



## IUK students honored at business luncheon

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After three years of study at Ball State University, Brian Shockney said he found the "personal touch" he needed at Indiana University Kokomo.

Shockney, president/CEO of Logansport Memorial Hospital, spoke Friday as the guest of honor at IUK's School of Business Scholarship Luncheon at Pastarrific.

"Had I not gone to IUK, I wouldn't be where I am today, and I know that for sure," he said.

Shockney told those in attendance about the didactic process at IUK that taught him the importance of lifelong learning.

"It's not the A on the paper," he said. "It's the process that you went through and what you learned in order to get that A on the paper."

Shockney challenged Friday's undergraduate and graduate honorees to continue learning long after their graduation from IU Kokomo.

"You have achieved some success in some way," he said. "That's a good sign that you can be leaders in your professional careers as well."

A Windfall native, Shockney began his professional experience at Tipton County Memorial Hospital.

"Those who continue to advance ... are those who continue to learn," he added. "If you're not reading two books [in your field] a month, you're not reading enough."

### Honorees

Robert C. Jones, a 35-year-old IUK student from Elwood, received four undergraduate awards.

Jones, who owns rental properties, said he decided to study accounting at IUK to further his career. He added his achievement "is only a step" in reaching his long-term goals.

"It's been a rewarding experience," he said. "All the professors are very open and helpful. It's a good learning environment: a small-school atmosphere."

Jones said he plans to earn his certified public accountant license and move to New York or

### Awards and scholarships:

Undergraduate  
Business & Economics  
Accounting: Robert C. Jones  
Fingleton Accounting: Robert C. Jones  
Outstanding Accounting Student: Robert C. Jones  
Bucherl, McCarty and Metz: Erica Jackson  
William G. McGowan: Robert C. Jones  
Patricia Pencek Endowment: Megan Mathews  
Sita C. & C.L. Amba-Rao Service: Erica Jackson

Graduate  
Brad Stansbury Memorial: Dennis Pensyl  
Pendse Outstanding MBA: Brandy Roesler  
Sita C. & C.L. Amba-Rao Service: Kelly Scher

Outstanding Students in Business  
Undergraduate: Erica Jackson

Graduate: Brandy Roesler

Students in Free Enterprise Service Awards  
Jessica Arnold, Andy Earl, Richard Schwartz, Nathaniel Stout, Brian van Camp

Washington, D.C.

Greentown resident Erica Jackson, a 1997 graduate of Eastern High School, received three undergraduate awards. She is double majoring in finance and human resources/management.

"I had some family situations that made it convenient to stay local," she said. "I knew my grades were good, but I didn't know they stood out that much."

Jackson, who looks forward to "making companies profitable," will graduate this year. She said she enjoyed her difficult upper-level finance classes.

"Once you get a handle on it, you feel like you've really accomplished something," she said.

Dennis Pensyl, a Delphi Corp. employee of 15 years, received a graduate award. One class shy of completing his master's degree in business administration, Pensyl said his study of organizational strategies, personnel issues, accounting and finance at IUK has made him more well-rounded.

"I was able to move into a management position and lead groups," he said. "They really cater to the professionals who are working because they have the classes at night."

DaimlerChrysler employee Brandy Roesler won two graduate awards. The 1995 Maconaquah High School graduate said she has completed her MBA.

"All the teachers were outstanding," she said. "It was nice that a lot of them are here this afternoon."

Niranjan Pati, Ph.D., dean of IUK's business school, said the honorees' education will stand them in good stead.

"I believe all these motivated students are going to hit the ground running," he said. "They are capable of handling themselves in this dynamic world."

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