IU Bloomington’s New Chancellor: Sharon Stephens Brehm

Sharon Stephens Brehm joined Indiana University on July 1, 2001, as chancellor of the Bloomington campus and vice president for academic affairs for the eight-campus university. She also holds the rank of professor in the Department of Psychology as well as adjunct professor in the School for Public and Environmental Affairs. Brehm came to Indiana University after serving as provost at Ohio University since 1996. Earlier administrative appointments include dean of Harpur College of Arts and Sciences, State University of New York at Binghamton, from 1990-1996, and associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas where she was a member of the faculty for 15 years.

Brehm received her B.A. and Ph.D. degrees in psychology and clinical psychology from Duke University, and an M.A. in social relations from Harvard. The author of numerous books, chapters, and articles, Brehm is particularly well known for her textbooks on social psychology (Brehm, Kassin, & Fein; now in its fifth edition) and on intimate relationships (Brehm, Miller, Perlman, & Campbell; now in its third edition). She has held visiting academic appointments in Germany, France, and Italy; served as chair of the Governing Board of OhioLINK and founding chair of the Governing Board of the Ohio Learning Network; and is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology as well as of the Finance Committee of the American Psychological Association. Away from work, she enjoys reading, travel, and flying on fast planes.

Time Magazine Selects IU Bloomington as College of the Year

Time magazine has named Indiana University as its College of the Year among research institutions. The magazine’s editors made the selection based on IU’s range of programs to help freshmen to succeed and, as a result, to improve retention and graduation rates.

“Helping new students survive has, in our judgment, become an essential responsibility of every college,” the magazine states in its Sept. 10 edition. “In selecting our 2001 Colleges of the Year from among candidates recommended by our advisory board, the editors sought institutions with comprehensive freshman programs that have improved retention rates and created a sense of community for students.”

IU was recognized for its variety of programs geared to the different needs of entering freshmen. “The university has launched several small, targeted efforts rather than a one-size-fits-all solution,” according to Time.

Among the programs cited by the magazine are the Intensive Freshman Seminars, which bring small groups of freshmen to campus before the start of regular classes to work with faculty members and older students in specific subject areas; Freshman Interest Groups, in which freshmen can live and study with other incoming students with similar academic interests; the Groups program, which offers a summer course and continuing financial and academic support throughout the year for low-income and first-generation freshmen; and other mentoring, support and tutoring programs.

Through these efforts, IU has improved its retention rate from freshman to sophomore year to 85 percent. The programs have been particularly successful among African American and Latino students, raising the retention rate from the first to the second year to 82 percent, from 64 percent in 1994.

Other research institutions cited by Time for having notable success in encouraging freshman learning were Harvard University, the University of Michigan, and Stanford University.

The magazine’s College of the Year selections in other categories were Appalachian State (N.C.) University for master colleges; William Jewell (Mo.) College for liberal arts colleges; and Seattle Central Community College for community colleges.

Office of Communications and Marketing

Newsletter Submissions

We always welcome alumni submissions for the Alumni Student Recruiters newsletter. Please feel free to submit any pictures from recruitment events, such as college fairs, previews, or send-offs to be included in the next issue. You may also serve as a guest columnist and submit an article regarding student recruitment in your area. Please submit to Sarah Thompson, Senior Assistant Director of Admissions, 300 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, Ind. 47405 or e-mail iualumsr@indiana.edu.

Order Table Displays and Banners

The same six-foot table banners and large IU table display boards that are used by the Office of Admissions at recruitment events are now available for your club to purchase! The display boards allow you to select from a number of photographs showing scenes from IUB and place them on the display.

If you would like to purchase either of these items to spruce up your college fair table, let me know by e-mailing me at iualumsr@indiana.edu or calling at (812) 856-4575. The cost of the table banners is $100 and the table displays are approximately $200. Production time is approximately four weeks.
Meet the Recruiters: Steve Chiagouris – Dallas

Steve Chiagouris came to Indiana University from Chicago and graduated in May of 1999. During his time at IU, Steve developed quite an impressive resume to say the least.

Steve came to IU as a Wells Scholar, the most prestigious scholarship and award that an incoming student can receive, which covers all expenses – tuition, room and board, books, and even the opportunity to study abroad (which Steve took advantage of during his study abroad program in Salamanca, Spain). Steve definitely made the most of his time at IU and wanted to get as much out of his experiences as he possibly could. For starters, Steve is living proof that a student can graduate in four years, which he accomplished, I might add, with three majors – business with a concentration in computer information systems, speech communications, and political science – a minor in Spanish, and a 3.7 GPA. In addition to his scholarly pursuits, Steve was also involved in many organizations and activities on campus, including the Board of Aeons (a highly selected group of students on a special advisory board to the Chancellor), School of Business Ambassadors, CIS Club, and Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Fraternity. Steve was also extremely involved in IU student government and within the IU Student Association he served as a senator, the executive chief of staff, and as the student body vice president.

After graduation, Steve moved to Chicago to work for Bain & Company as an Associate Consultant for two years. Steve recently moved to Addison, Texas (right outside of Dallas) and is now working for Capital One Auto Finance. This is a relatively new business venture for Capital One, which was of great appeal to Steve, since he has the opportunity to experience a relatively small/new business environment, but with less risk. He’s working as an operations analyst, a role in which he’ll continue to work on a variety of projects, much like in consulting, but where he’ll be involved in implementing the changes he suggests, an aspect that he missed in his previous work in consulting.

We are thrilled to have Steve as a new Alumni Student Recruiter for the Dallas area! Not only does he bring a wonderful background and many differing IU experiences, he also served as both a campus tour guide and an undergraduate admissions counselor while at IUB, so he is very familiar with the recruitment process. He has already had his first “induction” into alumni student recruitment when he assisted at the Dallas Preview in December. Welcome to the team Steve!

Summer Alumni Student Workshop

Due to budget constraints and our desire to offer more targeted recruiting to alumni student recruitment teams around the country, there will not be an Alumni Student Recruiters Training Workshop on the Bloomington campus in June. However, alumni student recruitment will still be part of the Alumni Club Leaders weekend, so if you are planning on attending, please join us for the alumni student recruitment break-out session.

If you are a recruitment coordinator and would like to know if and when a director from the Office of Admissions will be in your area and able to provide a training session for your team, please do not hesitate to contact us at iualumsr@indiana.edu.

Student Send-offs

Alumni clubs - Start thinking about potential dates for your 2002 Student Send-offs! Send-offs are a great opportunity for new IU students to interact with alumni and current students in their area before heading to Bloomington. The IU enrollment deposit is due May 1, so the best time to request information is after that date. Please direct all correspondence regarding student send-offs to Kay Olsen at (812) 855-3975 or rolsen@indiana.edu.

New IU Freshman Matt Petty (center) was the recipient of the West Central Alumni Club Scholarship for 2001 (pictured with his mom and alumni club president Bob Modlin). New IU freshmen mingle and meet each other and IU alumni at the West Central Indiana Club Send-off in August (above and below).
Photo Gallery

Alumni Lloyd Nakahara and Kim Schaper at the Honolulu Annual College Fair.

Tom Taylor, alumni student recruiter (above and below), answers students’ questions at the Waubonsee College Fair in Illinois.

Alumni Tara Clougherty and Lloyd Nakahara represent IU at the Annual College Fair in Honolulu. Yes, there are students who want to come to Indiana from Hawaii!

Members of the Singapore Student Association are enthusiastic and ready to spread the word about IU!

Garry Graban representing IUB at the Hammond, Indiana College Fair.

James Chay Hian Tan, president of the Singapore Student Association, speaks with a prospective student at a college fair in Singapore this fall.
Kudos Con’t.

Eric Behrman, director of alumni clubs; Jamie Sanders, preview team member; Tom Loveman, recruitment coordinator for Cleveland; and Kevin Magiros, preview team member attended the Cleveland Preview.

Representing IU at the Ft. Wayne, Ind. Preview (back row) alum Randy Brown; John Hobson, senior vice president and COO of the IUAA and alumni Dave Davis, Kirby Moss, Madeline Garvin, and Ron Buskirk; and (front row) preview team members Kevin Pollack and Nina Onesti.

Straight No Chaser, IU men’s a cappella group, performed before the Ft. Wayne Preview.

Larry Gonzalez, associate director of admissions; Shari Sutton, new assistant director of admissions; and preview team members Darren Transue, Nina Onesti, and Kevin Pollack relax for a moment in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Preview team member Ben Thorp and Ryan Kanzleiter with alumnus Tom Atkins share their IU pride at the preview in the Detroit area.

Scott Jackman, new assistant director of admissions; Sarah Thompson, senior assistant director of admissions; and faculty member Linda French, with (front row) preview team members Nick Klingler and Nina Onesti at the Lafayette, Ind., Preview.

Terry Knaus, associate director of admissions; preview team member Nina Onesti; alum Bob Moats; and preview team members Andrea Osman and Eliza Sherr represent IU at the Columbus, Ind. Preview.

Alumni at the Jeffersonville, Ind., Preview.

Alumni Scott Loudenbeck and George Bardman the IU booth at the Toledo Preview.

Preview team members Jamie Sanders and Kevin Magiros (back row), alumni Kristi Gaynor and Kathy Perry (front row), admissions specialist Marni Bassichis, and new assistant directors of admissions Shari Sutton and Willis Cheaney bring smiles to the Indianapolis Preview.