GIVING TO IPFW IS MEANINGFUL

Directing your philanthropic dollars to the university impacts real students with real dreams.

Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) is the educational home to nearly 10,000 degree-seeking students. More than half of these students are the first members in their family to attend college. Your generosity is reflected in the faces of these students every day as they strive to fulfill their dreams of an education and a prosperous life. Your generosity pays off in the classrooms as faculty engage with students for the sake of knowledge and learning. Your generosity also pays off throughout the region as graduates participate and contribute to the success and quality of life in our community and beyond.

Your philanthropy leaves a mark.

These pages tell the story of the passion behind your giving and celebrate the impact of these gifts.

THANK YOU.
Chancellor Carwein hosts students at her home. From left: Austin Gagnon, Brianna Whitehead, Alexander Sanderson, and Breanna Colvin.
Welcome!
Thank you for being part of our Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) community. Whether you joined us through your education, your work, your generosity, or some combination of the three, you are welcome here. We are proud that you have chosen to become part of the Don family.

The act of giving is a universal human trait. It weaves us together as a people. It is part of who we are. Through giving, we express our values, support our beliefs, honor our relationships, and create a legacy for the future.

Here at IPFW, your gifts open doors, create opportunities, and support student success. More than half of our students are first-generation college students—the first in their families to pursue a college degree. In addition to the challenges of a full class load, many of these students work one or more jobs to pay for their education. The generous gifts from our community, alumni, and other supporters make it possible for these students to stay in school and continue pursuing their dreams. These students will earn degrees because of the generosity of supporters who funded their scholarships and offered them the opportunity to succeed.

In the stories on these pages, some of our supporters share their thoughts about why they give to IPFW. These people come from all walks of life, with many different connections to our campus and motivations for supporting our students. I am sure these stories will remind you of your own gifts.

Giving creates an opportunity to express gratitude to the giver. All of us—students, faculty, and staff—are tremendously grateful to each and every person who gives to IPFW.

Thank you for helping our students succeed!

Vicky L. Carwein
Chancellor
Committing to the Future of the University
Art Friedel, Professor Emeritus, Chemistry
When asked to explain a philanthropic commitment to IPFW that seems to run much deeper than a simple professional connection, Art Friedel says, “When I came to IPFW to teach in 1967, I married the university; and as a Roman Catholic, I do not believe in divorce.”

Art began giving early in his career to support students who wanted to study chemistry. He was the first member of his family to even get an undergraduate degree. His mother was so proud of his academic achievements that she would often introduce him by saying, “This is my son, Dr. Friedel. He isn't the kind of doctor who can write a prescription though.”

When his parents moved from Pittsburgh to Fort Wayne in 1982, Art looked to IPFW to help him entertain them and provide them with opportunities to make new friends. He took them to special events and many activities on campus. It wasn’t very long, however, until he found his most significant connection to IPFW. “The Gates Center became our place,” he explains. His mother absolutely loved men’s volleyball, and she quickly became a team favorite, always receiving a big hug from Arnie Ball and a lot of attention from the team when she came to games.

Art’s giving to the IPFW men’s volleyball program is done in his mother’s memory. Though his giving to support his area of study began early in his career, his most significant connection was the result of the role the university took in supporting his family and providing them an environment to experience joy and friendship.
The Jesses’ relationship with IPFW began when Donna attended the university for post-graduate work after receiving a nursing degree at Indiana University. Higher education has always been a major element in their philanthropic giving. Bob explains, “Having come from humble beginnings ourselves, we understand how significant financial assistance would have been for us when we were pursuing degrees. When we found ourselves in the position to give, we wanted very much to focus our gifts on scholarships for students who could not afford to go to college.”

The two endowments they created at IPFW are very close to Donna’s heart. The first, in nursing, reflects the passion she has for her profession. The other, in fine arts, was determined because, as Bob proudly explains, “Donna is a very good painter, herself.”

The commitment to IPFW and its students is really about much more than Donna’s passion for nursing and art. The Jesses feel very strongly about their responsibility to help those who are less fortunate. “The truth is that giving makes us happy,” says Bob. He argues that instead of the old adage to give until it hurts, he and Donna believe in giving until it feels good. Their partnership with the university and the impact their giving has on individual students brings them a tremendous amount of joy.

Bob and Donna Jesse direct their gifts toward areas of study that are close to their hearts, but the real joy they experience through their philanthropy is the human impact they have on students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to achieve their dreams of a university degree.

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LEADERSHIP GIVING

Creating a foundation from which to build something significant through giving has always been the goal for Paul and Dorothy Shaffer. Paul’s partnership with the university began almost at its inception. Through the years he not only coordinated corporate partnerships, but later as chairman and CEO of Fort Wayne National Bank, he encouraged other community leaders to take a significant role in the development of the university and the campus. Dorothy explains, “Paul was very passionate in the early days of IPFW that it was the responsibility of Fort Wayne’s business leaders to ensure that it was the best university that it could be.”

Over the years the couple continued to prioritize education and IPFW in their philanthropic efforts. Through gifts focused on scholarships, the library, and athletics, the impact of their support has been remarkable. Even though their intent through these gifts was to invest in talent and learning to support the growth and future of the community, the Shaffers have long enjoyed updates from the students who were awarded scholarships that they funded. They take pride in knowing that they had an impact on each student and that they played a part in helping them find success.

Philanthropic giving by Paul and Dorothy Shaffer as an investment in student opportunity and achievement has directly impacted the community of Fort Wayne, northeast Indiana, and beyond. Through a partnership that has existed since the university’s earliest days, the Shaffers have led the effort to make IPFW what it is today.

It was the responsibility of Fort Wayne’s business leaders to ensure that it (IPFW) was the best university that it could be.
Created in 1972 in honor of Dr. Calvin English by his family, the English Bonter Mitchell (EBM) Foundation has supported IPFW for many years. The foundation has identified a variety of areas and initiatives at IPFW that it supports including athletics, student services, and the Omnibus Lecture Series.

“The foundation is proud to support many wonderful organizations in the community,” explains Mike Eikenberry, chairman of the EBM Distribution Committee and dean of IPFW’s Doermer School of Business. “Last year we were able to distribute more than five million dollars to organizations in the Fort Wayne community that fall within the seven categories: arts/culture, economic development, education/higher education, health, parks/conservation, social service, and youth development/character building. Over the years we have provided funding to IPFW for a variety of programs. We currently enjoy a partnership with the university to provide the popular Omnibus Lecture Series that brings internationally recognized speakers to the community at no charge to the public.”

Through programs that exhibit a commitment to the community, The English Bonter Mitchell Foundation has partnered with IPFW to help the university meet its mission to drive the intellectual, social, economic, and cultural advancement of our students and our region.

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Travel writer Rick Steves takes the stage during the 2010–11 Omnibus Lecture Series.
A Strong Connection to IPFW
Serdar Sikca, 2006 Graduate

When Serdar Sikca left his home in Istanbul, Turkey in 2002 to play volleyball for IPFW, the university took on a role much bigger than he ever expected. IPFW became his home, and the players and coaches became his family. By the time he received a finance degree in 2006, he had started for the IPFW men’s volleyball team all four years and served his senior year as team captain. Serdar was a three-time selection to the All-MIVA First Team, and ranks #1 all-time in total blocks in IPFW men’s volleyball history.

In the years since his graduation, Serdar received an MBA from Vanderbilt University and embarked on a career as an executive compensation consultant and is now based in Los Angeles. Despite the distance and focus on building a successful career, Serdar’s connection to IPFW remains stronger than ever.

When he learned about the Arnie Ball Campaign, he immediately got on board by making a gift to the university.

Through the relationships he developed with his teammates and coaches, Serdar remains connected to IPFW on a personal level. He supports the team by attending games in Southern California whenever possible and making himself available to mentor and encourage the players. This commitment to the current team stems from the tremendous, invaluable alumni support he received as a player.

Through his participation in a large, focused campaign, Serdar’s gift is making a difference to the university as a whole and the future of men’s volleyball at IPFW.

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Attracting the Highest Performing Students
Betsy and Howard Chapman

Betsy and Howard Chapman, founders of the Chapman Scholars Program, pose with their son, Stephen.
Howard and Betsy Chapman are passionate about learning, so it was no surprise that they partnered with the university on a program designed to attract the highest performing students to IPFW. The Chapman Scholars Program awards four full scholarships each year to students who exhibit not only high academic achievement, but also a commitment to their community through volunteerism and leadership. This program is one of the premier merit-based scholarship programs in the state.

Last year, the Chapmans expanded their involvement in the Honors program to partner in the creation of the Honors Center. The center not only provides classroom space for students in the Chapman Scholars Program and the IPFW Honors Program, but is also a space for collaborative learning. The center opened this semester and more than 300 students at IPFW will be able to enjoy the state-of-the-art facility. The Chapmans had a unique vision for the Honors Center, which is built within the Helmke Library. Howard Chapman explains, “We didn’t want the Honors Center to feel exclusive. By housing it within the Helmke Library and within view of the entire student body at IPFW, we wanted to inspire all the students to be high achievers.”

As the result of capital investments focused on high academic achievement, the Chapmans are leaders in the effort to not only attract the region’s highest performing students but inspire all IPFW students to strive for excellence.

_We wanted to inspire all students to be high achievers._
Charting a Path to Higher Education for High School Students
Lincoln Financial Foundation

Established in 1962, Lincoln Financial Foundation supports many nonprofit organizations and initiatives in Fort Wayne. The foundation has long supported the university through the funding of a wide variety of programs and campaigns, but the current partnership focuses on the IPFW Collegiate Connection, which is the dual credit program for high school students.

Programming that encourages high school students to attend college is a current funding priority for the foundation. Foundation Program Manager Deb Washler explains, “Lincoln Financial Foundation was established because the company’s leadership felt that a successful business had a responsibility to empower the community through philanthropic engagement. Lincoln Financial and its employees are proud that the success of the company has also benefited Fort Wayne. We are committed to seeing that every child graduates from high school, and we enjoy working together with IPFW to provide students with the level of education that will prepare them for success in their adult lives.”

As a significant corporate donor in Fort Wayne, Lincoln Financial Foundation has a long partnership with IPFW, reinforcing the importance of the university to the community. Focused on the connection between high school students and the university, Lincoln Financial Foundation has taken the lead in IPFW’s commitment to fostering a desire for higher education at a young age.

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When Senator Tom Wyss attended IPFW in the 1970s there wasn’t much of a campus experience. Not only was Kettler Hall the sole permanent building on campus, but—like many students during that time—he was already married with children when he began earning a degree. When he found himself in a position to become involved with the university professionally as well as through his personal giving, he wanted very much to help create a campus environment that would support not only student academic programs at IPFW but also encourage the development of a special campus community for students.

The ability to give back to the university and see it become a world-class institution is one of his proudest personal and professional achievements. By participating in the growth of the university both as a donor and legislator, his pride as an alumnus has increased exponentially over the years. Through endowments in political science and public policy, his gifts provide students the opportunity to learn from top educators and enjoy a campus experience that he could never have imagined as a student during the 1970s.

By placing value on students’ relationship to community and the campus, Tom’s gifts to IPFW celebrate the blending of academics and experience in the university environment.

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STUDENT GIVING

Working Together to Make a Difference

IPFW Student-Athlete Leadership Team

Officers of the Student-Athlete Leadership Team (SALT), from top left to bottom right: Vice President Kyle Flattery, baseball; Co-Treasurer/Secretary Hailie Ripley, women’s volleyball; President Jordan Armstrong, men’s volleyball; Community Relations Chief Krysta Hedrick, women’s soccer; Co-Treasurer/Secretary Darnell Parris, men’s soccer.
When Mastodon cross country teammate Chris Brown was diagnosed with terminal cancer, the Student-Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) decided to honor him by endowing a scholarship in his name. This decision was met with skepticism on campus as many wondered how a group of students could raise the $25,000 needed to create an endowment. When their first 5K race generated over $18,000, they knew their goal was quickly going to become a reality.

What began in 2008 as a run organized by a group of passionate student leaders has grown into a successful annual event that continues to honor the memory of Chris Brown and provide scholarships for a growing number of IPFW student-athletes. This spirit of giving is very important to Christine Kuznar, associate athletic director and advisor to SALT. One of her missions is to foster philanthropy among student-athletes, and students are asked to donate each year to a charity fund administered through the IPFW student organization. She is proud that 96 percent of student-athletes participate each year with every sport represented.

Inspired by the tragic loss of a cross country athlete, SALT organized an effort that created a significant gift to the university that will provide life-changing scholarships in athletics for years to come.

SALT is committed to meaningful philanthropy.
Mark and Connie Bulmahn, from Decatur, Indiana, are not IPFW alumni or Fort Wayne locals, but they formed a connection to the university as fans of IPFW basketball. After several years spent enjoying the on-the-court excitement and getting to know other fans and the coaching staff, Mark and Connie decided to create a scholarship to support future student-athletes in both the men’s and women’s programs.

Mark is a business owner, and the couple’s gift is specifically designated for male and female players who are studying in the Doermer School of Business. Mark explains, “As a business owner I recognize that many of the talents required to play college basketball are also needed to be successful in business. My wife and I feel that if we can help a student-athlete achieve a degree in business this will create a good foundation for their success when they enter the professional environment.”

Mark and Connie also understand that the best way to enjoy IPFW basketball is to help attract talented players. Their gift contributes to the overall scholarship program that provides the coaching staff with resources to assist in team recruitment.

Through the rewarding experience of the basketball games and relationships formed with the team and other loyal Mastodon fans, the Bulmahns connected with the university as a whole. Their love for IPFW basketball encouraged them to give to the university in order to support student-athletes as they reach for their academic dreams and prepare for careers.

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Glenn Rossman first began supporting the university because his late wife, Elsie, was an alumna. However, it wasn’t long before they realized the tremendous asset the university is to the Fort Wayne community and they increased their support. They believed that the quality of education being delivered at IPFW was outstanding, and the focus on education over research ensured that students had the opportunity to connect with their professors in a more meaningful way than they would at a larger university.

Giving to athletics as a means to support education at IPFW is a strategy Glenn feels makes perfect sense. Through the years attending games, he got to know the coaching staff well and—despite not having attended IPFW—he developed a strong pride in the university. He discovered that athletics is the best link between the community and alumni and the university brand.

He and Elsie determined that supporting the athletics programs at IPFW was the best way to help ensure community pride in the university would expand and that this connection to the brand would increase support for all aspects of the university.

Lynne Rossman, who is now Glenn’s wife, agrees that supporting visible programs such as athletics is a great way to strengthen connections between alumni/supporters and university. The stronger the connection, the more likely overall support for the university will be.

Glenn and Lynne Rossman continue to grow their athletics endowment in honor of Elsie Rossman. The endowment will continue to support student-athletes at IPFW for years to come, which will benefit the university as a whole.

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Partnering with like-minded donors creates giving opportunities that are significant and meaningful.

Sushil Usman began his career at IPFW in 1967. After three years as an instructor, he left the university to pursue a Ph.D. at Case Western Reserve University, but returned as a professor of sociology immediately after receiving the degree. Even though he retired in 2005, he still continues to teach courses each term.

Through both his career and his own personal experience as an international student, Sushil has nurtured a passion for cultural exchange. He has also taught as a visiting professor in Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Canada, and Dubai as well as part of the Semester at Sea program. He received the Phillip Kennell Award from the International Student Organization (ISO) in appreciation of his work on this topic.

He had the idea to approach other international professionals in Fort Wayne to partner to create an endowment for an international student to attend IPFW. The Donor Circle concept evolved organically as he considered how his friends and colleagues in the Indian community of Fort Wayne would enjoy being part of this effort. “I had no idea I was so fashionable,” he said after learning that his project was one of the latest trends in philanthropy. Those who participated in this gift to the international program understand not only the financial challenges that students from overseas face when pursuing an education in the United States, but they also believe strongly in the value local students receive when they collaborate with students from other cultures.

Through pooling gifts focused on a specific goal, Professor Usman coordinated a significant gift to the university—one that enables international students to study at IPFW.
Pooling Funds to Make a Significant Gift

Sushil Usman, Professor Emeritus, Sociology
The Impact of Your Philanthropy

Those who give to the university are every bit as diverse as the opportunities they create. Donations both large and small redefine what is possible for our students and enable investments in the IPFW mission.

We are humbled not only by the number of IPFW supporters, but by the countless reasons they choose to give.

OUR SUPPORTERS AT A GLANCE

DIAMOND BENEFACTORS
(gifts of $100,000 and more)
35 GIFTS

BENEFACTORS
(gifts totaling $25,000 and more)
181 GIFTS

CHANCELLOR’S SOCIETY MEMBERS
gifts totaling $1,000 in the past fiscal year
143 GIFTS

WHERE DID GIFTS COME FROM?

Foundations 52%

Friends 27%

Corporations 13%

Organizations 5%

Alumni 3%

EVERY GIFT COUNTS

DONATIONS OF $1–$100
2,498 individual gifts in the past fiscal year totaling $98,310
EVERY GIFT COUNTS! THANK YOU.

The Impact You Create

ENDOWMENTS

THE VALUE OF ENDOWMENTS IN THE FOUNDATION

TOTALING $57,149,311

SCHOLARSHIP

922 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

TOTALING $1,783,496

FUNDRAISING

RAISED BY OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT

LAST FISCAL YEAR
$5,174,000

WHAT DID YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT?

Students 50%  Programs 39%
Athletics 5%  Faculty 3%
Unrestricted 2%  Capital Investments 1%
Encouraging your heart.
Leave your mark.

From St. Joseph’s peaceful waters, to the arbored fields beyond.

Alma mater’s sons and daughters hold memories so fond.

Like a river’s flow enduring and our future’s hope assuring,

so Indiana and Purdue combine a vision true.

Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne, oh blue and white, our hearts unite
to hold in sight, a future bold and bright.

Alma mater our guide you remain.

Oh white and blue, for strength anew,

and hopes come true,

we thank and honor you.
Your Support Inspires Us, Propels Us Forward

Dear Alumni, Donors, and Friends:

As we celebrate 50 years of Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW), we stand in awe of the incredible gifts we have received in the last year. Our gifts, totaling $5.174 million, are a 20 percent increase from the year before. IPFW alumni and friends are known for their commitment to academics, athletics, and quality of life for our students. This commitment has never been as evident as in the past year. As IPFW sets its strategy for the next 50 years, we anticipate tremendous growth and an expanding global reputation of excellence within the higher education community. This growth stems directly from the ability to resource our students, faculty, and staff with the knowledge and tools necessary to push forward in the pursuit of excellence.

We have much to celebrate at IPFW as students return for another school year to experience the highest quality of education from world-class faculty, receive a tremendous value for their education dollars, and enjoy a campus life that is robust, inclusive, and promises career opportunities that our degree programs provide.

We celebrate with you—our alumni, donors, and friends—because it is through your generosity and partnership that all of this is possible. Your support is a constant source of inspiration that propels us forward as we anticipate the great successes of the next half-century.

Having just completed my seventh month at IPFW, I truly understand the meaning behind Hoosier Hospitality. As a first-generation college graduate, I am committed to the life-changing impact that philanthropy can have on our students. Gifts to our institution come in a variety of sizes from small cash donations, gifts in the tens of thousands of dollars, planned gifts, gifts of property, and gifts-in-kind. Each of us in the Office of Advancement is very grateful that you have chosen to place your trust and gifts in our students and institution. Each of us has the opportunity to change lives. Thank you for choosing IPFW.

With sincerest appreciation,

Wendy Kobler
Vice Chancellor for Advancement

P.S. There are so many exciting changes at IPFW—we would love to see you here! Please let us know the next time you are on campus or just come by our office for a visit.