

## ***Academic Plan - Excellence in Teaching and Learning***

### ***Honors College - 2008 Update***

The Honors Program completed an internal self-study during AY 2006–07 and a national external review was conducted during 2007–08. Useful input came from the external review committee. Also, during AY 2007-2008, a task force was appointed and charged with expanding the action item team report and develop a vision for an Honors College at IUPUI. During the fall semester, the task force completed 5 site visits and evaluated data from 8 additional peer institutions to inform recommendations related to space utilization, staffing, and curricular and co-curricular programming for an IUPUI Honors College. In January, 2008 a [Vision Paper](#) was drafted and circulated broadly among the IUPUI community. Feedback was solicited through meetings involving task force members and small groups of faculty and staff from 18 units engaged in undergraduate education, culminating in presentations to the IUPUI Faculty Council and to the IUPUI Deans' Meeting in May, 2008. In the summer of 2008 the Vision Paper was revised based on the feedback received and a search committee was appointed recruit the founding dean. During AY 2008-2009, candidates for the dean position will be recruited and screened, with the goal of appointing the founding dean in early 2009. Plans also are under way to renovate space for the Honors College (including a student lounge, advising offices, small seminar rooms, and study areas) in the University Library. Programs like HPAP should prove to be useful in attracting high ability students to IUPUI. The scholarship money generated from a very generous bequest of Jesse and Beulah Cox will also be of considerable benefit to Honors College students.