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**Guidance Counselor’s Office**

Dear guidance counselors:

My name is Hossein Hakimzadeh and I am the chair of the Department of Computer and Information Sciences at IUSB. I am writing this letter to introduce our department, faculty and curriculum.

Many in our region are not aware of the scope and depth of our programs in computer and information sciences. As faculty, we have typically dedicated our time and energy to developing the highest quality program possible. Our assumption has been “if we build it they will come.” Well, we have built an excellent program and now it is our goal to showcase our achievements. We are approaching the task of publicizing our department from several angles. The most important of which is to attract quality students from our region. This is where you can really use our assistance. We hope that if we provide you with descriptive and helpful material, you in turn can make students aware of the excellent educational choices they have available right here at IU South Bend.

The Computer Science program at IUSB has been offering degrees in computer science since 1983. During this time the department has grown to 8 full time faculty members with Ph.D. degrees in computer science and closely related areas. In addition, the department employs numerous adjunct instructors from various educational institutions as well as local high technology businesses. We offer a Bachelor of Science degree, an Associate of Science degree, two certificate programs, a minor in computer science, and a minor in cognitive psychology. Recently, through our partnership with the School of Business and Economics we developed a new Master of Science degree in Management of Information Technology (MS-MIT). In addition, our Master of Science degree in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science (MS-AMCS) has been approved by the Indiana Higher Education Commission and we hope to begin accepting students for the Fall of 2002.

Currently, we have approximately 200 students majoring in computer science programs. Our goal is to double this number in the next 5 years. We feel that you and your colleagues will be instrumental in helping us achieve this goal. Therefore, we would like to ask for your help with disseminating information about our programs and our campus. My faculty and I are more than willing to visit with you or your students to answer any questions that you might have.

As a resident of this region and a faculty member at IUSB, I strongly feel that the computer science program at IUSB is one of the best-kept secrets in Michiana. We hope that after reviewing our programs with your students, they come to appreciate the kind of educational resources available here at home. Thank you for your help. Please feel free to contact me if any questions arise.

Sincerely,

Hossein Hakimzadeh, Ph.D.