

## Distinguished Alumni Honored

The IU School of Education awarded its 31st annual Distinguished Alumni Award on October 3rd to three alumni who have made their mark in civil rights, higher education development, and unique methods of teaching. The awards honor people who hold an IU School of Education degree and have made a lasting impact through their work.



*DAA winners with Dean Gonzalez.*

Senior Vice President of the NAACP, **Dennis C. Hayes**, BS'74 Hayes served as the interim president and CEO of the nation's leading civil rights organization until this summer. Hayes grew up in Indianapolis. **Rodney P. Kirsch**, MS'82, Senior Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations at Penn State University since 1996. **Hazel R. Tribble**, MS'75, is a teacher known for her innovative methods and efforts to uncover a student's true talents at the Key Learning Community in the Indianapolis Public Schools.

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## City-County Council Honors Project of Professor Jose Rosario

**Mayor Greg Ballard** and City-County Council President **Bob Cockrum** signed a special resolution passed by the Indianapolis City-County Council in October to recognize the achievements of the El Puente Project, a program started by Professor **José R. Rosario** in 2000 to assist Latino youth in Marion County in graduating from high school and continuing to postsecondary education. Originally an initiative of the Center for Urban and Multicultural Education at the IU School of Education at IUPUI, El Puente is now a part of the Latino/a Youth Collective of Indiana.

The program was commended under 5 "whereas" points that included embracing the dreams and possibilities of Latino youth, standing for fair and equal access needed to realize them and inviting teachers, parents and community members to share a special responsibility for the development of social and human capital through supporting Latino youth as they struggle to choose a positive path and its commitment to social justice.

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## School of Education Formally Marks Its Centennial

The Indiana University School of Education formally marked its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a ceremony at the Wright Education Building at IU Bloomington on Monday, November 17. IU President **Michael McRobbie** and IU Bloomington Provost **Karen Hanson** joined **Dean Gerardo Gonzalez** and other dignitaries to mark the occasion.

President McRobbie noted the first efforts at preparing teachers started as early as 1851 at IU. McRobbie told of didactics professor, Daniel Read, who faced the daunting task of teacher preparation alone. "Now the School of Education includes hundreds of faculty members across the state who not only train tomorrow's teachers but also specialize in counseling and educational psychology, educational leadership and policy studies, and a number of other areas," McRobbie said. "Their research bridges theory and practice right here in Bloomington, across the state, and around the world."

Provost Hanson emphasized the local impact of the School, commenting on the many teachers, counselors, school psychologists, and administrators who are alumni. She said they have "spread the light of the lamp of learning throughout our community, the state of Indiana, and around the world." IU Trustee **Sue Talbot** told about

earning all of her degrees—high school diploma, B.S., M.S., and Ed.D. in one building on the IU campus, the old Education building which contained University School. Earlier in the ceremony, **Breon Mitchell**, Director of the Lilly Library, announced the gift of small schools movement founder **Deborah Meier's** papers. The Lilly Library will store the papers for future scholarly research.

Gonzalez reminded the audience that IU's President William Lowe Bryan served as the acting dean for the first 8 years of the IU School of Education. Referring to the start of the school, Gonzalez said "It must have seemed like a pretty important thing to the president." He noted Bryan grew up in Bloomington and experienced Indiana education in the early 20th century first-



*President McRobbie speaks during Ceremony*

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hand. Gonzalez said today the faculty of the school continues to remember the importance of the mission Bryan started.

The Centennial Celebration also included a 2 day symposium with sessions on the purpose of education, its past, present and future, with Deborah Meier delivering the keynote address for a November 16 anniversary dinner. The 100th Anniversary Celebration concluded on November 20 with a standing room only speech by education reform writer, **Jonathan Kozol**.

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## School of Education Students “Read for the Record”

The Dean’s Advisory Council of the IU School of Education was the local sponsor for Jumpstart’s “Read for the Record” event on October 2 at Fairview Elementary School in Bloomington.



*Greenberg reading with students*

**Danya Greenberg**, DAC president described it as “a day to bring together all the children around the country to read the same book and break a world record.” Each year a different favorite classic book is selected; this year’s book was Corduroy. Participants at Fairview read the book to benefit Banneker Center’s after school program.

Jumpstart is a program that focuses on early education programs. The event’s purpose was to promote literacy and encourage children to read and to “raise public awareness about the early education gap that exists between income levels as well as raise money to support Jumpstart’s national early education programs.” Last year’s event raised \$1 million nationwide for Jumpstart. The Dean’s Advisory Council works to bring the School of Education and community together.

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## Dean’s Delegation Visits China

A trip to China in late October and early November may help establish a new partnership between the School of Education and Chinese higher education. Dean **Gerardo Gonzalez** led a group of five faculty and an education policy doctoral student on a 10-day trip to six Chinese universities. Gonzalez said this trip was a step towards holding a future conference on higher education. Dean Emeritus **Don Warren** first held a conference in China in the 1990s.

“It’s not generally known that before China was a destination for many educational collaborations, the School of Education co-sponsored a conference in that part of the world that led to many of the relationships that we now have,” said School of

Education Dean Gerardo Gonzalez. “As a result of that early collaboration, the programs that we now have evolved. Our alumni are now working in China. A number of faculty have come here on exchanges and now have gone back or are visiting scholars abroad.”

Among the goals of the trip was to begin planning for another education conference in China. “We’re discussing having a second conference, a kind of sequel to that, on higher education policy reform,” said **Heidi Ross**, director of Indiana University’s East Asian Studies Center and professor in the Department of Education Leadership and Policy Studies in the School of



*Delegation at Tsinghua*

Education. “So at each of the stops we’re making in Shanghai and Hangzhou, we’ll be talking with each of the colleagues about how we might structure that conference.” Additionally, the IU faculty members on the trip conducted a daylong workshop on educational equity.

Aside from Gonzalez and Ross, the delegation included Dean Emeritus Warren, **Barry Bull**, professor of philosophy of education and education policy studies, **Rob Toutkoushian**, assistant professor of education leadership and policy studies, and **Faridah Pawan**, assistant professor in language education. **Yuhao Cen**, a doctoral student in education leadership and policy studies, returned to her home country of China for this trip and helped with setting up the itinerary.

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## Grant Will Boost Efforts at George Washington Community School

The U.S. Department of Education has granted \$2.45 million over five years for a full-service community school grant supporting partners at George Washington Community High School in Indianapolis, which includes the IU School of Education at IUPUI. The money will support the “Circle City Learning Community,” which includes after-school programs and duplication of the program in two other IPS high schools. **Monica Medina**, lecturer in Teacher Education, will lead the School of Education effort.

Washington Community School re-opened in 2000 with the help of 17 different entities at IUPUI. IUPUI student-interns work in the school 14 weeks each semester, experiencing an urban school environment and discussing their experiences in an on-site class. The community school’s goal is to serve as a hub for the Westside community for access to outstanding educational, career, health, and social services.

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