

*University of Indianapolis*

## UIndy United: Changing Lives Through Service

### UIndy named to 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

The University of Indianapolis has been selected for the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). The Honor Roll recognizes higher education institutions that reflect the values of exemplary community service and achieve meaningful outcomes in their communities.

"We congratulate the awardees and the students for their dedication to service," said Wendy Spencer, CEO of CNCS. "These institutions have inspired students and faculty alike to roll up their sleeves and work alongside members of the community to solve problems and improve their neighbors' lives."

The highest levels of the federal government recognize UIndy's commitment to service and civic engagement on campus and in the nation by

placing the university on the Honor Roll. This is the second time UIndy has been recognized by CNCS, the first being in 2010.

UIndy was recognized for engaging its students, faculty and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community. CNCS admitted a total of 690 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from literacy and neighborhood revitalization to supporting at-risk youth.

This award was inspired by the thousands of college student who traveled across the country to support relief efforts along the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina, CNCS has administered the award since 2006.

"Communities are strengthened when we all come together, and we are encouraged that these institutions and their students have made service a priority," said U.S. Secretary of Edu-



cation, Ame Duncan. "Civic engagement should be a key component of every student's education experience. Through reaching out to meet the needs of their neighbors, these students are deepening their impact, strengthening our democracy and ultimately preparing themselves to be successful citizens."

### Congratulations to Dr. Jennifer VanSickle and UIndy Students



Congratulations to Dr. Jennifer VanSickle, Anni Mooreland, Erika Moreland, Bri Syverson, Aaron Ostaphchuk, and Caycie Rance for planning, organizing, and implementing the 2013 Special Olympics State Youth Basketball Tournament at UIndy. They recruited 291 volunteers to assist with activities.



## 103 Students Impact 1025 People (and some dogs) through the Inauguration Service Projects

Thursday, March 21, The University of Indianapolis officially welcomed the ninth president, Dr. Robert L. Manuel. To celebrate this momentous day, classes were cancelled and students were invited to take part in the volunteer opportunities set up around campus before the inauguration ceremony.

CPC helped host five different volunteer opportunities for students. Students were guest readers in classrooms, assembled binders for Pink Ribbon Connection, decorated bookmarks for the VA Medical Center, filled backpacks for The Julian Center, and made dog toys for ReTails.

UIndy's continued commitment to service was shown through these examples during Inauguration Day. Volunteer efforts made a difference in the lives of 1025 people (and dogs) in our communities.



### By the Numbers...

**16 UIndy Students** volunteered as classroom readers at IPS #65 and Montessori Garden Academy

**84 UIndy Students** volunteered for Pink Ribbon Connection, The Julian Center, VA Bookmarks, and Dog Toys for ReTails

**350 Children** from IPS #65 and Montessori Garden Academy were reached by classroom reading

**200 Resource Packets** were completed for breast cancer patients served by Pink Ribbon Connection

**100 Backpacks** were assembled for children at The Julian Center

**300 Bookmarks** were made for disabled veterans at the VA Medical Center

**75 Dog Toys** were made from old t-shirts for rescued dogs at ReTails

## Student Volunteer Spotlight: Carolyn Tuttle



**Pictured Above:** UIndy student Carolyn Tuttle volunteered with special needs individuals at a local high school.

### Q. Where did you volunteer and what did you do there?

"I assisted special needs individuals in a Life Skills Program at a local high school. I assisted severe and profound students with daily hygiene routine, during Adaptive P.E., and eating lunch. I also assisted students during Community Based Instruction where we traveled to the Indiana State Fair."

### Q. Why did you choose to volunteer there?

"I chose to volunteer in the Life Skills Program because I have always had a passion to help individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities succeed in any aspect of life."

### Q. What did you gain through your volunteer experience?

"Throughout my volunteer experience I gained a new respect and deeper level of compassion for those individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities as well as the teachers assistants and therapists who work with special needs students on a daily basis. I had the opportunity to work with the teachers and therapists and gain hands on experience."

**"I experienced that no two days are alike in the life of a special needs individual. Some days are full of laughter and happiness where others are hard and tearful. I learned to never underestimate the special needs student."**



## Wheeler Arts Community News

### Upcoming Events at Wheeler Arts Community

- **April 2nd: Opera Scenes Performance**– UIndy music students will be performing various opera scenes.
- **April 3rd: Type 3 Presents Philosophy and the End of Life at 7 p.m.**– Join Dr. Peter Murphy for a fascinating discussion of how philosophy can affect ethics at the end of life. Free food and drinks will be provided.
- **April 3rd-7th: VCD Senior Exhibition**– Come see the great work our visual communication design students have been creating over the last year.
- **April 5th: First Friday Featuring UIndy Professor Sal Pane from 6 –9 p.m.**– Come hear Sal Pane read from his new novel, *Last call in the City of Bridges* in the atrium. Free food and drinks will be provided. Free transportation to/from campus and Wheeler will be available.
- **April 12th: UIndy Composer Concert at 7:30 p.m.**– Come hear contemporary pieces created by our own UIndy music students. This even is FREE to everyone.
- **April 13th: Acoustic Café: Darden Smith at 7 p.m.**– For more information visit [www.indyacousticcafeseries.com](http://www.indyacousticcafeseries.com)
- **April 17-18th: Type 3 Presents Jeanne Rogow Theatre Workshops**– Professional actor and education Jeanne Rogow will take attendees through her “City Inner Voices Writing and Performing Workshop.” This event is free.
- **April 22nd: Community Campus Forum at 12 p.m.**– Community Programs Center will celebrate another successful year working with organization around our neighborhood and city.



For more information about all WAC events or to participate or volunteer, please contact **Matt Williams**, WAC Outreach coordinator at [williamsma@uindy.edu](mailto:williamsma@uindy.edu) or check out the Wheeler Arts Community online at <http://uindy.edu/arts/WAC>

## Richard Wagner's *Der Ring des Nibelungen*

Wheeler Arts Community hosted their second annual all-night Richard Wagner opera marathon on March 27-28. From 4 pm on Wednesday to 10 am on Thursday, all four of the operas that comprise Wagner's *Ring Cycle* were played in the UIndy classroom at Wheeler.

The four operas included: *Das Rheingold* (*The Rhine Gold*), *Die Walküre* (*The Valkyrie*), *Siegfried*, and *Götterdämmerung* (*Twilight of the Gods*).

The viewing took place in celebration of Wagner's 200th birthday.

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*Community Programs Center, located in Esch Hall 155, is UIndy's on-campus resource center for service-learning and volunteer opportunities for students, faculty, and staff. The University encourages "Education for Service" among all of its students and employees. To learn more about service-learning and volunteerism, stop by our office or give us a call at 788-3557. CPC can help you find ways to be engaged in your community through volunteer and service-learning opportunities.*

**UIndy on YouTube—Check out UIndy “Changing Lives Through Service” videos on Youtube.com**

## Spring Volunteer Opportunities

### Walk MS: Walk to Create a World Free of MS

**Date:** Saturday, April 27, 2013

**Time:** 6 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Location:** Military Park

**Contact Tricia Bishop**

[tricia.bishop@nmss.org](mailto:tricia.bishop@nmss.org)

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- star/finish line volunteer
- lunch setup/teardown
- hospitality volunteer
- participant check-in
- program table volunteer
- rest stop volunteer
- check-in
- wall of hope
- clean-up crew
- greeter
- parking volunteer
- supply/sweeps driver



### OneAmerica 500 Festival Mini-Marathon

**Date:** Saturday, May 4, 2013

**Time:** 5:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Location:** Military Park

**Contact Sue Wilson**

[Wilson@oneamerica.com](mailto:Wilson@oneamerica.com)

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Ask Me Volunteer
- Food Services

**Volunteer Requirements:**

- Must be at least 16
- Can stand/walk for long periods of time
- Be able to work rain or shine

