Professors in Partnership
Program Outline & Information for Professors
IPFW & Local Area K-12 Schools

Elevating K-16 educational partnerships through strategic collaboration and promotion.

Why: Enhancing partnerships with our local K-12 school corporations elevates the university’s visibility, adds educational value, strengthens leadership collaborations, enhances enrollment pipelines, bridges perception gaps, and helps illuminate the soon-to-be rebranded PFW as accessible, invested stakeholders that proactively work to optimize our K-16 educational community.

Goal: Our partnership goal is to provide local area high school students engaging, standards-based and content-aligned lessons to enrich their existing knowledge, incite curiosity, and foster personal connections with participating IPFW professors. We also aim to help students better envision themselves going to college. By collaborating (and optionally co-teaching) with high school teachers, participating professors will design lessons that meet desired student learning criteria and allow for engaging learning experiences. These partnerships will be highlighted via internal and external marketing/ media outlets.

Who: 30 IPFW professors representing IPFW’s main colleges (Business, CEPP, COAS, ETCS & VPA) and 30 high school teachers from East Allen County Schools, Fort Wayne Community Schools, Northwest Allen County Schools & Southwest Allen County Schools. The aim is to have 7 or 8 teaching partnerships per school corporation.

When: Spring, 2018

Where: East Allen County Schools, Fort Wayne Community Schools, Northwest Allen County Schools & Southwest Allen County Schools.

How: Laura Link, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership, will serve as the PIP Director. She will be the main point of contact, source, facilitate & organize school partnerships, lead marketing efforts, manage accountability, serve as the program spokesperson, liaise between IPFW and school corporations, and ensure the program’s goal is met.
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We invite IPFW professors and teaching faculty to be a Professors in Partnership teaching partner with one of our local high school teachers this spring!

Benefits: Participants will enjoy the following opportunities and benefits:

- Share your research and innovations with a high school teacher and students
- Foster personal connections with a teacher aligned in area of expertise
- Provide content coaching to a high school teacher
- Build personal connections with high school students
- Collaboratively design and facilitate subject-specific and standards-based lessons
- Help high school students better envision themselves going to college by giving them early access to higher educators (you!)
- Ongoing support from IPFW leadership and PiP Director
- Internal and external marketing/media coverage of your work
- $125 per completed lesson / up to 3 lessons (approximately one-hour in length each)

Payments for lessons will occur in June, 2018

Commitments: All professor participants are expected to:

- Attend the February 27th program orientation at IPFW with Laura Link from 2:00-3:00pm (location: TBD)
- Support the program’s purpose and have a strong desire to ensure its success
- Communicate proactively and effectively with assigned high school teaching partner
- Co-design and (co-)facilitate 1 - 3 engaging, standards-based high school classroom lessons with assigned teaching partner by May 18 (all lessons will be conducted in the teaching partner’s high school classroom, so participating professor must travel to his/her assigned school)
- Participate in internal and external marketing and media efforts to highlight program
- Complete a brief, online programmatic survey in May
- Provide reflection, feedback, and input for future direction
- Commit to personal and professional growth throughout

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