Before 1960

1960s

1970s

In October 2013, Ball State University’s College of Sciences and Humanities presented Judge Robyn L. Moberly, BA’75, JD’78, with its 2013 Women of Achievement Award. Moberly is a judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Indiana. She lives in Indianapolis.

In August, the United States Professional Tennis Association honored Jeff A. Rothstein, BS’77, with the organization’s Industry Excellence Award. As executive regional director of junior tennis development and programming at Centercourt Athletic Club in Chatham, N.J., Rothstein expanded the under-10 tennis program, increased pro shop sales by 35 percent, and raised $14,000 for Centercourt’s Academy Cares program. Rothstein lives in Pine Brook, N.J.

Bose McKinney & Evans attorney Alan W. Becker, BS’78, JD’81, has been selected for inclusion in the publication Best Lawyers in America 2015 in the area of corporate governance law. He is a partner in the firm’s business services and public offerings and securities regulation groups, assisting clients with many types of corporate and financial transactions, including forming business entities and structuring their ownership arrangements, raising capital from third parties, and buying, selling, and combining businesses. Becker lives in Indianapolis.

Culminating a lifelong commitment to scouting, Brian P. Williams, BA’78, JD’81, co-managing partner in the Evansville, Ind., law firm Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, was elected president of the Central Region of the Boy Scouts of America at the 2014 BSA annual meeting in May 2014. In addition to his extensive service to Boy Scouts of America, Williams has held leadership positions with the Indiana University Alumni Association and numerous civic organizations. He lives in Evansville.

Gary M. Gaddis, BA’79, PhD’84, MD’86, has served as the St. Luke’s/Missouri Endowed Chair in Emergency Medicine at St. Luke’s Hospital of Kansas City since 1999. He is also professor of emergency medicine at the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Medicine. Gaddis provides academic leadership in the area of emergency medicine education and research. In 2012, he was the recipient of the Peter Rosen Award from the American Academy of Emergency Medicine. Gaddis lives in Kansas City.

Donald D. Howell, BS’79, has been selected for inclusion in the 21st edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the areas of insurance law, litigation–insurance, and personal injury litigation–defendants. Howell is managing partner of the Knoxville, Tenn., law firm Frantz, McConnell & Seymour. He lives in Knoxville.
1980s

Jeffrey P. Gray, BA’81, recently joined the Chicago office of Indianapolis law firm Barnes & Thornburg. His practice focuses on corporate, real estate, and banking areas, including manufacturing, renewable energy, advertising, and finance. Gray and his wife, Kendra, live in Wilmette, Ill. His oldest child, Hanna M. Gray, BA’13, is a case manager with Youth Outreach Services in Chicago.

In October, the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association appointed Wendy-Jo Yoshiko Toyama, BA’83, as executive director. Her responsibilities include promoting the interests of members and fostering relationships with professional organizations and craniofacial centers in North America and internationally. Toyama previously served as senior vice president for membership and marketing with the American Dental Association. She lives in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Vice president of communications at the University of Chicago, Julie A. Peterson, BA’84, MBA’89, writes that in March 2014 she married John J. Huber, BS’85, owner and president of the Spot Studio, a music recording and video production studio in Schneider, Ind. She adds, “We originally met in Wright Quad in 1981. It’s an IU romance come full circle.”

Suzanne Schroeder Florek, BS’87, is the founder of Salty Fig, an online recipe site designed to compliment other food sites and blogs. Users are able to collect recipes on the site, share recipes from partner sites, and create ebooks from archived food sources. Trained at the Culinary Institute of America, Florek lives in Western Springs, Ill.

Jennifer L. Palus, BS’87, of Brentwood, Tenn., is the author of Centered Presentations: Finding Balance on Four Presentation Dimensions. The book explores four dimensions of presentation design and delivery—content, creativity, conversation, and confidence. Palus is a freelance marketing consultant and a specialist in “professional storytelling.” She helps executives distill and refine their ideas for presentations, conversations, and documentation.

1990s

P. Stephen Fardy, BA’91, JD’94, is an equity partner in the Chicago law firm Swanson, Martin & Bell. He recently represented a company in an Illinois trade secret dispute that settled for over $60 million for the plaintiff. Fardy is the chair of Swanson, Martin & Bell’s intellectual property litigation and transactional services practice group and focuses his practice on intellectual property litigation and transactions, as well as on a variety of commercial litigation matters. Fardy represents a variety of entities ranging from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies. He lives in Chicago.

In October 2013, the Indiana Department of Education named Steven R. Perkins, BA’91, a Latin teacher at North Central High School in Indianapolis, 2014 Indiana
Teacher of the Year. He is the fourth consecutive IU graduate to earn Indiana Teacher of the Year honors and the seventh in the past 11 years. Perkins’ wife, Melissa (Stillions), BS’91, is also a Latin teacher.

Award-winning motorsports writer Robert H. “Bob” Pockrass, BA’91, has joined ESPN. Covering NASCAR since 1991, he will produce news stories, features, analysis, columns, and blogs for ESPN.com. Pockrass was most recently NASCAR writer for The Sporting News and has been twice named Writer of the Year by the National Motorsports Press Association. He began his journalism career as a sports reporter for The Daytona Beach News-Journal, covering football, college and high school sports, and motorsports from 1991 to 2003.

Ali K. Bleecker, Cert/BA’95, is a senior vice president at Northern Trust in Chicago. As deputy managing director of fixed income, she is responsible for high-quality core fixed income portfolio management and provides management, product support/development, and investment strategy oversight for individual and institutional accounts, as well as mutual funds. Prior to this position, Bleecker was the director of short duration and global fixed income, and was portfolio manager for various money market mutual funds and other cash management products. Before joining Northern Trust in 2000, she was assistant treasurer at Banca di Roma.

John A. Koch, BA’95, is creative director at Barc, a San Francisco-based digital marketing firm. He leads the agency’s creative efforts across all integrated marketing programs. Koch writes, “I continue to curate my music and pop culture website, Popservations.” He lives in San Francisco.

The Milwaukee-based law firm Quarles & Brady opened an office in Indianapolis in May 2014, and named Daniel M. Long, JD’96, as one of the office’s inaugural partners. He is a member of the firm’s product liability, toxic tort, and personal injury litigation practice group. Long concentrates his practice on defending manufacturers, premises owners, and contractors in personal injury and wrongful death litigation. He lives in Carmel, Ind.

Michael Roque, BS’67, represented IU in the 1963 and 1965 intercollegiate straight pool tournament. His book on pool, Build Your Game! 365 Days of Instruction, Motivation, and Insights for Pool Players, was released in 2014 by Bebob Publishing. Roque still competes in local and national pool tournaments and won the Senior 8-Ball Division at the Valley National Tournament in 2005. He and his wife, Linda (Howell), BS’65, live in Portage, Ind., and have three daughters, Cynthia Roque Schuler, BS’90, Dawn Roque Haskell, BS’92, and Michelle Roque Loftin, BS’96.

Jerome L. Rekart, BS’98, is the author of The Cognitive Classroom: Using Brain and Cognitive Science to Optimize Student Success, published in August 2013 by Rowman and Littlefield Education. The book describes how cutting-edge research from the fields of brain science and cognitive psychology may be applied to classroom teaching. Rekart is associate professor of education and psychology and is director of the behavioral science laboratory at Rivier University in Nashua, N.H. Trained as a learning researcher,
his current research examines how emotions influence information storage in humans, how cognitive psychological and brain research findings can be implemented in classroom settings, and ways to increase involvement of educators in researching their own practice.

In March, Katie Zoeller Culp, BS’99, MBA’04, was named president of KSM Location Advisors, part of the Katz, Sapper & Miller Network, with offices in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis. Culp began her career at the City of Indianapolis, becoming executive director of the Boone County Economic Development Corporation in 2000. In 2003, she joined The Indy Partnership as director of economic development, moving to Cassidy Turley the next year, where she served as the national leader of the location advisory and incentives practice. Culp joins 12-person team providing economic development and location advisory services to public and private companies across the United States.

2000s

New York City-based jazz violinist Sara C. Caswell, BM’00, ArtDip’02, was featured on the cover of the September issue of Strings, a magazine for players and instructors of bow-stringed instruments. In the interview, Caswell discusses her work and her studies with David N. Baker Jr., BME’54, MME’55, chairman of IU’s Department of Jazz Studies, and Mimi Zweig, chairwoman of the IU strings program.

Co-founder and managing partner of Cultural Heritage Partners Marion Forsyth Werkheiser, BA’00, and actor Arian G. Moayed, BA’02, both received the IU College of Arts and Sciences’ Outstanding Young Alumni Award during the College’s Annual Alumni Awards dinner in April 2014.

James A. Ponce, BA’01, was one of four alumni invited to return to the Bloomington campus as IU College of Arts and Sciences Luminaries in November. As Chicago city director for the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, Ponce works in the Office of Mayor Rahm Emanuel to drive environmental and economic benefits in Chicago. He focuses on energy efficiency, sustainable infrastructure finance, and market-driven resource stewardship.

In 2013, Benjamin R. Matherly, BS’03, was named one of “40 Under 40” by the St. Joseph County (Ind.) Chamber of Commerce. A senior manager at Crowe Horwath, Matherly lives in Granger, Ind., with his wife Gina and children, Gia and Graham.

Strategic advocate Elizabeth Lewis Baney, BA’04, JD’07, has rejoined FaegreBD Consulting as a senior director on the firm’s health and biosciences team in Washington, D.C. She is responsible for creating and implementing public policy solutions for corporations, trade associations, not-for-profits, government entities, and individuals on issues involving health care, technology, and intellectual property. She also serves as legal counsel with FaegreBD Consulting’s parent company, Faegre Baker Daniels. Baney lives in Alexandria, Va.
Ryan S. McMeen, BA’07, studied Russian, German, Czech, and Georgian at IU, spending time studying abroad in Olomouc, Czech Republic, in 2005; in Freiburg, Germany, in 2005-06; and in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 2006-07. He worked as a counselor at a Russian-immersion children’s camp in Bimidji, Minn., and as a Russian teacher for grades 3–5 in Memphis, Tenn., before enlisting in the U.S. Army as a cryptologic linguist. After basic training, McMeen enrolled in the Defense Language Institute, where he studied modern standard Arabic, and then studied Pashto at Diplomatic Language Services. A sergeant in the Army, he makes regular use of his language skills in his job at Fort Gordon, Ga., supporting forces engaged in the war on terror.

“In a brutally difficult job market, never underestimate the power of a common Hoosier bond,” writes Allison C. Diercks, BA’08, JD’11, who has joined the law office of Berry & Carr on Hilton Head Island, S.C. as an associate attorney. The firm was founded by fellow IU alum, David H. Berry, BA’72. Diercks lives in Bluffton, S.C.

Jamie K. Titzer, BSN’08, of Evansville, Ind., is a professor of nursing at the University of Evansville.

Four IU alumnae have held the title of Miss Indiana in recent years. Betsy M. Uschkrat, MM’09, was Miss Indiana in 2006; Nicole L. Pollard, BME’09, held the title in 2009; and Gabrielle L. Reed, BM’12, was named Miss Indiana in 2010.

Kaci Alexander Smith, BA/BS’10, lives in Akron, Ohio, with her husband, Matt. She is finishing her third year of medical school at A.T. Still University/Kirksville College of Osteopathy, with a specialty in obstetrics/gynecology. She will graduate in 2015 and will enter a residency at a location to be determined.

William C. Angulo, BFA’11, made his debut in Brigadoon at Chicago’s Goodman Theatre. His other Chicago area credits include 42nd Street and In the Heights (Paramount Theatre); Mary Poppins (the Marriot Theatre); The Land of Smiles (Chicago Folks Operetta), and Sunset Boulevard and Singin’in the Rain (the Drury Lane Theatre). His New York credits include The Picture of Dorian Gray (Theater for the New City) and Angels in America (the Richmond Shepard Theatre). Regionally, he appeared in A Christmas Carol (McCarter Theatre), A Chorus Line (Stages St. Louis), The Music Man (Lyceum Theatre), and Cabaret (Finger Lakes Musical Theatre Festival). Angulo has a BFA in musical theater and drama from Indiana University and was a scholarship student at Hubbard Street Dance Center under the direction of Claire Bataille.

Jackson B. Boyar, BA’12, has opened Shearwater, a start-up business named after a type of seabird known for its long-distance migration patterns. The company is focused on supporting international high school students while they study in the U.S. Boyar first developed his passion for mentorship and cultural exchange during his year living with a host family and attending high school in Beijing. At IU he studied Chinese economics and culture and spent a year studying graduate coursework at Nanjing University, working at multiple Chinese businesses as part of the prestigious IU Flagship
Scholarship. After graduating from IU, Boyar joined L.E.K., a major international management consulting firm, where he helped large organizations tackle tough strategic issues. He is a fluent speaker of Mandarin. For more information about Shearwater, go to shearwaterintl.com.

In December, **Kara N. Ingelhart**, BA’12, was awarded a Skadden Fellowship, a prestigious award that allows graduating law students to provide legal services to the poor and underprivileged. The Skadden Fellowship Program, described as “a legal Peace Corps” by *The Los Angeles Times*, was established in 1988 and provides recent law school graduates with a salary and benefits for two years. Ingelhart will focus her project with Lambda Legal Education and Defense Fund in Chicago, helping LGBT youth deal with legal issues.

Traveling to St. Petersburg, Russia, in 2012 to teach English, **Ingrid A. Nelson**, BA’12, immediately fell in love with the city. Now, Nelson plans to make it her permanent home. “It’s so beautiful [here]. The architecture. The literature. The language is rich and beautiful and interesting. I’m never bored here,” she said in a recent interview with Indianapolis television station WTHR. A tutor of young students who are learning English, Nelson credits her study of Russian at IU with preparing her for life in St. Petersburg.

In October, customer service company dunnhumbyUSA promoted **Katherine A. O’Kane**, BS’12, to the position of insights analyst. She works with the company’s brand-consulting team on customer science research practices. Previously O’Kane served as an associate on dunnhumbyUSA’s communications and media team, assisting with the development of communications for consumer packaged goods clients. She lives in Chicago.