

# going to do?

## chosen among the graduating class

### Psychology

Since 2008, psychology has ranked in the top 10 most popular majors in the U.S.

This comes as no surprise to **Jessica Hunter**, chair of the English department, who is known for getting to know her students well in the classroom and staying in touch after they graduate. She's seen an increase among Perry students in that major in recent years, she said.

What some students interested in a psychology bachelor's degree may not realize is that they need both a four-year undergraduate degree and a two-year master's degree if they actually want to work directly in the field of psychology out of college.

For example, a master's degree is required to become a school psychologist, a substance abuse therapist or a marriage and family therapist in most cases. A doctorate is needed to become a clinical psychologist.

But a bachelor's degree in

psychology can lead to other human-oriented fields, such as career counseling and human resources.

The Social Psychology Network ranked IU Bloomington 13 of 30 schools offering psychology degrees.

Majoring in psychology, senior **Hailey Ellis** said she wants to use her love of art and the human mind to "help people who struggle with their own minds."

Senior **Katie Boyce** plans to specialize her degree towards forensic psychology because she has an interest in the criminal mind. By taking psychology this year, this has only furthered her interests.

### Liberal Arts

A liberal arts degree includes many majors, in subjects such as literature, languages, history, mathematics and science. Also, music, fine arts and drama.

In an article in "The Washington Post," Gerald Greenberg defined a liberal arts degree:

"It refers to a curriculum de-

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signed to provide students with the knowledge and abilities to become successful, productive members of a free society.

"It provides them the opportunity to practice free-thinking," said the Syracuse University dean and linguistics expert.

Liberal isn't a political term in this case; it refers to freedom, as in "liberty," he explained.

A liberal arts degree "teaches students how to think critically, communicate clearly, analyze and solve complex problems, appreciate others, understand the physical world, and be prepared to learn continuously so they can work with others and on their own to meet the challenges of the future," Greenberg wrote.

"U.S. World and News Report" places six northeastern colleg-

es in the top ranks, beginning with Williams College in Massachusetts to Bowdoin College in Maine.

Another annual study by "Money Magazine" that used data from the U.S. Department of Education, Peterson's and PayScale.com, ranked Richmond, Indiana's Earlham College the best liberal arts college in the state in terms of education quality. It was ranked fourth in the nation.

Greencastle's DePauw University ranked 18th nationally, and Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind., which is for men only, ranked 38.

Senior **Mariah Brawley** plans to pursue a degree in English and creative writing at Whittier College in Whittier, California. She says she enjoys writing stories because of "how powerful words can be."

And senior **Evan Miller** plans to major in English at Ball State University.

He doesn't have a set career in mind and chose English because he'll learn liberal art skills applicable to many fields.

### Working tips

While some Perry students can't wait to leave the state for college or work, others may stay close to home because costs for college and other training programs will usually be more expensive. Students attending college in Indiana and then seeking work here also have the advantage of knowing friends and families who can help them with internships, networking and career searches.

With that in mind, what are the best careers for homebodies? The Indiana Department of Workforce Development has produced a list of the fastest-growing high-wage jobs in the Hoosier state. Here are the top 5:

1. Registered nurse
2. K-12 teacher
3. Truck driver
4. Sales representative
5. Operations manager



**Soon-to-be graduates Raquel Swain and Brenda Anguiano Hernandez prepare breakfast, lunch and snacks as employees of the Falcon Cafe at Perry. Faculty and staff may order drinks and healthy foods from the cafe and have it delivered to their offices and classrooms. Special education students help operate the cafe, learning about budgeting, cooking and food delivery. They also make grocery lists and then shop at area supermarkets. In addition, students in this program work weekly at Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana and at Goodwill Industries, and deliver meals for Meals on Wheels. Three young men in the special education's skill-building program will also be part of commencement May 26. They are pictured on page 39 (Photo by Tanis Henry).**

