
ACES Department
My role is contacting clients, preparing paperwork, and helping student clinicians with whatever they need. What I enjoy most about ISU is how welcoming all of the students and staff have been to those of us who did not attend undergrad here.

Kathryn Taylor
ACES Department
My role is contacting clients, preparing paperwork, and helping student clinicians with whatever they need. I love ISU's campus size. Our department is small so everyone knows each other and actively helps one another.

Hannah Higgins
ACES Department
I have really enjoyed being at ISU as a new student so far because of all the amazing people I have met. Everyone is so kind and willing to help even when I am really stressed! I am excited to see how the next 2 years here play out in our grad program and see all Terre Haute has to offer!

Samantha McGivern
The Office of Continuous Improvement
I am the social media GA for The Office of Continuous Improvement in the Bayh College of Education. I run all of the social media, make flyers, distribute information, and make the newsletter. I enjoy my program, Speech-Language Pathology, at ISU. I have incredible professors and have made some of my closest friends in our program.

Jaelyn Fennell
I am a graduate assistant in the Bayh College of Education for Dr. Malea Crosby. My role is to assist in inputting and exporting data that the University needs for reports, reviews, and accreditation. I enjoy ISU because the clinical mental health counseling program is one of the best in the country due to its practice model. I have also met lifelong friends while attending Indiana State.
Welcome our new staff to the Bayh College of Education!

Andrea Forcum

Andrea Forcum, an Assistant Professor of Teaching and Learning for the Bayh School of Education, is a recent survivor of teaching in the high school classroom. For the past nine years, Andrea taught at two, Title 1 schools and one private school. She taught pre-pandemic, through the pandemic, and post-pandemic. As she survived, er, thrived through pandemic teaching, she also worked on her PhD in curriculum and instruction. Also, during that time, Andrea started to share and vent on TikTok and Instagram under the name EducatorAndrea. What started as a way of venting and connecting also became a drop-shipping business with an annual revenue of six figures and opened numerous opportunities for Andrea to speak and meet with other educators. Andrea is in the final stages of her dissertation process as she begins her time teaching at ISU. This fall, she will be teaching two graduate-level instructional strategy courses and one undergraduate middle school instructional strategies class. She is delighted to bring her real-world experience to the Bayh College of Education.

Melissa Stucky

My name is Melissa Stucky and I am thrilled to join ISU as a full-time lecturer after teaching several years as an adjunct. This semester I am teaching courses in early childhood and elementary education. I believe in public education and the power of adults to honor the voices and learning of children!

I am a native Hoosier from Fort Wayne, where I completed my undergraduate degree in elementary education. While teaching at a fine arts magnet school in South Carolina, I completed a master's degree from Southern Wesleyan University.

When I am not teaching at Indiana State, I spend a couple weeks a year in Nicaragua volunteering with Nicaragua Resource Network. Year-round I serve their college program, which pairs hundreds of students with US sponsors to study at Nicaragua’s universities.

Outside of work, I love to be with my husband, Shane, and my two children, Crew and Emeline. You might find us at the soccer fields, at city parks or the library!
I am a graduate of Indiana State University. I have worked for 32 years as a speech-language pathologist. Although I have worked in different settings part-time (skilled nursing facility, outpatient clinic, as a behavioral consultant, a literacy liaison between preschool and kindergarten, etc.), I have worked in the school setting full time for the entire 32 years. In the school setting, I have gained additional experience as the department co-chair for the speech pathology department, chairperson for the Student Assistance Team, an AAC consultant, designated leader of special education staff/team, professional development pod leader, and coordinator of the autism spectrum disorder team and the behavior intervention team, in addition to other roles. Most recently, a significant part of my position has consisted of supervising SLPAs.

A few of my passions in the field of speech-language pathology consist of working with individuals with significant cognitive and physical disabilities, analyzing behaviors, apraxia and other severe speech sound disorders, language impairment and the use of literacy in therapy.

I have worked for Indiana State University as an adjunct for the past 13 years as a clinic supervisor as well as teaching classes. I absolutely love working at ISU and have always "jumped at a chance" to work whenever asked to fill a role. My favorite part of working at ISU is the students! I love being part of the students' journey in earning a degree in the best field ever, speech & language pathology! Between the best faculty, students and field of study, I am honored and thrilled to be working at ISU.

On a personal note, I have been married to my husband, Brad, for 28 years. Brad is also a graduate of ISU with a degree in aviation. We have three daughters. Claire, Elaine and Jillian. Claire and Elaine are married so I have two sons-in-law (Noah and Caleb). My youngest daughter, Jillian, is a student at ISU. My family is my first choice as far as how I like to spend my time. My other "hobbies" have consisted of refinishing furniture, hiking (recent love), reading, outdoor activities and going to the beach as often as I can.
Human Development and Family Science

Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) is new to the BCOE this semester, but the program has been at ISU for decades (most recently in CHHS). Originally housed under Family and Consumer Sciences, HDFS incorporates multi-disciplinary roots (e.g., psychology, sociology, communication) to provide the knowledge, skills, and training to assist families across the lifespan. The program has been certified by the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), guaranteeing graduates from the major the Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) designation, which is nationally recognized. HDFS is pleased to join the ACES Department!

Professor Linda Behrendt is a native of Detroit and a lifelong educator. She is CFLE and earned a M.S. in Counseling from San Diego State University and a Ph.D. in Family and Child Ecology from Michigan State University. Dr. Behrendt has embarked on her 21st year of teaching at ISU, and her 33rd in higher education. Her research has focused on student success and classroom instruction.

Courtney Coleman, is an instructor for the Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) program. She graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 2020 with a B.S. in Human Services Program Administration. Additionally, she has a master's degree from Eastern Illinois University in Human Services Program Administration. She received her Family Life Education Certification in 2021. Currently, she is working towards a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction at Indiana State University.
As of fall 2023, the Gerontology Program (Minor and Certificate) is officially located in the BCOE! Having gerontology (the study of aging and older adults) housed in the BCOE with faculty and staff who are experts with younger generations and development across the lifespan, innovative programs can be developed to bridge interactions between generations across the lifespan. The Gerontology certificate (9 credit hours) provides knowledge, experiential learning, and reflection to enhance success in careers with older adults. Courses include topics such as the aging process, health, quality of life, death, and dying. The certificate is available for non-degree and degree-seeking students. Required courses include PSY 101, AHS 203, and AHS 413. The Gerontology minor (15 credit hours) uses a multidisciplinary approach to understanding the intricate aspects of aging. The minor provides students with a substantive overview of knowledge, practical field experience, and reflection to prepare for success in working with older adults. Required courses include: PSY 101, AHS 302, AHS 305, AHS 413, AHS 450, and AHS 451 (or internship/practicum/fieldwork in student’s major).

Dr. Whitney Nesser is the Gerontology Program Director. Dr Nesser has been at Indiana State since 2016 and is an Associate Professor in the BCOE Department of Applied Clinical and Educational Sciences. Dr. Nesser’s PhD is in Health Education and Promotion and her teaching/research interests include Gerontology, Intergenerationology, and Quality of Life.
Fast Facts

Enrollment and Completion

Fall 2023 BCOE Enrollment:
- Undergraduate - 416
- Graduate - 538

BCOE Degrees Conferred (2022-2023): 280

Fall 2023 Enrollment in Educator Preparation Programs:
- ELED - 297
- Business Education - 1
- Art Education - 20
- English Teaching - 42
- Math Education - 21
- Middle School Math - 5
- Music Education - 69
- Physical Education - 38
- Science Education - 10
- Social Studies Education - 60
- Special Education (includes minors) - 33
- Technology Education - 3
- World Languages - 8
- Elementary T2T - 9
- Secondary T2T - 11
- SPED T2T - 1

Spring 2023 and Fall 2023 Student Teachers in the Field:
- Elementary Education - 63
- Art Education - 3
- Business Education - 1
- English Teaching - 6
- Math Education - 7
- Middle School Math - 2
- Music Education - 12
- Physical Education - 8
- Science Education - 1
- Social Studies Education - 12
- Special Education Only - 10
- Technology Education - 1
- World Languages - 2
GRADUATE STUDIES SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
14
Graduate Education Fall Update with Multiple Presenters
1:30-3:00PM
CHHS C020

18
Best Practices in Graduate Recruitment and Admissions with Faith Haley and Shauna Lehman
1:00-2:00PM
CHHS C020

OCTOBER
3
Five Tactics to Jumpstart Your Graduate Recruitment Efforts with Dr. Kent Games
12:00-1:00PM
FCTE

10
Efficiency and Opportunity in Graduate Programming with Drs. Carrie Ball, Kevin Bollinger, and Lindsey Eberman
1:30-2:30PM
CHHS C020

NOVEMBER
2
Developing a Program Recruitment Plan with Kyle Rice
11:00AM-12:00PM
https://tinyurl.com/3avfctuc

14
Increasing Tuition Paying Students: What to do when your recruitment model must change with Drs. Lindsey Eberman & Kent Games
1:30-2:30PM
CHHS C020

30
Developing Preferred Partnerships to Support Enrollment with Jill Blunk and others
2:00-3:00PM
CHHS C020
On August 23rd, the Vigo County Education Foundation (VCEF) awarded 150 mini grants totaling over $90,000 to Vigo County School Corporation teachers throughout the district. Mini grants are classroom or grade level awards of up to $750 given to educators for programs they wish to offer that encourage creativity, enhance curriculum, and enrich the education of their students. These grants provide a multitude of hands-on learning experiences in math, science, literacy and the arts, as well as support programs that encourage good attendance and family involvement, and social emotional learning.

Third grade teachers at Lost Creek Elementary worked together to receive their grade level grant, “Science Buddies,” which provides their students with hands-on, weekly science experiments, increasing both their knowledge of and attitudes towards science through fun and interactive learning. A grant titled, “You’ve Got a Friend in Me,” will help with the development and continuation of a chapter of the Best Buddies Friendship club at Otter Creek Middle School. Best Buddies is a global nonprofit organization that seeks to foster friendships between students with and without cognitive and intellectual disabilities. “Ember Evening,” received funding to allow fourth grade students at Sugar Creek Consolidated Elementary to spend an evening with their families exploring all the scientific ideas from the book The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their learning with their families by bringing the book to life through hands-on activities.

Every curriculum content area in grades PreK through high school is being enriched through mini grants. These innovative ideas and projects will impact thousands of students and hundreds of teachers. “Vigo County teachers are bringing more project-based and experiential learning opportunities into their classrooms. They are delivering the standards, but they are doing so in creative ways. The VCEF is proud to support outstanding teachers and inspiring ideas,” stated Jane Nichols, VCEF Executive Director. More information about the VCEF and its mission may be found at vigocountyeducationfoundation.org
IMPORTANT DATES

- **September 22, 2023** - BCOE Fall Assessment Day (9:00am-1:00pm) UH 110G
- **October 6, 2023** - Fall Break; No Classes
- **October 20, 2023** - Emeriti Luncheon (11:00am-1:00pm) UH 110G
- **October 21, 2023** - ISU Homecoming
- **November 1, 2023** - Sabbatical Colloquium (2:30-4:00pm) UH 110G
- **November 20, 2023** - Power of READING Summit - UH Theatre
- **November 21, 2023** - Power of MATH Summit - UH Theatre
- **November 20-24, 2023** - Thanksgiving Break; No Classes
- **December 6, 2023** - Dean's Holiday Reception (2:00-3:30pm) UH 110G
- **December 16, 2023** - Fall Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement
- **December 18, 2023** - Support Staff Winter Retreat - half day (Monday)
- **December 22-January 1, 2024** - Winter Recess; University Offices Closed
JOBS AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS

- University Advisor
- Communications Officer
- Senior Flight Instructor
- Instructor Pilot
- Assistant Professor - Clinical Psychology
- Assistant Professor in Communication Disorders
- Assistant Professor - Occupational Therapy
- Custodian
- Registration & Records Specialist
- Student Publications Director
- Tenure Track Assistant Professor - Kinesiology, Recreation & Sport
- Assistant/Associate Professor Athletic Training Program Director - Professional Masters

Student Jobs Available on Campus
- Student Teacher Assistant
- Student Video Editor
- Student Office Assistant
- Small Group Leader, Student Athlete Academic Services