

Commentary

CCO Calls For Prayer Warriors Help In Healing Redd

OCTOBER 2024

Matt Redd was a passenger in the car with Clinton Keown when the tragic accident happened on an Illinois highway. While our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to the Keown family, we also pray for miraculous healing for Matt Redd.

Matt's wife, Andrea, posted on Facebook with a sincere plea for prayers for Matt, their boys, and Andrea. We believe that her words will touch you like they touched us, and you will want to drop to your knees immediately to pray for this family.

Here's the request in Andrea's words:

Lord, I know you are being flooded with prayers right now, and we are grateful that you hear them. Myself and My boys are asking that you receive them as well, and as we are on our knees praying, we ask that you not separate our family just yet. By your blessings and grace, my husband and I are one, and with our boys we are a complete unit. We still need him, the rest of our family, and the community still needs his good deeds.

As it may be a selfish prayer we are not forgetting that another family is suffering a great loss as they are mourning their son, brother, husband, and father.

As it was your will to call Clint home from the accident we are keeping them in our thoughts and prayers as well, especially his wife and young children. Lord send them an angel of comfort at this time.



Many have already heard the awful news but I wanted to post for myself and our boys to ask for prayers we are in dire need of them. Matthew is in need of them. We do not know the cause of the accident but what we do know is that somehow control was lost causing the car to hit a guardrail rolled multiple times and landed in a ditch. Luckily someone saw them, the Tesla signaled emergency and first responders were there fast. Matt was alert waving his arm for help when they arrived and from the pieces we are putting together we do not believe he was ever without oxygen. But the trauma

is extensive. He has severe brain injuries, skull fractures, severe swelling, neck fractures, facial fractures, loss of a lot of blood. Blood in his stomach and lungs, a broken rib and a punctured lung. His extremities are good. If you are not familiar with a Tesla the roof is a sheet of glass. The car hit a guardrail flipped over it and rolled multiple times into a ditch filled with large rocks. The roof was shattered which exposed Matt and Clint. We do know Matt was conscious until first responders arrived then he lost consciousness and was then on a ventilator. They wanted to airlift him to the hospital but

weather conditions would not allow it. He was taken by ambulance and his dear friend had a police escort meet the ambulance and get him to the hospital sooner. Right now we are letting Matt rest. We need his brain to rest and the swelling to go down.

Current condition:

This morning the Dr was able to get Matt to react on his right side with a nerve test. Matt was swatting him away. That is a good sign. His left side is not reacting due to the collapsed carotid artery. So that artery affects the opposite side of the body. He has 4 major arteries going to the brain, 2 of them are completely blocked but we can't do anything about it at this time due to his brain bleed. His oxygen is better today than it was yesterday. He had a ct scan this morning and there are no changes

This evening they were able to take him off the blood pressure medicine. His oxygen is at 37% so he is doing the other 67%. The focus is on the swelling going down and to not let him get agitated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS

Thank you for your continued prayers. We are beyond grateful for the outpour of prayers, comfort, and support we are receiving. This will be a long, hard-fought battle, but if anyone can do it, Matty Redd can.

You are my world, Matthew WilliamYou are my everything.

The Challenges And Solutions Of Integrating Haitian Immigrants

OCTOBER 2024

By Joe Wallace

Recent reports of Haitian immigrants relocating to midwestern cities have sparked a complex debate about immigration policies and local communities' capacities to support large influxes of newcomers.

Unfortunately, the narratives surrounding these relocations often focus on negative stories, including accusations of crime and culturally unfamiliar behaviors, leading to a perception of Haitians as disruptive to the social fabric.

However, these challenges are not solely the immigrants' fault but often stem from poor planning and lack of support from local, state, and federal

agencies. This article explores how better integration programs could address these issues, focusing on vetting, skill matching, cultural orientation, and sustainable community absorption.

Understanding the Challenges

The arrival of large groups of Haitian immigrants in smaller midwestern cities often overwhelms local infrastructure, social services, and community resources. Many of these towns were unprepared for such an influx, lacking the necessary programs to help integrate immigrants into the local economy and culture. The resulting friction leads to misconceptions and blame placed on the newcomers, who, in reality, are

frequently victims of inadequate planning and insufficient support systems.

Agencies responsible for relocating immigrants often fail to assess whether the communities receiving them have the capacity to provide necessary services, such as language classes, job placement assistance, and mental health support. Furthermore, many Haitian immigrants speak Creole French, creating a language barrier that complicates communication and integration efforts. This lack of preparation can lead to misunderstandings, isolation, and, in some cases, involvement in undesirable activities due to a lack of guidance and opportunities.

A Blueprint for Effective Integration

To address these challenges, a well-structured integration program must be developed, focusing on vetting, skill identification, cultural orientation, language training, and community involvement. Here are key components of such a program:

Individual Vetting and Skill Assessment: Before relocation, each immigrant should be individually vetted, not just for security concerns but also to assess skills, education, and work experience. Identifying relevant skills can help match individuals to local industries that are in need of labor, such as manufacturing, agriculture, or

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When The Odd Moments Occur

OCTOBER 2024

By John Krull

We're about to enter the season of strange nights in politics.

The first Indiana governor's debate was just such an oddity.

Some of the strangeness sprang from the circumstances.

Not too long ago, the Democratic candidate for governor, former Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Jennifer McCormick, was a Republican. In fact, she was the Republican recruited to take out teachers' favorite Democrat,



former Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz, which McCormick did eight years ago.

Teachers, perhaps the most powerful bloc in the Indiana Democratic coalition, took quite a while to forgive McCormick for that, even after her conversion.

The Republican candidate for governor, U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indiana, was until 12 years ago a registered Democrat. Braun says he always has been a conservative Republican in his heart, but he lined up with the other party for more than a half-century for the sake of convenience.

It was as good an explanation as any, because, as the debate made clear, Braun is a man largely devoid of strong convictions, other than the vaguely articulated notion that someone like him should be in charge, because,

somehow, he will get things done.

More on that in a moment. But it wasn't just the candidates' propensity for switching jerseys that made the evening's exchange an odd exercise.

Braun, it seemed, only showed up for the debate because he couldn't schedule a root canal, a colonoscopy or something else he would have enjoyed more than answering questions and trading shots with McCormick.

Most key issues he seemed determined to duck.

It would take a mind-reader to decipher his position on abortion, healthcare or growing Indiana's economy. When pressed on those issues, Braun retreated again and again and again to vague generalities, saying airily that all would be resolved once the state had a businessman in charge.

Braun seemed breezily unaware that his retreats into such bloviation amounted to a backhanded slap at the state's last three governors, Eric Holcomb, Mike Pence and Mitch Daniels—like Braun (since 2012, anyway), Republican in their loyalties—all of whom prided themselves on their devout worship at the temple of business and business practice.

If Braun missed that he was indicting his brethren in the GOP, McCormick didn't. She pounced

on Braun's obliviousness, pointing out that, after 20 years of Republican governance, whatever deficits in performance or efficiency existed had to be laid at the GOP's door.

That was her best moment. Her strangest was her repeated insistence that Braun and his campaign withdraw an accusation from Micah Beckwith, the Republican lieutenant gubernatorial nominee, that she possessed a "Jezebel spirit." She even insisted on explaining why it was derogatory.

Pro tip to the Democratic candidate for governor: If you believe someone has said something defamatory about you, don't repeat the perceived slander over and over again. While you're at it, also refrain from defining and detailing how it reflects poorly on your character and reputation. If Beckwith or anyone else wants to insult you publicly, make him buy his own time or pay for his own ads. Don't do his work for him.

If McCormick thought she was going to coax a disavowal out of Braun, she was mistaken. Braun's doing his best to pretend that Micah Beckwith doesn't exist, much less that the two running mates are in any way attached to each other.

Beckwith wasn't Braun's choice for the second spot on the ticket.

Beckwith invited himself to the party, as he has treated Braun as either an inconvenience or a non-entity, depending upon the cir-

cumstance.

This creates a problem for Braun's message that he alone possesses the acumen to get things done for the state.

If he couldn't even persuade the members of his own political party to grant him control over his own gubernatorial campaign and ticket, what chance does he have of convincing others to follow his lead on matters where his authority is less clear or compelling?

It was a question Braun struggled to answer.

Maybe because there is no good answer to that question.

There is another candidate in the governor's race, Libertarian Donald Rainwater, who captured 11% of the vote in 2020.

Unlike Braun, Rainwater is a man of firm convictions, but little nuance. His recommendation for dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic amounted to little more than pretending it didn't exist.

As I said, the strange season has begun.

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The Marine (And Man) I Respect Most

OCTOBER 2024

By Bob Reutter

Rumor has it that long ago when John Mills joined the United States Marine Corps, he was required to bring his own musket. Truth is that on May 20, 1947, a seventeen-year-old young man from Morganfield, Ky joined the United States Marine Corps and went to Parris Island, S.C. for boot camp.

After graduation John served at several different duty stations and by 1950 he was on the USS Albany (CA-123) serving on the security detail for a Navy Admiral. During a Med Cruise in June of 1950, John and every other able-bodied Marine received orders to report to Japan for service in Korea.

John was reclassified as 0336 (machine gun platoon leader) and after crash training his mostly reservist troops, made the landing at Inchon in September of 1950 with Hotel Company, 3rd Bn, 7th Marines. John was in constant action until December, during the Chosin campaign where his machine gun section helped hold the Toktong Pass open for the withdrawing Americans to escape from the Chinese encirclement. During this engagement in temperatures approaching minus 60 degrees Fahrenheit, John received 4 bullet wounds and severe frostbite in his feet. When he was finally loaded on a truck for evacuation, the truck was struck by a Chinese mortar round and

overturned, crushing John's feet and legs. He was eventually air-lifted to Japan (and finally Memphis, TN) where he underwent 15 months of surgery on his legs. He was told they would have to amputate his feet (he refused) and that he would never walk again. Never tell a Marine what he will never do! John was given a medical discharge from the Marines and went home to Southern Indiana to start a new life.

While his military career is impressive, that is not why John is so special to me. John went to work at the Crane Naval Weapons Center in Indiana. He met a young woman from Washington Indiana at a dance and on Jan. 31, 1953 they were married. They had 4 daughters and one son (ten grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren - so far.) John and Dottie decided at the start that John would be the breadwinner and Dottie would keep the house. For the next 65 years, this arrangement worked for them. John worked for 42 years as an automotive electrician, repairing alternators and generators for many different types of equipment and vehicles. Dottie kept the house, raised the children and tended to John, helping him through bouts of PTSD from his Chosin experiences. He credits Dottie with keeping his 'balance' through the years.

In 2017 Dottie's health started to fail. Eventually, she was unable to care for herself and needed almost full-time care,

transportation to three-times-weekly dialysis, and various doctor appointments. Marine John Mills, who had never cooked, shopped, washed clothes, or any of the myriad other household duties, learned how to care for Dottie and the home. He continued to do so until Christmas Eve of 2020 when Dottie's frail body finally failed. Their children and grandchildren gathered from all over the country to share their grief and share the strength they had learned from John.

From 2010-2018 we ran a Toys for Tots program in Evansville, Indiana. We had 5 female volunteers who registered families for the program three evenings each week during the season. After driving around the area collecting toys all day, John would never leave in the evenings until all the ladies were safe in their cars. In the 20 years I have known John, he never once said anything negative about his Queen (his name for Dottie,) never complained about having to become the homemaker, caregiver or any of the other things most 90-year-old men never have to learn. John's integrity, fortitude, and caring about others are qualities that young people today would be wise to emulate.

When the idea of starting a scholarship program for our Marine Corps League Detachment was initiated, it was only natural that it should be named the Sgt. John Mills USMC Scholarship. A remarkable man and a remarkable Marine.

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Deig Files For Vanderburgh County Council At Large

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Bob Deig recently filed for the Vanderburgh County Council At Large position, Mr. Deig pledges that if elected to the Vanderburgh County Council, he will bring his past business and governmental experience to the office.

That experience includes:

- Former President of the Posey County Council
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ing forward. Public Safety, expanding existing and attracting new businesses, continuing to expand broadband services, parks, recreation, and connecting our riverfront with other communities in our area are just a few of my priorities".

Mr. Dieg's budget experience with county government and

being a member of the State Senate Appropriations Committee make him a great choice for being elected to the Vanderburgh County Council.

If elected, Mr. Deig looks forward to listening to the concerns of the taxpayers and pledges that he will work in a bi-partisan fashion to make Vanderburgh County a great place to live, work, and raise a family.



Parks Board Drops \$10 Million Giraffe Barn Plans

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not reduce the bond amount; the total debt will remain at \$24 million. Additional projects will not be added to the list, so the \$10 million will be divided among the projects on the list. (A full list of projects is at the end of this article.)

In discussing the giraffe barn, Peterlin asked Mesker Park Zoo Director Eric Beck about the zoo's net revenue. "That would be a negative number," Beck replied. After pressing for more details, Beck estimated that the zoo loses about three million dollars annually.

Peterlin responded by saying, "You want us to take something that loses three million dollars a year and add another ten million to that. I just can't do that."

Sara Dauer, Corporate Counsel for the City of Evansville, told the board that the city has been discussing the need for the giraffe barn and was planning to write it into the 2026 budget, and the project would cost much more than the \$10 million in the bond.

Administration officials made it clear that removing the giraffe project from the bond does not remove the need and that it could come up again in future bonding as soon as next year.

Ultimately, the board voted 4-1 to remove the giraffe barn and move forward with the bond process. This does not mean that they approved borrowing \$24 million, it means that they are allowing the process to move forward.

The next steps include further discussion at the October 16 Board of Park Commissioners meeting, with time allocated to public comment and on October 30 with further comment with a vote to approve the bond at the board meeting. The sessions are held at noon in the Civic Center, room 305.

Here is the list of projects to be funded from the bond. Note that the allocated dollars have not been adjusted after the \$10 million giraffe barn



was removed.

Garvin Park – New playground equipment, and safety surfacing. This Project will replace the dated and unsafe equipment that needs replacement. \$1,500,000.

Aquatics Facility Improvements – Improvements to city pools. \$1,000,000.

Centerpoint Square – Completion of the 4th and Main site urban park. \$2,000,000.

Golf Course Irrigation/Improvements – Replacement of the obsolete irrigation systems at Fendrich and Helfrich golf courses, as well as additional needed course improvements. \$4,000,000.

CK Newsome Center Renovations – Renovation of the Community Center. \$1,000,000.

Swonder HVAC Systems – Replacement of the rooftop units. \$1,500,000.

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Mesker Park Veterinary Hospital –

Renovation at Mesker Park Veterinary Hospital. \$500,000.

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She is also a member of the United Methodist Church.

Scott Massey selected CCO "Annual Man Of The Year"

Massey's company has secured over a dozen patents in 30+ countries, received more than \$2 million in federal research funding to enhance artificial intelligence control algorithms, and raised several million dollars in investment capital. Scott has also completed four tours in Africa, advising the Department of State's Mandela Washington Fellowship on hydroponic skills training, created ten high-paying jobs in Evansville, licensed proprietary designs to commercial manufac-

turers in the market, was named to Indiana's Rising 30, and Forbes 30 under 30 in 2024.

Jeff Lyons selected for CCO "Annual Community Service Award"

In his 35+ years with WFIE, Jeff has visited every county in the Tri-State and routinely speaks 40-50 times each year at schools, community groups, and church organizations. He has been an active board member at The Arc of Evansville since 2000, and co-wrote, produced, and hosted The Really Big Show for 21 years. The show was a major fundraiser for ARC and raised over 1.5 million dollars for the organization. Jeff served as an

adjunct instructor at the University of Southern Indiana for 17 years and taught broadcast performance in the school's communications department.

Vanderburgh County Circuit Court Judge David Kiely selected for CCO "Annual Community Service Award"

Kiely created the first Veterans Treatment Court in the State of Indiana. He also acquired two magistrate positions from the state legislature for Vanderburgh County. He spearheaded and created an electronic search warrant in Vanderburgh County. Created the Vanderburgh County Therapeutic Work Release Pro-

gram. It brought \$5.5 million of court space renovations to Vanderburgh County. He was awarded the James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award from the Evansville Bar Association.

State Senator Jim Tommes selected for CCO "Annual Community Service Award"

Jim Tomes has been the Indiana State senator for District 49, covering Posey and part of Vanderburgh Counties, since 2010. He currently serves as the Chair of the Veterans Affairs and Military Committee, is Ranking Member of Homeland Security and Transportation, and serves on Agriculture, Local Government, and Natural Resources.

Soldiers And Sailors Coliseum Has Unique History

OCTOBER 2024

The Coliseum was erected as a tribute to the men of Vanderburgh County who fought in the American Civil War and Spanish-American War. After several old buildings were torn down, the cornerstone of the 66,000-square-foot facility was laid on May 9, 1916. Construction concluded in March 1917, and the Coliseum was formally dedicated on April 18, 1917, right around the time the United States joined World War I. The original construction cost \$180,000.[2]

The neoclassical coliseum was designed by Shopbell & Company and provided the community with its first modern facility for conventions and other public gatherings. The ceremonial aspect of the building was heightened by placing the structure directly on an axis with Fourth Street. Rockport native George H. Honig created two heroic monuments that flank the entrance. The Spirit of 1865, on the left, represents a victory for the Union. The Spirit of 1916, on the right, shows the reflective elderly veterans of the Civil War.[3]

Once considered the premier location for events in Evansville, the Coliseum was seen as dated and small when Roberts Municipal Stadium was built in the mid-1950s. When a push for "urban renewal" involving demolitions occurred in the city, the Coliseum was threatened. A "Save the Coliseum" campaign was developed and the same organization that helped save the Old



Vanderburgh County Courthouse stepped in and saved the Coliseum from demolition.

In 1919, a 4,000-pipe concert organ was installed as a memorial to Prof. Milton Z. Tinker, for years supervisor of music in the local public schools. At the time of its installation, it was among the largest municipal pipe organs in the world. Earlier this year, Lynwood Hall Preservation Foundation, a nonprofit cultural and historic preservation organization, agreed to preserve the organ as a living piece of his-

tory.

When the Old National Events Plaza was later constructed, the Coliseum's use as an auditorium and convention space waned. In 1971 Vanderburgh County leased the building to the Vanderburgh County Veterans Council for a period of 99 years at the rate of \$1 a year.

The Coliseum's Convention Hall still retains a seating capacity of 2,400 and a standing room capacity of 4,055. The Veterans Council leases out the venue for sporting

events, exhibitions, stage plays, wedding receptions, musical productions, bingo, concerts, and philanthropic organizations. The Coliseum has also home to the Demolition City Roller Derby's two teams: the Dynamite Dolls and Destruction Dames. The Coliseum has also been home to various professional wrestling promotions, such as the Continental Wrestling Association and the United States Wrestling Association.

The facility is currently being renovated.



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healthcare. This approach not only benefits the immigrant by providing employment opportunities but also addresses local workforce shortages, contributing positively to the community.

Capacity Assessment of Receiving Cities: Not every city has the capacity to absorb large numbers of immigrants. A detailed assessment of a city's resources—including housing, social services, education, and employment opportunities—should be conducted before any resettlement decisions are made. This process will ensure that the number of immigrants relocated to a particular city matches its capacity to support them. Additionally, placing a manageable number of immigrants in various cities rather than concentrating them in a few locations can ease the burden on local services.

Cultural Orientation and Language Training: A critical aspect of integration is cultural orientation, which should include lessons on American societal norms, laws, and daily living practices. Language training is equally essential, as proficiency in English significantly enhances employment opportunities and social interactions. Classes should focus on practical language skills tailored to the immigrant's daily needs and job requirements. Community volunteers, local colleges, and nonprofit organizations can play pivotal roles in providing these resources.

Community Involvement and Support Networks: Successful integration requires more than just administrative measures; it needs community involvement. Programs that pair immigrants with local families, mentors, or volunteers can create personal connections that

help newcomers feel welcome and guide them through the complexities of American life. Local churches, civic organizations, and cultural groups can also serve as support networks, offering immigrants a sense of belonging and community.

Monitoring and Continuous Support: Integration is an ongoing process that does not end once an immigrant is employed or housed. Continuous monitoring and support systems are necessary to address emerging challenges and provide additional resources as needed. Local governments, in partnership with state and federal agencies, should set up monitoring mechanisms to track the progress of integration efforts, assess outcomes, and adjust programs accordingly.

Conclusion

Integrating Haitian immigrants into midwestern cities is a multifaceted challenge that requires co-

ordinated efforts across various levels of government and local communities. Effective integration programs that focus on vetting, skill matching, cultural orientation, language training, and community involvement can transform what is often seen as a burden into a mutually beneficial opportunity.

By preparing both the immigrants and the receiving communities, we can foster an environment where newcomers are not merely tolerated but valued and integrated as productive members of society. The goal should not be just to relocate but to invest in people and the communities that welcome them, creating a foundation for shared success.

However, it is obvious at this stage that the sponsors attempting to provide Haitian immigrants with a predictable and sustainable quality of life is lacking.

City Of Evansville Ignores Information Requests

OCTOBER 2024

Michael Daugherty, who ran for mayor of Evansville last year, has been looking for answers to questions about city spending. Last March, he submitted an official request for records under the Public Records Act, and after six months, he is still waiting for a reply.

The requested information involves contracts with the city and Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., between 2020 and 2024.

The request was made with Mayor Stephanie Terry's communications director, Joe Atkinson.

Daugherty has not received any follow-up communications about rejecting or processing the request.

The Public Records Act keeps the government accountable by providing guidelines for providing the public with access to documents and financial records. Government entities are required to answer formal requests for information within a reasonable time, and if they fail to do so, the act provides a process for appeal.

Daugherty is planning to take the next step to appeal the lack of response.



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Education

USI Hosts Student Led Series On Election Year Events

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The University of Southern Indiana Political Science, Public Administration and Philosophy Department in the College of Liberal Arts will host a series of events on campus, including a presidential debate watch party and a post-election analysis and discussion around the 2024 presidential election. All events are open to the public at no charge and are funded through a Strengthening Campus and Community Election Engagement Grant from the Community-Engaged Alliance.

"We are excited about hosting these events on the USI campus during the Fall Semester," says Dr. Matt Hanka, Professor of Political Science. "With Indiana's voter turnout among the lowest in the nation and Vanderburgh County's voter turnout among the lowest in Indiana, these events are

more important than ever to foster greater civic responsibility and engagement in the political process for our students and the USI community."

From 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10 in WA 1 (Forum 1), the Presidential Debate Watch Party will feature a discussion on critical thinking, civil discourse and civic engagement. The discussion will start after 7 p.m., and the debate will follow at 8 p.m. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

From 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 24 in Kley Meyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center, the department will

host a watch party for Indiana's gubernatorial debate hosted by the Indiana Debate Commission.

From 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 7 in Kley Meyer Hall, the department will host a post-election analysis and discussion with Dr. Matt Hanka, Professor of Political Science, and Dr. Nick LaRowe, Associate Professor of Political Science and

Pre-Law Coordinator.

Additionally, the department is holding a week-long voter registration drive from Monday through Friday, September 16-20, and an annual reading of the U.S. Constitution in the University Center Courtyard from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, September 17.

The Political Science, Public Administration and Philosophy Department's mission is to educate students on local and national issues, help them become active and engaged citizens, acquire practical experience and develop connections in the community and region and learn how to critically assess contemporary political events and identify practical solutions to social problems.

For more information, contact Hanka at mjhanka@usi.edu



UE Student Publishes Disability Inclusion Article

OCTOBER 2024

University of Evansville (UE) Senior Archaeology and Anthropology major, Sophia Caci, has achieved a significant academic milestone with the publication of her first article, "Disability Inclusion in Archaeology." The piece was featured in June 2024 on the Enabled Archaeology Foundation website, a platform dedicated to promoting accessibility within the field of archaeology.

Sophia's journey began during her semester at Harlaxton, where she undertook a research project comparing Community Archaeology practices in the U.K. and the U.S. Her work led her

to discover the Enabled Archaeology Foundation (EAF), an organization committed to making archaeology more inclusive for individuals with disabilities. While at Harlaxton, Sophia conducted research on community archaeology in Britain, working with Dr. Emily Stammitti, who connected her with the EAF. After sharing her

completed paper with interviewees, including officials from EAF, Sophia was invited to write an article based on her research for the organization's website.

Sophia's article draws on elements of her research project, particularly an interview with Sarah Jayne Clements, and highlights the crucial work EAF does

to increase accessibility in archaeology for people with disabilities.

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USI Multicultural Center To Celebrate 30th Anniversary

OCTOBER 2024

The University of Southern Indiana Multicultural Center (MCC) is excited to host its 30th Anniversary Celebration, happening Friday, October 25 through Sunday, October 27. This weekend will bring together alumni, current students and the community to honor the MCC's impact on campus. All events are open to current and former USI students, employees and the public.

Events include the Live at the Apollo talent event, a Family Fun Day/Cookout, a Celebration Dinner, Alumni Recognition, and Dancing event, and concluding the weekend, a Gospel Brunch. For a full list of events, visit the



USI MCC Schedule of Events website.

"This milestone cements the

Multicultural Center's place in USI's history," says Dr. Pamela Hopson, Interim Vice President for

Student Affairs and Founder of the USI Multicultural Center. "We will celebrate those who came before us, those who have supported us and those who will come after us as we highlight the legacy of the Center. We look forward to celebrating with you."

USI's MCC was established in 1994 to enhance the personal and academic success of students by preparing them to be responsible citizens in a multicultural society. Opportunities are created to provide cultural interaction between students, the campus and the community at large to provide outreach experiences and to promote cultural awareness and sensitivity.

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TANK MCNAMARA

by Bill Hinds

Panel 1: OH, GEEZ, THERE'S THAT GUY WEARING THE EXTRA PADDING ON HIS HELMET AGAIN.

Panel 2: IT'S OKAY IN SPRING TRAINING, BUT IT LOOKS RIDICULOUS IN A REAL NFL GAME.

Panel 3: THEY MIGHT AS WELL PUT TRAINING WHEELS ON THE WIDE RECEIVERS!

Panel 4: HE'S JUST TRYING TO PROTECT HIMSELF. HE WANTS A FUTURE WITH HIS FAMILY WITHOUT BRAIN DAMAGE.

Panel 5: CAREERS INVOLVE SACRIFICE. I DID ACCOUNTING ALL MY ADULT LIFE AND NEVER USED ONE OF THOSE CARPAL TUNNEL BRACES. MY HANDS ARE FINE.

Panel 6: I NEED PADDING FOR MY HEAD FOR ALL OF THE FOREHEAD SLAPPING I DO AFTER HEARING THE THING YOU SAY.

GET FUZZY

by darby conley

Panel 1: CRASH

Panel 2: WHAT JUST WOKE ME UP?

Panel 3: I WAS USING THIS MIRROR AS A TRAY FOR MY SALT BUT AS I WALKED UNDER THE LADDER, THE MIRROR HIT IT AND BROKE AND SALT SPILLED EVERYWHERE.

Panel 4: O...M...DEITY! YOU JUST GOT, LIKE, EVERY BAD LUCK THERE IS!

Panel 5: OH, THAT'S AN OLD THAT'S TALE!

Panel 6: YOU MEAN AN OLD WIVES' TALE?

Panel 7: NO, THAT'S TALE. YOU SIAMESE ARE SO SUPERSTITIOUS. YOU EVEN HAVE A DREAM CATCHER!

Panel 8: SATCHEL, THAT'S JUST AN OLD BOXER'S TAIL.

Panel 9: ...PRIZE FIGHTERS BELIEVE IN DREAM CATCHERS?

Panel 10: NO, NO, THAT'S A DOCKED BOXER DOG'S MUMMIFIED TAIL. FOR FENG SHUI.

Panel 11: IT MAKES ME WANT TO RUN AWAY.

Panel 12: SEE? IT'S WORKING.

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 25, 2024

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Well, kinda ..."
 - 4 Zigs' opposites
 - 8 What turns 19 into 21?
 - 13 "boy!" ("Well done!")
 - 14 Treat with watermelon and cherry cola flavors
 - 15 Congresswoman Omar
 - 16 "That MUST be a joke!"
 - 19 "Ripe" part of life
 - 20 Road deicer
 - 21 Stephanie of "Joy Ride"
 - 22 Product samples
 - 23 Drs.
 - 24 "Do you finally get it?"
 - 25 Writer Rand
 - 26 Shoe bottom
 - 28 With all haste, briefly
 - 31 Cartoonist Groening
 - 33 Native of Colorado
 - 34 Build up over time
 - 37 "Can you really do it without getting into trouble?"
 - 41 Ones taking action
 - 42 Giant bird
 - 43 Many Bahrainis' Muslim sect
 - 44 Diving seabirds
 - 46 Human rights attorney Kenneth
 - 48 Genre played at raves
 - 49 Lobbying grp.
 - 51 React to great or awful news
 - 53 Cape Town, Africa
 - 55 "That's gross!"
 - 56 "Hold on a sec ..."
 - 57 Backpacker's stopover
 - 59 Features of capuchin monkeys
 - 62 1992 presidential candidate Ross
 - 63 Name that's a fruit spelled backward
 - 64 Metal in a nugget
 - 65 Positive RSVPs
 - 66 Short Instagram video
 - 67 That, in Tegucigalpa
- DOWN**
- 1 "Shoulda listened to me!"
 - 2 Classroom apprentices
 - 3 Forbidden, in Islam
 - 4 Stops listening
 - 5 Not prone to infatuation, for short
 - 6 "I'm always amused by this"
 - 7 "Alas, how tragic"
 - 8 Soil
 - 9 Two-time Super Bowl MVP Manning
 - 10 "I made a huge mess!"
 - 11 Civil rights or conservation
 - 12 Come next
 - 13 "The Bear" actress Edebriri
 - 17 They may clash in meetings
 - 18 "Frozen" queen
 - 25 In the thick of
 - 27 Cellphone network letters
 - 29 Name hidden in "stands alone"
 - 30 Iowa home of Barilla's first U.S. plant
 - 32 By way of, informally
 - 35 Was welcoming, in a way
 - 36 Shut dramatically
 - 38 "Don't hesitate to ..."
 - 39 Moody genre
 - 40 "In a ____ ..." ("To summarize ...")
 - 45 Read, as a college student cramming for a test might
 - 47 Hilarious situation
 - 49 Young dog
 - 50 Have the same opinion
 - 52 Choir platform
 - 54 Gas meter measurement
 - 56 Makes moist
 - 58 Trip taker's aid?
 - 60 Tool for breaking up soil
 - 61 "The dog ate my homework," probably

Find The Answers To This Month's Puzzle on Page 14

Sudoku Pacific

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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Themeless Sunday 74 by Adrian Johnson

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TINA THE MUSICAL

NIGHT RANGER

**NOV
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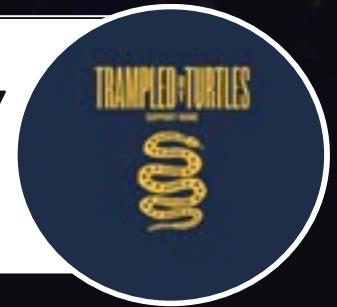


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Education

USI Engineers In Action Leads Bridge Project

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In June, four University of Southern Indiana students from USI's Engineers in Action (EIA) chapter, led by Dr. Susan Ely, Assistant Professor of Engineering, departed on a trip to Lubombo, Eswatini, in South Africa to build a pedestrian bridge as part of an EIA project to connect isolated communities to critical services such as shops, schools, clinics, co-ops, churches and more.

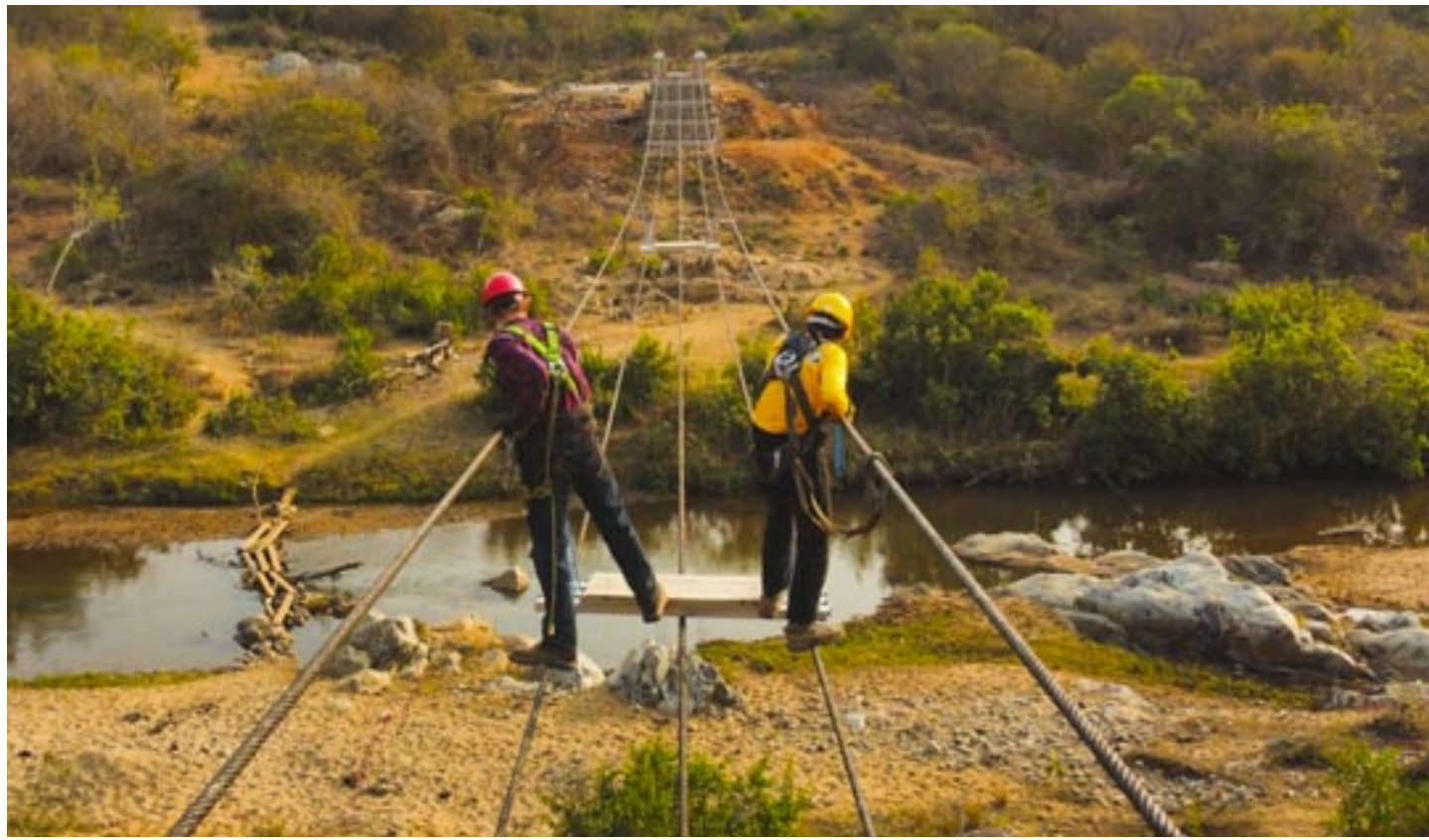
This is USI's first year serving as the solo Lead Institution, a role that leads the EIA project in design, construction and quality control. USI previously served as a co-lead. In addition to USI, this year's project included students from Eastern Mennonite University and the University of Iowa.

"The designing and planning of the project equates to the workload of one of the College's engineering courses," says Ely. "In fact, many of the students utilize their Senior Design to complete the work necessary for this project."

USI students worked with volunteer engineers from October 2023 to April 2024 to complete the final design, which received an official Principals and Practice of Engineering (PE) seal upon completion. The bridge was the largest pedestrian footbridge ever built by USI's chapter, spanning 106.5 meters, and took almost two months to complete. The previous bridge was in a state of disrepair after seasonal flooding. The new bridge ensures a year-round safe passage for members of the communities. Over 4,000 residents and more than 1,800 children have been impacted by the project.

"We spoke to children that hadn't been able to go to school during the rainy season and parents who couldn't get to work because the river was too dangerous to cross," says Ely. "While the bridge only took eight weeks to complete, lives in these communities are forever changed because of the work that was done."

During the eight-week project,



the team worked, ate, slept and socialized with the local community, learning the language and customs of its people. Each team member played a unique and important role.

Melanie Cedeno '24, electrical engineering major, served as Project Manager, overseeing every aspect of the build for all of the participating institutions. This included working with each member of the student teams to ensure they worked efficiently, communicated well and collaborated with the community and other project stakeholders. Cedeno also was the main point of contact for EIA and the community leaders. She completed her role with excellence, earning the annual EIA award for "Builder of the Year," the highest honor EIA bestowed to a student team member, and she was hired to become a fellow with EIA, stationed in eSwatini, upon her graduation. This was Cedeno's second bridge build during her time at USI.

"I am deeply inspired by the ongoing opportunity to support individuals through engineering," says Cedeno. "Seeing the excitement of a community as a new bridge connects them to vital resources and opportunities fulfills

me immensely."

Miguel Pinto '25, electrical engineering major, served as Cultural Relations Manager, which focused on the interactions between the university teams and the local community. To help foster collaboration, Pinto assisted in organizing community soccer matches, leading students and community members in singing and dancing together and helping to introduce local community members to American foods like pancakes and banana bread. This was his third bridge build during his time at USI.

Josiah Hollis '25, electrical engineering major, served as Construction Manager. This role included managing the construction schedule and ensuring that each day, the correct tasks were completed on time. Hollis worked with the professional masons on site, the community leaders and the student teams to make sure the correct materials and supplies were available on hand, as well as assigned the appropriate people to each task. Under Hollis' leadership, the bridge was completed as scheduled. This was Josiah's third bridge build during his time at USI.

Jonas Hollis '27, manufacturing engineering major, served as Quality Manager. This role included verifying and validating all critical construction points throughout the building process. Jonas worked closely with the other members of the student teams, independently validating measurements, material quality and process steps during construction. This was Jonas' first bridge build with USI, and he will be serving as the USI Project Manager for the upcoming 2024-25 build year.

USI's EIA chapter is a part of the national EIA organization which improves the lives of thousands of people every year by building critical infrastructure in their communities including bridges and access to clean water. USI has sent student teams to Eswatini in South Africa in 2023, Bolivia in 2022, West Virginia in 2021 and Eswatini in South Africa in 2019.

Students of all majors are invited to participate in EIA and bridge project events. For more information about EIA, contact Ely at sely@usi.edu. For more information about USI's accredited Engineering Department, visit USI.edu/engineering.

UE Theatre Alumna To Voice Part In 'Into The Woods'

OCTOBER 2024

University of Evansville (UE) alumna Carrie Preston '89 is voicing the Giant in the Department of Theatre's upcoming production of INTO THE WOODS. Preston stars as the title role in the CBS comedy, Elsbeth. She has appeared in other popular TV shows, such as True Blood, Claws,

The Good Fight, and The Good Wife, receiving an Emmy Award for Outstanding Guest Actress in 2013 for her role, as Elsbeth Tascioni, in the latter. Preston has also appeared in several movies, including The Holdovers, Doubt, and My Best Friend's Wedding. In addition, she has appeared on Broadway in The Rivals, The Tem-



pest, and in Festen, originating the role of Mette.

INTO THE WOODS opens at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 4, in Shanklin Theatre. Additional performances are at 7:30 p.m., on Oct. 5, 17, 18, 19, and at 2:00 p.m., on Oct. 20. Adult ticket prices are \$20 and \$18 for senior adults, UE employees, and non-UE students. UE students may obtain one free student rush ticket beginning at 12 p.m. on the day of the performance they wish to attend. In addition, UE Theatre is excited to continue their "Pay What You Will" initiative this season. Every Thursday evening per-

formance in Shanklin Theatre is available for any person to pay any price that best fits their budget. Single tickets may be purchased online at theatre.evansville.edu or by calling the ticket office at 812.488.2031, Monday through Friday, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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Education

VU Focuses On Empowering Latinx/Hispanic Students

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Latinx/Hispanic students represent one of the fastest-growing demographics in higher education, but they often face unique challenges in accessing higher education resources and succeeding in college. According to the Pew Research Center, Latinx college enrollment has surged in the past decade, yet gaps in college completion persist.

In a bold effort to close this gap, Vincennes University is proud to announce two new scholarships tailored to support Latinx students and their families. These scholarships are a key part of VU's commitment to making higher education accessible for underrepresented groups and fostering a campus where all students feel welcomed and supported.

Dedicated Support for Latinx Students

"At Vincennes University, we believe that every student deserves the opportunity to fulfill their education and career dreams, regardless of their background," said VU President Dr. Chuck Johnson. "These scholarships, combined with mentorship, academic support, and partnerships, are designed to break down barriers for Latinx students and support student achievement and success."

Among the two newly launched scholarships, a total of six students will be selected each year. The first scholarship available for Latinx students, the VU Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship, is available through the Vincennes University Foundation and has an application deadline of Nov. 1, 2024. The second scholarship, set to debut in the 2025-26 academic year, is part of the Vincennes University/ILI Promise Scholarship initiative in collaboration with the Indiana Latino Institute (ILI). Both scholarships are designed to assist with financial costs while paving the way for

Latinx students to pursue higher education.

For more information, please contact admit@vinu.edu.

Partnerships with the Indiana Latino Institute and ALASI

VU has further solidified its support for the Latinx community through strong partnerships with local organizations such as the Indiana Latino Institute and ALASI (Alliance of Latin Americans of Southern Indiana). These collaborations not only help expand access to scholarships but also provide students with a wealth of resources, from mentorship programs to career guidance, that support their academic and personal success.

"We are proud to partner with organizations like the Indiana Latino Institute and ALASI," said April Yap-Hennig, Senior Latinx/Hispanic Recruitment Strategist at Vincennes University. "These partnerships ensure that Latinx students have the resources they need to thrive, both academically and professionally. Scholarships like the Vincennes University/ILI Promise Scholarship represent more than financial aid—they are a bridge to students' dreams."

"¡Te Estamos Esperando!" – New Spanish-Language Campaign

Recognizing the need to create meaningful connections with Spanish-speaking students and their families, Vincennes University has launched a new Spanish-language campaign: "¡Te Estamos Esperando!" (We Are Waiting for You!). This campaign emphasizes

VU's deep understanding of the unique challenges faced by Latinx students and demonstrates the University's commitment to delivering marketing materials and outreach programs that truly resonate with Spanish-speaking families.

The "¡Te Estamos Esperando!" campaign includes a range of bilingual resources, such as brochures and digital content, designed to communicate VU's educational opportunities and financial assistance programs directly to Latinx families in a culturally relevant way.

"We know how important it is to meet families where they are, in a language they understand," added Yap-Hennig. "This campaign is about ensuring that families feel supported from the moment they consider admission to Vincennes University."

Comprehensive Support and Resources for Latinx Families

VU's efforts go beyond financial aid. The University has created a dedicated webpage at vinu.edu/LatinX. This Spanish-language website provides essential information and resources in both Spanish and English, including details on scholarships, financial aid, and academic programs. The webpage can also be translated into any language, ensuring accessibility for all families.

In addition, VU has hired bilingual Student Ambassadors and current members of the VU Latino Alliance, to assist Latinx students and their families. The University has also launched a

Spanish language voicemail (812-888-4343) and email address (admisiones@vinu.edu), where parents and students can communicate directly with staff in Spanish or English. For those looking to visit the campus, Spanish-language tours are now available to help families feel more comfortable and informed about their future at VU.

Conveniently Located, Strong Community Ties

With campuses in Jasper and Vincennes, VU is committed to making education accessible to Latinx families in Indiana. By providing educational opportunities close to home, students can stay connected to their communities and families while pursuing degrees in high-demand fields. In addition to offering affordable programs, VU has established partnerships with local industries like Toyota, Amazon, and John Deere, providing students with practical, hands-on learning experiences that prepare them for successful careers.

A Commitment to Affordability and Seamless Transfers

VU is committed to providing affordable pathways to higher education. Students can complete their first two years at Vincennes University at a fraction of the cost of traditional universities and then seamlessly transfer to top institutions like Purdue University, Indiana University, or the University of Evansville.

Vincennes University ensures that Latinx students and their families have the resources and opportunities to succeed with these new scholarships, the "¡Te Estamos Esperando!" campaign, and comprehensive support initiatives. VU's partnerships with local organizations like ILI and ALASI further underscore the university's dedication to strengthening community ties and welcoming a diverse student body.

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 James E. "Jim" Appel Mar. 28, 1935 – Sep. 12, 2024
 Raymond Lantz, Jr. Jun. 11, 1931 – Sep. 13, 2024
 Philip Siegel Aug. 21, 1934 – Sep. 14, 2024
 Betty Omer Dec. 20, 1933 – Sep. 17, 2024
 Vernon Ballew Aug. 25, 1934 – Sep. 17, 2024
 John Norman Feb. 23, 1943 – Sep. 19, 2-24
 Keshavsinh Vaghela Mar. 25, 1956 – Sep. 20, 2024
 Charles Crockett Apr. 15, 1941 – Sep. 22, 2024
 Ethan Skinner Jun. 18, 1996 – Sep. 22, 2024
 Gerald Fetscher Apr. 15, 1957 – Sep. 24, 2024
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 Ronald Lee Jones Feb. 25, 1953 – Sep. 10, 2024
 Linda Arlene Bourdeau Dec. 16, 1941 – Sep. 10, 2024
 Paul Kendall Hight Aug. 27, 1946 – Sep. 12, 2024
 Randy Dean Petty Aug. 27, 1958 – Sep. 12, 2024
 Brenda Kay Hape Sep. 04, 1963 – Sep. 15, 2024
 Verna Geraldine Bassemier Dec. 18, 1935 – Sep. 15, 2024
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 Vicki Lynn Casanova Aug. 08, 1961 – Sep. 17, 2024
 Betty Lou Nix Feb. 09, 1931 – Sep. 18, 2024
 Bonnie P. Seibert Sep. 18, 1949 – Sep. 18, 2024
 Grady Lee Yandell Jul. 27, 1964 – Sep. 18, 2024
 Rosemarie Norrick-Urash Jan. 21, 1929 – Sep. 21, 2024
 Cheryl Ann Nuebling Jun. 02, 1957 – Sep. 22, 2024
 Clinton Wayne Keown Feb. 25, 1980 – Sep. 22, 2024
 Sandra "Sandy" Flick Apr. 25, 1939 – Sep. 24, 2024
 Daniel "Dan" Ray Farrar Jan. 26, 1956 – Sep. 24, 2024
 Ronald "Ron" Eugene Beck Mar. 23, 1980 – Sep. 25, 2024
 Mary Catherine Wescott Aug. 21, 1938 – Sep. 27, 2024
 Richard Pease Aug. 13, 1940 – Sep. 29, 2024
 Mike Whicker Aug. 01, 1952 – Sep. 29, 2024
 Mabel L. Miller Dec. 30, 1925 – Sep. 28, 2024
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Sports

UE Soccer Picks Up First 2024 MVC Win

OCTOBER 2024

The University of Evansville men's soccer team won its first Missouri Valley Conference game of the season in a 2-0 shutout of the Bradley Braves.

Another Purple Ace scored their first goal of the season as senior forward Edward Mendy (Overland Park, Kan. / Blue Valley West HS) put in the decisive second goal in UE's third-straight win over the Braves. Despite Bradley leading the stats on paper, Evansville found goals when the team needed them for their first Valley win of 2024.

It was an even game through the first 10 minutes as the two teams figured out the match's pace. The Aces got the first offensive flurry of the night with three shots in under three minutes. But it would be the Braves who got UE on the board first with an own goal in the 26th minute as communication broke down between Bradley's defender and goalkeeper. Spurred by the sudden 1-0 lead, Evansville took another shot right after that went just wide right for senior forward Nacho Diaz Barragan (Almeria, Spain).

The Braves kept the Aces away from the net for the final third of



the half. But UE's defense kept right with them to take a one-goal lead into halftime. Evansville's offense exploded once again right out of the gate in the second half. In his first game back from injury, Mendy found himself alone with the ball on the right side of the field. Mendy made his way into the attacking third and took a shot from the 12, putting the ball down into the bottom left corner of the net for his first of the year.

With a two-goal lead the Aces

kept control of the match over the next 15 minutes, matching every shot Bradley took. The Braves had a bit of an offensive surge with back-to-back shots in the 68th and 69th minutes. But UE took the ball back into its offensive zone for a shot from junior defender Nacho Diaz-Caneja (Coruña, Spain) that was blocked away from the goalkeeper. Evansville kept Bradley's offense at bay, blocking the Braves' final shot of the match in the 83rd minute.

The Aces 2-0 win over Bradley marked their first of conference play after two close losses to then No. 9 Western Michigan and Drake. With two points in MVC action, UE moves up to sixth in the standings right behind UIC. Evansville will welcome the Flames to town for its next match in two weeks on Saturday, October 12th to potentially decide the fifth-place spot in the conference. Kick-off after the Aces break on October 12th is set for 7 p.m.

VU Golf Gains Experience At Swan Lake Preview

OCTOBER 2024

Many of the Vincennes University Golf team got their first look at the host of the 2025 NJCAA Division II National Championship tournament earlier this week as the Trailblazers made the trip to Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth for the 2024 Swan Lake Preview.

The Blazers faced a tough field of some of the best teams in the NJCAA and were able to overcome a slow start with a great bounce back second round to take eighth overall.

VU opened the two-day tournament with the first round being held Monday afternoon.

Vincennes was led out of the gates by a great one-over par round by freshman Brock Naile (Trico, Ill.), which left him in 15th place on the leaderboard after the first day.

Freshman Kadin Gibson (Franklin, Ind.) was close behind Naile on the leaderboard, posting an opening round 75 to hold 28th place.

Freshman Parker Steinger (Vin-

cennes, Ind.) and sophomore Alex Nealis (Olney, Ill.) each posted a score of 81 in the first round and found themselves in 79th place overall.

Freshman Landon Gardner rounded out the VU scorers in the first round with an 86 on Monday, putting him in 91st place overall heading into the final round.

The Blazers returned to the course Tuesday for the final round of this 36-hole tournament and were able to put the first round struggles behind them, improving their team score by six shots to move up six spots in the standings to take eighth place overall.

Brock Naile again set the tone for the Trailblazers, shooting an even par 72 to close out his tournament, giving him a tournament score of 145 and a ninth place finish overall.

Kadin Gibson matched Naile's second round score of an even par 72 to climb up the leaderboard to a 15th place finish overall.

Alex Nealis also improved on his

opening round score with a 79 to take 70th place, while Parker Steinger posted another round of 81 to place 75th in the standings.

Landon Gardner closed out the day for the Trailblazers by shooting an 83 on Tuesday, giving him 89th place overall.

"We were really disappointed with our first round play in the tournament," VU Hall of Fame Golf Coach Dennis Chattin said. "It was literally the worst round in a tournament or even a practice round that we have had all season. The good news is we played well in the second round, in fact, there were only three teams that improved their scores in the second round."

"The course was set up tougher in the second round and the winds really picked up about half way through the round, both of which accounted for higher scores," Chattin added.

"Brock Naile had a really good tournament, shooting one over in

the first round and even par in the second round, which gave him a ninth place finish in the tournament," Chattin said. "This was a National Championship Preview tournament, so most of the top teams in the country were there to get a look at the course that will host the National Championships next spring and for Brock to finish ninth out of 96 top players was really good."

"Also Kadin had a really good tournament with his 75, 72 scores finishing tied for 15th," Chattin added. "We just didn't have the additional scores to improve our team position. It was a good learning experience for hopefully a trip to the National Championship in the Spring. Our Region is really loaded with good teams, including Parkland who shot four under par as a team in the first round and then won the tournament. We will face them again Monday at the University of Illinois' golf course in our conference, so it doesn't get much easier."

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Sports

UE Swimming Splits Meet With Centre

OCTOBER 2024

Friday evening's contest against Centre College saw the University of Evansville swimming and diving teams split its match-up. The Purple Aces men earned a 189-105 win while the women dropped a 162-132 decision.

Men's Recap

Patrik Vilbergsson, Carlos Souto Vilas, Daniel Santos Lopez, and Sammy McCall opened the night with a win in the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:34.29. After recording a pair of top three finishes last weekend, Joseph Capo started his competition on Friday with a victory in the 200-free. His 1:45.69 edge teammate Grady Whitson's 1:47.59.

Vilbergsson took the win in the 100-backstroke. Swimming a 52.04, he defeated fellow Ace Boris Tavrosky, who posted a 53.55. He added a win in the 200-yard backstroke, besting Logan Tenison and Tavrosky. His time finished at 1:52.81. Souto Vilas was victorious in the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke. His winning time in the 100 was a 58.50 with the runner-up finishing in 59.93. In the 200, a 2:12.75 defeated teammate Joao Guiherme.

Adam Pawlak was victorious in the 200-fly with a time of 2:00.14 while Michael Pruett led an Evansville sweep of the top four in the 100-yard free. Pruett's 47.86 led Ben Morse, Jakob Grundbacher, and Mohammed Rashed.



Santos Lopez edge Brendan Ulewicz in the 100-fly. He posted a 51.39. In the 200-yard IM, it was Grady Whitson completing the race in 2:00.70 with Titus Jabedo coming in second with his time of 2:03.63. The men wrapped up competition with a win in the 200 medley relay. Pruett, McCall, Tenison, and Santos Lopez finished in 1:25.38.

Women's Recap

Things got off to a nice start for the ladies as they were victorious in the 200-medley relay. Ane Garate, Rafaela Markarewicz, Sveva Brugnoli, and Rebecca Lago

posted a 1:50.46 to win by just over a half second. Garate followed her solid relay with a triumph in the 100-backstroke. Her time checked in at 1:01.34. She picked up another win in the 200-backstroke. Her winning time was 2:13.12.

Markarewicz continued a strong performance with a win in the 100-breaststroke. Her race finished in 1:08.52, topping the competition by just over a second. In the 200-yard breaststroke, Markarewicz came in second with Mari Mueller picking up the win in 2:28.75.

Brugnoli and Mueller led the way in the 200-IM. Completing the race in 2:10.23, Brugnoli came in just ahead of Mueller. In the 200-fly, Brugnoli added another win, posting a 2:09.81.

Reigning Missouri Valley Conference Diver of the Week Maddie Rollett picked up right where she left off, sweeping the 1 and 3-meter dives for the second consecutive weekend. Scoring a 273.45, Rollett bested Leah Gardner's 206.48. Rollett's score in the 3-meter finished at 252.90. Gardner was also second in that event with a 192.15.

Vilbergsson, Lett Pick Up In-Season Awards

OCTOBER 2024

Capping off a solid opening week for the University of Evansville men's swimming and diving team, the Missouri Valley Conference announced weekly award winners Patrick Vilbergsson and Gabe Lett.

Vilbergsson was named the MVC Men's Swimmer of the Week while Lett was tabbed as the Men's Diver of the Week.

Vilbergsson picked up a victory in the 200-yard backstroke to lead the Purple Aces men at the season-opening Butler Double Dual. Taking on foes from Xavier, Saint Louis, and Butler, Vilbergsson took the victory with a time of 1:54.00. He defeated teammate Logan Tenison by just over one second. He was also part of the 400-yard



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medley relay team that took third place with a time of 3:28.01.

Making his college debut at the Butler Double Dual, freshman Gabe Lett picked up a pair of

runner-up finishes. In the 1-meter

dive, he posted a score of 120.30. Later in the day, his score of 120.15 in the 3-meter event gave him another 2nd place finish.



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