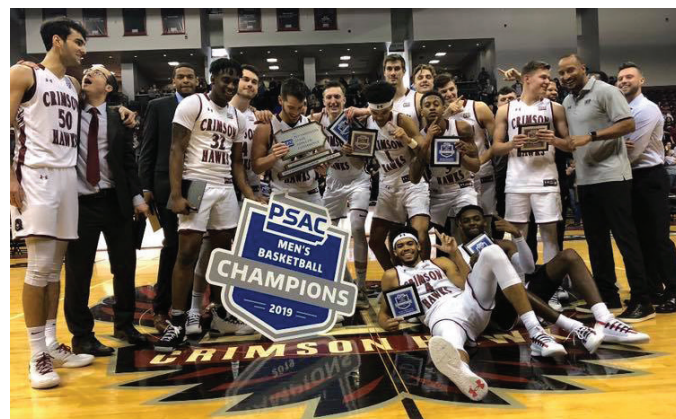


# Indiana University of Pennsylvania Points of Pride

MOVING FORWARD



## ACCOLADES AND RECOGNITIONS

For the second consecutive year—and the third time in program history—the IUP **women's basketball team** is the champions of the NCAA Division II Atlantic Region. The Crimson Hawks, under the coaching of Tom McConnell, beat conference rival California on March 18 in the regional championship game to win the title and advance to the Elite Eight, which will be held March 26-29, in Columbus, Ohio.

But that wasn't the only significant part of basketball season on campus. Both IUP teams made history by becoming the first teams from the one university to win both men's and women's **Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference tournament titles** in the same season since 1987. IUP is only the third school to achieve that feat in the league's 68-year history.

Jacobo Diaz (senior, economics) is a finalist for the 2019 **Bevo Francis Award**, which recognizes the finest men's basketball players nationwide based on season statistics, individual achievements, awards, personal character, and team achievements. He is the first player in IUP history to be a finalist for this award.

Carolyn Appleby (senior, safety science) was selected to the Division II Conference Commissioners Association **All-Atlantic Region women's basketball team**. The Crimson Hawks' leading scorer, Appleby also earned first-team All-PSAC honors and was named the MVP of the PSAC tournament for the second time in three years.

Three individuals and two relay teams from the women's swimming team advanced to the **NCAA Division II championships**, with junior Claire Mikesell earning first-team All-America honors and senior Nicole Smith earning three honorable mention All-America honors. IUP finished 24th out of 45 teams.

IUP's Geospatial Intelligence Certificate program (undergraduate and graduate) has been recognized with accreditation by the **United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation**; IUP's certificate program is one of only 17 accredited programs in the world.

IUP's Health Service office has achieved accreditation by the **Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care**. IUP is one of only 10 college health services in Pennsylvania accredited by the association.





## PHILANTHROPY IN ACTION

The estate of Dr. William Culp has bequeathed more than \$404,000 to the **Dr. William Culp Library Collection for Transpersonal Psychology**. This is the largest single donation received by the University Libraries. Culp is a 1957 graduate and retired faculty member.

A total of 560 students, faculty, and staff participated in **IUP Philanthropy Day** in February. Attendees wrote thank you postcards for first-time donors. More than 6,000 people viewed a video from the event posted on IUP's Facebook page.

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**Erik Nordberg**



**Sylvia Gaiko**



**Curt Scheib**

Three **new deans** will join the IUP community: Erik Nordberg, interim assistant dean of the University Library System at Wayne State University, as dean of libraries, in May; Sylvia Gaiko, a professor in the Applied Human Services Department at Western Kentucky University, as dean of the College of Health and Human Services, in July; and Curt Scheib '77, dean of the School of Visual and Performing Arts at Seton Hill University, as dean of the College of Fine Arts, also in July.

IUP and Salus University have signed an **articulation agreement** designed to help qualified students complete studies at Salus to become a physician assistant. This agreement is the second IUP-Salus agreement; In 2017, IUP signed a 3+4 Doctor of Audiology articulation agreement with Salus.

IUP has received a second \$30,000 grant through Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf's **"It's On Us PA" initiative** to combat campus sexual assault. This grant follows an initial \$30,000 in funds received in 2016, used to launch the Green Dot bystander intervention program in 2017. This year's funds will continue the Green Dot

initiative with a special focus on programs for men, including speakers, film screenings, and an extensive "It's On Us IUP" social media marketing campaign.

Folger Dining Hall launched its **True Balance Allergen Solutions station** in spring 2019 to accommodate diners who have food allergies and gluten intolerances.

Michele Papakie (journalism and public relations) is IUP's first **Faculty-in-Residence**, living in Stephenson Hall for the spring semester. In addition to informal networking with students, she also is responsible for weekly programs for the students.

The "Just In Case" **smartphone application** became available to IUP students in spring 2019. It provides tips and contact information related to emergencies.

IUP received \$273,737 in continued funding for its **Upward Bound Math and Science Program** and secured \$39,325 in supplemental funding to enhance existing programming and ensure success in STEM fields, including computer science.



## CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

IUP's **Racial Justice Coalition for Change** continued its take a Stand Against Racism each first Friday of the month. The group also organized a Stand in Solidarity and Support for Muslim relatives in New Zealand on March 18, four days after the attacks on two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Elise Glenn, Title IX coordinator/compliance specialist, has been appointed to serve as **Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer and Title IX Coordinator**. In this role, she will be a member of the president's cabinet and will direct the Office of Social Equity, with the broadened charge to engage everyone at the university to accelerate progress toward the vision of an IUP that promotes and celebrates diversity, equality, and inclusion.