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Dear colleagues,

Spring is just around the corner, and Commencement will be here before we realize it. I know that this is an incredibly busy time of the year, and I would like to thank everyone for the ways in which you are working to advance our University. The outstanding work of our faculty, staff and students continues to bring recognition to Indiana State.

On Thursday, Indiana State was once again selected for the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service. This is the fourth straight year Indiana State has earned this honor, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement. Selection criteria includes the scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which academic service-learning courses are offered.

The efforts of the Center for Public Service and Community Engagement along with faculty and staff members, and students from across campus, have resulted in nearly half of our students participating in some kind of public service or community engagement activity during the 2008-09 academic year. Work is underway to dramatically increase these opportunities, and as part of our strategic plan, our goal is to have 100 percent of our students engaged in these activities by 2014.

The direction we have developed with our strategic plan and our campus master plan will undoubtedly have a significant impact on our community. As such, the University was also recognized this week by Downtown Terre Haute, Inc. during the annual Heritage Awards Dinner. The strategic plan and campus master plan received the award for economic restructuring. In addition, Indiana State and the Terre Haute Department of Redevelopment received the Public Sector Design award for continued efforts to beautify and link the downtown area with the ISU campus by upgrading outdoor lighting through the installation of matching distinctive light standards.

Other updates I would like to provide:

- Indiana State's already strong outreach efforts in education have been boosted with two grants totaling more than \$4.9 million recently received by the Blumberg Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Special Education. The grants were awarded by the Indiana Department of Education to establish two resource centers to aid special education in our state. The centers will create and provide statewide professional development programs and resources to school districts throughout Indiana. The new centers add to an already robust level of services and outreach provided by the Blumberg Center. For example, a recent program on Autism Spectrum Disorder hosted by the Center drew more than 200 participants including representatives from 18 regional and bi-state school corporations and special education cooperatives. Congratulations to

Blumberg Center Director Leah Nellis and her colleagues in the College of Education for their great work.

- One of our December graduates, Analyssa Noe, has been named the most outstanding intern of the year by the Democratic caucus in the Indiana Senate. Analyssa, who distinguished herself on our campus in both academics and community engagement, will receive a \$3,000 scholarship from Verizon Wireless as part of this recognition. One of four interns from Indiana State serving in the legislature this session, Analyssa worked for State Senator Vi Simpson.
- A project by Indiana State University interior design students Robin Guise, Bridget Lindauer and Robyn Otter, has been selected as one of three finalists in the Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) Midwest Student Design Competition. The team's entry will advance to the international competition, and winners will be announced at the 2010 IDEC Annual Conference next month. The project was developed as part of a course taught by Assistant Professor Juan Jurado.
- This is a critical time in the recruitment process for students entering this fall, and I would like to express my appreciation to all of the faculty and staff who are assisting our enrollment management team. Your involvement does make a difference. I recently received a note from an admissions counselor noting that the personal attention that Associate Professor Mary Sterling gave to a prospective student convinced the student that Indiana State was the right choice for her. Thanks, Mary, (and all others) for your help in recruiting and retaining our students.
- A team of ISU business students tied for second place out of 23 teams competing in the recent Great Lakes Regional Student Case Competition sponsored by the Association for Operations Management. The team finished one point away from the first-place team. ISU students on the team were: Ashlee Taylor, Caitlin Hancock, Trevor Jennings, David Somheil, and Elliot Booe.
- Indiana State University continues to upgrade its security efforts on campus, striving to make our University an even safer place to learn, live, and work. Facilities Management is completing an initiative that will enable faculty and students to "lock down" classroom spaces in the event of an emergency. If notified of an emergency, persons in classrooms will be able to easily lock these areas from the inside while maintaining compliance with all building and fire codes. To date eleven of fifteen academic buildings have had their classroom door locks modified. It is expected that the remaining four buildings will be completed by the end of March. Related initiatives include:
 - Our Office of Information Technology has recently completed the installation of Voice Over IP Telephones in all University classrooms. These telephones will enable our Police Dispatchers to convey emergency information via speaker phone to all classrooms. It

will also provide students and faculty with an easy method of contacting our 911 Center should an emergency occur in any classroom.

- Finally, Public Safety is working with Information Technology to add emergency messaging to the new ISULive television system which is currently available in many areas of campus. When complete in March, this system will enable the University to quickly provide emergency messages over its campus television system.
- These new initiatives are in addition to our Rave Text Messaging System, Novell Pop-Up Messages, All Hazards Siren, and 7777 Emergency Telephone Information Line which are already in place on campus. Anyone with questions concerning our emergency notification system should contact Public Safety Director Bill Mercier at extension 7829.

In closing, I would like to note that the recent budget planning discussions and forums coupled with the funding decisions related to the implementation of the strategic plan have taken the place of the normal budget hearing process this year. However, if the state imposes further cuts, the budget process may need to be reopened depending upon the level of reduction.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley
President