IUPUC (Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus) is a unique institution of higher education located in Columbus, Indiana, a city known for a remarkable collection of modern architecture, a beautiful downtown, a cooperative spirit, and a strong culture of innovation. IUPUC is located on the Columbus Airport Campus, a cooperative higher education space where several institutions are co-located with support from the city of Columbus through the Community Education Coalition. IUPUC faculty, staff, and students are engaged in the community and are active on several state, regional, and city boards, commissions, and foundations.

We offer a quality Indiana University experience, while also providing the benefits and personal touch of a small college campus. At IUPUC, students find small class sizes, personalized attention, opportunities to be involved, and a vibrant campus environment providing an academic experience that is exceptional.

With an offering of bachelor’s and master’s degrees that meet the needs of today’s employers, IUPUC is making a difference in the south-central region of Indiana. IUPUC offers students the opportunity to study and work with highly-qualified, internationally-recognized faculty and staff who are dedicated to student development and success while in college and beyond. We offer a broad range of undergraduate degree programs including biology, business, community health advocacy, communication studies, criminal justice, elementary education, English, general studies, mechanical engineering, nursing, psychology and sociology. We also offer several advanced degrees including a Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling, and Master of Science in Nursing. IUPUC remains the top four-year post high school educational institution of choice for students graduating from schools in Bartholomew County.

We have had a number of major successes over the past year. In order to prepare our students for an increasingly complex and diverse world, we have a strong focus on diversity, equity and inclusion at IUPUC. Launched in 2017, Éxito Latino is an annual event that is co-hosted and co-sponsored by IUPUC on the IUPUC campus. The annual event brings 180 Latinx students from five regional high schools to campus so they can increase their understanding of higher education as an option following high school. Through a series of concurrent and general sessions, the students hear from and interact with Latinx college students and recent college graduates. Most of the facilitators and speakers are graduates.
of the same high schools attended by our guests, so they understand the barriers Latinx high school students face and can speak directly to how these barriers might be surmounted. IUPUC collaborates with co-sponsors from Cummins Inc., The Hispanic/Latino Scholarship Fund at Heritage Fund—the Community Foundation of Bartholomew County, Su Casa Columbus, Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation, Seymour School Corporation, Shelbyville School Corporation, Makuta Technics, the Community Education Coalition, and others on this important event.

In addition to our formal educational programs, IUPUC provides many important avenues for continuing education. Columbus Conversations and the Great Decisions Series are off-campus projects sponsored and delivered by IUPUC at the Mill Race Center in downtown Columbus. They are offered to the public through the Division of Liberal Arts. These series are especially popular with the senior citizen community due to the concentration of highly educated retirees in the Columbus area.

**Clearly, IUPUC is a place where all will feel supported while being encouraged to realize their full potential.**

- Reinhold Hill, Vice-Chancellor & Dean

The IUPUC Center for Business and Economic Development (CBED) delivers certificated and uncertificated custom-designed training on campus and in the workplaces of regional employers, with particular concentrations in advanced manufacturing, healthcare, and construction industries. Clients range from global manufacturers with large employment in IUPUC’s region to national construction service providers to regional health care providers. For example, CBED has delivered multiple training opportunities to employees of Columbus Regional Health on ways to interact with customers as part of CRH’s ongoing commitment to service excellence. In addition to training services, CBED offers customized workforce development design services, such as a four-day frontline management program designed for Cummins Inc. employees who enter a two-year management development program. CBED’s industry partners seek university-based specialized training and development for their employees.

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**Enrollment**

1,453

- **Persons of Color:** 12%
- **Graduate Students:** 77

**Total Credit Hours**

17,213

**Scholarship Dollars**

$440,000+

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During the 2018-2019 academic year, we implemented several new software tools that will enable us to digitally engage students before, during, and after recruitment.

- Joe Heltzel, Director of Enrollment Management

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**New Admissions Website:**

The Office of Admissions & Recruiting launched a separate website at admissions.iupuc.edu to create a better user experience for prospective students and their families.
Early Start Program: The Early Start program brings new students to campus prior to the start of classes to receive an in-depth orientation about campus life, what to expect from classes, and how to be prepared for starting their college career.

Big Red Blowout: The Big Red Blowout is the culmination of IUPUC’s Welcome Week events and provides students with an opportunity to meet the various campus organizations they might want to join.

SpeakEasy: Students from each section of COMM-R 110: Fundamentals of Speech Communication are selected by classmates to compete for scholarships. In its 34th year, it is the longest-running student program on campus.

Student Research: Each year, the Office of Student Research provides 10 students each with a $1,000 grant to conduct a research project that is mentored by an IUPUC faculty member.
Understanding the World through the Lens of Women in Literature

Julie Goodspeed-Chadwick has a pocketful of titles at IUPUC. She is a professor of English, director of the Office of Student Research, an IU Bicentennial Professor, a teacher and an author who recently published a new book titled *Reclaiming Assia Wewill: Sylvia Plath, Ted Hughes, and the Literary Imagination*.

While her duties vary from one job to another, there is a common thread: She channels a passion and love for literature through all of the work she does. With that love and passion of literature comes a sense of advocacy that uses women’s gender and trauma studies as well as literary studies as a lens to help students understand the world around them.

“How we come to represent gender in our writing and teaching has everything to do with how we interact with the world,” she said. “Some of what I do is advocate in terms of helping students to interpret, navigate, understand and approach our world and ultimately to do something with that.”

Her record of accomplishments and recognitions speaks for itself. Since joining the Division of Liberal Arts faculty at IUPUC in 2008, she has been the recipient of the IUPUI Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, the IU Trustees Teaching Award, the IUPUI Inspirational Woman Leadership Award, and the IUPUI Kathryn J. Wilson Award for Outstanding Leadership and Mentoring in Undergraduate Research. She was named a Mosaic Faculty fellow and recently was selected as one of 25 Indiana University Bicentennial Professors, a program that is part of the university’s continued commitment to public outreach and community engagement.

Teaching Sustainability through Stories

Laura Liu, a faculty member in the Division of Education, has written several children’s books on the subject of sustainability. The “Turtle” series includes four books, each of which addresses a different environmental topic.

*Turtle’s Treasure* is a story of hope, and reflects a spirit needed today to face shared global challenges related to the environment and social responsibility. *Turtle’s Tug* is a journey in learning to understand and empathize with the lives of others. *Turtle’s Turn* is a story of discovery, hope, and social responsibility gleaned upon studying creation’s wonders. *Turtle’s Triumph* explores the complex, hybrid space of ecological preservation and economic development often intertwined with medical industries.

She began working on the books in 2012 in an attempt to engage with environmental sustainability issues on a head-heart level. She also was considering how to guide her university students of teacher education in completing children’s books as an extension of their academic work. In addition to publishing four books of her own, each year, her teacher candidates work together to create their own sustainability books and then read them to elementary school children during a program at the Bartholomew County Public Library.

In addition, Dr. Liu has also written a textbook titled *Teacher Educator International Professional Development as Ren*. As faculties engage in Ren as a vital 21st century form of development, new insights may emerge for how to revive and apply this concept in our changing global society.
A Bachelor’s Degree Generations in the Making

When Elzbieta Bidwell received her Bachelor of General Studies degree from IUPUC in May 2019, it wasn’t without purpose. Her journey toward a college degree was spun from her desire to honor the dreams of her parents, whose own educational opportunities were cut short in 1939 when Poland was invaded by the Germans and Soviets.

Her father had spent a couple of years in vocational technical school and was ready to begin his pursuit of an engineering degree when the invasion occurred. So, instead, he joined the Polish underground movement and was eventually captured. He spent the remainder of the war years imprisoned in a number of concentration camps. In 1939 her mother was 15 and just beginning high school with a keen interest in studying medicine in the future. She was kidnapped, loaded into a cattle car and sent to a sawmill in southern Germany as a forced laborer. “For my parents, staying alive was their education,” said Elzbieta.

It wasn’t until much later in life, with her children through college, that Elzbieta went back to school to get the education her parents never had the opportunity to attain. She leveraged her coursework at IUPUC to begin documenting the story of her parents, and this past year received a grant from the IUPUC Office of Student Research to work on that project.

“It has been a long journey,” said Elzbieta, “raising five kids, working full-time, and attending classes at IUPUC. But my story does not compare to the extreme hardships my parents went through and it is for them that I continued my education.”

From IUPUC to the UN

Erica Gregg never thought that her experience at IUPUC would lead to speaking at the United Nations in New York City. But it did. This Columbus Christian School graduate started her UN journey in the fall of 2018 during her freshman year at IUPUC when she chose to take a class titled “Design Thinking in Technology.” The class, taught by Dr. Jon Padfield, had students pick a global issue, define a piece that they could help change, and then create solutions based on their problem statement. Erica and her team chose the topic of human trafficking and how it relates to youth, and youth in sexual slavery.

As the semester progressed, Dr. Padfield saw the potential impact of the project and reached out to the United Nations. “Erica and her team went more in-depth for this project than I had ever previously seen in this class,” said Dr. Padfield. “They were involved, motivated, and were having fun with the project. Their hard work and their subject matter were both factors in me choosing to contact the UN to see if they could present at the Global Engagement Summit.”

The result was an invitation to present the project at the United Nations Global Engagement Summit on February 22, 2019 in New York City. Although the event was a fantastic opportunity for Erica, it didn’t come without challenges, including the anxiety of speaking in front of almost 2000 people. “I had never spoken in front of that many people in my life,” said Erica, “so to say that I was nervous is an incredible understatement.”

However, with several months of practicing her presentation, and having a faculty member she could turn to for advice, she and fellow teammate Zoey Wagner successfully presented the project. In addition, they were able to discuss the project with many leaders of global nonprofits that specialize in ending human trafficking and raise awareness for this issue.

“Speaking at the United Nations to that many people was like a dream,” Erica said. “I feel honored to have had this opportunity and it would not have been possible without Dr. Padfield taking the time to reach out to the United Nations on our behalf.”
IUPUC is committed to developing and encouraging a culture that proactively creates solutions to challenges and fosters a positive environment while also supporting an active Diversity Council and strong diversity programming for the campus.

Éxito Latino: In its second year, Éxito Latino brought 180 Latinx students from select high schools to IUPUC for a day-long event to help them understand the opportunities available following their high school graduation.

WCIF Panel: As part of the IUPUI WCIF initiative, IUPUC brought together business and education leaders to discuss ways to strengthen the community through an educated workforce.

MLK Day Celebration: Carolyn Butler-Lee, Executive Director of Corporate Human Resources at Cummins, discussed equity and economic opportunity in South Central Indiana.
Lead By Design: The IUPUC Office for Women, and the IUPUC Center for Business and Economic Development hosted a panel discussion on the benefits of a diverse workforce.

Take Back the Night: The IUPUC Office for Women organized “Take Back the Night” to show support for victims of sexual assault, and create awareness for the issue of sexual violence.

ICTM State Math Contest: More than 60 Students and their families came to IUPUC from across the state in April to participate in the Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics contest.
New Degree Programs
IUPUC launched four new degree programs during the 2018-2019 academic year including three undergraduate and one graduate degree. The new degrees include:

- B.A. Sociology
- B.S. Community Health Advocacy
- B.S. Criminal Justice
- M.S.N. – Family Nurse Practitioner

IUPUC Pioneers Health Sciences Education by Adding SimX Virtual Reality Software
The IUPUC Simulation Center is one of only 100 nursing simulation labs worldwide to be accredited by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare. In late 2018, IUPUC introduced immersive virtual reality technology from SimX, making it one of only four institutions in the nation using the software, and the only nursing school, to do so.

University IT Services

618
Crimson Cards Issued

2174
Tickets Closed

190,000+
Pages Printed

18
Network Switches Replaced

21
Printers Replaced
CBED Vision

- To provide customized training at your location or on campus in the executive education conference facility
- To be the regional choice for high-quality, non-credit executive education and professional development
- To solve business and organizational problems by engaging the best academic, business, and consulting resources available in the region
- To support entrepreneurship and innovation
- To promote project-based learning opportunities with faculty, staff, and students
- To be a ready resource for community collaboration

**The Center for Business and Economic Development allows us to be able to offer our employees continuing educational training in the convenience of our own office. Our employees learn skills that improve their ability to perform their jobs and work effectively.**

- Chief Executive Officer, Construction Industry

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Executive Education Engagement

**Private, Customized Programs**

- Columbus Regional Health (CRH)
- Cummins Inc.
- GMI Corporation
- Harmon Group
- Lannett Company Inc.
- Toyota Industrial Equipment Manufacturing (TIEM)
- Toyota Machine Handling USA (TMHU)

**Fully Customized Public Workshops**

- Johnson County Economic Development Council
- Seymour Chamber

**IUPUC Professional Staff Development**

- Staff Council Professional Development Chair
- Coordinated 30 participants over four 3 hour workshops
- Facilitation by IUPUC Training & Development
- Financial support provided by IUPUC Vice Chancellor’s Office
$3.8M
IU Bicentennial Campaign

125+
Donor-Funded
Scholarships Awarded

42%
Participation in
Campus Campaign

Renovated Chemistry Lab:
Students took advantage of the renovated chemistry lab thanks to more than $375,000 in donations.

Future site of the Tom and Barbara Schoellkopf Community Counseling Center:
IUPUC secured funding to open and maintain a mental health counseling center that not only will provide experiential training opportunities for students, it will also serve the needs of the campus and community at large.
IUPUC Alumni Association Becomes the IU AA South Central Region

The IUPUC Alumni Association transitioned from a campus-specific organization to a regionally-focused chapter becoming the IU Alumni Association South Central Region in the spring of 2019. The first official event was a mixer at the former Republic building and new home of the J. Irwin Miller Architecture program in Columbus, as part of IUPUC’s IU Day festivities.

This new Alumni chapter has a new board of advisors:

- Alan Crosby, IU Bloomington
- James Duke, IU Bloomington
- Rachel Ferry, IUPUC
- Brian Hardy, IU Bloomington, IUPUC
- Ben Hatton, IUPUC
- Victoria Johnson, IUPUC
- Wayne DeFreitas, IUPUC
- Matthew Rothrock, IUPUC
- Bryan Rushton, IUPUC
- Jeanine Scheidler, IUPUC
- Craig Sweany, IUPUC

IU Day Mixer: IU alumni from across South Central Indiana got together on IU Day to exchange laughs and stories, including Columbus Mayor Jim Lienhoop showing off his vintage Little 500 jacket.

David Elwood Recognized with IUPUC’s 2018 James G. Simms Leadership Award

IUPUC honored David Elwood with the 2018 James G. Simms Leadership Award during its annual Circle of Leadership Celebration in November, 2018 in Columbus. The award—established in honor of the late James G. Simms for his vision, perseverance, and dedication in founding the IUPUC campus in the 1970s—recognizes inspiring individuals who have generously given their time, talent, and treasure to advance IUPUC’s mission. Elwood began serving on the IUPUC Board of Advisors in 2008, and now also serves on the IUPUC Mental Health Counseling Advisory Council, offering wisdom and insight into the evolving programmatic needs and emerging opportunities for both of these IUPUC groups. In 2018, David and Ella Elwood generously supported IUPUC’s first ever crowdfunding campaign by pledging a $25,000 matching gift for the Mental Health Counseling (MHC) program.
The IUPUC Office of Sustainability seeks to support student success and the well-being of the citizens of Columbus, the state of Indiana, and beyond by creating a culture of sustainability and advancing sustainability in the administrative, academic, research, and community engagement programs at IUPUC.

**Biology Club Garden:** The Biology Club has been growing and harvesting everything from watermelon and herbs to peppers, broccoli and squash in the garden located behind the Ivy Tech Building. Meeting regularly throughout the summer and the school year, the Biology Club aims to further the education and practical knowledge of students in all levels of Biology through service, community outreach, group study, and research opportunities.

**Marker Recycle Program**
The Biology Club partners with the Brown County Intermediate School to recycle markers through the Crayola Colorcycle Program which recycles markers of any brand, including all highlighters and dry erase markers, and coloring markers.

**Celebrating Arbor Day:**
Students, faculty and staff planted 14 trees, pruned 35 trees and removed 12. We had 36 hours of volunteer labor and other contributors from student and civic organizations.
**Cummins Inc.**

IUPUC has broad interaction with Cummins on several levels, including:

- Active engagement on the IUPUC Board of Advisors with special attention to engineering and business academic programs.
- Long-term strategic planning for and implementation of STEM pathways for women and minority students.
- A school-to-work program that employs IUPUC students and balances their work/academic loads.
- Active hiring of IUPUC graduates into professional roles at Cummins.
- Significant partnership on a scholarship and internship program for undocumented and DACA Latino students.
- Mentoring programs for Latino students.
- Financial and volunteer support for on and off campus events in support of minority students.

**Regional Health Care Network**

The IUPUC Division of Health Sciences works extensively with regional health care organizations in several areas impacting nursing students including employment as well as regional health care. IUPUC partners with seven regional hospitals to place nurses for clinicals including Columbus Regional Health, Decatur County Memorial, Johnson Memorial Hospital, King’s Daughters’ Hospital, Major Hospital, Margaret Mary Health, and Schneck Medical Center.

**Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation**

BCSC graduates are a major source of IUPUC enrollment. BCSC also hires IUPUC Education majors and is working with IUPUC to help more minority students choose education careers. The BCSC superintendent is a member of IUPUC’s Board of Advisors. Different groups of BCSC teachers and counselors work closely with IUPUC on various projects. A leading example is the annual event called Éxito Latino which brings 180 Latino high school juniors and seniors to campus for a day focused on overcoming barriers to higher education. The team that produces this event includes six BCSC counselors who work with Latino students.

*Greicy Patino, IUPUC ’17*

Dual Immersion Kindergarten Teacher at BCSC