

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

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Resolution of Commendation IUP Women's Volleyball

WHEREAS, the IUP women's volleyball team won the 2024 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Championship with a 3-1 victory over Gannon University in set scores of 25-23, 17-25, 25-14, and 25-14 on November 24, 2024, in Erie;

WHEREAS, the championship marked the second conference title in IUP women's volleyball program history and the first since the 2002 season;

WHEREAS, the victory secured an automatic bid to the 2024 NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball Championships, the third consecutive NCAA tournament appearance for the program;

WHEREAS, senior Nyla Birch earned PSAC Tournament Most Valuable Player honors, with 16 kills, two block assists, one dig, and a hitting percentage of .560 in the championship match;

WHEREAS, the Crimson Hawks won 24 matches during the 2024 season and advanced to the NCAA Division II Atlantic Region semifinals in Erie;

WHEREAS, senior Lauren Valentic earned All-PSAC West and American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-Region First Team honors; freshman Jessica Neiman earned PSAC West Freshman of the Year, AVCA Freshman of the Year, and All-PSAC West Second Team honors, as well as AVCA All-Region Honorable Mention; and head coach Lorelle Hoyer was named AVCA Region Coach of the Year;

WHEREAS, IUP has won nearly 70 percent of its matches since the 2022 season, with a combined record of 67-29 overall during that span;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the IUP Council of Trustees commends the women's volleyball team for its accomplishments during the 2024 season.

Approved this 6th day of March, 2025.

Samuel H. Smith, Chair
IUP Council of Trustees