

THE BAYH EDUCATOR

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BAYH COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



WELCOME

Welcome to the Bayh College of Education newsletter! The goal of this newsletter is to foster a sense of involvement between faculty, staff, students, alumni, and our community. This newsletter is for you, so we want it to be relevant and interesting. We welcome and encourage any feedback and suggestions for the next edition.

HOW TO REACH US

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It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to a new academic year! It's hard to believe that summer is behind us and cooler temperatures are moving in! We've had an excellent start to the academic year. Undergraduate enrollments are up and our first-time-full-time freshman have increased nearly 74% compared to last year. This is exciting news compared to continued state and national declines in undergraduate teacher preparation. Graduate enrollment remains strong but declined a little over 5% since last year. Graduate school enrollment is down nationally at nearly the same percentage.

We're pleased to announce the addition of Otter Creek Middle in the Vigo County School Corporation (VCSC) to the array of Professional Development Schools (PDS's). Also included are Northview High School in the Clay Community Schools, and Rosedale Elementary in the Southwest Parke Community Schools. We're grateful for Lynn Scott and Della Thacker's service to the schools as the PDS Faculty Liaisons. On page ten you'll see a picture of Della awarding our most recent recipient of the Robert O. Williams PDS Exemplary Teacher Award, Michele Hunter. Congratulations, Michele.

Last year's fall newsletter noted that construction was underway in the prior nursing building (corner of 8th and Chestnut just south of our college), for the new/renovated Early Childhood Education Center. Today, we are so excited to be open and fully functional in this beautiful facility. We are also excited to name the Center in honor of early childhood pioneer and professor emeritus, Dr. Jan McCarthy. The formal ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony occurs on September 18th and Dr. McCarthy is able to join us!

Building on the excitement of the Dr. Jan McCarthy Early Childhood Education Center, the Wabash Valley United Way recently recognized the Center with the inaugural Early Childhood Champion Award 2025. This award recognized the Center for its positive impact throughout the community and its dedication to high quality childcare. Congratulations to the Center's Director, Holly Curtsinger, and her staff. The final page of this newsletter presents a host of important dates.

I wish you the very best this fall!

You can always find more information about the College at <https://www.indstate.edu/education/>. Do feel free to contact me with feedback, suggestions, or concerns at Brad.Balch@indstate.edu.
GO SYCAMORES!



C.H.I.L.L. UPDATE

C.H.I.L.L. (Colleagues Helping Implement Lifelong Learning) concluded our fall semester by conducting a service meeting in May. Our service projects included preparing school supplies for Ecuador by completing positive and inspiring messages to go in each notebook and organizing all other supplies for travel. We spent time painting rocks to replenish the rock garden located in the atrium in University Hall. C.H.I.L.L. members were active and impacted many communities during summer break. Haley Lorey, Junior Science Education major, traveled to Ecuador on a summer Science trip. While there, Haley visited a few schools and delivered the school supplies that C.H.I.L.L. prepared. Haley was able to meet the students and interact with them on her visit.



C.H.I.L.L UPDATE



Chloe Guevara, Sophomore Elementary Education major and CHILL Board Member, was crowned the Vigo County Fair Queen. She is prepping for the State Fair competition in January 2026.

C.H.I.L.L UPDATE

C.H.I.L.L. (Colleagues Helping Implement Lifelong Learning) participated in Welcoming New Students to campus before the Fall semester officially began. Haley Lorey (Science Education), Chloe Rayhel (Elementary Education), Damian Delgado (Social Studies Education), and Nolan White (English Education) were our representatives who shared Indiana State bling as students entered the convocation, distributed Donaghy Day t-shirts, cheered as students Marched Thru the Arch, followed by managing an informational table at the Student Involvement Fair on the Quad.



C.H.I.L.L UPDATE

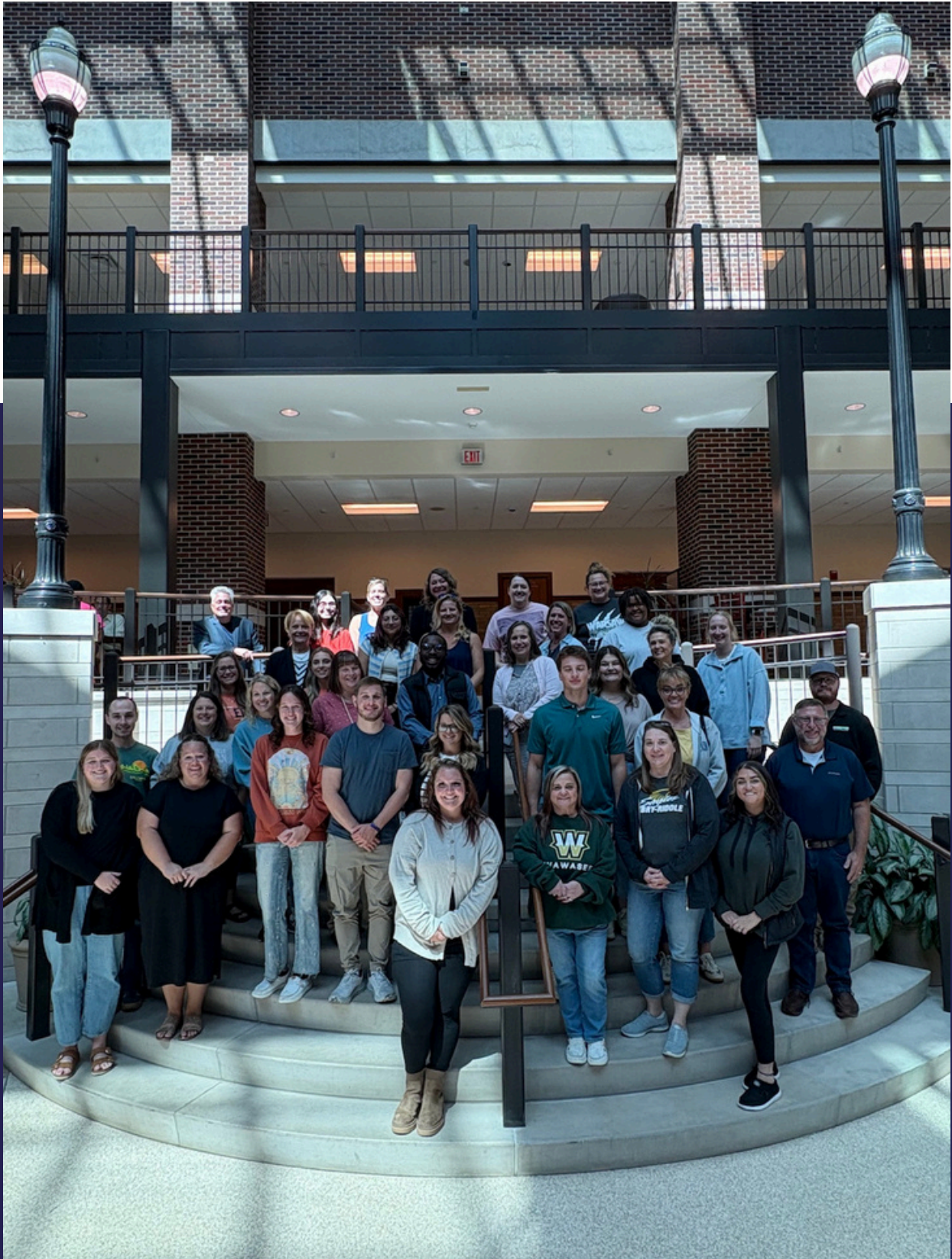


Damian Delgado (Social Studies Education), Nolan White (English Education), and Abby Davidson (English Education) greeted new students at the College of Education's New student Welcome Event on Monday, August 18.

C.H.I.L.L. (Colleagues Helping Implement Lifelong Learning) first monthly meeting is on Tuesday, September 16 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in University Hall 325.

The Adams Uncommon Sense Initiative is a partnership with 17 school districts, which offers New Teachers and Mentors an opportunity to come together weekly for conversations about teaching, focused on a book, *Uncommon Sense for New Teachers: A Good Beginning is Half the Work*, which provides 52 chapter topics that can be read in any order. The idea is to provide ways of thinking “uncommonly” about the challenges and opportunities we have today, so new teachers and mentors are supercharged in working together, learning from each other, and making a difference in the educational lives of students.

Attending an on-campus inaugural event were educators who traveled together intentionally in district teams, so that robust conversations could span the entire commute to and from campus. Each participating team was provided an audio prompt from Professor Dr. Ryan Donlan, event and Initiative host and facilitator, to discuss on the ride to campus and then spent the day in active, thought-provoking activities with Dr. Donlan, with guest presentations from Dr. Andrea Forcum and Dr. Steve Gruenert, along with kind welcomes from program, department, and college leadership. Department of Educational Leadership Graduate Assistant Arianna Greene and Administrative Assistant Kellie McCain provided deft coordination and day-long organization of program and activities; Sodexo catered masterfully. Ambassadorship at the event will allow for weekly social media content (YouTube shorts) to be provided on topics for participating districts throughout the school year, with a virtual event planned for Spring 2026. Each participating district will also be provided one customized, on-site event by Dr. Donlan, on a topic relevant to any group the district selects – could be teachers, staff, administrators, board members, or all. Goals for the partnership include capacity building through K-12/University learning experiences and educational pipeline development and interest in our profession, including expansion of Preferred Partnership and educational pathways programming offered by the Bayh College of Education. Funds and support were generously provided by the BCOE Dean’s Office and The ISU Foundation with the A. Elmwood and Juneth S. Adams Award.



The United Way of the Wabash Valley sponsored their annual Power of the Purse fundraiser on September 10th at the Hulman Center. During this event, the Bayh College of Education and the Jan McCarthy Early Childhood Education Center received an inaugural award entitled the Early Childhood Champion Award 2025. The award sponsor was Old National Bank. The award recognized our longstanding commitment to high-quality early childhood care and our recent renovations to the Center.



L to R: Dean Balch, ECEC Director Holly Curtsinger, Assistant Dean Crosby, ECEC Assistant Director Amber Taylor, Executive Director Capital Planning and Construction Bryan Duncan, Instructor Melissa Stucky.

Michelle Hunter from Northview received the Robert O. Williams Professional Development Award. This award is given to an outstanding teacher from a Professional Development School. Della Thacker, faculty PDS representative presented the award.



FROM DR. CARRIE BALL

Our Teacher Residency Program, in partnership with Vigo County School Corporation and Southwest Parke Community Schools is entering its fourth year. This year, 17 students will complete a full-year placement in an elementary classroom as they complete their degree requirements. The program allows students to earn a stipend and gain valuable immersive experiences in the classroom!

The elementary and special education programs continue to scale up new early field experiences that emphasize the science of reading. This semester, we will have 46 teacher candidates engaged in local classrooms to support and contribute to high-quality reading instruction for elementary students.

Over the summer, the Department of Teaching & Learning partnered with Vigo County School Corporation to offer literacy-focused professional development to almost 200 area teachers. This work is made possible by the generous support of the Lilly Endowment through its Advancing the Science of Reading in Indiana grant initiative.

Dr. Youjin Yang recently received a “STEM Through Storybooks” grant from the Community Engaged Alliance. This project will support partnerships with early childhood programs in the community to foster STEM learning and early literacy development among preschool children.

The Department of Teaching and Learning is proud to announce an upcoming Autism & Exercise workshop, which will be held in the Indiana State University Arena from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Friday, October 3. Anyone interested in attending may contact Dr. Myung-Ah Lee (Myung-Ah.Lee@indstate.edu) for registration information.

FOR THOSE WITH AUTISM, 10-15 MINUTES OF EXERCISE HAS PROVEN BENEFITS THAT IMPACT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT*


EXERCISE CONNECTION

AUTISM & EXERCISE WORKSHOP

Benefits of Exercise For those with Autism

 Increased Social Skills

 Enhanced Communication

 Academic Improvement

 Enhanced Self-Regulation

 Increased On-Task Behavior

 Reduced Maladaptive Behaviors

UPCOMING IN-PERSON WORKSHOP

Limited to 50 Participants!

Co-Sponsored By:


Indiana State University


EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES
 Gain practical knowledge on the 28 EBPs that support learning


EC'S TOP 10 EXERCISES
 Perform proven exercises in gyms, classrooms, clinics and homes


INDIVIDUAL & GROUP PROTOCOLS
 Learn protocols used in a variety of environments that will make an impact.

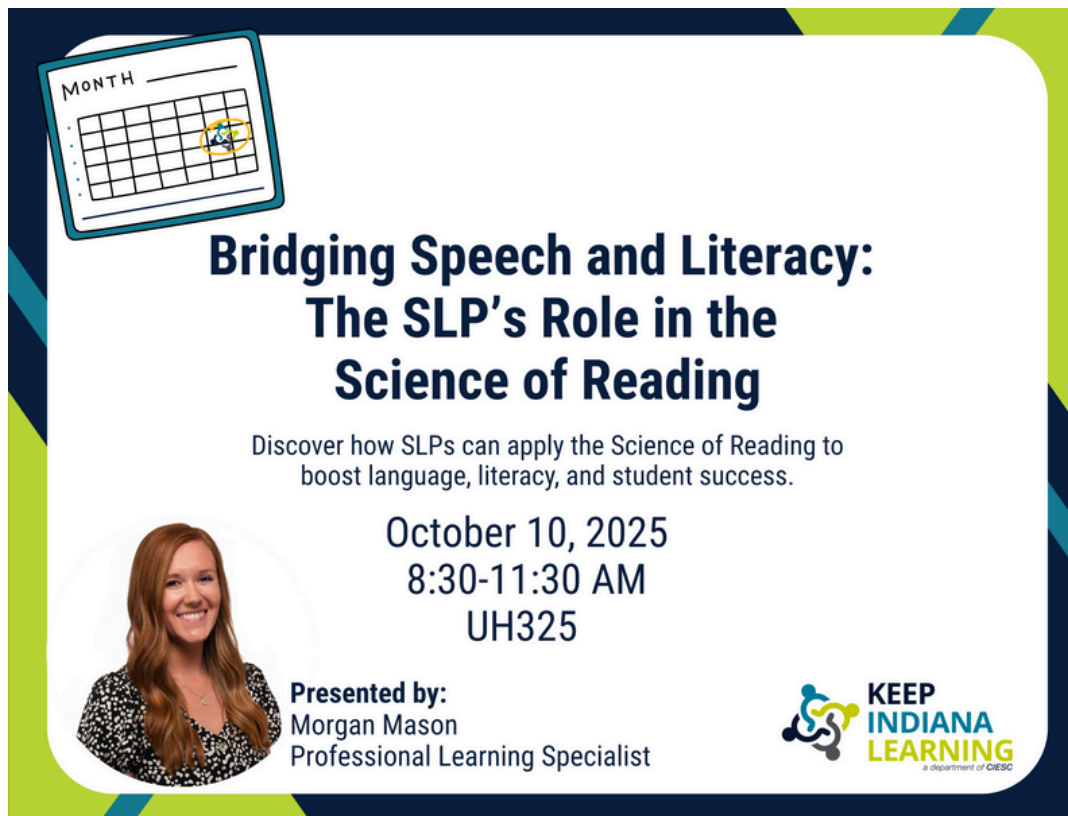
DATE: Friday, October 3, 2025
TIME: 8:30am – 12:30 pm EST
LOCATION: Arena @ Health and Human Services, 4th North St., Terre Haute, IN
 Email: Myung-Ah.Lee@indstate.edu for registration

Wear comfortable clothing as you will be doing some exercises & activities.

TO LEARN MORE VISIT, [EXERCISECONNECTION.COM](https://www.exerciseconnection.com)

EXERCISE IS A POWERFUL & UNDERUSED INTERVENTION

*PALAESTRA (2023) "The Effects of Light to Moderate Intensity Aerobic Exercise on Stereotypic Behaviours in Subjects with ASD: A Systematic Review"



On October 10, 2025, the Department of Teaching & Learning will host a professional learning session entitled Bridging Speech and Literacy: The SLP's Role in the Science of Reading. Led by Morgan Mason, Professional Learning Specialist with Keep Indiana Learning, the session will explore how speech-language pathologists can apply Science of Reading principles to strengthen language, literacy, and student achievement. This event, offered to faculty and students in the Communication Disorders program is made possible through the generous support of the Lilly Endowment's Advancing the Science of Reading in Indiana grant initiative, and will take place from 8:30–11:30 AM in UH325.



The Speech Pathology Master's Program added a new clinical introduction program called Path to Practice. The 20 new cohort members were lead through clinical topics such as evaluation of clients, session set up, data collection, and behavior management.

The six two hour sessions included hands on practice and completion of simulations. Having Path to Practice in addition to regular course time provides our new graduates with the knowledge they need to begin working with their clients this semester.

The Department of Teaching and Learning recently welcomed its second cohort of six students from South Korea to participate in a collaborative master's degree program. Many of these students are experienced teachers in South Korea and are studying in the United States to earn an advanced degree while gaining cross-cultural teaching experience.



The 2025 International Symposium of Korean Education System and Culture

Dates: October 2nd (Thursday), 2025

Times: 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Place: Holmstedt Hall (HH) 103, Indiana State University



**Indiana State
University**

During Summer 2025, eleven people (i.e., eight students and three faculty members) of Indiana State University participated in a 10-day, faculty-led trip to South Korea (such as three cities: Incheon, Seoul, and Jeonju), where they explored the country's culture and educational systems (e.g., Gyeongin National University and its affiliated elementary school and Jeonju National University of Education and its affiliated school).



2026 Faculty-Led Course-Based Trip to

South KOREA



March 7 - 14, 2026

\$3,500 per student (excluding course fees)

This package includes

- Round-trip Airfare
- Some meals
- Accommodations
- On-site Transportation
- Travel insurance

Student Recruitment

- Current Passport
- Open to all ISU students who have completed at least two consecutive semesters and who will be enrolled in ELED495: Topics in Education in Spring 2026



Secured Place to Stay

The Guest House at Gyeongin National University of Education (Gyeonggi Campus)

Please contact to more information

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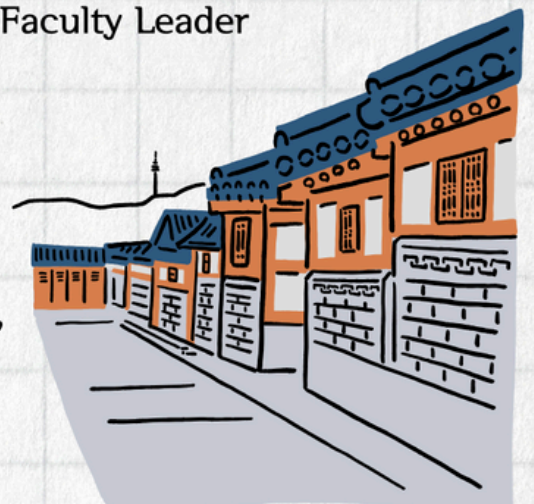
Dr. Malea Crosby (Malea.crosby@indstate.edu)

Experience Highlights

Visit two universities of education and their affiliated elementary schools

Sightseeing areas such as Gyeongbokgung Palace, N Seoul Tower, Myeong-dong, Hangang River, Jeonju Hanok Village and more!

(Seoul, Incheon, Gyeonggi and Jeonju areas)



September 18, 2025 : Jan McCarthy ECEC Dedication Ceremony & Reception (Dedication 1:00pm Chestnut Bldg.) (Reception 2:00pm UH 110G)

September 26, 2025: BCOE Fall Assessment Day (9:00am–12:00pm) UH 110G

October 10, 2025: Emeriti Luncheon (11:00am–1:00pm) UH 110G

October 11, 2025: ISU Homecoming

October 17, 2025: Fall Break; No Classes

October 29, 2025: Scholarship Donor Recognition and Alumni Awards (11:30am–1:00pm) UH 110G

October 31, 2025: BCOE Preview Day (8:30am–1:00pm)

November 5, 2025: Sabbatical Colloquium (2:00pm–3:30pm) UH 110G

November 19, 2025: Teacher Appreciation Basketball Game (Time TBD) Hulman Center

November 24, 2025: Power of MATH Summit – virtual via Teams

November 25, 2024: Power of READING Summit – virtual via Teams

November 27–28, 2025: Thanksgiving Break; No Classes

December 2, 2025: Senior Send-Off (2:00pm–4:00pm) Location TBD

December 3, 2025: Dean's Holiday Reception (2:00pm–3:30pm) UH 110G

December 13, 2025: Fall Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement

December 15, 2025: **Support** Staff Winter Retreat – half day

December 24, 2025– Jan 1, 2026: Winter Recess: University Offices Closed