

UIndy Biz Hounds

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Greyhounds: Just Add Water!

The Greyhounds are on a hot streak! The University of Indianapolis Men's Swimming and Diving Team has won eight meets in a row. In addition, they successfully won the GLVC Swimming and Diving conference title for the second time, bringing their win streak to three years. The women came in a close second to Drury with 1,653 team points. "It was an incredibly close fight, and McKendree challenged us until the end," commented senior Ante Lucev, "Our best student athletes didn't taper, and still being able to win the GLVC title means that we are coming for March (NCAA Championships)." The UIndy teams will now look to prepare for the NCAA DII Swimming & Diving Championships, scheduled for March 11-14 in Geneva, Ohio.

But these hounds are more than just swimmers. For the fifth year in a row, the UIndy Men and Women's swimming & diving teams were recognized by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America as Fall Scholar All-American Teams. The men ranked 10th out of 300 teams chosen across all NCAA Divisions. The women ranked 21st out of 470 teams. The men have a team GPA of 3.24, while the women have a 3.62 team GPA. The Greyhounds not only represented the NCAA well, but are also within Division II's Top-25 rankings. The men's team GPA ranked 12th overall between current DII Top-25 teams, while the women were fourth GPA within their Top 25.

The UIndy swim team is the definition of student athletes. Their numerous academic and athletic successes demonstrates why UIndy is among the leading Division II athletic pro-



First Live Mascot in 30+ Years

In November of 2019, the University of Indianapolis proudly introduced new staff member C. Greyson Veritas, or as students know him, Grady. He is the first live mascot since 1981. Although Grady is considered a full time employee, rumor has it that he turned down his salary. Instead he told the human resource department that he can be compensated by treats, hugs, and squeaky toys. Grady is almost 3 years old and is a recently retired racer from Daytona, Florida.



Although only on campus for four months, Grady has an established a fan base. He refers to his fans as part of the #GradyPack. With his pack he has helped develop a community feeling on campus and has brought students, faculty, and staff together. Students get excited when they see Grady on his daily campus walks. It can be difficult, however, to spot him; after all, he is a retired racer. Those daily "walks" can go by pretty quick. If you're looking to find Grady on campus, it is suggested to wear gym shoes, as you may be running to catch him. If you're not much of a runner, Grady has also been known to frequent campus events such as; Midnight Breakfast, Monte Carlo Night, and School of Business Day. He sure is a hit with the students and is always ready to take a picture. But, be careful as he is a leaner.

Just as our students were excited to welcome Grady to the pack, so was University President Robert Manuel. He stated in an, "The University of Indianapolis is excited to welcome Grady the Greyhound into our family and resume an honored University tradition. Our renewed live mascot program will increase school spirit, spread UIndy's goodwill throughout the community, and make memories for many dog years to come." Follow Grady on his journey and join the #GradyPack, follow him on Instagram @UIndyHound.

Alumni Spotlight - Reuben Vandeventer

The University of Indianapolis School of Business leads the nation by using a unique version of applied learning. This approach prepares students by providing hands on learning while imparting the latest in academic knowledge and theory.

Reuben Vandeventer, a 2012 MBA graduate from the University of Indianapolis School of Business, is a perfect example of the success this approach creates. Reuben is the Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder of an artificial intelligence company, Second Sight. Reuben's company helps enterprise customers value intangible and digital assets. Reuben believes that the University of Indianapolis truly challenged him to think outside of the box and gave him real-world experience, which has helped him further his career. Reuben appreciates how faculty and staff see him out in public and still remember who he is, and what they last spoke about. Reuben says this is because of the amazing culture at UIndy, "Professors and staff truly care about the students, and the future value of the UIndy brand".

Before Reuben completed his MBA at the University, he was a microbiologist in the medical device industry, Boston



Scientific. He said learning statistical models became very comfortable to him, which kicked off his current career path. Reuben moved from being an analyst building models, to managing teams that built them, to eventually becoming Chief Data Officer for a few large financial service companies. Reuben states, "I've learned that failing often is wonderful and is usually the key to big successes. Hold onto your plans loosely, and purpose tightly. I think it is something worth writing down and posting it everywhere as a reminder everyday." Reflecting on his experience here at UIndy he stated that, "UIndy was a wonderful experience at a really good time in my life. You always seem to appreciate the good times more in hindsight."

Students Network with Indianapolis Executives

Each spring, as a way to wrap up the semester, the UIndy Student Business Leadership Academy (SBLA) hosts its annual Spring Networking event. Select student leaders and freshman, who have demonstrated prominent service and volunteerism throughout the year, are invited to network with company executives from the Indianapolis area. Last year, there was a 2-1 ratio of students to business professionals, making it a great opportunity to develop business connections.

This event is primarily a reward for students who have actively participated throughout the year. By demonstrating a desire to help and volunteer for other events, students are able to secure a spot on the invite list. This event is composed of two parts. The first is just a traditional networking session. Cocktail tables are arranged around the room, hors d'oeuvres and beverages are served, and students and professionals simply introduce themselves. The second part of the event is a three-course dinner. After mingling for a while, students are paired with a professional who works in a similar field in which they are majoring. This provides them with deeper conversation and potential internship/job opportunities.

Throughout the year, events have been put on by SBLA to prepare students for this networking opportunity. In August, students were taken downtown to the Skyline Club. At this event, they were able to network with faculty and student leaders. This is where they are first taught basic networking skills. Various dinners and etiquette events also occur during the year to prepare students for this concluding event with company recruiters and executives. In the fall semester, students are taught how to exchange business cards, interject themselves into conversations, excuse themselves from conversations, and how to dress professionally. SBLA offers students the opportunity to participate in and manage events on and off campus. As a student-run organization, that functions like a business, SBLA provides UIndy School of Business students unique opportunities that look great on a resume and help them stand out.

