

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Points of Pride



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A total of 749 students receiving 493 bachelor's degrees, 218 master's degrees and 38 doctoral degrees are invited to participate in **December commencement ceremonies**. Distinguished University Professor Dr. Jeffery Larkin will speak at both the undergraduate and graduate ceremonies.

In October, Tim Cejka '73 and Laurie Kuzneski '93 were confirmed to serve on **IUP's Council of Trustees** and current trustees Susan Delaney '64 and Mark Holman '79 were reappointed to the council.

Students and faculty participated in IUP's annual **Cyber Security Day**, featuring a panel of experts in the field, including IUP graduate Lisa Schlosser '86, a city commissioner, technology cyber security executive, and former White House official. Schlosser received the IUP Distinguished Alumni Award in 2013.

IUP is the recipient of a \$740,250 grant from the **Pennsylvania Department of Education** to help reverse the decline in new teacher graduation rates and to retain new teachers in the field.

The undergraduate degree in **Safety, Health, and Environmental Applied Sciences** has become a board-approved program by the Institute for Safety and Health Management (ISHM). Only 36 programs in the nation hold this designation.

IUP's Residential Revival has been honored by the **Green Building Alliance** as one of 25 projects that have significantly advanced the region's green building movement.

Hundreds of families participated in IUP's **Family Weekend** event, which included the first Legacy Breakfast, recognizing parents and grandparents of current students.

The Eberly College of Business and Information Technology has been recognized in *U.S. News & World Report's 2018 Best Business Schools* ranking as fourth in the nation for the number of international students (82.7 percent) in its Master of Business Administration program.



Tim Cejka



Laurie Kuzneski

IMAGINE UNLIMITED

A total of \$16,247 was raised from 144 donors—far exceeding the \$10,000 goal—during the second annual **Giving Tuesday** event. Nearly \$8,700 was earmarked by donors to support the IUP Food Pantry project.

More than 100 students were served during a **"Pop-up Pantry"** organized by the Frederick Douglass Institute's Each One Reach One student group and led by Melanie Hildebrandt (sociology). Raising funds for the IUP food pantry project is spearheaded by the Student Philanthropy Council.



Dani Wade (international business) attended the **Net Impact Conference** to learn more about issues related to food insecurity and how to address the needs of IUP students. Terry Serafini '61, provided funding to help Wade attend the conference.

IUP led all the State System universities in the **State Employee Combined Appeal** fundraising event for community support, raising \$26,971.

Several **endowed scholarships** have been established during the fall semester for students through the university's Imagine Unlimited comprehensive campaign. As of November 30, 2018, campaign totals stand at \$57.7 million, or 77 percent of its \$75 million goal.

IUP's Department of Communications Disorders, Special Education, and Disability Services surpassed the \$10,000 fundraising mark in its October eighth annual **"Confections for a Cause"** bake sale for ovarian cancer research.

Young alumni achievement in a variety of careers were highlighted during this year's annual event. Winners include Justin Brown M'13, founder and CEO of the D.A.P. Diversity

Awareness Program and founder and president of Onward & Upward; Brandon Hody '12 M'15, Safety and occupational health professional, Concurrent Technologies Corporation; Maria McCollester '07, associate political scientist, RAND Corporation; Chad Nease M'10, senior data scientist, Caterpillar Inc.; Natalie Palamides '12, actor; and Eric Palmer '06 M'07, executive director, Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center.



Students, faculty, and community members enjoyed programs by inaugural **Serafini Lecturer** Arthur Benjamin, the Smallwood Family Professor of Mathematics at Harvey Mudd College and a well-known "mathemagician." Funding for the lecture series is provided by Terry Serafini '61.

HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED

More than 100 members of the IUP and local community celebrated the unveiling of "**Answering the Call**," a monument honoring veterans of Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, on November 11, 2018 (Veteran's Day). IUP's student military honor fraternity, Rho Tau Chi, commissioned the sculpture and organized the unveiling ceremony. The design and construction of the monument were done by IUP students and faculty.



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



IUP's **Year of Free Speech** offered programs ranging from Constitution Day to a presentation from American Civil Liberties Union attorney Vic Walczak. Spring events will include a program by Greg Lukianoff, co-author, *The Coddling of the American Mind*.

The **Racial Justice Coalition for Change** continued its monthly Stand Against Racism and Hate throughout the fall semester.

Multicultural Affairs and Student Success (MASS) organized a variety of programming, ranging from a trip to hear activist Angela Davis to a celebration for National Coming Out Day.

IUP welcomed transgender woman Paula Stone Williams for an event called "**Is Life Really Easier for Men?**"

Women's and Gender Studies and the Center for Teaching Excellence have organized a year-long program, "**The Elephant in the Room**: Conversation and Action for Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity in the Classroom and Beyond."

The IUP Libraries hosted the **Banned Books Week Community Read-Out**, featuring students, faculty, and staff reading from a favorite "banned book." The event highlights the value of free and open access to information.

International Education Week included a United States Naturalization Ceremony. IUP President Michael Driscoll offered opening remarks for those celebrating gaining American citizenship.

A cohort of 44 undergraduate students from Mexico spent three weeks at IUP for an **immersive cultural learning experience** through the Proyecta 100,000 Program, in its second year at IUP.

IUP's **Native American Awareness Council** offered two events in November to celebrate Native American Awareness Month: information tables on the mascot issue, and a "lunch and learn" about Pocahontas.

Jessica Mulvihill (International Education) coordinated a group of nine graduate students presenting research at the **International Student Graduate Forum** at the TIES IV conference in Cienfuegos, Cuba.