IUP HOMECOMING TO ATTRACT THOUSANDS WITH ANNUAL PARADE, REUNIONS, COAL BOWL FOOTBALL GAME

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INDIANA, Pa.—Indiana University of Pennsylvania's annual Homecoming celebration Oct. 6, 7 and 8 is expected to draw thousands "home" to Indiana for alumni reunions and events for the entire community, including the annual parade and football game.

Events Oct. 7 begin with the Computer Science and Mathematics alumni breakfast in Stright Hall at 8 a.m.

The Homecoming parade, with a theme of "Mother Nature, Ecosystems of the World," will start at 10 a.m.

The parade will feature more than 90 campus and community units, including the following floats:

- Volcanic — Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Zeta, Sigma Chi, Phi Sigma Kappa;
- Under the Sea — Sigma Sigma Sigma, Zeta Tau Alpha, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Pi;
- Into the Jungle — Alpha Sigma Tau, Delta Phi Epsilon, Theta Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Sigma; and
- Beach — Delta Gamma, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Gamma Delta, Kappa Delta Rho.

The parade will start at 11th and Philadelphia streets and travel east to Sixth and Philadelphia streets, south on Sixth Street to Church Street, west on Church Street to Oakland Avenue and southwest on Oakland Avenue to 11th Street, where the parade will disband. All motor-driven floats will continue southwest on Oakland Avenue to the Robertshaw building for disassembly.

Immediately following the parade, volunteers from IUP's sororities and fraternities will clean the parade route and Mack Park, where the floats were constructed.

In addition to the IUP Marching Band, the parade will feature marching bands from Blairsville, Homer-Center, Indiana, Penns Manor, Purchase Line, and United high schools.

Five float prizes will be given: first prize of $1,000, sponsored by the Alumni Relations; second prize of $900, sponsored by the IUP Lively Arts; third place of $800, sponsored by Aramark; fourth prize of $700, co-sponsored by the Student Government Association and the Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement; and fifth prize of $600, sponsored

by University Advancement.

Parade judges this year will be IUP alumni Sherry Renosky; James Smith from Indiana Borough Council; and Student Art Association President Tyler Johnson and Vice President Abigail Krick.

Now in its eighth year at IUP, the Crimson Court will take part in all university Homecoming activities, including the parade. The Crimson Court consists of students chosen by a universitywide vote to represent each of the colleges at IUP.

To qualify for the court, students must have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average and be in good judicial standing. IUP's 2017 Crimson Court includes:

- College of Education and Communications — Elizabeth Grieggs, a speech language pathology and audiology major in the Cook Honors College from Indiana. The daughter of Paul Grieggs and Theresa McDevitt, Mansfield Avenue, Indiana, she is a 2015 graduate of Indiana High School. She is a dean's list student. Her activities include: member of St. Thomas More University Parish; student worker at Office of Housing, Residential Living, and Dining; vice president of Whitmyre Hall Residence Hall Council; member of National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association; researcher for Dr. Cynthia Richburg (speech language faculty member); member of Phi Eta Sigma National Honors Society; Cook Honors College Summer Honors Program for high school students counselor (2016 and 2017); president of Ruddock Hall Residence Hall Council (2016-2017); co-Chair of Honors College Spring Formal (2017) and president of the Audiology Student Association (2017-2018).
- Eberly College of Business and Information Technology — Michael Hoare, a finance major from Mechanicsburg. The son of Gail and Tony Hoare, he is a 2014 graduate of Cumberland Valley High School. He is a member of the IUP golf team and is an NCAA Academic All-American and PSAC Scholar-Athlete (three years). He is a provost scholar and dean's list student and received the Sutton Scholarship. He has been a community assistant for three years and is a member of the Eberly Honors Business cohort.

- College of Fine Arts — Kate Twilley, a theatre major from Marriottsville, Maryland. The daughter of Marida Twilley and Charlie Twilley, she is a 2014 graduate of Liberty High School. She received a Kennedy Center Certificate of Merit for "Excellence in Costume Design" for the IUP Theater-by-the-Grove Production of "Boeing, Boeing" and is a dean's list student. She is vice president of Theta Phi Alpha sorority and is president of Alpha Psi

Omega. In addition to “Boeing,Boeing,” she was the costume designer for the Theater-by-the-Grove productions of “I and You” and “The 25rh Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.”

- College of Health and Human Services — Andrea Parks, a hospitality management major and music minor (trumpet) from Medina, Ohio. The daughter of Kelly and Scott Parks, she is a 2014 graduate of Medina High School. She is president of Meeting Professionals International and has served as secretary and vice president of the group. She is a member of the Sign Language Club and is the social chair. She works as the head community assistant for Putt and Delaney Halls. She is secretary of the National Residence Hall Honorary, vice president of Phi Eta Sigma honor society and is a member of Eta Sigma Delta hospitality honor society.
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences — Autumn Dietrich, a sociology major in the Cook Honors College from Shermans Dale. The daughter of Robert and Holly Dietrich, she is a 2015 graduate of West Perry Senior High School. A dean’s list student, she received the IUP Women’s Leadership Award for Outstanding Freshman in 2016 and the Central Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls: Residence Hall Association President of the Year award in 2017. She is the Residence Hall Association past president, a member of Diversity Peer Educators, and is a member of National Residence Hall Honorary. She has worked for the Office of Housing, Residential Living, and Dining as a community assistant for two years and is the head Community Assistant of Wallwork Hall. She also volunteers at the Alice Paul House.
    - College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics — Virginia Njenga, a biology pre-medicine major and women and gender studies minor from Ephrata. A native of Kenya who came to the United States with her family in 2006, she is the daughter of Johnson Kamau and Mary Wangeci Njenga. She is a 2013 graduate of Ephrata Senior High School. She is a dean’s list student and is involved in a number of activities, including serving as a Diversity Counts Advocate; participating in the Philadelphia Street Playhouse/Indiana Players production of “A Raisin in the Sun,” portraying Ruth; participated in the Student Leadership Development Institute Conference, worked as a Community Assistant at Wallwork and Putt-Delaney halls, winning Community of the Year awards for both facilities. She is a member of the IUP Ambassadors student-alumni association, was a Welcome Weekend leader for fall 2016 and was head Welcome Weekend Leader for 2017. She was a member of the University

Chorus. She served on the Student Advisory Council for the American Association of University Women and participated in the 60th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in March 2016. She was a presenter at the 2016 IUP Undergraduate Scholars Forum on the Status of Women in the Media.

IUP President Dr. Michael Driscoll and his wife, Becky, will lead the parade, along with John Ninosky, president of the IUP Alumni Board of Directors. Ninosky, a 1993 criminology graduate, is an attorney and shareholder with the law offices of Johnson Duffie in Harrisburg. The Alumni Board of Directors works with the IUP Office of Alumni Affairs to create and enrich relationships with current and future alumni in the advancement of IUP.

Open to all, the traditional Crimson Huddle Alumni and Friends Pregame Party will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 7 in the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex. It will feature 29 reunion groups, including sororities, fraternities, academic departments and sports teams. Cost is $15 for adults, with children 10 and under admitted free. Last year, more than 750 alumni and friends participated in this event.

As part of the Crimson Huddle, the IUP Ambassadors will offer a Kidz Korner at the Kovalchick Complex. The festival features a variety of children's activities, with cartoon characters, games, crafts, and prizes.

The Homecoming football game between IUP and California (the "Coal Bowl") will begin at 2 p.m. The game has been chosen as an NCAA Division II showcase contest and will be shown live on ESPN3. Both teams are ranked nationally, and the Crimson Hawks enter the game undefeated (5-0), while the Vulcans are 4-1. IUP leads the all-time series, 57-26-2.

During halftime, the Crimson Court and prize sponsors for the parade floats will be recognized. The halftime show will feature the IUP Marching Band, under the direction of David Martynuik. The band will present the postgame show at the stadium immediately following the game.

Among other activities Homecoming weekend, the IUP Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement is sponsoring the official IUP Homecoming Party, from 9 p.m. Oct. 7 to 2 a.m. Oct. 8 at the Kovalchick Complex. The event is open to current IUP students only, and admission is $5.

The annual Homecoming concert featuring IUP bands will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in the

Performing Arts Center’s Fisher Auditorium. Tickets for the concert are available in advance at the IUP Hadley Union Building ticket office. Remaining tickets may be purchased at the door starting at 2:15 p.m..

A complete list of Homecoming events, including reunions, is available at *www.iup.edu/homecoming.*

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