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These are exciting times at Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne! The last 50 years have brought great changes to this institution, and I’m certain the next 50 will offer even more opportunities for evolving our campus and community.

As an IPFW alumnus, your years here were enriched by the connections and life-changing experiences you encountered. Your journey is as unique as a fingerprint. More than 57,000 IPFW alumni have followed their own distinctive paths, contributing to the transformation of northeast Indiana and beyond.

And if your connection to us is not as an alumnus but rather through your family, generosity, or work, we’re grateful for your support, thankful for your engagement with us and our students, and glad to count you as part of our campus community.

The region is changing, and so is the university. Our new status as a Multisystem Metropolitan University launches us into a future of growth, new programs, and unparalleled student success.

We look forward to building this future with you. May you be inspired by these stories of the road ahead.

Sincerely,

Vicky L. Carwein, Ph.D.
Chancellor
Welcome to the inaugural issue of The IPFW Magazine. This issue is entitled Stories of the Road Ahead and chronicles how and why our university continues to move forward, gain momentum, and seek new opportunities.

This publication will be sent annually to IPFW Alumni Association members, donors, and community partners. It was produced as a collaboration by IPFW Advancement, including the Alumni Association and Marketing Communications. Your feedback is welcome at advancement@ipfw.edu.

To learn more about us, visit IPFW.edu.
Dear Alumni, Donors, and Friends,

Welcome to the first edition of The IPFW Magazine. Our goal is to merge two great publications—the IPFW Alumni Magazine and the IMPACT Report—into one fantastic book that we all can enjoy. I am excited that nearly 60,000 of you will receive a copy!

Many Reasons to be IPFW Proud
Across northeast Indiana and especially here on campus we are “IPFW Proud.” Our students, alumni, faculty, and staff give us so many reasons to be proud. Here are some of our accomplishments:

- Our Symphonic Wind Ensemble was selected to perform at Carnegie Hall this past March and did an outstanding job under the direction of Professor Dan Tembras
- We are the **only institution in the country** in which half of our students earn Indiana University degrees and half earn Purdue University degrees—both available on our campus
- Our athletics department, under the leadership of Kelley Hartley-Hutton, marked the second time in school history for Mastodons to earn the prestigious Summit League Sportmanship Award
- IPFW is listed in **U.S. News and World Report** as a Top 100 Engineering School among institutions that offer undergraduate and master’s degrees
- Nearly 30,000 of our graduates live and work in northeast Indiana, doing outstanding work in diverse fields and making tremendous impact
- About one-third of the teachers in the Fort Wayne Community Schools are IPFW graduates
- Recent selection of our third student as a Fulbright Scholar
- Exciting new programs developed in the past year include the region’s first and only Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), a doctorate in leadership (in final planning stages), a bachelor’s degree in actuarial science, and a minor in jazz
- In May 2015, IPFW was awarded the Multisystem Metropolitan University designation
- This May we will celebrate with 1,784 students as they graduate. Thousands of hours of community service, leadership, and academic distinction are reflected in this Class of 2016.

Another Year of Growth and Support
Friends, in my time here as vice chancellor for advancement, I have been significantly impressed with this community of caring and generous friends and alumni of IPFW. We continue to see growth and support of the wonderful programs available here, as shown in our yearly giving update inside this magazine.

We will continue to work diligently to develop new and exciting opportunities that will yield unique and competitive careers for our graduates. Know that we are committed to student success through partnership and alignment with Fort Wayne, our community at large, and the entire northeast Indiana region.

I hope you will connect with the resounding theme of this special first edition—*Stories of the Road Ahead*—and will draw inspiration from the journeys of our students, alumni, faculty, and donors. We can all celebrate a university that is committed to STUDENT SUCCESS and to providing outstanding educational opportunities at one of the most affordable institutions in Indiana.

So, again, thank you for supporting IPFW and I hope you will join me in celebrating another great year!

Sincerely,

Angie Fincannon, Ed.D.
Vice Chancellor for Advancement
As Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne continues its journey into the next 50 years, opportunities for our university, its alumni, and its community continue to grow. From groundbreaking trips to Cuba with our Doermer School of Business (DSB) travel program to the Symphonic Wind Ensemble’s debut performance at Carnegie Hall and ever-flourishing alumni businesses, IPFW continues to shape northeast Indiana and beyond.

This past year the IPFW Alumni Association (IPFWAA) had the great privilege of connecting alumni not only with IPFW traditions like the Mastodon Roast and Homecoming, but also through new opportunities such as the pre-concert reception in New York City and DSB Connections events. IPFWAA saw record-breaking attendance at the Mastodon Roast, a sold out TinCaps Night, record sales for the IPFW specialty license plate, and greater IPFW spirit than ever before!

As alumni and friends, it’s important to stay connected not only to our past but to our future. Come visit the campus, attend an event, and let us hear from you as together we shape the path for the next 50 years.

CONSIDER THESE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Get TWO memberships for ONE. Enjoy all the great benefits of IPFWAA and either IU or Purdue Alumni Associations. You’ll get:

- Discounts on everything from Athletics Center membership and Continuing Studies to alumni spirit wear
- Special gifts and discounts to events like Homecoming, Mastodon Roast, and Alumni Night at the TinCaps
- To stay informed with IPFWAA magazine and newsletter
- To advance your career with IPFW JobZone

For more information or to join, visit ipfw.edu/alumni
On June 11, 2015, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education issued a statement that recognized the unique relationship between IPFW and the Fort Wayne metropolitan region: IPFW, the commission wrote, is charged with carrying “out all of higher education’s traditional values in teaching, research, and professional service, as well as providing leadership to a metropolitan region by using its resources to improve the region’s quality of life. It does so in alignment with the commission’s Reaching Higher strategies advancing student access, affordability, and quality education while increasing college completion rates and productivity. As such, it is now being designated a Multisystem Metropolitan University.”

For the first 50 years of its existence IPFW was designated a regional campus. This change to a metropolitan designation, therefore, is both a milestone in the history of the university and a confirmation of the significance of the unique and powerful relationship between IPFW and the northeast Indiana region.

What the future holds for IPFW is best measured by the quality of the partnerships that develop between the university and the Fort Wayne metropolitan region, rather than against the achievements of regional campuses. We have the opportunity to take our place alongside some of the other nationally branded and recognized metropolitan universities such as the University of Louisville, the University of Denver, the University of Cincinnati, and the University of Houston, as well as UCLA, UNLV, and UMass Boston.

Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne is a key resource—now and in the future—for the ongoing growth and stability of the region, its institutions, its enterprises, and its people.
DONTREPRENEURS: OUR GRADUATES ARE IN BUSINESS

THE UNIVERSITY ISN’T ONLY PRODUCING GRADUATES, THEY ARE COMMUNITY BUSINESS LEADERS
To say that alumnus Jamal Robinson has an entrepreneurial spirit is an understatement. After all, he didn’t just start a business—he started three. Not surprisingly, it runs in the family.

“I grew up in an entrepreneurial home. My mother and father are both entrepreneurial thinkers in their own respect,” Robinson said. “I believe entrepreneurship is a mindset more than anything. We’re all entrepreneurs—some just embrace it differently than others.”

As founder of The Robinson Standard Group International, Robinson has delved into three very distinct industries:

DESIAR Eyewear designs sunglasses and optical eyewear that are handmade in Indiana. The company markets its stylish eyewear lines to fashion enthusiasts of all ages.

Elegant Touch Landscape provides lawn and landscape design services to customers throughout northeast Indiana.

And Electric Promotions is a multi-genre music event promotion company that creates experiences for the whole family. It got its start with Electric Fall, an electronic dance music event that drew about 1,000 music lovers to Fort Wayne.

When he contemplates the future, Robinson has big plans to grow sales across the business. But that’s not all. It’s also important that he creates a good work environment for his team and business partners. That could be why he says every day is the best day on the job. And he wants others to know what that feels like.

“Dream, believe, do, repeat. If you have a dream, you must believe in it. Once you believe it, take action to do it. And once you’ve done it—with success or failure—repeat it,” Robinson said. “Always better your best.”
It didn’t take long for alumnus Cameron Braun to learn that working in a corporate setting was just not for him. A risk-taker by nature, he liked to take ownership of his ideas, something that’s not always possible in a corporate environment. That’s why he made the decision to leave his job as a buyer in New York to branch out on his own.

That risk-taking mentality played a role in Braun co-founding specialty coffee company Abstract Coffee with fellow alumnus Diego Arteaga.

“I created the first private label and custom K-Cup program that is targeted at not only food and beverage establishments, but also to companies and organizations looking for ways to utilize single serve coffee as a creative marketing and promotional tool,” Braun said.

The company has since landed national clients like Make-A-Wish Foundation and Macy’s Inc., with more to come.

“Our goal when creating the private-label K-Cup program was to land a deal with a national retailer. The deal would entail creating a multi-sku custom K-Cup line for this retailer to sell as their own brand across the country,” Braun said.

That deal recently closed with specialty retailer A.C. Moore Arts & Crafts, Inc. Its private-label K-Cups can now be found in more than 150 stores across the country.

“To see [this deal] finally close was an unbelievably satisfying experience,” Braun said. “As an entrepreneur, I’m able to focus on projects that I’m passionate about, and there is nothing more rewarding then seeing those projects come to life and succeed. The future is always uncertain, and that uncertainty is what makes being an entrepreneur the most exciting profession on the planet.”
There is a special place off Indiana Highway 67, tucked within the 2,500-acre natural environment of Bradford Woods. It’s where a young woman named Veronika went horseback riding for the first time since experiencing a life-altering spinal cord injury. And where a boy named Hunter realized he could go to prom after learning to dance despite the perceived limitations of a wheelchair.

“It is moments like these that remind me why I am doing this,” said alumna Lauren Harmison. She is the founder and CEO of Camp PossAbility, an adapted summer camp for young adults ages 18 to 35 who have physical disabilities that require the use of adapted equipment. It also serves young adults ages 16–17 with recent spinal cord injuries who better fit into an adult camp than an adapted camp for children.

While similar camps exist, Camp PossAbility is unique in that all campers have a typical high school diploma or equivalent, which meets the social needs of disabled campers with high cognitive function. The camp was formed in Indiana in February 2013 and gained its 501(c)3 status in April 2014. Last August Camp PossAbility welcomed campers for the first time.

“We are very much a niche camp, but we have already had campers come from as far as North Carolina and Tennessee. We expect to have an even broader reach this upcoming camp season,” Harmison said. “One camper told me that he had waited 15 years for a camp like ours to be created, and was so excited when he found that one actually exists.”
When the phone rings at custom candy shop Sweets So Geek in Fort Wayne, there is no guarantee that the superhero cake being ordered is for a child’s birthday party. It’s just as likely that it’s for an adult—because these days, it’s cool to be a geek.

That’s good news for alumnus Chad Seewald, who owns and operates the business that’s located just a stone’s throw from his alma mater. Since launching Sweets So Geek as an online food retailer in 2010, it has outgrown the commercial kitchen where it all began and expanded to a brick-and-mortar storefront off Anthony Boulevard. In addition to the shop’s custom candies, cakes, ice cream, and cookies, the website regularly sells clever confections such as the Batman Bacon Bite, the Han Rolo, or the Hello Nom!!—a Hello Kitty-inspired chocolate treat.

“I’ve been able to transition to running Sweets So Geek full time, and though the hours are longer—sometimes exceeding 90 hours a week—I’m happy,” Seewald said.

And things just keep getting better. In January, more than 900 people visited Sweets So Geek on “Harry Potter Day,” many waiting in line for three hours to step inside from the bitter cold. It was just one of many events that Sweets So Geek hosts for the community.

“...Watching friends and neighbors come together to really enjoy something we made happen. All of these [events] have one thing in common: a sense of pride in our accomplishments and the impact our business has made in our community,” Seewald said. “We believe in giving back to our customers and making our neighborhood a better place.”

“...At IPFW I was encouraged by many professors to pursue areas of research, to delve deeper into my curiosities, and be the best I could be. They spent their own time working with me to make my education all that it could be. This taught me that it’s imperative to reward and mirror enthusiasm. And to never be afraid to ask. To seek more. To try and be more.”
FIRST BRUSHSTROKES AND FOND MEMORIES
A NEW YORK ARTIST REFLECTS ON HIS EARLY IPFW STUDIO DAYS
From Jason Stopa’s vantage point, “kids are savvier now about the world around them than I was.” An admittedly sheltered teen whose parents needed a little convincing that art was a viable career choice, Stopa opted to attend college close to home and pursue a degree with a technical leaning. He wasn’t ready to rock the boat and break with family tradition. Just yet.

Like so many students whose vision isn’t in fine focus at 18, it took getting an associate degree in commercial art and taking a summer to gain clarity before Stopa decided to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts at IPFW. For this soft-spoken East Coast transplant, art had always been a place of refuge for freedom of expression, but it was about to become a lot more than just a safe haven.

Still, as he describes, “I was not really concerned about the practicality of art as a career choice, but rather an emotional choice and a platform for expression.”

Whatever his early inclinations, Stopa’s career trajectory has been anything but unsustainable. While receiving his graduate degree in painting from Pratt Institute in 2012, he accepted an editorship at *NY Arts Magazine* and began exhibiting in smaller galleries and writing (yes, he’s a creative multi-talent) for art world publications such as *The Brooklyn Rail* and *Hyperallergic*. Within two years of receiving a graduate degree, he was showing in more established New York galleries and getting signed to do solo shows.

**NUPTURING, KNOWLEDGEABLE FACULTY SET WHEELS IN MOTION**

The fact that Stopa has successfully carved out a niche for himself in the New York art world has been a bit of an organic process, but he credits the supervised self-discovery and the nurturing and knowledgeable faculty at IPFW for setting the wheels in motion to further his studies.

Stopa recalls a time when feminist artist and art educator Judy Chicago was invited to the IPFW campus as a guest speaker. Although he may not have appreciated as an undergrad the importance of having high profile artists share their insights, he now sees it as something that IPFW offers that doesn’t happen at just any Midwest university.

Coming from a place of empathy and experience, he encourages art students to be creative in their local communities and to consider the many career paths—from commercial to digital and visual art—that are possible.

In a final word of encouragement, Stopa stresses that “there’s room for all art and for those who have a passion for creating it.” Spoken like a true artist.
To borrow from one of the most recognized and quoted advertising campaigns in recent history, “What happens in the biology lab stays in the biology lab.” As far as Department of Biology Professor George Mourad is concerned, what’s happening in the lab needs to continue there for a very long time.

In addition to devoting adequate time to carrying out experiments, IPFW biology students are expected to dedicate even more of their time to planning for those experiments and troubleshooting any glitches. They are expected to not only analyze results but to go a step further and make recommendations for future research that might benefit from their newly discovered data and insights.

“I instill in my students a sense of ownership in their research, which is what really gets them excited about innovation,” stresses Mourad. It is this training to be thinkers and scientists, and to develop strong analytical skills that gives them the practical knowledge they’ll need. Ultimately, it gives IPFW grads the leading edge in the job market and correlates with how successful they will be in their careers.

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO ANALYSIS

With a 22-year track record of graduating students who go on to earn Ph.D.s and M.D.s, and many who secure careers in the competitive pharmaceutical and biotech industries, Professor Mourad’s formula for a more holistic approach to analysis is working its magic.

According to the professor, these highly evolved skills are especially useful when graduates are out in the field sharing their findings at a conference or scientific symposium. Because of the level of personal involvement in their research, they naturally develop heightened analytical skills that help them grow professionally and become valuable contributors in their chosen fields.

IMPORTANT ADVANCEMENTS ON THE LINE

So just what kind of projects are biology students working on these days? Cancer treatment through more effective chemotherapy is an important area of focus. Students are aiming to understand the mechanisms by which membrane transporter proteins move nitrogen-rich molecules from one side of the cell to the other.

Mourad explains, “All living organisms use these compounds to assimilate more complex molecules required for survival and to perform physiological functions. By researching the membrane proteins of cancer patients’ tumor cells and the transport of chemotherapeutic drugs from the bloodstream to inside the tumor cells, students endeavor to identify the specificity of the transporter proteins.”

With medical and pharmaceutical advancements on the line to benefit from their research, it’s safe to say that IPFW biology students are doing very important work.
Shedding light on things that are not well understood is all in a day’s work for psychology students. Their home away from home, better known as the lab, is a collaborative learning environment where research reigns supreme.

Led by department chair Carol Lawton, the psychology department has created a supportive, forward-thinking environment where students are poised for academic and career success. Professor Lawton explains, “With the help of the teams they work in and with my guidance, students develop confidence in their skills as researchers.”

Provided with a unique opportunity that rarely exists at larger universities, psychology undergrads can participate in graduate level research. “In a program such as ours, with no graduate level psychology courses offered,” Lawton points out, “undergrads are able to play a significant role in assisting with the production of new knowledge in a research laboratory.”

A PSYCHOLOGY LAB CASE STUDY

Lawton encourages students pursuing a psychology degree to seriously consider becoming research assistants in a faculty lab. “It’s an opportunity that allows them to acquire the type of advanced skill sets they’ll need as they start their careers.”

A recent lab project looked at how one’s past experience with video games might affect his or her perception of self-movement, and the likelihood that the virtual environment would set off motion sickness.

Students bounced ideas off of one another and learned how to interpret the statistical data that was collected. To further their professional development, a few of the participating students are writing and submitting a white paper to a psychology journal.

These key skills that are acquired through hands-on lab experiences are precisely what hiring managers are looking for; they’re what give IPFW students the competitive edge not only out in the job market, but also when applying to graduate schools.

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

More importantly, students who are stepping up as faculty research assistants are given a greater opportunity to network, academically and professionally.

Just this past year, student assistants presented at the IPFW Student Research and Creative Symposium, the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago, and the
annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science in New York.

These conferences give students the opportunity to meet other researchers in the field and get a taste of the exchange of scientific information on the professional level. “We even had one student decide to pursue a Ph.D. after discovering how much she thrived in that environment,” beams Lawton.

We expect to hear lots more from these researchers in training in the not-too-distant future.
IPFW’s Doermer School of Business understands the importance of instilling in students an appreciation for the global economy through first-hand experiences. A premier course was launched in 2006—BUS D490 Special Studies in International Business—for which students must undergo a stringent selection process. Each year 10 to 15 students are selected to participate.

An exciting opportunity, this course allows students to travel overseas with a regional firm that operates in a foreign market. Students spend a semester learning about the cultural and business environment there, then during spring break they travel to the country, connect with business leaders, attend business lectures at universities, conduct market research, and enjoy cultural activities. The trips have been funded for the past 10 years thanks to the generosity of Franklin Electric and Bill Lawson, a prominent Fort Wayne businessman. Lawson understands the importance of creating future northeast Indiana business people who have an appreciation for global business based on personal experience.

**A WIDE RANGE OF COUNTRIES; INVALUABLE STUDENT EXPERIENCE**

Students have traveled to Mexico, France, China, Morocco, and India—and last year 12 students went to Ireland. The class was
working with Fort Wayne Metals, which has a plant in Castlebar, Ireland. They spent three days in Dublin learning about Irish culture and visiting Trinity College and IDA Ireland, an economic development group. Then they went to the Limerick/Shannon area to observe a business incubator run by the University of Limerick. Zimmer Biomet, a worldwide leader in the orthopedics industry, also hosted the students at their plant in Shannon. Finally, they spent a day in Castlebar at the Fort Wayne Metals plant before heading back to Dublin for their return flight.

This year the class took a slightly different path. Rather than working with one particular company, they spent the semester studying the exciting changes in the Cuban economy. After studying the history of the country and the current changes, they contemplated the country’s future economy and imagined the business opportunities that might become available, especially for companies in northeast Indiana. During their visit over spring break they observed the current state of the Cuban economy, met with several small business owners, and observed up-and-coming businesses first-hand.

**OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES**

The Special Studies in International Business course has become a cornerstone for the Doermer School of Business. In fact, we hope to expand the international business experiences available to our students. Are you a regional business interested in partnering with us to advance the international development of our students—and of northeast Indiana? Contact the Doermer School of Business at 260-481-6472 to learn more.
BUILDING A BIGGER, BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR HIMSELF AND THE REGION
Since his first semester in August 2012, Gerard Guell Bartrina has sought to build for himself a bigger, brighter future—and to stay engaged with his campus and his community in meaningful ways.

An exemplary academic, Bartrina was named to the Dean’s and Honors lists every semester while at IPFW. In 2014 and 2015, his accomplishments were recognized with the highly competitive College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science (ETCS)/IPFW Scholarship for Excellence Award.

In an effort to pay it forward, Bartrina volunteered his time helping others as part of IPFW's The BIG Event, a day of community service, and worked as a tutor and teaching assistant in ETCS to help his fellow students build their own foundations for success.

An avid tennis enthusiast, Bartrina was named First Team All-Conference during his three years on the men’s tennis team, as well as being named team captain and MVP during his junior year. He was named to the NCAA Division I All-District Academic First Team in 2014.

RECOGNIZED IN COMMUNITY

In addition to his accomplishments on campus, Bartrina’s insight and skill have been recognized in the greater Fort Wayne community: he was recently awarded the American Institute for Steel Construction (AISC)/Indiana Fabricators Association Award, given to students who show great aptitude in steel construction. He is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and was project leader for the Steel Bridge Design Project, which he presented in the ASCE Great Lakes Conference at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

Bartrina will leave a lasting legacy in our region: he is currently working with Greater Fort Wayne Inc., Engineering Resources Inc., and Elevatus Architecture to develop the downtown arena project, which was recently approved by the City of Fort Wayne. The proposed multipurpose arena will seat 6,000 concert- and event-goers and elevate local efforts to revitalize downtown.

Bartrina will graduate this spring with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (B.S.C.E.) and a minor in mathematics. He plans to continue his education with a Master of Science in Civil Engineering (M.S.C.E.) with a focus in structural engineering, and has been accepted by seven highly prestigious programs across the globe, including the Royal Institute of Technology of Stockholm, Virginia Tech, Rutgers, and Purdue West Lafayette.

Bartrina’s list of accomplishments while attending IPFW is long, but his story is just beginning. We look forward to following his successes after graduation and to see the amazing future we’re certain he will build for himself.
These are words readily used by faculty and peers to describe Ranesha Smith, a May 2015 English education graduate from IPFW’s College of Education and Public Policy (CEPP). As the Class of 2015 Commencement Speaker, her achievements extended far beyond the classroom. As Smith puts it, she really was an example of “how to make the most of your college experience.”

A first-generation college student with a single mother, Smith knew that she would be challenged at IPFW. Starting as a nursing major, she realized it wasn’t the right fit and was encouraged by CEPP faculty and staff to pursue her passion—educating others. “Professor Kanpol helped me realize that we need people to help change education for the greater community. I wanted to be a part of that.”

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Graduating and speaking to the class of 2015 about her success wasn’t always in the picture. Smith took time off from IPFW, but upon her return, her beloved grandfather passed away but had expressed his excitement to see her following her dreams at IPFW. “I remember the very moment I knew graduating would become a reality. This came the day I decided to return to IPFW. My grandfather had pushed me toward this goal. He told me ‘Follow in your heart what you know to be right’ and I knew that I needed to complete my academic journey here.”

Smith says that as a returning student she was welcomed with open arms. They were dedicated to helping her make her dream a reality. “The faculty were like my intellectual parents, who fostered my academic growth but also showed tough love when necessary. I’ve always been inquisitive and the faculty were there for me and cared about my future. The faculty and staff all over campus love their jobs.”

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES WITH COLLEGE A PRIORITY

Jim Burg, college dean, says, Smith “truly embodies the spirit of CEPP, which is to ‘Do Public Good,’ and that mission is what guides our students and faculty in their work.” She is now at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez working toward a master’s degree with a focus on teaching English to speakers of other languages and writing a thesis on language attitudes held by natives in Puerto Rico.

“As I look back on college, I realize that both giving and receiving support are necessary along any successful journey, because I would not be standing where I am today if I had not encountered all the unconditional support at IPFW. I look forward to going out and making a difference in the world.”

Ranesha Smith’s journey as an IPFW alumna will be one to watch in the years to come!
The Department of Nursing is proud to offer the first doctorate at IPFW, the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). This new degree is not a Ph.D., which prepares nurse scientists to discover new knowledge; rather, the DNP prepares nurses to translate existing evidence into clinical practice (evidence-informed healthcare). The first class of students entered the program last fall.

“We are thrilled to be launching our first doctoral program at IPFW,” says Chancellor Vicky L. Carwein. “The DNP, as a practice doctorate, will integrate the expertise and exceptional clinical skills of our graduate nursing faculty with that of our partners from the Doermer School of Business, the IU School of Medicine–Fort Wayne, and our regional healthcare providers … This doctoral program will be a national model of an interprofessional and interdisciplinary approach to advanced nursing practice education.”

A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

As a Purdue University program, IPFW’s DNP is offered in collaboration with two other Purdue campuses and delivered primarily online for the convenience of working professionals. Nurses can continue to work while completing the program, and it’s also convenient for those who live outside of the Fort Wayne area. Practicing professionals can network with others in the online program as well as their work colleagues, and the flexible residency/practicum experiences take place in the student’s geographical area.

Because of the collaboration among the Purdue campuses, experts from across Indiana deliver the DNP to our students. The dynamic program exposes them to new ideas, perspectives, and cultures, building upon a strong foundation of knowledge from the master’s and baccalaureate nursing programs.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR OUR STUDENTS AND THE REGION

Demand for DNP-prepared nurses is high, both in healthcare institutions and in teaching roles. Nurses who have earned practice doctorates command higher salaries—up to 10% more than those with only a master’s degree. And the DNP will affect the health scorecard of northeast Indiana citizens—IPFW is a key provider of the area nursing workforce, and our nursing students and alumni are key to the health and wellbeing of many medically underserved communities in Indiana as well as patients in local and regional medical centers.

The DNP offers new insights about the nature of transformational leadership—the unique program concentration at IPFW—that will transform the future of healthcare in northeast Indiana and beyond.
IPFW NOW OFFERS THE ONLY DNP IN NORTHEAST INDIANA
DIFFERENT JOURNEYS TO THE SAME PATH
CLAIRE AND JASON HEMPHILL

CONGRATULATIONS, CLAIRE, ON YOUR INDUCTION INTO THE IPFW ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2015–16!
Their journeys from vastly different places led to a remarkably similar path. Jason Hemphill came here from Alaska to study chemistry and play volleyball—drawn to Fort Wayne for affordability, friendliness, and the reputation of its Division I program led by Coach Arnie Ball. Claire Jackson was well aware of IPFW’s volleyball reputation as a graduate of Fort Wayne’s South Side High School and was excited about earning a prestigious biology degree close to home.

With volleyball and academic interests so aligned, it didn’t take long for Claire and Jason to find each other. Jason returned to Alaska after his freshman year to take advantage of the state’s free tuition, then decided to return for his junior year. Claire had heard from teammates that Jason was back and that they should definitely meet. Claire, a biology major, ended up taking the organic chemistry lab for chemistry majors that Jason was enrolled in and the rest is volleyball—or dental—history! With so much in common, it took very little time to date, marry, and start a family. The Hemphills now have son Aaron, age 3, and daughter Charlotte, born in August. Claire is a dental surgeon at Stetzel Dental Group in Fort Wayne and Jason is a dental surgeon at Dental Solutions in Warsaw.

Even though Claire’s decision to come to IPFW wasn’t one that was difficult or that took her far from her backyard, she quickly shares, “What I didn’t expect was to find my husband, great friends, and amazing teammates. Most of the relationships I made at IPFW are the people I hang out with now. Our kids play together.”

**PROFESSORS AS MENTORS**

Jason agrees and adds enthusiastically, “There is tremendous support for student-athletes at IPFW, especially help keeping up our grades during the season when traveling to matches. And classes were unbelievably small—in some chemistry classes I was one of only a few. The professors were mentors to me. I regularly see faculty and staff around town and they always express interest in what I’m doing today.” And of course, Jason’s experience as a member of the Mastodon volleyball team that made two trips to the National Collegiate Volleyball Federation Men’s Championships, including a national championship match in 2007, provided life-long memories.

Support from faculty, coaches, friends, family, and teammates made a lasting impact, as did the support they received from donors. “We simply wouldn’t be where we are today without the generous scholarships we received. It prepared us for dental school and our lives,” Claire acknowledged. “We are very grateful and hope to one day reciprocate.”

**TOP ACADEMIC HONORS WITH IPFW PREPARATION**

At IPFW, Claire earned a B.S. in biology with highest distinction and Jason earned a B.S. in chemistry with distinction. Both Hemphills received Doctors of Dental Surgery from Indiana University School of Dentistry in 2011 with highest distinction. Both received the prestigious Omicron Kappa Upsilon Outstanding Senior Award. Both were members of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Chi Alpha Sigma Student-Athlete Honor Society. Claire was selected for the ESPN/CoSIDA Women’s Volleyball National Academic All American 2nd Team. Jason received the Alpha Omega Scholarship Award for having the highest academic achievement in his graduating class. Incredibly, this is only a partial list of the couple’s academic accomplishments.

Jason strongly believes that the preparation at IPFW was second to none. What better proof than the fact that both Hemphills were top academic performers in their dental school class of more than 100!
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In fall 2015, we turned the spotlight back onto the incredible innovations in research, scholarship, and creative endeavor happening right here on IPFW’s campus.

The Don Difference showcases our university’s commitment to excellence in higher education and the integration of campus and the surrounding community. These video vignettes offer a first-hand glimpse into the social, cultural, and scientific discoveries made by our faculty.

Like Assistant Professor of Computer Animation Andres Montenegro’s research into how 3D modeling and haptic touch technologies are changing the way we interact with stories. Or Assistant Professor of Public Policy Rachel Rayburn’s decade-long study of homeless populations in New Orleans after the chaos of Hurricane Katrina. And Associate Professor of English Curtis Crisler’s workshops in interdisciplinary poetry.
These and other stories from our faculty demonstrate what our academics have always known: at IPFW, curiosity makes history, passion inspires awe, and Mastodons leave big footprints.

That’s the Don Difference.

Watch the full series at dondifference.com
Oscar and Ophelia Weitzman must have been very good at keeping secrets. For 40 years, only they knew of their plan to better the lives of others long after they were gone. The couple didn’t know exactly who those people would be, but they knew it would be worth it.

Two years after Ophelia passed away, their secret was finally revealed. IPFW would be the sole recipient of the couple’s $3.4 million bequest, the largest single donation the university had ever received. The monies were to be used to fund full-ride scholarships for two students majoring in engineering and education. But the sizeable donation will eventually benefit many more students.

**A STRONGER COMMUNITY WITH GIFTS**

“Their dream was to provide opportunities for these scholarship recipients that they may not have otherwise experienced or afforded,” said Marie Frey, the Weitzmans’ goddaughter and cousin to Ophelia. “They believed wholeheartedly in the value of education and to make the community stronger with their gift to IPFW. They were very forward thinking, building the future with leadership in education and engineering. It was just such a gift that they really could give. They lived well, but they certainly were generous.”

And not just to the university, Frey said, but also to family and their beloved community where they had formed deep roots over the years.

Oscar was born and raised in Fort Wayne. He worked at General Electric (GE) for nearly 50 years, starting in 1906 when he was just 15 years old. At the time, he earned 7½ cents per hour. Oscar worked his way up through the company’s ranks, eventually heading up the apprenticeship school and becoming general manager of the Winter Street plant. He retired in 1956.

Ophelia was raised near Philadelphia and lived there until the Great Depression when her father’s store was forced to shut its doors. That’s when she was sent to live with her uncle in Indiana. He took her under his wing and encouraged her to get a college education, just as he’d done at Indiana University. Ophelia would eventually earn bachelor’s and master’s degrees from his alma mater before working as a teacher for Fort Wayne Community Schools. She spent 19 years teaching until her retirement in 1958 when she and Oscar were married.

Thanks in part to a GE-sponsored travel program for retired engineers, the couple flew around the world on exciting trips, sometimes leaving for six-to-eight weeks at a time.

“In those days you wore a suit, hat, and gloves to board a plane,” Frey said. “I can remember pictures of them coming off the plane and thinking, ‘Wow, no one looks like that anymore.’ They travelled in the heyday and got to have some experiences that we no longer get to have.”

But for all their life experiences, the couple never did have children of their own. At least, not biologically.

"After my mother passed away, I went to live with them when I was 17," Frey said. “It was quite an interesting household, but we made a very good blended family.” And so, history repeated itself. Just as Ophelia’s uncle had done for her, the Weitzmans would take Frey in as their own as they strived endlessly to instill good values and a love of education in their goddaughter.

**LEADING BY EXAMPLE**

Ophelia led by example as an active member of Trinity English Lutheran Church, where she was chairman of the deaconesses for 25 years and a participant in the church outreach program. She was also a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). And it was through her membership in the Alpha Mu chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma sorority, a professional
honor society of key women educators, that she befriended Joanne Lantz, who served as chancellor at IPFW from 1988 to 1994. The two would become close friends.

The couple had been generously contributing funds to the GE Club for Engineers to aid scholarships for more than 20 years. Frey had quite the example to learn from with the Weitzmans as her guides.

Frey eventually graduated from Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne and moved to Pennsylvania to earn a bachelor’s degree. A few years later, she continued the family legacy by graduating from Indiana University with a master’s degree. And despite the fact that Oscar was in a wheelchair by that time, the Weitzmans were there.

“They were very proud,” Frey said.

And when the first recipients of their scholarships walk across the Commencement stage, the Weitzmans will likely be there, too… in spirit.
Mark Fogt, president and CEO of Garrett State Bank, has cheered on a multitude of players since IPFW men’s basketball became a Division I team in 2001.

“When IPFW became Division I, we called the athletic department right away and we were told that we were the first season tickets that they had issued,” Mark shared. “We’ve just been coming ever since. It’s a lot of fun.”

Mark recalls his love for basketball started at a young age when his father would take him to see the Dayton Flyers play. Now a Fort Wayne resident for 23 years, Mark has caught the Mastodon spirit and has been to every game this past season.

“A lot of people from our bank are graduates of IPFW, so there’s a lot of interest in IPFW at the bank,” he said.

Along for the journey on game days is Mark’s son, Chris, who would like to see the Dons make an NCAA appearance. “We were hoping for that this year, but the last two years have been really good record-setting years for them,” Chris said of the team.

FORT WAYNE’S TEAM REFLECTS WELL ON THE COMMUNITY

Mark’s involvement with the men’s basketball team over the past 15 years is a standard he feels he strives for in both life and business, and the community can only make the team better.

“This is Fort Wayne’s team,” Mark said. “And as important as basketball is in the state of Indiana, IPFW should be proud of that. When IPFW does well, it reflects well on the city and community. One of our principles at the bank is that we invest money back into the community we serve. As they get better, we get better. I believe if the university gets better, the city gets better. It’s good for everybody.”
Standing strong at the entrance to Student Housing, the Advancement and Development office is crisp, new, and filled with potential, much like the women who meet there for Inner Circle, a business and networking group for women.

Eve Colchin, director of development and major gifts, led the initiative with the intention to, in her words, create an outlet where empowered women could exchange ideas with their peers in a casual setting while also showcasing IPFW.

From that vision, Inner Circle was formed and has prospered, though the kickoff meeting proved to be a challenge in and of itself. Despite the planning and collaboration, a major snowstorm blew in just two hours before the event.

“At one point, it was snowing so much that James—one of my fabulous colleagues—went out with an oven mitt and cleaned off our signs so people could get to our building,” Colchin recalled.

“Despite the snow, the meeting was still a great success. The group that came—small, but mighty—of brave women were great and we had a wonderful time,” Colchin said. Vice Chancellor Fincannon and Chancellor Carwein visited with the group and encouraged everyone to bring a friend to the next meeting.

“I would like our numbers to grow strategically—I’m a big believer in the ‘ripple effect’ and I don’t want it to grow quickly, I want it to grow correctly so that it’s still enjoyable for everyone involved,” Colchin explained. “What I’d like to achieve, as people hear about our programs, students, and opportunities, is that we can continue to improve IPFW, the community, and the region.”

Inner Circle has scheduled a late May event, with another in the planning stages for October. For more information on this program, contact Eve Colchin at 260-481-6659.
Stockpiling paycheck after paycheck from his many factory jobs, Marvin Crell was able to pool just enough resources to pay for his college tuition. But that was only for the approaching semester, and then the cycle of saving would start all over again. The year was 1951, in case you’re wondering, long before student loans existed.

With his long-range sights set on enrolling at Indiana University Bloomington’s School of Law and eventually setting up a practice, Crell’s day-to-day reality was quite a different story.

Despite the financial challenges he would face, he continued to chip away at his education, month-by-month, semester-by-semester. He was not to be deterred from his end goal.

To hear it in Crell’s own words, he wouldn’t have had it any other way. As the first in his family to attend college, he was thrilled to be in a position where his college classes were both conveniently close to home and financially achievable.

Owing a debt of gratitude to the school, he expressed, “If it weren’t for IPFW, I probably wouldn’t have attended college at all.”

The Crell Memorial Legacy Endowed Scholarship
The opportunities that the university (then called Indiana University Fort Wayne Extension System) presented to him have never been something that the Crells have taken for granted.

Because of this gratitude, Marvin and his wife, Harriet, established the Crell Memorial Legacy Endowed Scholarship in 2015. Harriet earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Indiana University (the couple met on the Bloomington campus) and was a teacher and deeply involved in education—and giving back—in Allen County for many years. The scholarship is designed to award to students who demonstrate hard work, a financial need, and a dedication to obtaining their degree.

MAKING AN INVESTMENT IN HUMAN BEINGS
Crell feels it’s important to give students who are in a similar position—those who study and work hard but who have a few hurdles to cross on their road ahead—a fair chance. “I would like for them to have the opportunity that I had: a chance to get a college education and to choose a career that will enhance their future and allow them to make a good living,” he shared.

Crell has given back in other ways, including trips abroad with Global Volunteers to Xi’an, China. There, he taught English to college students whose hopes were to find international jobs in the hospitality industry. Struck by how we all share the same hopes and dreams, the experience resonated with him and he encourages everyone to experience other cultures firsthand.

With three generations of lawyers in the family and a newly arrived great-granddaughter poised to make it four, the Crells are proud to pass on a legacy of supporting future generations.

Crell is a firm believer that positive things happen when you enter the IPFW system. He is quick to emphasize that “Good things happened for me and I want them to happen for others, too.”
BIG PERSONALITY.
BIG IMPACT.
BIG HEART.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS
AND WIFE HELP
MANY ON THE
JOURNEY

DOC AND GINGER LEONARD
It doesn’t take long, in conversations about Edwin Leonard Jr., Ph.D., professor emeritus of marketing and management, to hear the word BIG. Big personality. Big impact. Big heart. Professor Leonard (known by students and colleagues as “Doc”) came to our campus in 1966 and retired in 2004. He and his wife, Ginger, transformed many lives and continue to do so today on campus, in the community, and far beyond.

Known as the Father of IPFW Athletics, Doc was the first men’s basketball coach, first men’s golf coach, first athletic director, chair of the Joint Athletic Committee, and helped bring women’s athletics to campus—just some of his accomplishments in his near half-century supporting university athletics. He established IPFW’s first endowed athletic scholarship as well as an endowed scholarship for the Arnie Ball Legacy campaign. The Leonards continue to support what’s near and dear to their hearts—helping students excel athletically, academically, and through the Christian faith.

SUPPORTING WHAT’S MEANINGFUL

The Leonards have recently provided scholarships for students at IPFW, Purdue University, Ohio State University, Blackhawk Christian School in Fort Wayne, and Harlan Christian School. They direct their support to disciplines that are meaningful to them, including business, agriculture, music, and education. Ginger also has a long and special relationship with the Purdue cheerleaders, who the Leonards supported over the years. They are also known for taking large groups of cheerleaders—65 or more—to dinner in West Lafayette. Now that’s big.

Doc notes with pride that many students over the years have stayed in contact. “We’ve been to many graduations, weddings, and baby showers. It’s truly an extended family. And, all the years we’ve supported students, all but one graduated!” He is also proud that the students—and in some cases their parents—were so grateful that they started to give back through endowments or other gifts. “They think about how they got to where they are today and want to help others.”

Tough, fair, caring

Doc has made a big impact in the classroom and in the business world. His leading textbook *Supervision: Concepts and Practices of Management* has just published its 13th edition. He was well-known as a tough but fair professor who really cared about his students and their success all along their journey. Doc reminisced fondly, “I felt it was important to be involved beyond the classroom, to attend games, lectures, plays, or social events. I encouraged my students to do the same.” Countless organizations in northeast Indiana used him as an invaluable resource. The Leonards served on many boards and Doc was recognized through numerous awards, such as Teacher of the Year and Sagamore of the Wabash.

The Leonards are also known to be big-hearted by many who know them. They believe in helping others on the road ahead in less direct ways, like helping students learn to look outside themselves. Whenever they entertained, guests were asked to bring canned goods. And they both give to the community with their time as well as financial support.

“Doc Leonard stands out as an exceptional professor, friend, and mentor in a field of wonderful faculty at IPFW. He has a big personality and cares deeply about me and my career years after graduation. He prepares his students for real life. I can honestly say that Doc has had a significant positive impact on my quality of life. And I’m grateful!”

Brenda Fishbaugh, B.S.B., ’80
President, Eye Pro, Inc.
The Olive B. Cole Foundation is one of the strongest supporters of a better future for not only IPFW, but the larger northeast Indiana community.

The foundation was created in 1954 at a time when the IU and Purdue presence in the region was limited to extension offices in downtown Fort Wayne. While IPFW was just getting its start in the 1960s, the foundation began giving scholarships to students from Noble County, many of whom attended our university.

As IPFW grew over the decades, the Cole Foundation recognized the enormous potential of our campus, students, and faculty and the critical role IPFW would play in the continued success and growth of the region. In the 1980s, the foundation partnered with three others to purchase the McKay Farm across the St. Joseph River, where the soccer fields are now. The contribution—totaling more than half a million dollars—helped ensure that IPFW’s growth would continue as the university expanded its physical presence and course offerings.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR BIGGER, BRIGHTER FUTURES The Cole Foundation has made other significant grants to the university since then, including a large grant for the construction of student housing. In addition to gifts designated for the growth of campus, its resources, and amenities, the foundation currently grants 50–60 new four-year scholarships each year, creating opportunities for students to dream of bigger, brighter futures for themselves.

“Every major city has a major university,” says Mac Parker, who has been a principal of the Cole Foundation for 50 years. “I see nothing but an outstanding future for IPFW.”

Parker is the current president of the Downtown Development Trust, which is working toward a bold vision for the future of Fort Wayne, including The Landing. Parker is also the president of the Coliseum Board of Trustees and is involved in numerous regional economic development organizations. He was closely involved in achieving IPFW’s Division I athletics recognition and received an Honorary Doctor of Letters from Purdue University through IPFW. His wife, Pat, is also a community activist and received the Tapestry Award through IPFW in 2013 in recognition for her service to the community.

IPFW KEY FOR GROWTH, TALENT, AND JOBS

Together with Cole Foundation partner John Pichon and his daughter, Emily Pichon, Mac Parker works tirelessly to elevate our campus and our community. Both John and Mac have taught at IPFW, and their daughters are proud IPFW alumnae.

One of the Cole Foundation’s primary missions is to attract and retain young people in northeast Indiana. Parker and the Cole Foundation hope that IPFW’s Centers of Excellence will soon be recognized nationally. “Indiana’s second largest city has a need for a growing university, which can be a leader in the community,” says Parker. “IPFW has a great future, and we believe it is one of the key essentials for growth in the area, talent attraction, and job creation.”
For Caleb and Kelsey McQuillin, it all started with a simple question.

“I was a sophomore at the time and we were asked to choose a freshman scholar to be partnered with and I asked him to be my partner,” Kelsey said with a smile.

It was a small proposal that would ultimately pave the way for a much larger one.

Indiana native Kelsey and Ohio-born Caleb met against the odds; they both applied to be among the prestigious Chapman Scholars and were both accepted. In the fall of Kelsey’s senior year, she applied to IPFW and made a last-minute decision to apply for the Chapman Scholarship, which had only been in existence for a few months.

Good things ever since
A year after Kelsey started at IPFW, Caleb applied as well. “I was actually working in my mom’s restaurant at the time, which I had originally thought would be what would put me through community college back in Ohio,” he shared. “But I got the call and good things have happened ever since.”

The two had met twice: first when sophomore Kelsey greeted freshman Caleb in 2011 and then again (officially) at the program orientation, where she remembered him and asked to be partners for the day.

“I said ‘yes’,” Caleb recalled with a grin. “Pretty much without hesitation.”

And Kelsey also said “yes” years later when Caleb asked her to marry him.
“One of my favorite memories,” Kelsey enthused, “is when I told Howard and Betsy [Chapman] that Caleb had proposed. Another scholar in my class and I took Howard and Betsy out to dinner a few weeks after the proposal and, during dinner, I told Howard and put my hand out to show him the ring. Howard jumped up from the table and gave me the biggest hug. He was crying and I was crying, and then we hugged again.”

Howard and Betsy Chapman were among the first that the couple told of their engagement and attended their wedding in 2014 along with both Kelsey’s and Caleb’s graduating classes of Chapman Scholars.

“It was a beautiful wedding,” Howard said. “And it’s great fun that two Chapman Scholars got married to each other and I’m just thrilled to death with this school. I think the Chapman Scholars program has been everything we could’ve hoped for and more. The young people coming through it have been sensational.”

A life-changing experience—in many ways Kelsey and Caleb agree that IPFW and the Chapman Scholars program have been changing their lives since their acceptance. Kelsey now holds the position of director of the Chapman Scholars Program and, even now, she finds it difficult to put into words what IPFW and the Chapmans’ program has given her.

“It’s impossible to communicate even as the program director now what it’s actually like,” she said. “When I accepted the scholarship, having a relationship with the donors wasn’t something I’d ever imagined and, the more I work this job, the more I see that it’s such a rare thing to have. It’s just as important for us to share our lives with Howard and Betsy as it is to share things with our own families.”

Speaking of sharing news, the McQuillins are soon to take another great leap forward on the road ahead.

“We’re having a little boy,” Kelsey shared. “At the Chapman dinner this year, we announced we were having a baby and Caleb said, ‘You know, we’re known for having the first Chapman Scholar marriage and now we’re having the first Chapman Scholar baby!’ and the crowd went wild.”

We learned just before going to press that the McQuillins had a healthy baby boy April 10. Congratulations, Caleb and Kelsey!

CALEB AND KELSEY MCGUILLIN POSE WITH BETSY AND HOWARD CHAPMAN
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**: 55
  - Gifts of $250,000 or more (lifetime giving)

- **Benefactors**: 258
  - Gifts of $25,000–$249,999 (lifetime giving)

- **Chancellor’s Society Members**: 255
  - Gifts totaling $1,000 and above in the past fiscal year

**Every Gift Counts**

**Donations of $1–$100**

2,700 individual gifts in the past fiscal year totaling $110,439
WHERE DO GIFTS COME FROM?

- Foundations: 23%
- Friends: 60%
- Corporations: 10%
- Organizations: 4%
- Alumni: 3%

ENDOWMENTS

The value of endowments in the foundation totaling $57,042,812

SCHOLARSHIPS

1,576 scholarships awarded totaling $4,184,074

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Raised by advancement totaling $6,990,078

WHAT DID YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT?

- Students: 71%
- Programs: 16%
- Faculty: 3%
- Unrestricted: 2%
- Facilities: 8%

Note that all financial information is for fiscal year 2015.
I,784 STORIES OF THE ROAD AHEAD
On May 11, in our Forty-Ninth Commencement, 1,784 Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne students graduated and achieved their dreams of a college degree. Many were the first in their families to reach this milestone. Our newest alumni have ended one big journey and are beginning an even bigger one—filled with optimism, possibility, experience, and determination.

Their adventures are bettered by those who helped them along the way: donors and alumni who created new opportunities for financial assistance, groundbreaking programs, and cultural enrichment. It’s all about the journey: the people you meet, the places you go, and the connections that last a lifetime.

It’s also about how IPFW continues to move forward, gain momentum, and seek new opportunities for growth. It affirms that IPFW graduates are well equipped for their own journeys ahead after graduation. Finally, it speaks to the larger story of northeast Indiana—that our region is transforming—and establishes the university as influential to our shared future.

IPFW IS ON THE MOVE.

The region is changing, and so are we.
We’re evolving to meet the needs of northeast Indiana.
We’re growing to meet the needs of our students.

We’re seeking new horizons.
New opportunities. New adventures.
New chances to make a difference in the lives of our students and in the region.

These are the stories of Mastodons in motion.

Join us on the road ahead.
GET BACK TO CAMPUS

STUDENTS CHAT NEAR THE RHINEHART MUSIC CENTER, ONE OF SEVERAL NEWER BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS
Maybe it’s been a few years since you’ve been on campus. Why not return for a visit this fall? So much has changed!

Check out the new buildings and public art installations. Hike the Rivergreenway trail. Stroll through the Visual Arts Gallery. Enjoy a musical in the Williams Theatre or a recital in the Rhinehart Music Center. We’re a major cultural center for the region, and you can always visit ipfw.edu/vpa to see what’s happening in the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Whether your interests are in politics, science, literature—or the world of entertainment—our highly popular Omnibus Lecture Series has something for everyone. Past speakers include Garrison Keillor, Neil deGrasse Tyson, Edward Albee, and Naomi Tutu. Be sure to visit omnibuslectures.org this fall, view the lineup, and find out how to claim your free tickets. They go fast!
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