Alumni Association Scholarships More Important Than Ever

Learn how three students are seeing their financial burdens lightened and dreams come true with your help

With average student debt for the class of 2011 at a staggering $26,500 nationally according to the Institute for College Access & Success, scholarships and financial aid have never been more important. Your alumni association is working to help address this critical issue by offering several $1,000 scholarships on an annual basis to children, stepchildren, or spouses of IPFW graduates. Here are three stories that help demonstrate the difference these scholarships can make.

Morgan DeKoninck, Ellen Shannon, and Scott Vorndran are prime examples of how alumni donations are able to directly benefit students at IPFW. These students may come from different places of origin, but all three have a common family history: their parents graduated from IPFW.

With the help of alumni like you, these exceptional students are able to carry on the legacy that their families started when they graduated from IPFW. Your family can benefit too—find out how by visiting ipfw.edu/alumni/scholarships.

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IPFW was the right choice—dad knew best

Freshman Morgan DeKoninck hails from Carmel, Ind., a daughter of IPFW alumnus Kent (B.S. business ‘86, B.S. Education ’88) and Amanda DeKoninck. The full-time, traditional student is majoring in Communications Sciences and Disorders (CSD), a pre-professional degree program that helps prepare for graduate degrees in speech-language pathology or audiology. She is a graduate of Westfield High School.

DeKoninck is planning to obtain a graduate degree and says her full-time Purdue scholarship from the IPFW Alumni Association will help make graduate school more affordable. Her goal is to work in a hospital setting with stroke victims who require speech therapy. She enjoys working with senior citizens and regularly visits her 90-year-old grandmother, who lives in nearby Columbia City. DeKoninck also works part-time with an uncle at an area funeral home, and she says that her life mirrors most of her classmates: “Classes in the morning, work in the afternoon, study at night. Then do it all over again the next day!”

She visited many colleges, but none of them felt comfortable to her. Her father suggested IPFW, and she quickly knew it was the right choice for her—“Dad knows me best!” She intends to follow in her father’s footsteps and become a member of the IPFW Alumni Association, stating the importance of giving back to the community.

Loyalty runs deep—sixth sibling to attend

Hundreds of traditional students like Morgan live in student housing, but even more take advantage of their close proximity to IPFW (and avoid more incurred debt) by commuting from home. Take sophomore Ellen Shannon, for instance. IPFW loyalty runs deep in the Shannon family. The sixth of nine children, all who were home schooled by their mother, Marilyn, Shannon is also the sixth child in her family to attend IPFW. Five older siblings are graduates. Her father, Ronald Shannon, earned a certificate of accounting in 2005.

Shannon, a Fort Wayne native, is a full-time student majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders with the goal of becoming a speech therapist. Two aunts who were CSD majors suggested the field to her, and Shannon believes a career in CSD will help make it easier to balance work and (her future) family.

Her siblings’ experiences at IPFW and their good advice made a positive impact on Shannon, who says the transition from high school to college was “…easy and enjoyable.” Taking an older sister’s advice, she has worked part-time as a caretaker for lab animals in the Medical Education Building, where she has discovered she is “not afraid of rats at all!” Shannon expresses her deep appreciation for her Alumni Association Scholarship, as her family’s ethic is to go to college and be debt-free. The combination of scholarship, part-time job, and living at home are helping make this possible.

Shannon also intends to stay connected to the university by joining the IPFW Alumni Association after graduation. And as for that future family—who would be surprised if one or more become Mastodons?

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Alumni Scholarships

The IPFW Alumni Association is pleased to offer several $1,000 scholarships for the 2013–14 academic year:

▼ Indiana University Scholarship
▼ IPFWAA Scholarship (full-time student)
▼ IPFWAA Scholarship (part-time student)
▼ IU Alumni Association Scholars Scholarship (2)
▼ Purdue University Scholarship

Visit ipfw.edu/alumni/scholarships for complete eligibility details. Applications are due by April 1. Applicants must have filed their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 10. The FAFSA can be filed electronically at fafsa.ed.gov.

Additionally, IPFW students can now apply for several scholarships at once by visiting ipfw.edu/scholarship-application.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by June 30. The scholarships are not renewed automatically, but reapplication may be made in succeeding years.
Goal to advance career—and graduate with daughter

But scholarships aren’t just for recent high school graduates. Consider those whose high school days are far behind them, many with children of their own, like Scott Vorndran.

As a 36-year-old, married father of two, Vorndran says he appreciates the opportunity to apply for scholarships at this stage of his life. Vorndran and his wife, Robin, are life-long residents of Kendallville, Ind., where he works as a tool designer for the automotive industry. Both are graduates of East Noble High School.

Both of his parents earned degrees from IPFW, but Vorndran says that’s not the sole reason he chose IPFW—it’s close to home and has the degree he was looking for, Mechanical Engineering Technology. Now in his sophomore year, Vorndran, a part-time student, anticipates that he will graduate around the time his daughter finishes high school. He plans to continue working in the automotive field after graduation, where his newly-acquired bachelor’s degree will enable him to advance in his chosen field. Vorndran also wishes to become involved with the Alumni Association, citing a desire to help others as he has been helped, to “pay it forward.”

Morgan, Ellen, and Scott: three students from different backgrounds whose financial burdens have been lightened and dreams are coming true due to the generosity of alumni and supporters like you. They serve as examples of how the IPFW student experience is the finest in northeast Indiana, regardless of age or circumstance, and how the university’s extensive community and business partnerships have far reaching impact.

Do you know someone who could benefit?

If someone in your family is considering IPFW and could be eligible, please encourage him or her to apply for alumni association sponsored scholarships and several others available at the university by filling out the Common Scholarship Application. For more information or to apply, visit ipfw.edu/offices/alumni/scholarships.
IPFW Class Notes

1974
Thomas Beaver
B.S., business, was named to the Anthony Wayne Rehabilitation Center board of directors. Beaver is CEO of Indiana Stamp Company, Strataflo Products, and SignsNow.

1974
Richard Cox
A.A.S., architectural drafting, was hired as a project manager by Weigand Construction.

1974
Deana Friedt
B.S., business, was promoted to vice president at Lincoln Financial Group.

1979
Denise Andorfer
B.S., criminal justice, was named executive director of Vincent Village in Fort Wayne.

1990
Steve Franks
B.S., marketing, recently co-founded a new company, Founders. Founders is a co-working space for entrepreneurs and creatives. Franks was previously employed by the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center as director of programming.

1991
Jennifer Zartman-Romano
B.A., communication, was recently re-elected to serve a second term as President of the Whitley County Chamber of Commerce’s Board of Directors. Zartman Romano is the owner and publisher of an online newspaper in Whitley County, www.talkofthetownwc.com

1991
Lisa Hollister
A.S., nursing, was appointed to serve on the Indiana State Trauma Care Committee by Governor Daniels. Hollister is the trauma program manager for Parkview Trauma Services.

1996
Heather Teagarden
B.S., business, was recently hired as a forensic accountant for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)–Fort Wayne office.

1997
Karen Jones
M.S., mathematical sciences, was promoted to Dean of the School of Applied Science and Engineering Technology at Ivy Tech Community College–Northeast.

1999
Andrew Welch
B.A., communication; B.S., business (2003), was awarded the Outstanding Young Alumni Award by the IPFW Alumni Association during the university’s homecoming celebration. Welch was honored as a result of his outstanding accomplishments in the first 10 years of his marketing career. Welch currently works as the executive director of marketing and communications at Ivy Tech Community College–Northeast.

2000
Nicholas Gray
B.S.Ed., education; M.S.Ed., educational leadership (2004), was hired as the director of Upward Bound at IPFW.

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Jennifer Neher
B.S.P.A., public affairs; M.P.M., public administration and policy (2008), was recently hired as director of resource development at SCAN (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect) in Fort Wayne.

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Upcoming Alumni Events

Easter Basket Collection
March 1 through March 26
For the 13th year, the Northeast Indiana Alumni Directors Consortium (NIADC) is seeking wrapped Easter baskets to be given to the children of SCAN clients (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect). This is a great activity for families, church groups, your office, scout troops, and more. Eight northeast Indiana colleges and universities join forces each Easter to collect more than 1,500 baskets for these children. Items must be commercially packaged (nothing homemade) and your entire basket should be wrapped so that nothing falls out.

Drop off the baskets at any area college or university until March 26. At IPFW, you can drop off your baskets at the Kettler Hall Information Desk or the Alumni Center, or you can call us at 260-481-6807 and a representative from the Alumni Relations office will arrange a different drop-off location.

The BIG Event
Saturday, March 23
In 2012, IPFW was the first university in Indiana to participate in The BIG Event. The day was so successful we’re doing it again, but this time, even BIGGER! The BIG Event is the largest one-day, student-led service project in the nation, having expanded to over 75 universities across the country. The BIG Event will connect IPFW students, alumni, staff, faculty, and friends to the Fort Wayne community, performing a day of service in conjunction with over 35 local not-for-profit agencies. Your help is needed to reach the goal of 1,000 participants! Please join IPFW and the Alumni Association in one BIG day of service and help make Fort Wayne a better place.

For more information, visit: ipfw.edu/thebigevent or facebook.com/thebigevent.ipfw.
2004
Brooks Diller
B.S., accounting, was recently hired as an assistant vice president, commercial banking, by Salin Bank. Diller was previously with Fifth Third Bank.

Jason Stopa
A.S., commercial art; B.S., fine arts (2007), is a freelance arts writer living and working in New York City. Stopa has written for publications The Brooklyn Rail, White Hot Magazine, and Art in America (AiA).

2005
Daysha Jackson
B.A., psychology; M.B.A., business administration (2008), was promoted to assistant vice chancellor for student affairs at Ivy Tech Community College–Northeast.

Jacqueline Monroe
B.S., biology, recently returned to Fort Wayne after completing her Ph.D. and is practicing as a podiatrist at Aboite Podiatry Associates.

2007
Jamie Bankert
B.S. business, was promoted to officer and business banker at 1st Source Bank.

2008
Tina Funkhouser
B.G.S., general studies, was awarded the Top Volunteer Award by the IPFW Alumni Association during the university’s homecoming celebration. Funkhouser was honored as a result of her continued commitment to volunteer service in IPFW’s Department of General Studies. Funkhouser currently works as a resource facilitator for the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana.

2009
Emily Hart
A.S., interior design; B.S., interior design, (2010), was crowned Miss Indiana USA and will compete for the title of Miss USA later this year.

2010
April Oberlin
M.S.Ed., counseling, was hired as the fundraising coordinator for the MDA.

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Recent Alumni Events

Hundreds Attend and Meet the Newly Appointed Chancellor

On Tuesday, October 9, close to 400 alumni and friends gathered at the Steel Dynamics Keith E. Busse IPFW Alumni Center for the 14th annual Mastodon Roast. Those in attendance were the first to be formally introduced to IPFW’s newest Chancellor, Dr. Vicky Carwein, and were also treated to the unveiling of the latest addition to the Alumni Center: the donor wall! Be sure to join us next fall as we celebrate the 15th anniversary of this signature alumni event.

1) Chancellor Carwein mingles with guests at the 14th annual Mastodon Roast.

2) Michael Forrester, Sandra Montes, and Rod Ross enjoying the Mastodon Roast.

3) Sheila and Andre Cuffy catch up with Geosciences Professor Solomon Ishorio (center) at the IPFW Mastodon Roast.

4) Denice Beights looks for her contribution to the new donor wall at the Alumni Center.

5) Partying on the patio.
It's All Fun at Homecoming—Feel the Rumble!

The first week of December, IPFW celebrated its annual homecoming week with the theme, “Feel the Rumble.” Many activities were planned across campus for students, faculty, staff, and alumni. On Saturday, December 1, close to 700 alumni, students, faculty, and university friends packed the Memorial Coliseum’s Expo II for the end-of-the-week homecoming party! Attendees munched on tailgate-style food, got IPFW “tattoos” by TAG Art, made lasting memories in the IPFW STAT photo booth, and enjoyed a special performance by the IPFW pep band and cheerleading squad. The men’s basketball team added a win to their record in a thrilling contest with Miami of Ohio. Thanks to everyone for their support. Mark Saturday, December 7, on your calendar now and be sure to join in the festivities of Homecoming 2013!

1) Alumni award winners Tina Funkhouser (Top Volunteer Award), Lynn Ramer (Alumni Citation Award), and Andrew Welch (Outstanding Young Alumni Award).

2) Chancellor Carwein and Kasey Price, director of special projects, recognize the homecoming logo design contest winner, Khin Khin Gyi (center).

3) Don makes friends with a future IPFW Mastodon.

4) IPFW Cheerleaders pump up the crowd at the pre-game celebration.

5) IPFW students cheer the men’s basketball team on to victory.

6) The pep band performs during the basketball game.

7) Homecoming queen, junior Mary Montes; homecoming king, junior Tim Leonard; and Ginger, Leonard’s service dog.
Raise the Bar as an IPFW Pacesetter

Pacesetters is an active group of IPFW alumni who have chosen to demonstrate their pride in our university through generous financial support, and by providing examples for other alumni to emulate. These Pacesetter alumni, many of whom attribute much of their success to their educational training and college experience at IPFW, are proud to “set the pace and raise the bar” through their participation in upper-level educational philanthropy.

Why You Should Consider Becoming a Pacesetter

As a successful and dedicated alumnus, if you can demonstrate your commitment to IPFW by making a gift to the university of $1,000 or more per calendar year, you can become a Pacesetter. These gifts may be designated to unrestricted or restricted areas, as you choose. This recently revised giving structure allows you to support “as needed” accounts, scholarships, specific departments and studies, or athletics programs of interest. Matching gifts from companies are acceptable and may be counted in the $1,000 commitment.

Here are some benefits you’ll appreciate:

- Automatically qualifies you for our major gift giving category. The Chancellor’s Society, allowing you to receive invitations to special events hosted by the chancellor (such as receptions for guest speakers)
- Opportunities for you to interact with IPFW deans, faculty, and staff, and encourages camaraderie with many like-minded supporters of the university
- Invitation to APPLAUSE, an annual, complimentary appreciation dinner held each fall
- Special recognition in the “Honor Roll of Donors,” IPFW’s annual giving report publication

Pacesetter Steering Committee—Loyal Alumni, Staying Engaged

A select committee of Pacesetter donors will be asked to participate in a steering committee each year. Long-time active alumni who have supported the Pacesetter program over the years continue to stay engaged with IPFW in many ways. Several of these alumni, Jeff A. Taner, ’82; Ralph D. Crowe, ’68, ’70; Suzon Motz, ’91; Dave Reynolds ’92 and Laura Reynolds ’95, ’96, ’99; and Kimberly Wagner ’01, ’05, have all helped lay the groundwork for Pacesetters in the exciting year ahead. Their loyalty is truly appreciated by all of us at the university!

Interested in finding out more? Contact Jay Thayer, assistant director of development, at 260-481-6963 or thayerj@ipfw.edu.

Mark your calendar for April 26, 2013

Celebrate the fabric of women in a day of inspiration, renewal, and education for women in all stages of life while raising funds for women’s scholarships at IPFW.

April 26, 2013 • 7:30 a.m.—4 p.m.
Allen County War Memorial Coliseum • 4000 Parnell Avenue • Fort Wayne, IN
ipfw.edu/tapestry • tapestry@ipfw.edu • 260-481-6854
Event registration begins February 22, 2013
Collecting Clothing Along the Way—Nearly Naked Mile Hits the Sidewalk Running

In late September, over 100 students, faculty, staff, and alumni participated in the third annual Nearly Naked Mile, when more than 350 articles of clothing were collected for the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission! A special thanks to our media sponsor, HOT 107.9 FM, and IPFW Athletics and Student Activities Board for their support of this fun event. Be sure to join us next year and show us you care enough to run in the buff!

Join fellow IPFW alumni and students in one big day of service.

IPFW brings The BIG Event again to Indiana on Saturday, March 23.

Similar to United Way’s Day of Caring, The BIG Event connects IPFW alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends with the Fort Wayne community.

We need your help to reach our goal of 1,000 participants!

Register online as a group or individual at ipfw.edu/thebigevent or by calling 260-481-6609

Even if you can’t participate in person, let us know! There are tons of other opportunities for you to help.

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The curriculum, guided by regional business people from various industries, covers skills pertinent to today’s business leader:

• Managing innovation and change
• Shaping change and managing organizational culture
• Conquering challenges in a dynamic market
• Understanding the financial impact of decision making
• Marketing internally and externally and managing social media
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Who Should Attend
Experienced managers who:

• Demand updates on current business trends, theories, and practices
• Need to advance organizational performance through leadership in a variety of functional areas
• Drive major projects and initiatives within their organizations
• Want to strategically advance functional understanding in their companies
• Need to refresh leadership effectiveness in the dynamic global environment

13SCRT101
March 20, 21, and 22; Wednesday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Opening Reception March 20, 4:30–6 p.m.
Location: IPFW West Campus at the Keith E. Busse Steel Dynamics IPFW Alumni Center on the IPFW West Campus
$1,250 (Discounts available for IPFW Training Partners, Alumni Association members, and multiple registrations.)

2013 Keynote Speaker
Keith Busse, Co-founder of Steel Dynamics, Inc.

What last year’s participants say:
“It gave me a lot of great techniques to try out and tools to help solve and resolve issues... The 3-day course overall was a great use of my time.”
—Andrew Trowbridge, BAE Systems

“Wow! What a thought-provoking three days! Three full days of talented and insightful speakers and insights into leadership that I have really never thought about before.”
—Linda Smith, Wayne Metals, LLC.

For more information:
ipfw.edu/applied-leadership or 260-481-6619

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IPFW is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access University
Order your triangle now—just $50!

The alumni center donor wall concept was originally created by alumna Lea Ann Powers, A.S. ’76, B.F.A. ’00, creative director in IPFW’s University Relations and Communications, and the piece itself was produced by Diskey Architectural Signage, owned by alumnus Michael Butler, B.S. ’79.

Place your order online at ipfw.edu/offices/alumni/awards-fund/donor-wall.html

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| ❑ One Triangle ($50) Please print information as it should read on the triangle: | Card Holder’s Name_________________________________________________ |
| Name___________________________________________________________ | Card Holder’s Address________________________________________________ |
| IPFW Degree (B.A.) and graduation year (’89) | Signature________________________ Date______________________________ |
Vance Havner, often-quoted pastor and writer, said, “The vision must be followed by the venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps—we must step up the stairs.”

Last year, the IPFW Alumni Association Board of Directors wrote a new vision statement that reads, “We support our alumni and university by building pride in being a Mastodon, creating a visible presence, and connecting our widespread alumni.” And with that vision in mind, the alumni board and staff members are working hard to venture up the stairs that lie before us to ensure we are supporting our alumni in those ways.

For the 12th year in a row, we will give back to the community by collecting Easter baskets for clients of SCAN (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect) throughout the month of March, as well as participate in The Big Event, a day of service focusing on nonprofits in Fort Wayne. In the middle of March, a group of alumni and friends will travel to southern California to support Coach Arnie Ball and our men’s volleyball team as they compete in a tournament at the University of California at Long Beach. We will also host a brunch for our alumni living in SoCal, so if you’re out there, please join us! The next month, on April 26, the Memorial Coliseum will be packed with women spending their day among friends and hearing all about how to be the most confident woman possible by the Tapestry: A Day for You keynote speaker, Academy and Golden Globe award-winning actress Sissy Spacek. We will also venture out as a group to cheer on the TinCaps in May and host a reception for the IU Board of Trustees in June. Be sure to keep your eyes open for more information on those events as time passes!

With everything that’s happening, I hope you will be able to attend one, some, or all of the events! I encourage you to “like” the Alumni Association’s Facebook page at facebook.com/ipfwalumni to make sure you always have the most up-to-date information. Additionally, the easiest way for you to ensure you are kept in the loop is to become a dues-paying member of the Alumni Association. You can sign up online at ipfw.edu/offices/alumni/association or call us at 260-481-6807 for more information.

Thank you for all the support you have provided in the past, and we look forward to continuing to meet your needs!

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