



Leadership changes to focus on opportunities in economic development, education

Ball State University has reorganized leadership in its School of Extended Education and its Building Better Communities (BBC) initiative to focus on new opportunities in the areas of digital education and economic development.

Joanna Wallace has been named dean of the School of Extended Education after serving as associate dean since 2000. She succeeds Frank Sabatine, who will retain the title of associate vice president for economic development and community engagement. His new role will allow him to focus on pushing forward the university's campuswide initiative to spur the state's economy.

Wallace believes the School of Extended Education is entering a transformative era due to digital communication systems that allow students to access higher education offerings from virtually any location in an online format and at times convenient to the individual.

"I am looking forward to building Ball State's academic programs via the Internet, creating a national model through the use of various emerging media platforms," said Wallace, who has been in several leadership positions in the School of Extended Education, including serving as assistant dean from 1992-97. "I am also looking forward to working with the university's academic departments as they transition additional programs and certificates to this format in the future."

Since joining the university in 1979, Wallace has also served as an instructor of marketing and management, director of the Better Business Bureau, director of the master of business administration program, director of the Center for Organizational Resources, director of the Correctional Education Program and a frequent facilitator of strategic planning for business and nonprofit organizations. She received her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Ball State.

New BBC focus

By focusing on the university's BBC initiative, Sabatine believes Ball State's faculty and students will play a critical role in Indiana's economy.

BBC spurs economic development and quality-of-life advancement in Indiana by extending Ball State's strengths in applied research and immersive learning to community projects across the state.

"The Building Better Communities initiative at Ball State is one of the top priorities of the university," Sabatine said. "In addition to taking faculty out to help communities sustain themselves in a troubled economy, the program has added an immersive learning component. By involving students under the direction of a faculty member, the university has the opportunity to increase its services to more communities in our state."

Sabatine was named dean of the School of Extended Education in 2000 and has served Ball State in numerous positions since joining the university in 1985. During his career, Sabatine has served as governor's liaison to the Community College of Indiana, the commissioner of the Indiana State Board of Tax Commissioners and the business development director of the Indiana Department of Commerce.

After years bringing credit to Ball State, Venderly, Hartman honored by alma mater

Architect Craig Hartman, left, and philanthropist Ronald E. Venderly, right, are joined by U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar and President Jo Ann M. Gora for a photo beneath Beneficence before the start of Ball State's spring graduation ceremony.

Fort Wayne played large at Ball State University's 155th Commencement ceremonies May 9 on campus. Native sons Ronald Venderly and Craig Hartman were honored by their alma mater for their respective contributions to their professions, communities and higher education.

Venderly, a member of the Class of '64 with a master's degree in guidance and counseling, was recognized with the President's Medal of Distinction, awarded to those who have made significant and unselfish contributions to the advancement of the university, the community, the state or the nation. First struck in 1989, the medal usually is given to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions outside the academic arena. In Venderly's case, those contributions came first in uniform, then in the business community, and now in a series of charitable benefactions supporting chiefly students, colleges and universities in Indiana.

Following separate careers as an Army infantry officer, schoolteacher and administrator, and successful investment executive with the former Shearson Lehman Brothers and Merrill Lynch, Venderly with his wife, Joan, established the Venderly Scholarship Fund in 1998. Each year the fund makes it possible for several students from Fort Wayne area high schools to pursue degrees in education at Ball State. He also provides similar scholarships for an additional group of students through his local church. All told, more than 60 students have been able to pursue degrees in nursing and teacher education at Ball State and other Indiana universities as a result of his generosity.

In 2007, the Ronald E. Venderly Charitable Foundation gave \$2 million to Indiana University/Purdue University-Fort Wayne for scholarships as well as a much-needed pedestrian bridge spanning the St. Joseph River where it intersects campus.

The Fort Wayne philanthropist also gives support to the city's philharmonic orchestra, civic theater, children's zoo and the Scottish Rite Learning Center for Children, leading Ball State President Jo Ann M. Gora ultimately to extol his "exemplary charitable giving" as a "source of great pride and gratitude" for his alma mater. The president's medal, with the honorary degree, is the highest honor the university can bestow.

Taking note of the challenging economic environment greeting this year's graduates, Venderly told them not to feel discouraged.

"You could almost see the entire campus from here when I was attending in '62, '63 and '64," he said, looking out from the Art's Terrace on Old Quad and reflecting on the university's remarkable success and growth during the past four, sometimes turbulent decades. He urged the assembled throng to take heart from Ball State's achievements, model them, and revel in the fact that a major milestone in their preparation for the future — however uncertain — already is behind them.

"You've already met a great challenge," Venderly said. "You're getting a degree from a fine institution. Very simply, all I have to say is, 'Go get 'em!'"

"Extraordinary opportunities"

World-acclaimed architect Craig Hartman (more precisely from Churubusco in Whitley County) received an honorary doctor of art degree during this year's spring graduation ceremony. A fellow of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), he has been recognized with more than 50 national and international awards for his designs, which include the International Terminal at San Francisco Airport, the Cathedral of Christ the Light in nearby Oakland, Calif., the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and the Chinese capital's Finance Street.

Among his latest projects is the restoration, renovation and expansion of the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco, where Hartman currently is in practice. One of the few structures to survive the devastating 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire, the 1890s building by James Knox Taylor — often called "The Versailles of the West" — was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1971.

A 1973 graduate of the College of Architecture and Planning (CAP), Hartman became the AIA's youngest recipient of its Maybeck Lifetime Achievement Award when he was presented that honor in 2001.

He's also lived out a strong interest in architectural education as an invited lecturer and visiting critic at a number of institutions, including Harvard's Graduate School of Design, Stanford University, Rice University, the University of California, Berkeley, and Ball State, with the latter earning special praise from — in the description of Gora — one of its most prominent and celebrated graduates.

"When I think back to this moment in 1973," said Hartman, welcoming the latest class of Ball State alumni, "I could never have imagined the extraordinary opportunities that this university has provided me as one of its graduates.

"Ball State has prepared me well, and as I look out across this sea of fresh faces and great talent ... I have enormous optimism for the future of this country and for the enormous challenges that humanity and the world faces. I know they will be met by your talent, your vision and what you have learned at this great university."

Approximately 2,500 students received their associates, bachelors, masters, education specialist or doctoral degrees at this spring's commencement.

Straw-bale structure earns national recognition

The first load-bearing straw-bale structure in the Midwest, created by Ball State University architecture students, recently received another national recognition for its creative sustainability and educational efforts.

The National Council of Architectural and Registration Boards (NCARB) recently named Ball State Department of Architecture as a recipient of the NCARB Prize. The department received a \$7,500 award for the Eco Center immersive learning experience. Ball State was one of four schools to be recognized with the NCARB award.

Ball State students created the structure using sustainable materials such as straw bales, laminated veneer lumber and fly ash concrete at a Ball State field station on the Cooper-Skinner farm in northwest Muncie. The Eco Center demonstrates the potential for regenerative synergies between building and landscape, said Tim Gray, assistant professor of architecture.

"The project is innovative in terms of its integration in the university curriculum and its use as an educational and research tool intended to promote awareness of issues related to sustainable development," Gray said.

Approximately 80 students have been involved with the immersive learning project over the course of four semesters. Tours of the facility also have served to educate local grade school children. The project is ongoing with monthly monitoring of the performance of the wall systems, Gray said.

The Eco Center has received three other awards to date. They are the Green Building Initiative Award presented by the Green Building Initiative, the Accent on Architecture Award presented by the American Architectural Foundation and the Alternative Power and Energy Award from the Indiana Department of Energy and Defense.

ON CAMPUS

Nominate a Red Carpet Department

By June 20, nominate a department/office to be considered for the Red Carpet Department Award which is part of the Roll Out the Red Spirit of Service customer program.

The narrative must include how the department applied Roll Out the Red service principles and the resulting positive effects. Join the Office of the Bursar as well as other offices which have already been declared winners of the award. See their pictures at <http://www.bsu.edu/rolloutthered>.

The recognition includes a framed certificate suitable for displaying in a department and prominent identification with a picture of office members on the Roll Out the Red Web site.

Send nominations to [Andy Gothreau](#) in Training and Development.

Nominate a Service Super Star

By June 20, please use the online form on the Roll Out the Red (ROTR) Web site to nominate a Service Super Star. The nominee should be someone who has incorporated Roll Out the Red principles into the way he/she delivers service to customers, and the narrative should include a description of how the employee demonstrated this.

The award for the Service Super Star includes a stadium blanket with an embroidered ROTR logo and prominent identification with a picture of the employee and his/her supervisor and/or vice president on the Web site.

Address any questions or comments regarding the award to Andy Gothreau in Training and Development.

IN THE NEWS

Quoted: Kinghorn, Lowe, White and more

Michael Hicks, director of the Center for Business and Economic Research

Hicks was quoted by istockanaylst.com in a story about General Motors' bankruptcy filing and the possibility that the news won't shock Hoosiers or the Indiana economy nearly as much as it would have just a generation ago. Back then, GM defined Indiana's industrial might. Nearly 50,000 GM paychecks, many loaded with overtime, found their way into local bank accounts. "The real danger in a General Motors bankruptcy for jobs in Indiana is more of a temporal issue than the actual volume of jobs issue," Hicks said. By that he means the vast ring of suppliers to the auto industry located largely in northern Indiana. More than 71,000 Hoosiers work in small to midsized plants that make gaskets,

pistons, seats and hundreds of other parts for the companies that assemble them into cars and trucks. The article originated with the Indianapolis Star.

Thomas Kinghorn, vice president for business affairs and treasurer

Kinghorn was quoted in a May 20 story from Inside Indiana Business about the Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce's plans to name a new president. The chamber hired Jay Julian, a veteran of economic development positions in east central Indiana, for the position. "Jay brings the right combination of experience and enthusiasm needed for this critical position to our area's future," said Kinghorn, who was co-chair of the eight-member search committee.

Jim Lowe, director of engineering and operations

The New York Times quoted Lowe in a May 29 article exploring how Ball State will cut its carbon footprint by half with the installation of the largest geothermal heat pump system in the country. The university hopes the project will raise public awareness of geothermal energy as an alternative energy source, in addition to its environmental and financial savings. "What we hope to accomplish through this is a better understanding of what geothermal is," Lowe said.

Kimberly White, assistant professor of elementary education

White was quoted in a May 29 article published in Times Education Supplement, titled "Religious teachers find it tough to leave faith at the school gates." White said she believes religion can subtly influence all aspects of teachers' classroom practice, from behavior management to curriculum content. Research has shown that teachers tend to be more religious than non- teachers. White therefore interviewed several primary teachers about their beliefs. She found that, in many cases, religion played a role in their decision to pursue a career in teaching. One Christian respondent said teaching allowed him a daily opportunity to witness God's love. He described himself as a "mirror to reflect God's light."

Norman Van Cott, professor of economics

In the May 20 issue of the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel, Van Cott penned a guest column about Wal-Mart's impact on the local economy. "Many churches and public-service groups organize food, coat and toy drives. The objective is to provide these goods to needy families, especially during holidays. I contribute to my own church's food and coat drives, so nothing that follows should be taken as putting down such efforts. Indeed, I support them wholeheartedly. The bone I want to pick is with those who couple their charitable support with scorn for big-box retailers (so-called for the architectural design of their buildings). Knowingly or unknowingly, what these people give with one hand they propose taking away with the other. And when scorn turns into a political advocacy that produces legal impediments to the ability of such stores to freely operate in our communities, the needy become needier."

SPOTLIGHT

Recognitions

Michael Hanley, Department of Journalism, Mentor of the Year Award from the Disabled Student Development office at Ball State.

Publications

Nancy Dillard, Kay Hodson-Carlton, Marilyn Ryan and Linda Siktberg, co-authors, "A Collaborative Project to Apply and Evaluate the Clinical Judgment Model through Simulations," *Nursing Education Perspectives*, March/April 2009.

David Haber, Fisher Institute for Wellness and Gerontology,

- "Gerontology: Adding an Empowerment Paradigm," *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, pages 283-297, June 2009.
- "Responding to Invited Commentaries to Gerontology: Adding an Empowerment Paradigm," *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, pages 314-319, June 2009.

Kiril Minchev, Ulrika Raue, Dustin Slivka and Scott Trappe, "Improvements in Whole Muscle and Myocellular Function are Limited with High-Intensity Resistance Training in Octogenarian Women," *Journal of Applied Physiology*, Volume 106, pages 1611-1617, Feb. 26, 2009.

Scott Trappe and Todd Trappe, Human Performance Laboratory,

- Co-authors, "Quantification of Muscle Volume by Echography: Comparison with MRI Data on Subjects in Long-Term Bed Rest," *Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology*, April 24, 2009.
- Co-authors, "Muscle Proteins During 60-Day Bedrest in Women: Impact of Exercise or Nutrition," *Muscle and Nerve*, Volume 29, Issue 4, pages 463-471, April 2009.

Presentations

Robert Fritz, Department of Modern Languages and Classics, "The Mexican huehuenche and the Nicaraguan güegüense," European Teachers Education Network, conference, Myths and Fairy Tales Thematic Interest Group, Kusadasi/Izmir, Turkey, April 24, 2009.

David Haber, Fisher Institute for Wellness and Gerontology, "The Future of Aging," Crestwood Village, Indianapolis, May 14, 2009.

Mark Massé, Department of Journalism,

- Moderator, "Convergence in Journalism Education: The Challenges and Opportunities," Broadcast Education Association Conference, Las Vegas, April 2009.
- "Literary Journalism and Trauma: On Deadline in Harm's Way," International Association of Literary Journalism Studies, annual conference, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., May 2009.

Lori Rhoden, School of Music,

- "Sight-Reading Boot Camp," Music Teachers Association of California, Lakewood/Cerritos, Lakewood, Calif.
- "Pedagogical Challenges in Intermediate-Level Sonatinas," California State University, Fullerton.

Sushil Sharma, Department of Information Systems and Operations Management, co-author, "Ethnographic Study for Examining Virtual Learning Community," 2009 Midwest Decision Sciences Institute Annual Conference, Oxford, Ohio, April 16-18, 2009.

Sushil Sharma and **James Walters**, Department of Information Systems and Operations Management, "Assessing Business Ethics in the Classroom," 2009 Midwest Decision Sciences Institute Annual Conference, Oxford, Ohio, April 16-18, 2009.

Creative Endeavors

Kirby Koriath, School of Music, rededication organ recital, All Souls Unitarian Church, Indianapolis, May 17, 2009.

Lori Rhoden, School of Music, guest artist piano recital, Biola University Conservatory of Music, La Mirada, Calif.

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