Maurer Dean Honored, Awards at Founders Day, Jobs for Students with Disabilities, Kelley Rankings Climb

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Southwestern Law School honors Maurer dean

Austen Parrish, dean of the Maurer School of Law at Indiana University, was named an Outstanding Friend by the Southwestern Law School Alumni Association at its annual awards recognition reception and auction.

Parrish is a former professor and interim dean at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, Calif. He became faculty there in 2002 and taught civil procedure, constitutional law, federal courts and international law. From 2008 to 2012, Parrish was the law school’s vice dean, and then in July 2012 he became interim dean and CEO.

Parrish came to IU as the Maurer School dean in December 2013. This May, he will return to Southwestern to present the law graduates for commencement.

Teaching, research, service awards presented

As part of the university’s Founders Day, IU honored 11 faculty members and three graduate students for their excellence in teaching, research and service.

Indiana University President Michael McRobbie presented the awards during the 2014 Celebration of Distinguished Teaching dinner on Friday. Winners were from the Bloomington, Northwest and IU-Purdue University Indianapolis campuses.

Although previously announced, five of the honorees are Bloomington professors appointed to distinguished professor: John Edward Bodner, David E. Clemmer, Krishnan Raghavachari, Olaf Sporns and Roger Meyer Temam.

Also from the Bloomington campus were the distinguished teaching awards and an outstanding service
award. The Frederic Bachman Lieber Memorial Award went to Jeanne M. Sept, and the Lieber Associate Instructor Award went to Tony G. Hessenthaler, David H.K. Nguyen and Dana Stephanie Prewitt. Michael W. Hamburger received the W. George Pinnell Award for Outstanding Service.

Jon Becker from IU Northwest and M. Kim Saxton from IUPUI won the President’s Award for Teaching.

Barbara Manz Friesth from IUPUI was the winner of the first President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Technology. E. Angeles Martinez Mier from IUPUI won the John W. Ryan Award for Distinguished Contributions to International Programs and Studies.

**Project looks to help students with disabilities find jobs**

A new research project from Indiana University’s Center on Community Living and Careers is aiming to help high school students with disabilities complete school and make the transition to jobs.

The project — Indiana School-to-Work Collaborative — will have five sites around the state, with an employment specialist and other employment resources in schools for a central point of reference for students and their families as well as the agencies that serve them.

The collaborative will be funded by a five-year, $2.4 million research grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.

Researchers plan to examine the number and type of jobs the students have as well as their wages and hours worked, and see if they and their families are connected to more resources and support services.

If successful, the program could spread to more schools across the state.

**Kelley continues Bloomberg Businessweek rankings climb**

The IU Kelley School of Business was ranked eighth overall in Bloomberg Businessweek rankings of undergraduate programs.

Kelley moved up five positions from last year’s ranking, making this the fifth consecutive year the program has risen in the rankings.

Kelley received a No. 1 ranking from companies that recruit Kelley graduates. The Indiana University school’s job placement activities and facilities and services were graded an A plus, and teaching quality received an A.

Kelley is the only Big Ten school in the top 10 and was third among programs at public universities. The school also has the largest undergraduate enrollment in the rankings’ Top 10.