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The journal's name, *Illuminare*, is derived from the Latin *illuminō* and means to light the way, illustrate, or inform. Aptly, it corresponds with the overall purpose of the journal:

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.

The journal had nearly a decade of success as a hard-copy publication and during the 2010-2011 academic year transitioned into an online, open access student journal. The journal continues to be a peer-reviewed and publishes research in five core areas of leisure studies: Recreational Sport Administration, Park and Recreation Management, Outdoor Recreation, Therapeutic Recreation, and Tourism Management. Further information can be found at the journal's website, <http://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/illuminare/index>.

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Letter from the Editors:

Welcome to the Illuminare!

The 2013-2014 volume of the *Illuminare: A Student Journal in Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Studies*, marks its fourth 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. In the past year, the Illuminare had approximately 3,955 visits with nearly 16,000 page views. This represents about a 37% growth rate in traffic from the previous year. Much of this expanded reach and continued success of the journal has to be attributed to the hard work of previous editors, Dr. Lauren Duffy Thompson and Dr. Austin Anderson.

We had a record number of submissions this year and the Reviewers/Topic Editors worked hard to provide valuable feedback to all students, regardless of whether we were able to publish their work or not. The Illuminare continues to be internationally represented by way of reviewers and contributing authors, with participation from countries including the U.S., Canada, Australia, United Kingdom, and New Zealand.

The Illuminare Editorial Board is 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. We are excited about the momentum of the journal and hope to see even more students get involved in this valuable learning experience.

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