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Dear Fellow Alumni,

As my first anniversary as your alumni director gets closer, I look back at the past 11 months and wonder where the time went. In this position, I’ve had the opportunity to meet some amazing people with whom I share at least one thing in common—we’re all proud to be graduates of IPFW. But I’ve also had the pleasure of working with students who will one day join our ranks as alumni and as community partners who support the university in ways you can only imagine.

One common theme among all these people is amazement in how much the campus has changed over the past several years and its continued growth. If you’ve visited campus over the past four months, you may have noticed the major construction projects currently under way. On the main campus, the Walb Student Union and Gates Sports Center are surrounded by scaffolding and fencing as crews work to connect the two buildings, as well as the Helmke Library and Parking Garage 2. This two-story, 173,000-square-foot connection project will form the Student Services Complex, which will one day feature an activity center, a ballroom, collaborative learning areas, new classrooms, the relocation of Follett’s IPFW Bookstore with a coffee shop, a student commons and food court, an international student center, and a state-of-the-art indoor track that will accommodate up to 1,500 spectators. Across the street, construction on Phase III of Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus has begun and should be ready for students to move in by this time next year. In addition to making 448 more beds available to students, another student community center and a maintenance facility will also be operational.

In addition to the buildings currently under construction, two new structures will celebrate their grand openings this fall. The Ron Venderly Family Bridge, which spans the St. Joseph River, is open to pedestrian traffic, and the Medical Education Center will soon start offering students the opportunity to complete all four years of medical school in Fort Wayne, instead of having to move to Indianapolis.

And while IPFW continues to grow in terms of buildings, we’re also very proud to continue growing the numbers of our graduates—now more than 45,000. The alumni association’s vision is to be an engaging organization that attracts membership, involves and serves the interests and diversity of IPFW alumni, and creates personal, social, and enriching opportunities for alumni to stay connected and support the university. As you read through the magazine, look for ways that you can get involved, whether by attending an alumni event such as the annual Mastodon Roast, an Omnibus Lecture, or a theatre production. If I haven’t yet met you, I hope to see you around campus soon so you, too, can be proud of and amazed by the growth.

Sincerely,

Kimberly M. Wagner, B.A. ’01, M.P.A. ’05
Director of Alumni Relations
UPCOMING EVENTS

11th Annual Mastodon Roast
Tuesday, Oct. 13 • 5:30 to 8 p.m. • Alumni Plaza by Walb Student Union

IPFW graduates and faculty are invited to this signature alumni event. Mix and mingle with your favorite professors, coaches, and fellow alumni while enjoying roasted hog—carved by Chancellor Mike Wartell. Dinner is free for grads, faculty, and guests. For food-count purposes and because alcohol is served (your first drink is on us!), your name and the name(s) of your guest(s) must be on our registration list. R.S.V.P. with your name and IPFW graduation year by Oct. 9 at alumni@ipfw.edu or 260-481-6807.

This year we will make another big announcement that will again change the face of the campus and the Alumni Association. Be sure to attend to be one of the first people to know.

Ninth Annual Legislative Issues Luncheon
Tuesday, Nov. 3 • 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. • Walb Student Union Ballroom

IPFW needs your supportive voice! In the past, alumni support has helped our state legislators understand our funding needs for a variety of campus projects, including the Student Services Complex (currently under construction), the Medical Education Center, and more student housing. Join us for lunch and conversation with our 18 northeast Indiana legislators. We'll also give all attendees an update on IPFW's legislative needs for 2009–2010. Lunch is $10 per person. Reservations can be made at alumni@ipfw.edu or 260-481-6807.

General Studies e-Mentoring
Tuesday, Nov. 3 • 6 to 9 p.m. • Walb Student Union Ballroom

General studies graduates are invited to meet junior and senior general studies students for career networking. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by “speed-dating” style interviews. To sign up, please contact Sandy McMurtrie at mcmurts@ipfw.edu or 260-481-6828.

Network Now: Speed Networking Event
Wednesday, Nov. 11 • 6 to 9 p.m. • Location TBA

This event will give students
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the opportunity to network with a variety of employers and community members in a short period of time. Students will rotate every few minutes, meeting more people and gaining more business contacts than they would at a typical lunch or dinner event. By attending this event, alumni will have the opportunity to provide students with career information, job-search advice, and referrals, to give advice to students who are seeking internships, co-ops, and permanent employment, or to simply talk to those students who are unsure of the connection between their major and the real world. Free for IPFW students and alumni and limited to 80 students and 80 employers/alumni. For more information, contact IPFW Career Services at 260-481-0689.

Dental Hygiene Alumni Luncheon Saturday, Nov. 14 • 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. • Location TBA

All IPFW dental hygiene alumni are invited to this delightful luncheon during which the following graduating classes will be honored: 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004. Visit with many of your favorite faculty members and share your fun and funny dental stories with the group. There's lots of camaraderie, prizes, great food, and fun! For details, contact Brian Johnson at jljohnso@ipfw.edu or 260-481-6837.

Economic Outlook Luncheon Wednesday, Nov. 18 • 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. • Walb Student Union Ballroom For the third year, the IPFW Alumni Association and the Northeast Indiana IU Alumni Chapter are partnering to host the Economic Outlook Luncheon, which features a panel of experts from IU's Kelley School of Business alongside local experts. The price for attending is just $30 per person or $275 per corporate reserved table (seats 10).

The IU Business Outlook Panel will offer national, state, and local economic forecasts for 2010. The starting point for the forecast is the Econometric Model of the United States, developed by IU's Center for Econometric Model Research, which analyzes numerous statistics to develop a national forecast for the coming year. The center's Econometric Model of Indiana provides a corresponding forecast of where the state's economy is headed. The Business Outlook Panel then adjusts the forecast to reflect national insights they have on the economic situation. For registration information, contact alumnialli@ipfw.edu or 260-481-6807.

Homecoming 2009 Saturday, Dec. 5 • 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. • Memorial Coliseum Alumni and their families are invited to join IPFW students for our annual IPFW Homecoming festivities. The Mastodons will play host to the Oakland Golden Grizzlies in a doubleheader featuring the men’s and women’s basketball teams. The women play at 4:40 p.m., followed by the men’s game at 7 p.m. In addition, alumni-recognition awards will be presented during halftime of the men’s game. For more details, contact the alumni office at alumni@ipfw.edu or 260-481-6807.

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Thanks to our partners Women's Beginner Golf Outing We thank our 2009 hole sponsors and event partners for their support of our third annual Women's Beginner Golf Outing. More than 80 women enjoyed a great evening that included nine holes at Shoaff Park Golf Course, a lesson by golf professional Rick Hemsworth, tips on driving and putting from members of IPFW's women’s golf team, dinner, gifts, and raffle prizes. This year's partners and sponsors:

- Chick-fil-A Indiana Stamp
- IPFW Athletics
- IU Alumni Association
- IU Credit Union
- Lilly's Flowers
- PromoClips
- Vera Bradley
- WABM Majic 95 1 FM

Fourth of July Rooftop Party

Each year, the IPFW Alumni Association sponsors a party on the roof of Parking Garage 1 during the city's annual Fourth of July fireworks showcase to raise money for our scholarship and program funds. And 2009 was another great year! With the help of many volunteers, partners, and sponsors, we raised close to $2,000. Thanks to this year's partners and sponsors:

IPFW Campus Ministries
IU Credit Union
Karen Ramsey Mielke—Craft Cabana
Pizza Hut
SportsBlast USA
WAFL Majic 95 1 FM
WLIB FLIN 101 7 FM

More than 60 women gathered for the third annual Women’s Beginner Golf Outing in May at Shoaff Park Golf Course. The annual outing raises money for the IPFW Children of Alumni Scholarship Fund and the IPFW Women’s Golf Team Scholarship. Members of the winning team during the outing were, from left, Elise Rivers, Carrie Beason, Terry Fous, and Penny Watson.
### CLASS NOTES

**1976**  
Ann Keith, M.S.Ed., has been elected secretary by the Goodwill Industries of Northeast Indiana Inc. Board of directors.

Bob Crosby, MBA, of R.E. Crosby & Son has been re-elected to the Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities board of directors.

**1977**  
Mark Warsco, B.A., political science, of Rothberg Logan & Warsco, has been selected for inclusion on the 2009 Indiana Rising Stars list.

**1978**  
Keith E. Busse, MBA, chairman and CEO of Steel Dynamics Inc., has been inducted into the Indiana Academy for Contributions to the Cultural, Scientific, Literary, Civic, Religious, and Educational Development of Indiana.

**1979**  
Carol Burns, B.S., nursing, a nurse practitioner with Indiana Medical Associates, will receive the 2009 Indiana Award for Excellence during the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners national conference in Nashville, Tenn.

**1980**  
Kathy Nahrwold, A.S., dental hygiene, has been appointed vice president of the Isaac Knapp Dental Hygienists’ Association board of directors.

Michael Summers, B.S.B., business, vice president of investments at Raymond James & Associates, has been named to the firm’s 2009 President’s Club in recognition of proven dedication to his clients and continued desire for professional growth.

**1981**  
Michele Leffler, A.S., nursing, has been selected for clinical director of Home Nursing Services.

**1982**  
Jeff Taner, CPA, B.S.B., accounting, will assume the role of managing director of Dulin, Ward & DeWald Inc. Taner has been with the firm since 1982 and is currently the director of audit services.

Valerie Churchill, A.S., marketing, B.S., supervision (1984), has accepted the position of admissions counselor for Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School.

**1983**  
Lisa Iesenberger, B.S.B., business, of Haines, Iesenberger & Skiba, LLC, has been named Financial Services Champion of the Year by the Indiana Small Business Association.

**1984**  
Dawn Modlin, A.S., organizational leadership and supervision, is founder of the Apics Certified Production Inventory Management certification.

**1985**  
Todd Bauer, A.S., civil engineering technology, B.S., construction (1990), has earned the uniform CPA certification and has passed all sections of the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) exam and is now a registered LEED-accredited professional.

Cory Pickens, B.S.B., accounting, has joined Dulin, Ward & DeWald and has passed all sections of the uniform CPA examination.

**1986**  
Ellen Slattery, A.S., dental hygiene, has been appointed president by the Isaac Knapp Dental Hygienists’ Association board of directors.

Clare Householder, B.S., mathematics, has joined Baden Retirement Plan Services as a consultant.

**1987**  
Dawn Modlin, A.S., organizational leadership and supervision, B.S., OLS (1989), has been promoted to campus director for the Ross Medical Education Center’s Fort Wayne campus.

**1988**  
Karen Richter, certification, accounting, has been appointed to vice president/chief financial officer at Asher Agency.

Robin Yang, certification, industrial and mechanical drafting, A.S. mechanical technology (1994), has earned the Apics Certified Production Inventory Management certification.

**1989**  
Todd Bauer, A.S., civil engineering technology, B.S., construction (1990), is founder and principal of FortSight Consulting LLC, a Fort Wayne-based provider of civil-engineering, land-surveying, landscape-architecture, and land-development services.

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Michele Leffler, A.S., nursing, has been promoted to clinical director of Home Nursing Services.

**1992**  
Alan Moyer, B.S., criminal justice, has been selected as the head golf professional at the Autumn Ridge and Cherry Hill golf clubs.

**1993**  
Alicia流出, A.S., civil technology, B.S., building construction technology (1994), has joined Anderson Surveying as the lead project engineer and land surveyor.

**1994**  
Marc Leppert, A.S., accounting, has joined Baden Retirement Plan Services as a consultant.

**1995**  
Carol Rausch, A.G.S., general studies, has joined Jim Brubaker Designs Inc. as an accountant.

**1996**  
Breanna Grahle Campbell, MBA, recently joined Dow Jones & Company as vice president, chief purchasing officer.

**1998**  
Danial Boblyea, B.S., public affairs, is co-founder of the law firm Boblyea & Reidy LLP.

**1999**  
Daniel Boblyea, B.S., criminal justice, has been selected for the Year 2008.

**2000**  
Nancy Mann, M.S.Ed., has been appointed president-elect for the Isaac Knapp Dental Hygienists’ Association board of directors.

**2001**  
Cory Pickens, B.S.B., accounting, has joined Dulin, Ward & DeWald and has passed all sections of the uniform CPA examination.

**2002**  
Nancy Mann, M.S.Ed., has been appointed president-elect for the Isaac Knapp Dental Hygienists’ Association board of directors.

**2003**  
Kent Macy, A.S., mechanical technology, B.S., mechanical technology (2006), a mechanical engineer with Primary Engineering, passed the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) exam and is now a registered LEED-accredited professional.

**2004**  
Nathan Delagrange, B.S.Ed., has joined Staker Mortgage Company as vice president, chairman of Haines & Company as vice president, chairman of the Payroll Association.

**2005**  
Jeffrey S. Gotsch, MBA, has joined Haller & Colvin as an associate attorney.

**2006**  
Cory Pickens, B.S., accounting, has joined Dulin, Ward & DeWald and has passed all sections of the uniform CPA examination.
Dear Alumni and Friends,

While it was threatening to rain on Independence Day, I took a walk through campus. Later, standing on the parking garage roof before the fireworks, I took another moment to look at our growing campus from that vantage point. That roof provides a particular view of a new campus, one that has grown to more than 12,000 undergraduate students. This is the campus that provides our community with skills and academic resources that are lifting Fort Wayne to a regional financial and technical manufacturing center.

My walk provided me with a view of another campus—the campus of the future. The newest side of the campus, not visible from the roof, is the growth side. The recently completed Rhinehart Music Center and Medical Education Center, as well as the ongoing construction on the Student Services Complex, will continue the transformation of the campus as a renowned urban university.

I feel a sense of pride in my association with this school. New facilities for graduate and undergraduate programs in music, art, and medicine bring us a high status in the Midwest. These features will attract the finest students in our region. And, IPFW will be competing successfully around the nation and the world for high school seniors and graduate school prospects.

This is a development that honors my degree as well. But, I have not been a "free rider," and neither should you. As the term "IPFW alums" gathers new meaning, alumni have a great opportunity to give back to the institution that has provided them with so much. How do you contribute? A perfect entry point is to participate through the IPFW Alumni Association by keeping your membership current and by enjoying the many athletic contests and other exciting events on campus. Better yet, why not volunteer to help organize and run an alumni activity? Our presence at events on campus sets a wonderful example for students, our future alumni. Of course, a very important, very tangible way to show your support is through a financial contribution to your university. This is easily done at www.ipfw.edu/development.

Sincerely,

Karen Clelland
A.G.S. '94, B.G.S. '01
President, IPFW Alumni Association

Be a member of the privileged class!

Members of the IPFW Alumni Association enjoy a host of privileges and benefits. First, members receive all IPFWAA publications, including this annual magazine and periodic newsletters. Next, you’ll be invited to special events, such as the Mustadom Roast, the Legislative Issues Luncheon, Homecoming, Statehouse Day, Tapestry: Day for Women, and the Fourth of July Rooftop Party.

Then, there are the discounts. Save money on IPFW apparel, IPFW theatre tickets, Gates Fitness Center memberships (just $90 per year), and trips, including our annual alumni get-together at Florida’s Palm Island Resort.

Membership also means potential scholarship money to attend IPFW for you, your spouse, your children, or stepchildren. In addition, members have lending privileges at the Helmke Library, and they’re eligible to receive free career-planning assistance.

And don’t forget your free “Tusky” window decal. When you join the IPFWAA, you automatically become a member of the alumni association at the main campus in West Lafayette or Bloomington. So it’s two memberships for the price of one!

Membership in the IPFWAA is just $50 annually for Purdue grads. It’s $40 for IU grads—and just $20 if your first IU degree was earned within the last five years. To get your privileges, call 260-481-6807 today!
Lecture series

Marlee Matlin and Henry Winkler
“A Conversation with Marlee Matlin and Henry Winkler”
Thursday, Sept. 17
7:30 p.m.
Free reserved ticket required.
Call 260-481-6555.

When 12-year-old Marlee Matlin met Henry Winkler, “The Fonz” from ABC’s Happy Days, they struck a special bond instantly. Winkler met Matlin while she was attending a community theater where she began acting at 7 years old. He enthusiastically told Matlin to follow her dream of becoming a professional actress despite her profound deafness. For 1986’s Children of a Lesser God, she won the Best Actress Oscar. Together, Winkler and Matlin reflect on their connection, individual journeys, and shared belief that anything is possible if you follow your dreams.

Sponsors: Easter Seal Arc of Northeast Indiana, Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Indiana, Dr. Louis A. and Anne B. Schneider Foundation

James Galbraith
“The Great Financial Crisis at Two Years”
Wednesday, Oct. 14
7:30 p.m.
No ticket required.

Author and economist James Galbraith’s Ivy League education and professional affiliations make him an ideal forecaster for America’s financial health and economic climates elsewhere. He is the Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr. Chair of Government/Business Relations and professor of government at the University of Texas at Austin. Galbraith’s most recent book, The Predatecy State: How Conservatives Abandoned the Free Market and Why Liberals Should Too (2008), discusses the gap between conservative ideology and its use and abuse to cover up the George W. Bush administration’s Predator State, which he argues took advantage of the public sector and undermined public institutions for private profit.

Andrew Sullivan
“Friendship: The Forgotten Relationship”
Tuesday, Nov. 10
7:30 p.m.
No ticket required.

Journalist and commentator Andrew Sullivan uses his columns, online blog, and frequent television appearances to question the present course of conservatism in America, arguing for the revival of conservative traditions for the Republican Party, not religious ideology. As senior editor and blogger at The Atlantic and as a columnist for the Sunday Times of London, Sullivan is one of the most provocative political and social commentators today. His blog, The Daily Dish, is found on The Atlantic.com, where his incisive and blunt observations about the news inspired Playbooy to rank it No. 1 on its list of Top 10 Political Blogs in America.

Sponsor: AIDS Task Force Inc.

Jamaica Kincaid
“Reading and Growing Up Under Colonial Rule”
Thursday, Feb. 11
7:30 p.m.
No ticket required.

Author and social/political satirist Christopher Buckley has compiled quite the life résumé to draw upon—merchant marine, magazine managing editor, best-selling author, and chief speechwriter to Vice President George H. W. Bush—all before he turned 30. Today, Buckley is the author of 13 books, including his most recent, Losing Mum and P. A. M. (2009), which documents the passing of his politically conservative father, William, and his New York socialite mother, Patricia. In addition, he has written for The New Yorker, Wall Street Journal, Time, Vanity Fair, and Vogue.

Christopher Buckley
“An Evening with Christopher Buckley”
Thursday, April 8
7:30 p.m.
No ticket required.

Interested in impacting IPFW and its future?
Join your school alumni council today! Each of our academic units within the university has its own alumni council. We need you! Drop us a note at alumni@ipfw.edu, and the head of the alumni council within your discipline will contact you.

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Looking for a job, a mentor, or an employee?
IPFW, IU, and Purdue all offer assistance to alumni seeking new jobs, mentors, or employees for their companies. Check out these links for assistance:
IPFW: www.ipfw.edu/career
IU: alumni.indiana.edu/career/index.shtml
Purdue: purduealum.org
MASTODONS RELOAD FOR 2009–10

After qualifying for the Summit League postseason tournament for the second straight year, both the IPFW men's and women's basketball teams have completed their recruiting for the upcoming season.

IPFW men's basketball head coach Dane Fife has added three new faces for 2009–10. Antwone Snead is a 6-foot-5-inch, 220-pound power forward from Atlantic City, N.J. Snead transfers to IPFW from Lamar Community College in Colorado, where he averaged 9.7 points and 8.5 rebounds a game. Also joining the Mastodons are junior-college transfer Oleg Kovalov and freshman Elgin "Eli" Lee.

Kovalov, a 6-foot-8, 220-pound forward, has the versatility to post up or play the wing. The Kiev, Ukraine, native averaged 9.1 points and five rebounds last season at Cloud Community College in Concordia, Kan.

Lee comes to IPFW after a season in prep school at Progressive Christian Academy in Camp Springs, Md. He averaged 25.5 points and five rebounds there. Originally from Memphis, Tenn., Lee led Brancrest Christian to a 2008 Division II State Championship. He averaged 20 points, five assists, and four rebounds and was named an "Immediate Impact Prospect" by Scouts Inc.

"I'm excited about what each of our new recruits brings to our program," Fife says. "We had two big holes to fill with graduation, and with the addition of Antwone, Oleg, and Eli, I believe we've satisfied our immediate needs. I like the makeup of our team heading into this season."

IPFW women's basketball head coach Chris Paul has inked five players for the upcoming campaign. They include Sarah Hammond, a 6-foot-2-inch forward from West Holmes High School in Millersburg, Ohio. Hammond averaged 12.1 points and 8.8 rebounds a game.

Kim Kline, a 5-foot-7 point guard from Nelsonville-York High School in Nelsonville, Ohio, poured in 20.8 points and 6.3 assists a game her senior season and was named Tri-Valley Conference Player of the Year.

Mandi Johnson comes to IPFW from Crawfordsville (Ind.) High School. The four-time all-county selection averaged 12.4 points and 5.3 rebounds. The 5-foot-10-inch Johnson can play either guard or forward.

Hanna Jones will provide an inside presence. A 6-foot-4-inch center from Hudson (Ohio) High School, she averaged nine points and six rebounds a game.

"We are very excited about our 2009–2010 recruiting class," Paul says. "We were able to address our needs, and become a much bigger basketball team for next season. Not only are these five excellent basketball players, but they are excellent students and people as well, which is something that is very important to us here at IPFW."
Stimulating work

A look at four alumni who are striving to keep the Fort Wayne-area economy moving forward during these difficult times.
Times are tough all over, and nothing weighs more heavily upon our collective mind these days than the economy. Is the worst behind us? Are more prosperous times just around the corner? No one seems to have a definitive answer, or as George Bernard Shaw wrote, “If all the economists were laid end to end, they’d never reach a conclusion.” Nonetheless, we caught up with four busy alumni who in different ways are working to stimulate the Fort Wayne-area economy through endeavors that help create jobs, grow the tax base, bring money into the community, and make the community a better place to live. And all four credit IPFW for fostering their success in those roles.

In the vanguard of economic development is Scott Naltner, executive vice president of the Fort Wayne–Allen County Economic Development Alliance.

After graduating from Bishop Luers High School, Scott earned a bachelor’s degree in business with a concentration in economics at IPFW in 1986. He began his professional career with the Region III-A Economic Development District and Regional Planning Commission before joining the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce. He’s been with the Fort Wayne–Allen County Economic Development Alliance since its inception in 2000.

The goal of the Economic Development Alliance is to attract outside companies looking to relocate or expand their operations in another geographical area, and to help local businesses grow.

“We’re here to help create good jobs and promote investment in Allen County,” Scott says of the alliance. “In these economic times, it’s even more important to pursue economic development, not just to bring in new companies, but to help develop local businesses and encourage entrepreneurialism. We make sure that local businesses are aware of the resources available to them as they look to expand.”

Although Allen County hasn’t been spared during the current recession, the downturn has been assuaged because of the area’s broad and varied business base. “We’re doing pretty well here in Allen County,” Scott says. “We’ve had some significant employers file for bankruptcy, but business in Allen County is very diverse. While some surrounding counties have really taken a beating, we’ve been able to sustain. And several well-known companies here—Vera Bradley, Sweetwater Sound, BAE Systems, Edy’s, Sirva—have even expanded.”

“We’re very fortunate to have a strong health-care sector here, and the defense industry here is thriving, with companies such as ITT, Raytheon, Northrop Grumman, and General Dynamics leading the way,” Scott continues. “In fact, we’re at the forefront of the defense industry for the entire country. It’s phenomenal what takes place here. And many of the engineers those defense companies hire are products of IPFW.”

The bottom line

On the downside, however, Fort Wayne, traditionally a manufacturing center, has lost close to 7,000 manufacturing jobs in the last five years, according to figures recently released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

“In the past we’ve had a heavy concentration in manufacturing, and as the economy turns around, I definitely think we’re going to get our share of manufacturing jobs back into this region,” Scott says. “And then there’s the latest buzz—‘green’ businesses—working with alternative energy sources, such as new high-capacity batteries and wind power. We intend to get our fair share of those new projects as they become a reality.”

The Fort Wayne–Allen County Economic Development Alliance is part of the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership, which does the leg work to attract outside companies, representing the entire region at trade shows and other events throughout the United States and overseas.

“It’s difficult to differentiate yourself from competing cities and areas, and that’s the key,” Scott says. “Allen County provides everything a company needs to be successful and grow. We have a lot of resources available to us, including land for greenfield projects. The bottom line is that the cost of doing business here in Fort Wayne and Allen County is less than in many competing cities and states. And, of course, this is a great place to live and raise a family.”

High-quality education is high on the list of qualities that attract businesses to a community, and IPFW more than fills that prerequisite. “IPFW is a top resource in attracting companies because of the high caliber of the university,” Scott says. “In addition, IPFW has been a great partner in economic development because of the work of the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center and Community Research Institute, both located on campus.”

For his own development, Scott chose IPFW, and he’s glad he did. “I could have gone anywhere, but I decided to stay here and attend IPFW,” Scott says. “In
retrospect, it was a very sound decision. I think my education at IPFW was pretty close to being perfect. At the time, there were five economists teaching at IPFW. The education I received from those excellent instructors helped make the transition to my professional career seamless. Those were some good days at IPFW. I wouldn't change that for anything."

To a higher level

Mark and Chris (née Ehinger) Rupp are certified public accountants. Mark graduated from Fort Wayne's North Side High School, while Chris was a high-schooler at Woodlan. Both earned bachelor's degrees in accounting at IPFW—Mark in 1972, Chris in 1976. In 1982, they agreed to a merger that made them husband and wife.

Mark and Chris work independently as CPAs, although both have operated their own firms in the past. Early in his career, Mark partnered with fellow IPFW accounting grad Mike Bair (B.S.B. '75, accounting).

Not long ago, Mark's career took a turn when he began buying businesses with the goal of making them better businesses. "What I do is buy companies that are profitable or marginally profitable and try to take them to the next level," Mark says. "I assemble a management team and position individuals who are interested in investing in that kind of business. As the managing member of the team, I'm also the trouble shooter and problem solver."

Mark has already acquired approximately 30 businesses, 14 of which are currently active under his ownership. He says it's been an education in its own right.

"When I had my own CPA firm, I helped companies with financing, business plans, and management strategies," Mark says. "And my clients would sometimes ask me what I knew about this company or that company. As a CPA, I knew a lot from the numbers, but as you get into the real-world stuff, it's a whole new ball game. It takes awhile to understand all the complexities."

Still, Mark has been very successful, and that success has translated into economic growth and more jobs. Among Mark's current business interests are a finance company, an automotive-sales business, a real estate company, and a variety of manufacturing concerns.

One of the manufacturing companies coats and then assembles parts for military vehicles—trucks and transports such as Humvees. When running at full tilt, that company employs 250 locally. Another business is a "green" operation that recycles toner and ink cartridges. A major grocery chain is a customer of that operation. Another company that does business nationally produces T-slotted aluminum, which is used to make conveyors and bases for machines.

Mark says the Fort Wayne-area community will recover from the economic malaise for one reason: its people. "We have an amazing amount of talented and creative people here," he says. "They have the resiliency, work ethic, and courage necessary to create their own success."

"The success and growth of Vera Bradley and Sweetwater Sound, for example, those have been incredible scenarios," Mark adds. "And Keith Busse (MBA, '78) and his colleagues starting Steel Dynamics—that was an incredibly gutsy move."

To gain the necessary business savvy, aspiring entrepreneurs need look no further that IPFW. "When I was a student, the instructors weren't just academics, they were professionals who had real-world experience in their fields," Mark says. "That tradition continues today at IPFW, and it's a huge benefit for students, who have the opportunity to tap into that firsthand knowledge of real-world practices."

A knack for nonprofits

Meanwhile, Chris serves as a tax consultant to several small businesses, and she's also moved into estate planning. But Chris is really in her element as a volunteer for several nonprofit agencies. A community blessed with robust nonprofit organizations is a stronger community. In addition to all the good work they do to help people in times good and bad, many nonprofits employ a significant number of people.

Chris currently serves on the boards for Parkview Hospital, SCAN (Stop Child Abuse & Neglect), Erin's House, Hope House, and the Indiana Youth Institute in Indianapolis. She's also a former chair of the United Way of Allen County board.
of directors and currently serves on the audit committee for the Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities. Turnstone is especially near and dear to the Rupps; their daughter Amanda is a speech-language therapist there, and Mark’s sister Nancy is a longtime client.

“Chris is a dynamo,” Mark says. “Her face lights up when she’s working on behalf of those nonprofit agencies.”

CPAs are highly sought after to serve on nonprofit boards because of their expertise with financial stewardship and governmental regulations, and Chris is more than happy to answer the call. “I do it to give back—it’s just the right thing to do,” she says. “And I enjoy it tremendously. I’ve met some of the most incredible people in the nonprofit world, very genuine people who have real values.”

Something that Chris really values is her IPFW education. “If it hadn’t been for IPFW, I wouldn’t have gotten an education,” Chris says. “We didn’t have the family resources to send six kids away to college.

“I was incredibly well-prepared to enter the business world after graduation,” Chris adds. “I received a solid education and great guidance, and I was even provided with business contacts. There were only four women in the accounting program back then—we were pioneers of a sort—and the faculty took a special interest in our academic success. I’ve heard that two-thirds of the students in the accounting program at IPFW are women now, so things have really changed.”

It’s a real zoo over there

One way for a community to improve its fortunes is through tourism—providing attractions that tap into the discretionary income of out-of-towners.

While Fort Wayne has considerable drawing power—festivals, professional sports, college athletics (NCAA Division I athletics at IPFW, for instance), museums, concerts, theatre—the nationally acclaimed Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo is perhaps the most consistent tourist attraction. More than a half-million people visit the zoo annually, and more than 60 percent of them come from places outside Allen County.

The zoo regularly receives rave reviews, including an unequivocal thumbs-up in 2007 from Jack Hanna, host of the TV show Jack Hanna’s Into the Wild, who said, “No zoo does it better than the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo.”

Leading the way at the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo is Director Jim Anderson, who earned a master’s degree in public affairs at IPFW in 1992. A Fort Wayne South Side High School grad, Jim began his college days in Bloomington as a trumpet-playing music major. He later transferred to Purdue, where he earned a bachelor’s in animal science. After beginning his career with the zoo as a seasonal worker in 1976, Jim progressed to zookeeper, curator, assistant director, and, in 1994, director.

“Our mission at the zoo is to connect kids with animals, to strengthen families by providing an experience that families can enjoy together, and to foster a greater appreciation for wild animals and their habitats,” Jim says.

That’s been a mission accomplished year after year, and it’s estimated that the zoo now has a $20 million economic impact on the community annually.

When Jim first started at the zoo 33 years ago, there were around 30 employees on seven acres. That’s now about 250 workers on 38 acres. The most recent crowd-pleasing addition is the $7 million African Journey, which opened in June. The zoo now features 1,500 animals and presents approximately 1,000 educational programs every year.

“The number of employees, acres, animals, and exhibits has grown tremendously,” Jim says. “But we’re not looking to get bigger and bigger—we’re looking to get better and better. We have no aspirations to grow beyond what the community wants or needs.”

The Fort Wayne community has made the zoo possible, even before the gates were first opened in 1963. In fact, in 1963, “zoo boosters,” kids from 2 to 12, collected pennies to buy an elephant. Today, the zoo has a yearly operating budget of $5.4 million, money generated solely by earned and donated revenue.

“This zoo has been completely and enthusiastically supported by the community from the beginning,” Jim says. “And we’re very proud that our zoo is a point of pride for the entire community.

“There are 220 accredited zoos in the United States, and we’re among the fewer than 10 of those that are self-supporting,” Jim continues. “The average governmental subsidy to zoos that aren’t self-sufficient amounts to 40 percent of their budgets. We receive no direct tax support. Therefore, we must have the money before we can initiate a new exhibit, and all of our expansion has been accomplished beyond governmental dollars.”

When it comes to dipping into the dollars of out-of-towners, it comes down to how far people are willing to drive to enjoy what you have to offer. “The more enriching the experience, the farther people are willing to drive,” Jim says. “Our zoo is easily a half-day experience at this point, so our radius of attraction continues to grow.”

Both main campuses in Bloomington and West Lafayette were on Jim’s itinerary before he attended IPFW, so he has a well-rounded perspective. “I have to say I preferred the smaller classes at IPFW,” Jim says. “The classes I took at IPFW were geared toward working professionals, and the classes were taught by professors rather than teaching assistants. The instructors were very knowledgeable, and they made the coursework challenging.”

They’re everywhere

Scott Nalner, Mark and Chris Rupp, and Jim Anderson are among the myriad IPFW alumni working in countless fields to make our community a great place to do business and a great place to call home. Through high-quality academic offerings and highly qualified graduates, the university’s reach and positive effect on the area continue to grow. Now that’s a development we all can support.
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TIES THAT BIND

IPFW continues to invest in northeast Indiana business and culture.
When I became IPFW Chancellor in 1994, I told this community that I wanted IPFW to become to northeast Indiana what we already were to our students—invaluable. In the past 15 years, that decision to strengthen our community ties has set our course as an institution, and we’ve never wavered from that goal.

Whether it’s contributing to a rich cultural heritage by giving the Fort Wayne Philharmonic a stable home on our campus, strengthening the local defense industry through the IPFW Wireless Technology Center, or enhancing area businesses with faculty expertise through our Office of Engagement, IPFW continues to make northeast Indiana a vibrant place to live and work.

But that’s not the whole picture. We don’t just provide the infrastructure, technical support, and information base that contribute to the growth and vitality of this community; we provide the people that make it happen, too. Take a look at the graduates we’re producing, and you’ll see leaders in their fields—leaders who remain in this region, infusing the local economy with creativity, innovation, and strength.

I’m proud of what we do for northeast Indiana. In my opinion, we do a better job of investing in our local community than any other college or university in the country. But don’t take my word for it. The work of our faculty, staff, and alumni speaks for itself. Here are just a few of the many ways we’re enriching the lives of countless businesses and individuals through our community connections and support.

Economic development

Research. Innovation. Business planning and strategic thinking. Without them, no business can succeed. These are the kind of resources we provide through community partnerships like the one we have with the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center (NIIC), which plays an integral role in the region’s economic growth by fostering an environment of innovation and providing a wealth of essential business resources and expertise.

That contribution to our economy will only continue to grow in years to come as evidenced by the investments made by the city, county, state, and federal government, along with local foundations and corporations, in the expansion activities at the Northeast Indiana Innovation Park. As the host for their center at Stellhorn Road, we’re proud to be a strategic partner with them as they help ignite higher paying, higher quality jobs in our community.
Another way we're contributing to the economic wellbeing of northeast Indiana is through our Office of Engagement. Housed at the Innovation Center, this office connects our strong faculty knowledge base and intellectual capital resources with the business community in this region and beyond.

The Office of Engagement has developed a portfolio of more than 300 businesses to create value-added relationships in the areas of grant partnerships, research projects, technical assistance, training, intellectual property licensing, and student hiring. Some of those relationships have even brought new businesses to the area. Take Detroit-based American Axle & Manufacturing, for example, which brought its newest technical center to Fort Wayne in order to take advantage of the area’s talent base of skilled and experienced engineers, and to leverage the university faculty and student expertise.

We also support the local economy through the IPFW Wireless Technology Center and our Center of Excellence in Systems Engineering, which provide the local defense industry with research on tactical wireless communication and the application of systems approaches. In April 2009, these two IPFW Centers of Excellence received a grant from the Lilly Foundation for $4.5 million to expand education in systems engineering and wireless communication. By enhancing these local defense industry’s core competencies, IPFW continues to provide a critical component of northeast Indiana’s financial wellbeing in the defense sector.

Yet another example of the way we link IPFW’s expertise with public and nonprofit sectors is through our Community Research Institute, which provides research and analytical support to economic development organizations. Looking for economic trends in the region? Need a profile of the regional economy? Want to build strategic economic partnerships? IPFW’s Community Research Institute offers a wealth of information to help with any of these endeavors. It’s just one more way that IPFW is informing the decisions that affect and improve our regional economy.

Cultural connections

Just as no business can survive without the kind of research, information, and technical support that IPFW provides, no community can thrive without the cultural heritage that we sustain through our campus facilities—and our alumni themselves.

Take our own Jim Anderson, Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo director, for example, who continues to make the zoo one of the area’s greatest attractions. It even claimed the national spotlight recently when Parents Magazine ranked it as one of the country’s top 10 zoos in 2009. As such, the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo plays a critical role in area businesses’ campaigns to attract and retain a top-notch workforce.

Another great cultural institution, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, continues to call IPFW home, as does PBS39 WFWA-DT, northeast Indiana’s public broadcasting station. The combination of these two cultural mainstays enhances the quality of life for countless individuals in this region through the educational and cultural programs they provide, and we’re proud to play a part in that process.

Future foundations

One more way we continue to meet the needs of northeast Indiana is through our campus and its facilities. Facilities like the new, six-story Holiday Inn at IPFW and the Coliseum, for example, which opened on IPFW’s west campus last November and offers the community convenient access to the university, the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, and area shopping and restaurants.

As a fitting complement to the new Holiday Inn, we dedicated the Ron Venderly Family Bridge on August 18. This new structure provides a vital link to area attractions—not just for our students, but for the community as a whole. Now, those who enjoy walking or biking on the River Greenway will eventually be able to go all the way to Shoaff Park. And we continue to expand our student housing offerings as well. When our next phase of apartment-style housing opens next fall, we’ll be able to offer more than 1,200 students a place to call home while they pursue their education.

Clearly, IPFW continues to be what a university needs to be for its community in terms of resources, capabilities, and regional coverage. We’re not just in this community, we’re of it—embedded in its very fabric. And that connection will only deepen in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Wartell, Chancellor
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