

Investing in the Future of IUP Athletics

Your support ensures that IUP Athletics continues to compete at the highest level while fostering academic achievement and personal growth. By investing in scholarships, facilities, and operations, you help develop well-rounded student-athletes who excel both on the field and in the classroom. Together, we build a lasting tradition of excellence—shaping the future of our students, our teams, and our university.



Endowments and Scholarships: Building a Legacy of Excellence

Supporting the **IUP Athletics Hall of Fame** and **IUP Athletics Speaker Series** allows us to celebrate past achievements and inspire future success. These signature events honor outstanding athletes, coaches, and contributors while bringing thought leaders to campus to engage our students, alumni, and fans.

Scholarship Endowments

Goal: \$1,000,000

Your Impact: Athletics strengthens our entire university community. By endowing scholarships that support student-athletes across all sports, you help ensure that every athlete has the resources to compete at the highest level while pursuing their education. Your support opens doors, fosters opportunity, and fuels success both on the field and in the classroom.

Graduate Assistantship Endowments

Goal: \$250,000

Your Impact: Providing funding for **graduate assistantships** helps enhance the quality of our athletics programs. These positions support coaching staff and critical areas like athletic training, athletic communications, strength and conditioning, and nutrition, ensuring our student-athletes receive top-tier care and development.

At the same time, assistantships offer graduate students valuable experiential learning opportunities through hands-on job training in real-world settings. By working closely with professionals in their field, graduate assistants develop practical skills, build strong resumes, and gain a competitive edge that positions them for long-term success in their careers.



Supporting Champions. Building Legacy.

The **Crimson and Gray Society** honors and celebrates those dedicated donors who are committed to shaping the future of IUP Athletics. Established by the IUP Athletics Advancement Council and Annual Fund Committee, this exclusive giving society recognizes individuals who pledge significant long-term support to our student-athletes, programs, and facilities.

The **Crimson and Gray Society** recognizes donors who commit a minimum of \$25,000, payable over no more than five years, with an annual contribution of at least \$5,000 to IUP Athletics.



Athletic Enhancements

Goal: \$1,500,000

Gifts to IUP Athletics directly impact the student-athlete experience and help build competitive, well-supported programs. Donors can support key priorities such as:

- **Team Travel and Logistics:** Upgrading transportation with sprinter vans for men's golf and women's tennis ensures safe, efficient travel and reduces stress on student-athletes and staff.
- **Fueling Station:** Providing essential nutrition products and staffing to help student-athletes train, recover, and compete at their best.
- **Streaming and Broadcast Production:** Improving broadcast streaming capabilities across venues increases program visibility, engages alumni and fans, and offers students hands-on media experience.
- **Preseason Camps and Competition Trips:** Supporting preseason and spring break travel enables teams to train intensively and compete against top-tier opponents in preparation for championship seasons.

Investments in these areas strengthen IUP Athletics on and off the field—driving success, school pride, and student-athlete development.

Facility Enhancements: Creating Championship-Caliber Spaces, A Multi-Phase Project

Phase One:

Auxiliary Field and Game-Day Experience

Goal: \$8,500,000

Phase One of our athletics facility enhancements focuses on the development of the **Auxiliary Field** to better support our growing athletic programs and improve the overall game-day experience.

The upgraded Auxiliary Field will feature a new playing surface that matches Cignetti Field, including professional striping and field preparation to accommodate lacrosse, field hockey, and soccer. This addition will alleviate scheduling pressures and reduce the wear and tear on Cignetti Field by providing a high-quality, alternative venue for practices and competitions.

The project also includes the installation of a grandstand and a prefabricated press box at the Auxiliary Field, improving the experience for spectators and media coverage alike. A **new women's locker room** building adjacent to the Auxiliary Field will offer modern, dedicated space to support our student-athletes. **Two new ticket booth buildings** with defined entry gates, significantly improving access and creating a more welcoming and organized game-day experience for students, alumni, and community members.