

# THE MERCURY

The Newsletter for Fraternity & Sorority Life @ Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

## Fraternity & Sorority Life Welcomes New Members to the Team

August 2011 represents a period of transition within IUPUI Fraternity & Sorority Life. August will find the IUPUI Fraternity & Sorority Community welcoming a new programming assistant and graduate intern, while also saying farewell to its graduate assistant of two years. After two years with IUPUI Fraternity & Sorority Life, graduate assistant Derrick Tillman-Kelly says farewell as he moves to pursue doctoral studies in Higher Education & Student Affairs at The Ohio State University. IUPUI Fraternity & Sorority Life sends Derrick to OSU with best wishes. With one goodbye, IUPUI Fraternity & Sorority Life welcomes two new members to the team.

On August 1, 2011, Shaina Miller joins IUPUI as the Fraternity & Sorority Life Program Assistant. Miller is a current graduate student in Indiana State University's Student Affairs & Higher Education master's program. A member of Zeta Tau Fraternity for women, Shaina has previously held internships within the IUPUI Division of Student Life in Communications & Development as well as Fraternity & Sorority Life. As program assistant, Shaina will primarily advise the Panhellenic Association and the National Pan-Hellenic Council and coordinate chapter paperwork collection and leadership development initiatives.

Additionally, Brittany Graham will be joining the IUPUI Fraternity & Sorority Community as the graduate intern. Graham is a current master's student in the Indiana University Higher Education & Student Affairs program. A member of Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity, Brittany serves as a Graduate Supervisor within Residential Programs & Service (RPS) at IU Bloomington. As graduate intern, Brittany will lead the development of assessment practices for Fraternity & Sorority Life and assist in the coordination of the FSL Alternative Break program.

## And the Winners Were...

After another successful academic year of increased community growth and leadership, the IUPUI Fraternity and Sorority Community recognized many leaders at the inaugural Fraternity & Sorority Life End of the Year Awards Reception on Saturday, April 16th at 6:00p in the IUPUI Campus Center room 450.

This year's award winners were:

### Change Agent Award

Nick Estrada (ΦΚΨ) & Alicia Welcher (ΑΣΑ)



### Chapter Advisor of the Year

- Susan Canady (ZTA)

### Exemplary Service

- Omicron Pi Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta

### Fraternity & Sorority Ally Award

- Gloria King (nominated by ΓΦΩ).

### Inclusion Award

- Xi Chapter, Gamma Phi Omega

### New Member of the Year

- Clark Wehmeier (ΣΑΕ)

### Outstanding Chapter President

- Brett Barnes (ΣΑΕ)

### Program of the Year

- Life After College (ΖΦΒ, ΓΦΩ, ΑΣΑ)

### Spirit of Philanthropy

- Rho Alpha Chapter, Phi Mu

## Parting Thoughts from Your FSL GA

When I arrived at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) in August 2009, many things were different than they are today. I worked for the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life in Campus & Community Life, the IUPUI Chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) was the only fully formed governing council for fraternities and sororities and lest not forget that *The Mercury* was a much longer newsletter.

When I accepted the position as the Graduate Assistant for Fraternity & Sorority Life, FSL was still mostly new, students were still learning what it meant to have an office to support and advise them and the structures were still being established. Thomas promised an unforgettable experience that would allow me to learn much about what the fraternal experience means, unending excitement as well as a hands-on opportunity to create a 21st Century Fraternity & Sorority Experience that truly emphasized inclusion and student learning. I can mostly certainly say that I've received that and so much more.

It's been a pleasure to work with all members of the IUPUI Fraternity & Sorority Community: the numerous students, elected chapter and council leaders, as well as our affiliated members of the IUPUI faculty and staff and chapter advisors. As I head to The Ohio State University to begin my next chapter in life, I wanted express my gratitude for an amazing two years of support, learning and great experiences. Many of you have touched my life and I'm extremely blessed to have gotten to know you.

Interfraternally,  
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## IUPUI Fraternity & Sorority Life Upcoming Events | Mark Your Calendars

### *Fraternity & Sorority Life 101 (WOW)*

Tuesday, August 30th | 10:00a-2:00p  
University College Courtyard

### *NPHC Step Show (WOW)*

Tuesday, August 30th | 4:00p  
University College Courtyard

### *Panhellenic Association Recruitment*

September 9th - September 11th  
IUPUI Campus Center 4th Floor  
Information Sessions: 8/31, 9/1, 9/6

### *Interfraternity Council Recruitment*

Week of September 12th | Campus Center

### *Affiliated Faculty and Staff Luncheon*

September 20th | 12:00 - 1:00p  
IUPUI Campus Center, CE 309

### *IUPUI FSL Community Leadership Retreat*

Friday, October 21st - Sunday, October 23rd  
Bradford Woods, Martinsville, IN  
More information regarding the Community Leadership Retreat will be forth coming

### *IUPUI Fraternity & Sorority Advisors Training*

Saturday, January 21, 2012 | 9:00a - 2:00p  
IUPUI CE room 409 (Tony Sherrill Mtg Room)

### *Affiliated Faculty and Staff Luncheon*

March 6th, 2012 | 12:00 - 1:00p  
IUPUI Campus Center, CE 405



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