



Following six months of market research and hundreds of hours of work to create stories, photos, designs, web design, videos, and other marketing materials, IUP unveiled its new brand communications in August. Response has been overwhelmingly positive; in the first 10 days after unveiling the new brand video, it got more than 36,425 views on social media.

## Our Town is Indiana



IUP cut the ribbon for the University College facilities in the IUP Libraries on August 27. Angaziya Malenge, a member of the first cohort of explorers (formerly called undecided students) and sophomore sociology human services major from Pittsburgh, delivered remarks, along with University College Director Michele Norwood, President Michael Driscoll, and Provost Timothy Moerland. IUP welcomes more than 600 explorers this fall, including close to 200 returning students.

IUP marked the 18th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks with a program featuring Chris Noah, chief marketing officer, a resident of the New York City region; and Kevin Thelen, director of University Police.



Abigaëlle Vertil, a junior psychology major and philosophy minor from Philadelphia, has been appointed by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf to serve as the student trustee on the IUP Council of Trustees.

The Allegheny Arboretum at IUP has been renewed with Level 1 Accreditation by the ArbNet Accreditation Program and Morton Arboretum.

## Our State is Pennsylvania

Nick Deardorff (geoscience) secured a \$425,829 National Science Foundation grant to purchase a Scanning Electron Microscope. The SEM is available to students and businesses in the region.



Thirty-four students participated in the 2019 Research Experience for Summer Scholars program, now in its fifth year. Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Dr. Douglas Kupas '86, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Emergency Medical Services medical director with positions at Geisinger Health System, presented the keynote address for the program.

Ben Ford and Bill Chadwick (anthropology) and 17 IUP students found evidence of life dating back 8,000 years at the Newport Village field school, located on the border of Westmoreland and Indiana counties. The discovery drew the attention of KDKA-TV and WESA-FM National Public Radio.



IUP received a \$200,000 Expansion Grant Award from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to continue work to reverse the decline in new-teacher graduation rates and to retain new teachers in the field. The funding builds upon a \$740,250 grant in 2018.

C. Edward Keller, a 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, has been honored by the Beaumont (Texas) Foundation of America by a \$60,000 gift to the C. Edward Keller Scholarship for Criminology and Criminal Justice at IUP.

MSA Safety, Inc., of Cranberry Township, donated equipment valued at \$36,500 to support IUP's Department of Safety Sciences' industrial hygiene and construction labs.

Mary Ann Dickey, of York County, gifted \$30,000 in memory of her late husband Jim Dickey '64, to support IUP nursing students.

Dr. Hal and Betty Wingard donated \$25,000 to support the Academy of Culinary Arts.

Morgan Glasser, a junior biology major and chemistry minor, spent her summer doing research at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, through the Kopchick Summer Fellowship program, funded by Dr. John Kopchick IUP'72, M '75.

## Our Span is the World

Recent accolades include:

- One of "America's Top Colleges 2019" by *Forbes* magazine, included as a best in the country university that delivers top academics, best experiences, career success, and lowest debt;
- *Washington Monthly's* 2019 College Guide and Rankings for "what universities do for the country;"
- "10 Most Affordable Accredited Online Colleges 2020" by EduRef.net;
- Ranked Eighth in Pennsylvania by Best Value Schools;
- Selected in the top 20 Best Online Colleges and Universities by EdSmart.org.

Charles McCreary (Department of Foreign Languages) was honored by the city of Nancy, France, with the Gold Medal of the City. McCreary has coordinated and led IUP's study abroad program in there since 2004 and has participated in the program since 1989.

Devon Caples, an IUP junior with double majors in Asian studies and international business, was selected as a Fellow for the 2019 US-China Student Leaders Academy with Zhi-Xing China Fellowship, one of only 30 American students chosen for the honor.

Craig Denison (music) was a guest clinician and coach at the China International Chorus Festival in Beijing, presenting four pieces to international music teachers and coaching five children's choirs.

Two students were selected for Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships: Adama Kouyate, an IUP fashion merchandising major from Reading, who will study at the Paris College of Art this semester; and Kailyn Provitt, an IUP Asian Studies major from Pittsburgh, who will spend the academic year at Korea University. With these most recent winners, IUP has 19 Gilman Scholarship recipients.



Adama Kouyate



Kailyn Provitt

Four IUP biology students presented research in Honduras at an international symposium on biodiversity. The seminar was organized by Josiah Townsend (biology), who won a Fulbright research award in spring 2019.

