

Fundraising Priorities for the College of Education and Human Services

In our college, learning doesn't stop at the classroom door – it comes alive in our community. We create countless opportunities for our students to put their skills into action, serving others, and making a difference throughout our region. Our projects and initiatives are pathways to greater accessibility, stronger education, and a deeper sense of belonging for both IUP students and the community. When you give to these funds, you're shaping lives, opening doors, and helping build a brighter future for our entire region. Your generosity today will ripple outward for years to come.



Digital Literacy Lab & Telehealth Center

Goal: \$100,000

Improving digital literacy and access to telehealth are critical in empowering our community to become more independent when it comes to their careers, social wellness, and healthcare. At IUP, a Digital Literacy and Telehealth Center will help community members gain an improved understanding of digital tools and access private spaces for telehealth appointments. In addition to access to computers, workshops, and resources, the Center will also help healthcare providers understand the best practices for telehealth, improve the quality of remote healthcare services, and ensure patients in rural areas receive the support and care they need.

Your Impact: You provide important resources that educate diverse audiences on the safe and effective use of digital technologies and provide private spaces for telehealth appointments, empowering community members with the tools to pursue better health outcomes.

Dean's Innovation Fund

Goal: \$25,000 annually or \$775,000 endowed

The Dean's Innovation Fund ensures that our College's legacy continues to serve as a source of excellence and inspiration for current and future students. This fund provides the flexibility and resources needed to respond to emerging opportunities, foster interdisciplinary research, and pilot new educational initiatives that help students and faculty become standout professionals, prepared to make life-changing impacts in their fields.

Your Impact: Your support ensures that the College adapts quickly to new trends in education, incorporates cutting-edge technology, and supports bold new ideas from faculty, staff, and students. This fund empowers the College to act on opportunities that drive meaningful research breakthroughs, improve student learning, and sharpen IUP's competitive edge in education and human development.

Labyrinth Center for Autism Spectrum Support

Goal: \$100,000

At IUP, we must provide IUP students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) the spaces and resources they need to learn, collaborate, and thrive. The Labyrinth Center for Autism Spectrum Support will renovate space for students to access a one-credit course, academic and life coaching, supervised study sessions, and peer and faculty mentoring. Renovations include the expansion of necessary meeting spaces and soundproofing to increase comfort and privacy. Your support will also provide additional behavioral, psychological, and educational interventions for students with ASD, including one-on-one counseling sessions in a private but unrestrictive area, so every student feels connected to our programming.

Your Impact: By expanding both the physical space and accommodations for students with ASD, you help more students thrive through improved resources and help them feel empowered, understood, and supported on IUP's campus. In turn, these students positively impact our community through meaningful lives and enriched careers.

Do you prefer to make an impact through scholarships?

To endow a scholarship, a minimum contribution of \$25,000 is required, while a minimum of \$5,000 is needed for current-use scholarships. Contributions can be pledged and paid over a five-year period.



Child Study Center

Goal: \$100,000

The Child Study Center, a psycho-educational clinic operated by the School Psychology Program, is a hub for answers, hope, and support. The Center provides educational and psychological assessments of children, adolescents, and young adults in the following areas: learning disabilities, emotional and behavioral issues, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Attention-Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder, school readiness, and vocational planning. The Center provides recommendations for interventions and supports children's learning and behavioral programs, consults with schools, outside agencies, and other professional personnel to provide tailored support for each and every child. The Center also provides critical, hands-on training for school psychology graduate students at IUP, making it a vital resource for students and community members alike.

Your Impact: You enhance the Center's critical community service—providing consultation and education for parents surrounding remediation and treatment of children's academic difficulties and/or behavioral concerns, giving them both peace of mind, while also helping school psychology graduate students access crucial training resources.

American Sign Language Lab

Goal: \$50,000

Expanding ways for both IUP students and the local community to learn ASL and other types of sign language is an important step in our community becoming more welcoming and inclusive to all. The ASL Lab will replicate environments that are most helpful for diverse individuals with varying types and degrees of hearing loss, incorporating assistive technology, including an accessible video phone, a low ceiling and carpeted floor, and lighting designed to reduce reverberation and enhance speechreading. The space will also facilitate workshops on emergency preparedness for those who are deaf or hard of hearing, helping our community be supported with resources and education.

Your Impact: You significantly improve an environment that offers inclusive activities to emphasize deaf culture and understanding and improve communication access for all.

IndiKids & the Literacy Center Renovation Fund

Goal: \$2,000,000

The IndiKids and Literacy Center Renovation Fund is helping bring to life a vibrant, welcoming Community Learning Center—one that will be a safe haven for learning, connection, and growth. This new and fully accessible space will ensure that IndiKids (Indiana County Child Day Care Program) can continue providing the highest quality early childhood education and care for our community's youngest learners—nurturing their curiosity, creativity, and confidence from the very start. The Bill and Judy Scheeren Literacy Center, a beloved cornerstone of educational support in our community, will find its new home here as well. With more room and resources, it will open even greater opportunities for children, teens, and adults to discover the joy of reading, strengthen their skills, and unlock their potential.

Your Impact: When you support this project, you're giving children a strong start in life, empowering learners of all ages, creating a shared space where everyone belongs, and building a stronger community for generations to come.