



IU Kokomo listed in Princeton Review

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— Indiana University Kokomo has its MBA program included in The Princeton Review's Best 237 Business Schools 2006. "That says a lot about our faculty, our students and our program," said Niranjan Pati, business school dean. "It's an honor." Best 237 Business Schools 2006 (Random House/Princeton Review, \$22.95) includes lists of its top 10 schools in 11 categories.

A program must meet criteria for academic excellence to appear in the publication; ratings are based largely on student surveys.

Princeton Review's Web site says 16,000 business school students answered more than 50 questions about themselves and their career plans and about their school's academics, student body and campus life.

The student surveys were performed during the 2004-05 and 2003-04 academic years — primarily online.

"We attempted to collect student opinions and statistical data from all American graduate business schools accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, as well as from some excellent accredited international business schools," the Web site says.

The IU Kokomo entry says the program's MBA students "love the convenience, the affordability and the prestige of their graduate business program."

"A public school that is one of only a dozen AACSB-accredited MBA programs in the state of Indiana, Kokomo represents the best option for business people seeking an affordable career advancement opportunity in and around this city," the entry says.

Pati pointed out IUK students gave their MBA professors a 99th percentile rating in accessibility.

The students are nearly all part time who work for companies including DaimlerChrysler, Delphi Corp., Howard Regional Health System and St. Joseph Hospital.

McGowan Scholar to be named

For the third straight year, an IUK School of Business student will receive a full-tuition scholarship from the McGowan Charitable Foundation.

The business school faculty will select one MBA candidate to receive the \$16,191 award for the 2006-07 academic year. The recipient will be announced in May.

Pati said the McGowan Charitable Foundation has been generous in awarding IUK \$42,389 in scholarships in the past three award cycles.

Erin Wittmeyer of Plymouth was IU Kokomo's first McGowan Scholar, receiving \$15,098 toward her MBA degree in 2004-05.

Robert Jones of Elwood, an undergraduate majoring in accounting and economics/finance, has also received the scholarship. It covered up to \$11,100 for his senior year.

The McGowan Charitable Fund was established by MCI Communications Corp. founder William G. McGowan.

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