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Morale committee members hold up the fundraising total for the 2014 Purdue University Dance Marathon. The final fundraising total was \$1,002,510.28.



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Bradon, held up by members of the morale committee, sings "Best Day of my Life" by American Authors on Sunday at France A. Cordova Recreational Sports Center.



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Melissa Swathwood, mother of Carter Swathwood, talks about her experience with Riley Hospital for Children on Sunday at the France A. Cordova Recreational Sports Center. Her story was one of the many shared that night.

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Neil Armstrong papers donated to Purdue

Carol Armstrong, wife of former astronaut and alumnus Neil Armstrong, bestowed the University with gifts upwards of \$3 million Friday.

Along with astronaut Gene Cernan, Armstrong gave papers to the Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center.

"We're truly grateful that his wife, Carol, chose to further honor his legacy and Purdue with these gifts," Purdue President Mitch Daniels said at the private event. "And it is fitting that Gene Cernan, another example of a Purdue Boilermaker who imagined the possibilities, is here to share in this special occasion. Neil and Gene are forever linked as Purdue alumni and the first and – for now – last people to walk on the moon."

The new papers, Armstrong previously donated work to the University in 2012 prior to his death, are a part of the Barron Hilton Flight and Space Exploration Archives, which are open for scholarly research. The papers span his lifetime and include grade school items to fan mail.

"The support and generosity of Neil and Carol Armstrong and Eugene Cernan were key to the establishment of the endowment for the Flight and Space Archives and to the ongoing growth of the Flight Archives," said Purdue Libraries Dean James L. Mullins. "Engineers, former test pilots and astronauts, and administrators have placed their papers in the Hilton Flight Archives in no small part because Neil and Gene have done so. We've been entrusted also because of the tremendous support for the established endowment and the high priority the university places on the preservation of these unique records of human achievement."

CITY

Happy Hollow project set for April

Construction on Happy Hollow Road has been scheduled, following months of discussion with the Indiana Department of Transportation.

Rieth-Riley Construction has been awarded the contract and will begin the project around April 2015. West Lafayette officials hoped to start construction this fall, however discussions with INDOT held up the project. The road will be funded partially by INDOT and is expected to cost around \$6 million.

The project will replace the old road with a new asphalt surface as well as add curbs and sidewalks.

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## PUDM surpasses last year's fundraising efforts

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Minutes before the final total was announced, Purdue University Dance Marathon dancers and Riley Hospital for Children families joined together in exhaustion and anticipation after 18 hours on their feet.

"At that moment, it's not about the fundraising, it's not about being tired; everybody just comes together in one big circle and at that moment, you forget about all the pain and think about the incredible miracles that you have made," said senior Alyssa Fields. "After that, you get to find out the total, but in that moment, you just forget about everything."

The final total for the marathon was \$1,002,510.28, which beat last year's fundraising efforts by more than 2,000 dollars.

Students wore costumes, learned a line dance and participated in different activities to have fun and learn more about the cause. The Riley

children participated in a talent show, which featured singing and dancing. As a reminder as to why students stood and raised funds for 18 hours, the chant "FTK" could be heard intermittently through the night.

The highlight of the marathon was hearing stories of families directly affected.

"Hearing the Riley kids' stories and meeting them has been amazing. It's touching to learn their stories and it really does make dancing for 18 hours totally worth it," said dancer Caroline Kuhn, a sophomore in the College of Agriculture.

The Romine family shared the first story of the night in memory of their son, John. Romine was a student at Purdue and a member of FarmHouse Fraternity. He developed Hodgkin's lymphoma during his freshman year at Purdue and went through various treatments through Riley.

"His goal was to make it back to Purdue," said Mrs. Romine.

John Romine did come back to Purdue after his treatment and joined his brothers at FarmHouse. After losing his hair from treatment, his fraternity

brothers shaved their heads to make him feel at ease with the situation. John relapsed and had to leave Purdue to go back into treatment, and passed away in December of 2008. During the marathon, current FarmHouse brothers shaved their heads again in memory of their former fraternity brother.

Former Riley Hospital patient Riley Lesh also shared her story with Purdue dancers. Lesh was born almost three months premature and was taken to Riley with underdeveloped lungs and in need of a heart surgery. Riley's mom, Julie, shared with Purdue what it felt like to experience the worry and uncertainty of her daughter's future.

"Imagine leaving the hospital with flowers and balloons but with no baby," said Julie.

Riley, now age 12 and no longer a Riley Hospital patient, has shared her story with many people and different functions every year. Riley herself has attended over 146 dance marathons across the country and hopes that she can one day help children at Riley Hospital.

## Students talk about their Breakfast Club experiences



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Kaity Howe, a senior in the College of Health and Human Sciences, poses for a photo for Breakfast Club on Saturday at Chauncey Hill.

Kaity Howe, Senior, College of Health and Human Sciences

What's the craziest costume you've ever done?  
"One time I dressed up like a crash test dummy, which I then turned into a crash into me dummy."



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Ian Marlowe, a graduate student in College of Engineering, poses for a photo for Breakfast Club on Saturday at Chauncey Hill.

Ian Marlowe, Graduate Student, College of Engineering

Favorite breakfast club memory?  
"One time we woke up really early but passed out before we got to Breakfast Club."



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Trevor Rodman, a senior in the College of Engineering, poses for a photo for Breakfast Club on Saturday at Chauncey Hill.

Trevor Rodman, Senior, College of Engineering

Favorite breakfast club memory?  
"Spinning the steak at Brothers."