

CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT...

TO STUDENT-CENTEREDNESS

The new **tuition affordability plan** will be in place in fall 2022. Under the plan, any undergraduate student who is a Pennsylvania resident can take up to 18 credits per semester at the rate currently offered for 12 academic credits. Students taking 18 credits per semester for an academic year will save a total of \$3,768 (a 32 percent savings) in annual tuition.

For the fifth time, IUP has received a \$30,000 grant through Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf's **It's On Us PA** initiative to combat campus sexual assault. This year's funding will support the evaluation of IUP's existing sexual-assault prevention efforts, policies, and procedures; expanded mental-health services for survivors of sexual violence; and a campaign to reinforce that sexual assault is a community-wide issue.

IUP's Department of English organized a **vigil of support and solidarity** in response to the violence in Ukraine. The event included recognition of IUP students from that region.

TO STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES



Marla J. Weston, RN, FAAN, a 1980 nursing graduate of IUP, has donated \$850,000 to establish the **Marla Weston New Horizons Scholarship**, designed to create generational change by providing qualified nursing majors with a scholarship covering all fees, tuition, room, board, and books for up to four years.

Students in IUP's Hotel, Restaurant, Tourism, and Event Management program will have a unique hands-on experience thanks to a \$125,000 gift from the Statler Foundation to construct a **hotel desk simulation lab** in the Eberly College of Business. IUP is one of the few universities that will offer this type of lab.

TO RESEARCH

In recognition of IUP's research commitment and success, IUP has been ranked as an **R2 Doctoral University—High Research Activity (R2)** by the National Center for Postsecondary Research's 2021 Carnegie Classification. IUP is one of only two public universities in Pennsylvania and one of only 99 public universities with this ranking in the United States.

IUP's Research Institute is partnering with four other Pennsylvania State System universities—Bloomsburg, California, Edinboro, and Lock Haven—to expand its work in sponsored research through a **shared services initiative**. The IUP Research Institute works with faculty and staff to provide research administration assistance at all stages of externally funded projects. It is a separate, private, nonprofit corporation affiliated with IUP and is the only entity of its type in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education.

IUP has received \$100,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to provide resources for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers in Indiana County area schools to assist with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education. The funding will be used to develop and produce **STEM-focused learning kits** for participating teachers from area schools. The kits will be created and produced by IUP faculty members working with local educators and will include an age-appropriate curriculum and the resources needed to conduct the lessons.

TO CONTINUED EXCELLENCE





**Online MA in
Criminology**

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IUP's **online master's in criminology** has been ranked second in the nation and first in Pennsylvania by Intelligent.com in its 2022 Best Online Programs in Criminology listing. The ranking is due in part to IUP's reputation as a high research university.

Three online master's programs have been selected as a **Best Online Program** by *U.S. News & World Report*. IUP's master's in nursing, in mathematics education, and in criminal justice were selected for the competitive rankings. The online criminal justice program is ranked in the top 32 programs in the nation.

Andrea Palmiotto (Anthropology) has attained the **highest professional certification** through the American Board of Forensic Anthropology. She is one of two ABFA Diplomates working in Pennsylvania. Palmiotto currently advises IUP students in forensic anthropology research and leads an international forensic archaeology field school, where she and William Chadwick (Anthropology) will continue, for a second year, to train students in forensic archaeology methods while recovering artifacts from an American B-17 aircraft crash site from WWII near Frankfurt, Germany.

John Wesley Lowery (Student Affairs in Higher Education) has been selected as the recipient of the 2022 George D. Kuh **Outstanding Contribution to Literature and/or Research Award** by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

The U.S. Department of State has selected graduate student Jimalee Sowell (Composition and Applied Linguistics) for a nine-week English Language Specialist **virtual project**.



IUP's Applied Archaeology master's program has been ranked in the top three **Registered Professional Archaeologist-producing schools**. This recognition means that IUP's program, hosted by IUP's Department of Anthropology, is third in the world for producing students who became Registered Professional Archaeologists in 2021.

TO OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP



Dr. Prashanth Bharadwaj, an experienced faculty member with more than 25 years of teaching to his credit, has been chosen to lead **IUP's Eberly College of Business as its interim dean**.



Dr. Hilliary Creely, who has been serving as the **interim dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research**, has been appointed to the permanent position.

TO OUR COMMUNITY



As part of its mission of community service and serving the public good, the Kathleen Jones White Writing Center is partnering with the Indiana Free Library to offer **free writing tutoring** for the community.