

GOAL SHATTERED!

The Imagine Unlimited campaign raised \$81.36 million, shattering the \$75 million goal set in April 2018.

Campaign priorities reflect the university's student-centered focus:

- The Future of Science and Mathematics
- Academic Excellence and Innovation
- Student Success and Engagement
- Leadership Through Athletics Competition.

This campaign **exceeded all previous campaigns by more than \$56 million, met the goal six months ahead of schedule**, is the **largest comprehensive campaign in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education**, and **included the university's largest one-time gifts**: \$23 million from alumni Dr. John and Char Kopchick and \$7 million from alumni Tim and Deb Cejka. The campaign, in addition to 11 total million or multi-million-dollar gifts, also reflects **broad-based support at all levels, and increased gift amounts and participation**, including by students:

- 22,000 gifts of \$25,000 or less
- An 84.5% increase in average gift amount (2015 to 2020)
- A 171% increase in student giving (2015 to 2020).



IMAGINE
UNLIMITED

FOLLOWING THE MASTER PLAN



In December, IUP's Council of Trustees approved a plan to purchase a building in Punxsutawney to advance the **IUP Academy of Culinary Arts Master Plan**. The building will be gifted in part by building owners Jesse J. Miller and Duane A. Miller in support of IUP and the academy. The remainder of funding for purchase of the building will come primarily from financial gifts designated for the academy.

CONTINUED FOCUS ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, and INCLUSION



Dr. James E. Taylor Debra Evans Smith Mauro Wolfe

Students, employees and community members heard from three professionals, including two IUP graduates, discussing preconceptions about diversity and inclusion during the ***Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in a Professional Workplace*** virtual event on March 17. Panelists included Debra Evans Smith '81, deputy assistant director (retired) at the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Dr. James E. Taylor, chief diversity, inclusion, and talent management officer at UPMC; and Mauro Wolfe '90, attorney and partner at Duane Morris, LLP, New York City.

ADVOCATING FOR OUR STUDENTS

In February, IUP President Dr. Michael Driscoll **presented testimony to the Pennsylvania House Education Committee** on how universities in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education are meeting the needs of its students and supporting their success amid a pandemic.



NEW TRUSTEE SELECTED

Anne White, of Indiana, has been appointed by the Pennsylvania Senate to serve as a member of IUP's Council of Trustees. Her term runs through Nov. 16, 2026.

ADDRESSING STUDENT NEEDS DURING A PANDEMIC

More than 100 faculty members spent a week over winter break learning how to better serve at-risk populations in the online environment by completing ***Creating Community Online***, a course developed using funds from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act given to the university.

In February, **IUP began disbursing more than \$5 million to qualified students** through federal funding allocated to the university through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).

Gifts continue at a steady pace for IUP's **Student Assistance Fund** (established as the Emergency Response Fund) to help defray costs associated with technology, unexpected travel, and other expenses related to the pandemic. As of March 8, more than \$455,000 has been received, benefiting more than 700 students.

IUP's annual **Day of Giving** was reorganized to a Day of Caring, featuring online tips from alumni on coping with the pandemic and information on the IUP Emergency Response Fund.

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND HEALTHY

IUP has tested more than 1,000 students for COVID-19 during the spring semester through **free, on-campus student testing** offered through an independent biotechnology company.



IUP received a \$30,000 grant through Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf's *It's On Us* PA initiative **to combat campus sexual assault** through a Community Bystander Intervention program. This funding will be used to expand the Green Dot bystander curriculum, specifically within the LGBTQIA community to address goals of improving awareness while building upon prevention work.



Indiana University
of Pennsylvania

Timothy Runge (educational and school psychology) was awarded a research grant from the **Pennsylvania Department of Education to investigate the extent to which Pennsylvania educators are prepared to recognize and respond to students impacted by trauma or distress**, including trauma or distress related to COVID-19.

Yongtao Cao (mathematical and computer sciences) has written a paper on **monitoring the SARS-CoV-2 virus in wastewater, and has written an app to predict the number of COVID-19 cases for a provided SARS-CoV-2 concentration level in the wastewater**. Cao is part of a group of IUP faculty and administrators working with Indiana Borough with the aim of building an effective wastewater surveillance system within the borough as well as on the IUP campus.

RANKINGS

National accolades for IUP, its programs, and faculty continue.



The United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation Academic Consortium selected IUP as one of 11 universities to offer **accredited geospatial intelligence programs** for current and future federal intelligence employees. This \$5 million initiative will run through 2025.



IUP was selected for a **Gold Designation** by Victory Media in its 2021 Military Friendly School ranking, one of only 162 universities in nation and one of only six in Pennsylvania selected for this status.

IUP's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society is one of only 21 chapters in the nation chosen for a **Circle of Excellence Platinum Distinction Award**, the highest commendation a chapter can receive.



Kalani Palmer

Kalani Palmer (human development and family science) won **a faculty award for excellence in advising** from NACADA, the Global Community for Academic Advising.

Recent recognitions include:

- The Master of Business Administration program been selected by *The Princeton Review* for its “Best Business Schools for 2021: On-Campus MBA Programs.”
- Three online master’s programs—criminal justice, mathematics education, and nursing—have been selected by *US News & World Report* for its “Best Online Programs” rankings for 2021.
- The Safety, Health, and Environmental Applied Sciences program is ranked third in the nation for excellence by *universities.com*, with an A “excellent” ranking.
- The bachelor of science degree in hospitality management is ranked in the top 10 best bachelor’s degrees in hospitality management by *study.com*. IUP is the only Pennsylvania college or university in the top 10.
- IUP is ranked in the top 27 colleges and universities in the commonwealth by *intelligent.com*, recognized as a “Best for Education Programs,” and four IUP programs are ranked as top programs in the listing:
 - ◊ Master’s in adult education, also selected for “Best Community Education Focus.”
 - ◊ Master of Arts in Criminology, selected as “Best in the Mid-Atlantic Region” among master’s degrees in criminology, and cited for its “Best Early Admission” process in the master’s degrees in criminal justice category.
 - ◊ The online Master of Science in Food and Nutrition program, recognized for “Best Certificate Options.”
 - ◊ The Physical Education and Sport program, recognized as offering “Best Minors.”



IUP.edu