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*The Illuminare strives to light the way by reviewing, encouraging, and assisting students in efforts to publish and participate in the publishing process, and to inform by distributing and sharing student research in the field of parks, recreation, tourism, or leisure studies.*

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## Letter from the Editors

Welcome to the Illuminare!

The 2012-2013 volume of the *Illuminare: A Student Journal in Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Studies*, marks its third successful year in row. In 2010, the Illuminare Editorial Board undertook the task of converting the Illuminare from a traditional hardcopy publication, into an online, open access journal through a partnership with IU ScholarWorks. Last year alone the Illuminare had approximately 2,500 site views from visitors representing 43 countries, with an estimate of 77% first time visitor rate. As another indicator of success, our first online publication in April 2011 had 63 site visits on the first day of online publication – last year, within 24-hours of the online publication, the site had 179 visits. Moreover, the Illuminare is becoming more internationally represented by way of Reviewers, with participation from students in six countries including the U.S., Canada, Belgium, Cyprus, Australia and New Zealand.

This year the Illuminare Editorial Board continued to work towards putting the entire review process into the Open Journal System software provided by IU ScholarWorks. Policies and procedures continued to be refined in order to make the process as efficient as possible, and a large thankyou goes out to the Reviewers and Topic Editors who have helped to identify issues within the system and assisted on finding solutions to rectify them. We would also like to once again acknowledge the IU ScholarWorks team, especially Jen Laherty, for always taking time to help train new Editorial members – thank you. We are also thankful for the continued support of our Department Chair, Dr. Bryan McCormick and the faculty of the Department of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Studies in the School of Public Health at Indiana University.

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