

Excellence Recognized



Luz Marin



Aziegbemi Okisamen

IUP has been selected for the Princeton Review's *Best Colleges* guidebook (2021) for **the 20th consecutive year**, and the Rhonda H. Luckey Center for Health and Well-Being put IUP in the top 20 colleges and universities in the nation for health services.

College Magazine, a national publication by students, featured **IUP as one of the top 10** colleges and universities in Pennsylvania.

Recognized for "successfully combining quality and affordability," IUP is in *Money Magazine's* "**Best College for Your Money 2020**" listing.

IUP's **Master of Education in Mathematics Education** online program has been ranked as a top online graduate program by *US News & World Report* for 2020.

Luz Marin (Safety Sciences) is the 2019-20 American Society of Safety Professionals' **Hispanic Safety Professional of the Year**.

The **Jones White Writing Center** earned International Tutor Training Program Certification from the Collegiate Reading and Learning Association.

Aziegbemi Okisamen, a graduate student from Nigeria in the Applied Mathematics master's degree program, won the Sheetz Internz 2020 Greatest of All Team (GOAT) Internz Award.

Farzaneh Jahangiri, a doctoral student from Iran in the Administration and Leadership Studies program and president of the Graduate Student Assembly, received an Institute of International Education award to defray costs incurred as a result of COVID-19.

The dance short film *Ordnung* has been selected to screen at the **Paris Play International Film Festival**. *Ordnung* is a collaborative project between faculty members in the departments of Communications Media and Theatre, Dance, and Performance. Members of IUP's Student Film Association and graduate students in the Master of Science in Strategic Communication program assisted with the production, shot on location in Punxsutawney.

Giving Back

Through more than 730 gifts, more than **\$276,000** was raised for **IUP's Student Assistance Fund** (formerly the Emergency Response Fund). The fund has provided support to 414 students to offset financial hardships caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Tim Cejka '73 and Debra Phillips Cejka '73 donated \$350,000 to promote IUP's ongoing **diversity and inclusion initiatives**.

James Shea '56 and Darlene Shea gave **\$25,000 to IUP's Sutton Scholarship program**.

Joshua Hillard '01 and Jamie Anna Hillard '00 gave \$25,000 to endow the **John and Delores Hillard Scholarship for Diversity in Fine Arts** at IUP.

The Fairman Family Foundation of DuBois is continuing its support of IUP's Academy of Culinary Arts with a **\$100,000 gift to support the expansion of facilities** for the academy in downtown Punxsutawney.

Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Bonnie Harbison Anderson '80 and Steve Anderson were honored for their \$250,000 gift and longtime commitment to IUP with the naming of the **Anderson Rotunda in Kopchick Hall**. The naming is in their honor and in memory of Bonnie's parents Edward J. and Donna M. Harbison.

On the Front Lines Fighting COVID-19



Isabelle Molina, a sophomore psychology major in the pre-med track, is working at her local MedExpress in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, to help people get COVID-19 testing.



Biology chair Narayanaswamy Bharathan continues to partner with Indiana Regional Medical Center to provide local COVID-19 testing. Since May 1, he has finished about 4,000 tests and trained three lab technicians on the equipment IUP is loaning to IRMC for testing. He has been selected for a pilot program with an international company that has allowed faster testing with no impact on testing efficacy.

Changing the World through Science

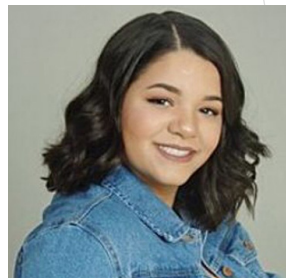
Groundbreaking for **John J. and Char Kopchick Hall** will be held September 23. Contractors are mobilizing on site to begin work on the \$90-million facility.

Forty-seven students and their 37 faculty mentors completed 10 weeks of research through the **Undergraduate Summer Opportunities for Applying Research** (U-SOAR) program, formerly the Research Experiences for Summer Scholars program.

IUP will begin its **ninth consecutive year of water testing** at Beaver Run Reservoir. The university has received more than \$875,000 since 2011 to test and monitor surface-water quality at the reservoir and surrounding watershed areas.

Students in an **Unmanned Aerial Systems for Geospatial Data Acquisition** class taught by Geography and Regional Planning chair John Benhart spent part of the spring 2020 semester processing drone-acquired data to support economic development planning by the Indiana County Office of Planning and Development.

Our Span Is . . . the World



Khala Vines, a sophomore international studies and Asian studies major, became IUP's third student to win a David L. Boren Scholarship for international study, its 20th to win a Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship, and its 10th to win a Freeman Award for Study in Asia Scholarship.

Enhancing the Student Experience

In August, IUP introduced the **Hawks Q&A Center**, providing help to students via instant Zoom conferencing or email.

Sixty-seven staff and faculty members are **volunteer guides for IUP's new freshman students**. This grassroots program is designed to foster a deeper student connection to the university and to help and support students in all areas. Guides will follow their students through graduation.

Lynn Botelho, history professor and Distinguished University Professor, received a \$25,000 Teagle Foundation grant to create a certificate in the humanities designed for preprofessional and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) students.