



150 Years of Impact: The Power of Giving

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025





As we celebrate 150 years of excellence, we're reflecting on our incredible journey from a teacher-training school to a nationally recognized doctoral research university. And just as important, we're celebrating the people who made it possible: people like you.

This milestone year is powered by the momentum of our Impact 150 campaign, which is the most ambitious in our history. The response has been nothing short of inspiring. Before we even announced the public launch of the campaign in August 2025, we had already secured \$81.2 million, taking us more than halfway to our \$150 million goal.

Your generosity is changing lives in big ways. It's helping bring the proposed IUP College of Osteopathic Medicine to life. With your support, we have secured \$34.3 million toward its start-up and success. Your generosity is also making a difference in the quiet, everyday moments of student need, through initiatives like the IUP Food Pantry and Help Center, the Crimson Scholars Circle, and the Promising Scholars Program.

The real impact of your support is best told through our people. Inside, you'll find stories of students and alumni like Isaiah Perdue, Anthony Maticic, and Brittany Robinson that show how scholarships and mentorships shaped their time at IUP and how they're preparing to make their mark on the world.

In 2024-25, your gifts provided \$4.3 million in scholarships to 1,667 students. With strong stewardship of our \$146.3 million in foundation assets, we're committed to making sure every gift creates opportunity, both now and for the next 150 years.

Thank you for helping us keep our students at the heart of IUP's mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Driscoll". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Michael A. Driscoll
President



Winston Churchill once said, “Healthy citizens are the greatest asset any country can have.”

Upon reflection, the prime minister’s comment suggests that significant economic and productivity gains are realized when the physical and mental well-being of a country’s citizenry is prioritized. Indeed, a healthy population reduces overall health care costs and allows for increased focus and productivity in the workforce.

IUP’s “Healthy Students, Healthy University, Healthy Communities” initiatives are squarely aligned with the sentiments expressed in the prime minister’s quote. Substitute “commonwealth” for “country,” and the great work IUP is undertaking in fulfilling its mission becomes obvious — starting with its student-centered approach and resulting in graduates who are well-prepared to serve the greatest needs of our communities. This focus on producing healthy graduates who will shape the health and prosperity of our communities for decades to come is further proof that IUP, as it has for the past 150 years, continues to produce the commonwealth’s greatest assets.

As we celebrate IUP’s sesquicentennial and look forward to the next 150 years, we at the Foundation for IUP would like to thank you, our donors once again for the significant impact you have made in helping us assist IUP in fulfilling its mission.

James C. Leda '95
President, Foundation for IUP Board of Directors

Celebrating 150 Years of Excellence and Impact at IUP

Since its founding in 1875, IUP has evolved from a teacher-training institution into a doctoral research university recognized for its commitment to student success and achievement. As IUP celebrates its 150th anniversary, it honors a legacy of educational excellence while looking to its next 150 years of student success, innovation, leadership in healthcare education, and public service.

IUP has launched the Impact 150 comprehensive campaign, named in honor of the university's sesquicentennial celebration. The Impact 150 campaign centers on raising funds for healthy students, including supporting students academically and personally; a healthy university, including maintaining IUP's commitment to excellence and innovation; and healthy communities, including IUP's work to establish a college of osteopathic medicine.



As of August 1, the campaign has secured **\$81,236,852**—approximately 54 percent of the \$150 million goal—from 11,673 donors.

“Impact 150 is about more than a number,” said IUP President Michael Driscoll. “It’s about what that number represents: scholarships that open doors for students, programs that prepare graduates for an evolving world, faculty research that strengthens the lives of people around the world, and new ways of teaching and learning that will keep IUP strong for generations.”

“While this campaign comes at a time when we are celebrating IUP’s 150th birthday and honoring our incredible history and legacy, Impact 150 is really about the future, keeping students at the center of all we do.”

Laurie Frisina Kuzneski, a 1993 graduate of IUP, and her husband, Andy Kuzneski III, are the cochair of the Impact 150 campaign.

“Andy and I are honored to cochair the Impact 150 campaign—a collective promise to shape IUP’s next 150 years of excellence and innovation,” Laurie said. “I may have lived in Waterford, Pennsylvania, for the first 18 years of my life, but IUP is where I grew up. The experiences I had inside and outside the classroom launched me into multiple careers that I have loved, gave me lifelong friendships, helped me find out who I really was, and prepared me to become who I really wanted to be.”

“We talk a lot about being grateful—and we should. But giving back, whether it is our time or our treasure, is how we put that gratitude into action. It’s how we say, ‘I remember what IUP did for me—and I am so grateful that I want to be part of making that happen for someone else.’”

“IUP alumni and friends are amazing in their generosity and steadfast in their commitment and their belief in IUP’s life-changing potential,” said Jennifer DeAngelo, IUP’s vice president for University Advancement. “We’ve seen gifts at all levels, from 13 gifts of \$1 million or more, \$15 million in gifts from donors who prefer to remain anonymous, and 562 gifts ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000.”

“We appreciate each and every gift and each and every donor. Impact 150 is the most ambitious fundraising campaign in IUP’s history, but by working together, I am confident that this campaign will be successful.”



Laurie Kuzneski, '93



Never Say Never

David Walzak '71 and Rebecca "Becky" Blocker Walzak '70

For David Walzak and Rebecca "Becky" Blocker Walzak, IUP was more than a place to earn a degree—it was where their lives took shape.

David, a native of Coraopolis, majored in geography and social studies education, while Becky, who grew up in Greensburg, pursued elementary education. Drawn to IUP for its accessibility and affordability, they arrived on campus seeking opportunity—and found far more than they expected.

At IUP, David and Becky expanded their worldviews through academic discovery, student involvement, and meaningful relationships. Becky was active in Alpha Delta Pi and the teachers' association, while David participated in Kappa Sigma fraternity, intramural athletics, and Indiana's Big Brothers Big Sisters of America program.

IUP is also where they met and fell in love—a moment they describe as the most impactful of their lives. As first-generation college graduates, they gained confidence, perspective, and life lessons at IUP that shaped their personal and professional journeys and opened doors they never imagined possible.

Today, their philanthropy is rooted in gratitude and purpose. David and Becky give back so future students, especially those who may not yet see what's possible, can experience the same sense of growth, opportunity, and accomplishment. Their advice to students is simple yet powerful: work toward your goals, don't give up on your dreams, and take full advantage of everything IUP has to offer.

As they learned during their time in Indiana, the most important lesson of all is one that continues to guide their lives: never say never.



Proposed College of Osteopathic Medicine Update

Pennsylvania, especially in its rural communities, faces an escalating healthcare crisis associated with the shortage of physicians, particularly primary care physicians. Seven rural counties in Pennsylvania are without a hospital. IUP's proposed college of osteopathic medicine, once established, would be the only college of osteopathic medicine at a public university in Pennsylvania.

IUP's proposed college of osteopathic medicine and IUP's commitment to addressing the rural health crisis have resulted in funding from individual donors, foundations, agencies, and legislators totaling more than \$34.3 million, including several million-dollar and multi-million-dollar gifts.



Clinical training site signings during the 2024 Pennsylvania Mountains Rural Health Conference

Gifts from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, include

- In June, IUP received a \$250,000 gift from David Walzak '71 and Rebecca Blocker Walzak '70 originally from Coraopolis (David) and Greensburg (Rebecca), and a \$50,000 gift from Thomas R. Smith, of Hollidaysburg, who received a master's degree in secondary counselor education from IUP in 1976 and retired from a 40-year career in education.
- In April, IUP received an anonymous million dollar gift from an alumna of IUP who is a native of Indiana County and a \$50,000 gift from Lt. Col. Barry Gasdek, a 1964 graduate and 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient originally from Westmoreland County.
- In February, IUP announced gifts totaling \$500,000: a \$250,000 gift from an anonymous donor and a \$250,000 gift from the Fairman Family Foundation of DuBois.
- In December 2024, Theodore Lazzaro, board-certified surgeon and founder of Aestique Med Spa, donated \$50,000 to IUP for scholarships for students in healthcare professions.
- In October 2024, Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education Board of Governors designated \$2 million in design funds as part of the 2024-25 State System of Higher Education capital allocations budget for the academic building renovation for the health sciences cluster and the proposed college of osteopathic medicine.
- Senator Joe Pittman and Representative Jim Struzzi announced in October 2024 that \$2 million from the 2024-25 state budget was set aside for the project.
- In July 2024, IUP graduates Tim Cejka and Debra Phillips Cejka ('73) gifted \$2 million for the proposed college.

IUP's proposed college of osteopathic medicine has gained candidate status from the American Osteopathic Association's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA), which recognizes that IUP has done the required planning and has the resources necessary to apply for pre-accreditation status within two years. Candidate status is the second step in seeking accreditation from COCA.

The IUP proposed college of osteopathic medicine team is working on the next step in the accreditation process, seeking pre-accreditation status. When proposed colleges achieve pre-accreditation status, they are permitted to begin recruiting students. That status follows additional reports and site visits from COCA's accrediting team; it is expected to take up to 16 months to complete.

Securing clinical training sites for students is a crucial part of the successful accreditation process. IUP has secured 230 percent of the clinical training spots required for accreditation.

IUP has 19 clinical training agreements in place, including with all three members of the Pennsylvania Mountains Care Network (Indiana Region Medical Center, Punxsutawney Area Hospital, and Armstrong County Memorial Hospital) and three of Pennsylvania's Department of Human Services state hospitals that provide inpatient services for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness in a supportive and restorative environment (Clarks Summit State Hospital, Torrance State Hospital, and Warren State Hospital).

National studies show that graduates from osteopathic medicine programs are more likely to pursue primary care in rural and underserved areas. Specifically, 57 percent of all doctors of osteopathic medicine serve as general practitioners, and more than 20 percent of DO graduates practice in rural areas. Demand is high for osteopathic medicine training: 22,708 applicants competed for 8,280 seats at schools of osteopathic medicine in 2021.



Miko Rose, DO, founding dean of IUP's proposed college of osteopathic medicine

Doctors of osteopathic medicine, or DOs, complete four years of osteopathic medical school, with an emphasis on preventive medicine and comprehensive patient care. They are trained to recognize the interrelated unity among all systems of the body to promote overall health and wellness. Osteopathic medical schools have a long tradition of serving rural communities. Physicians who are trained in osteopathic medicine are four times as likely to select primary care specialties and almost twice as likely to practice in rural areas as allopathic (MD) students are.

IUP Ambassadors Continue Support for IUP Food Pantry and Help Center

In conjunction with IUP's Giving Tuesday/Month of Giving initiative, IUP Ambassadors for the past three years have donated their winnings from the group's Homecoming parade first-place float prize to the IUP Food Pantry and Help Center.





From left: IUP Ambassador Katherine Lagunas Sanchez, a sophomore ecology, conservation, and evolutionary biology major from Kennett Square; IUP Executive Director of Student Inclusion Roger Briscoe II; IUP Dean of Students Adam Jones; IUP Ambassador Evan Williams, a sophomore exercise science major from McMurray.

The IUP Ambassadors serve as a bridge between prospective students, current students, administrators, faculty members, alumni, and friends of IUP. They engage alumni and current students with campus life, making students more aware of their potential roles as alumni, and emphasize the importance of “giving back” to IUP. The group provides services to the university at various events throughout the year. Throughout the organization’s 32-year history, it has raised more than \$150,000 for the university.

In addition to fundraising and providing support for university events, the IUP Ambassadors have made calls to more than 20,000 prospective students and have led hundreds of tours for incoming first-year students. The group has also been active in donor appreciation events and has organized the “Conversations with Alumni Speaker Series,” which invites successful alumni back to campus to speak to classes and student groups.

“Our IUP Ambassadors are not just leaders; they are also dedicated to making a positive impact on our campus,” Kamden Boyle,

a graduate assistant in the IUP Office of Alumni and Friends and graduate student advisor to the IUP Ambassadors, said. “By donating these funds, they have chosen to support the incredible work that the IUP Food Pantry does in serving our students in need. This is just one of the many ways our IUP Ambassadors are giving back to those around them. We are proud of their commitment to service, and we hope this donation will help continue the Food Pantry’s important mission.”

Food insecurity is a reality across the country, and the **IUP Food Pantry and Help Center** has made a positive change for our students who may need extra assistance. The mission is to help reduce the stress that students may experience during their time at IUP.

The IUP Food Pantry and Help Center offers food items, toiletries, and school supplies. Alumni, friends, and students continue to support the Food Pantry and Help Center with both monetary donations and supplies. More than 7,800 students have received support from the Food Pantry and Help Center since its opening in 2019.

Investing in Potential: Donor Support Fuels Student Success at IUP



Isaiah Perdue

Isaiah William Perdue, a finance major from Darby, Pennsylvania, and a mentor for the Crimson Scholars Circle, didn't decide he was going to college until late into his senior year of high school. After a recommendation from his best friend, he enrolled, sought ways to afford school, and discovered the Promising Scholars Program and the Crimson Scholars Circle.

"These scholarship programs are the reason I can attend college and have access to amazing resources to further propel me forward in my academic career," Isaiah said. "The Crimson Scholars Circle continues to provide me with lasting connections and knowledge that I will be able to carry with me long after my time at IUP. CSC has expanded my horizons of what can be accomplished if you put your mind to it. I wasn't sure if I was going to go to college. Now I can say with confidence that I enjoy learning so much that I'm searching for ways to obtain an MBA. CSC is a community that I will always remember."

After IUP, Isaiah plans to become a private equity associate on Wall Street and eventually travel the world.

“I believe I can accomplish my ambitious dreams,” he said. “IUP has cleared my vision for me to be able to see the finish line towards my goals. This university has shown me that it is possible to achieve great things through discipline and consistency. I love that IUP allows everyone to achieve their dreams, but you must express that you want it and that you are willing to put the work in to get to where you want to be.”

The **Crimson Scholars Circle** is designed to reduce the retention and persistence gap, especially among students from diverse backgrounds. Crimson Scholars come to campus two weeks before the fall semester for an Early Immersion Week program and Welcome Week activities (IUP’s formal university welcome) to get an introduction to the community before the school year begins. Participating in this program provides students with the tools to navigate the college experience and beyond, including networking, mentorship opportunities, financial aid workshops, academic and scholarship support, career planning, leadership development, and more.

Promising Scholars is a competitive scholarship program for high-achieving Pennsylvania students, blending financial support with academic and professional development and supporting the success of outstanding minority high school students and first-generation college students. Scholarships are renewable for up to four years. Students selected for the program are encouraged to reside in the Promising Scholars Living-Learning Community, where they can forge meaningful connections within their cohort.

The Crimson Scholars Circle and Promising Scholars programs are made possible through the generosity of donors. Two of the lead donors to these programs are **Tim Cejka and Debra Phillips Cejka**, graduates of the Class of 1973. Recently, they have continued their ongoing impact on IUP student success through a \$150,000 gift to support these initiatives.

“The Cejkas’ ongoing support, including through these two programs, has been incredibly impactful and meaningful in the lives of our students,” said Thomas Segar, IUP’s vice president for Student Affairs. “Not only have they provided critical financial support that our students need, but they continue to provide important and strategic leadership and advice for these important initiatives.”



Debra Cejka '73 and Tim Cejka '73

From Study Abroad to Forensic Accounting: An IUP Journey



Anthony Maticic



Anthony Maticic '19 and Dominique Sgobba Maticic '19

When **Anthony Maticic '19** first appeared in the IUP donor report as a junior, he had just returned from a summer studying abroad in Germany and was preparing for another program in India. Thanks to support from the Cook Honors College Achievement Fund and other scholarships, he was able to explore the world while completing 150 credits, two degrees, and the requirements to become a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

At the same time, he immersed himself in campus life—leading the Student Accounting Association, investing with the Student Management Investment Portfolio, and forming lasting relationships, including with his future wife and fellow IUP graduate, Dominique Sgobba Maticic '19.



Looking back, he credits studying abroad as one of his most formative experiences.

“It really expanded my worldview,” he said.

He also points to mentors like professors James Jozefowicz and Kim Anderson, whose guidance, networks, and encouragement continue to shape his life nearly a decade later.

That foundation carried him quickly into a successful career. After interning with KPMG between his junior and senior years, he passed the CPA exam immediately after graduation, completing all four parts on his first attempt. He worked at KPMG before joining Gleason & Associates, where he currently serves as a manager specializing in forensic accounting and valuation.

Personally, he is proud to have built a life in Pittsburgh with Dominique, having bought a home and navigated challenges with resilience. Professionally, he remains deeply connected to IUP. He serves on the Eberly College of Business Advisory Council, mentors students, and frequently returns to campus for events and speaking engagements. He also contributes to scholarship funds, paying forward the generosity that made his own education possible.

“IUP was the perfect stepping-stone,” he said. “It gave me confidence, lifelong mentors, and a network that continues to support me. Donors make that possible, and I’m grateful for the opportunities I had—and for the chance to help create those same opportunities for today’s students.”





Then and Now: From the Court to the Classroom

When **Brittany Robinson '19, M'20** first appeared in IUP's donor report, she was a sophomore guard balancing practices, classes, and community service with a ready smile and an unstoppable work ethic.

"Being part of the women's basketball team had the most impact on me," she recalls. "I met teammates who became my support system for life, volunteered in the community, and learned what it meant to represent something bigger than myself."

As a double major in pre-K-4 general education and pre-K-8 special education, Brittany found a second family in her professors.

"Dr. Kelli Paquette helped me graduate in four years instead of five. Dr. Daniel Wissinger, Dr. W [Kaylee Wynkoop], and Dr. Laurie Nicholson were all so caring and empathetic—they showed me what it means to lead with compassion."

Supported by scholarships, Brittany could focus on her studies and her sport without the weight of financial worry.

"Because of donor support, I could live the IUP life to its fullest," she said. "I didn't have to stress about how to pay for classes—I could focus on being a student and an athlete."

After graduation, Brittany began her teaching career in Pittsburgh Public Schools before moving to Harrisburg, where she quickly made her mark as a special education teacher at East High School. Just three years later, her principal encouraged her to apply for the role of dean of students—a position she now proudly holds while working toward her second master’s degree (in educational leadership).

“In my fourth year, watching my first group of students graduate was one of my proudest moments,” she said. “IUP shaped lifelong learners—and it shaped me, too. It taught me time management, flexibility, perseverance, and how to adapt in the face of challenges.”

Even the most difficult moments, like navigating the COVID-19 pandemic, became opportunities to put those lessons into practice.

“Balancing basketball, academics, and life prepared me for what it meant to teach during a crisis,” Brittany said.

Looking back, Brittany credits IUP for shaping her values—commitment, integrity, and service.

“Winning and losing games at IUP taught me how to bounce back and keep going” she said. “Those lessons show up in my career all the time.”

Now, as an educational leader and Hall of Fame athlete, Brittany embodies the same spirit of excellence she learned on the court and in the classroom.

“IUP set the foundation for everything I do,” she said. “It made me who I am.”

With her master’s nearly complete, Brittany envisions herself stepping into a principal role—but she’ll always carry her teacher’s heart.

“I want to help build the next generation of leaders—students who lift others up and give back whenever they can.”

And she hasn’t forgotten what made her own journey possible.

“I’m extremely grateful for IUP donors,” she said. “Their generosity gives students like me the chance to discover who they are and what they can become. They’re blessing others, just as they were once blessed.”

When asked to sum up her IUP experience, Brittany didn’t hesitate: “Life-changing,” she said.



2024-25

Giving at a Glance

3,250 total donors

1,413 Loyalty Society donor households

602 Leadership Society donor households

2,361 Annual Giving donors

\$7,496,236 in cash gifts (total)

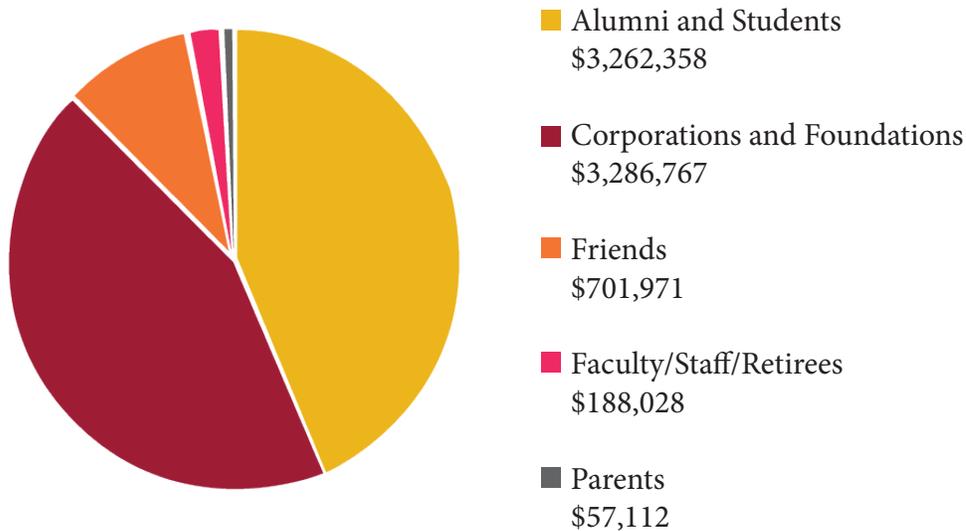
\$984,104 in Annual Giving cash gifts

\$417—average annual gift per donor

\$113,030 realized from planned giving



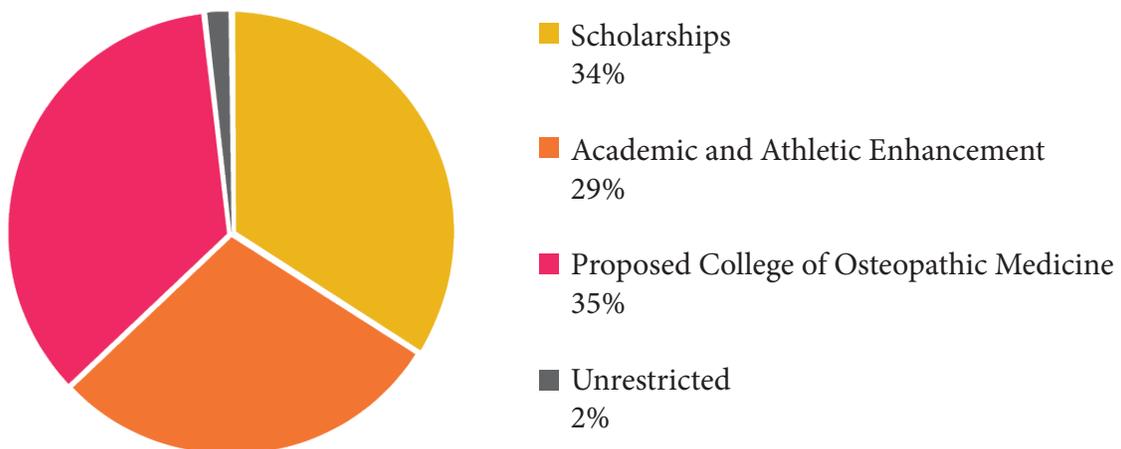
Who Supported IUP



This reflects cash donations received during the 2024-25 fiscal year.

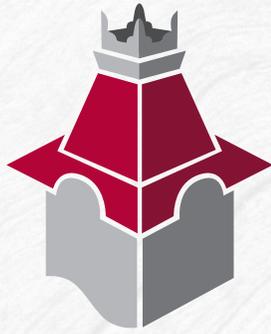
Commitments of planned gifts and pledges that extend beyond the fiscal year are not included.

How Gifts Were Designated



\$4,335,643.48 awarded from donor scholarships

1,667 students received donor-funded scholarships

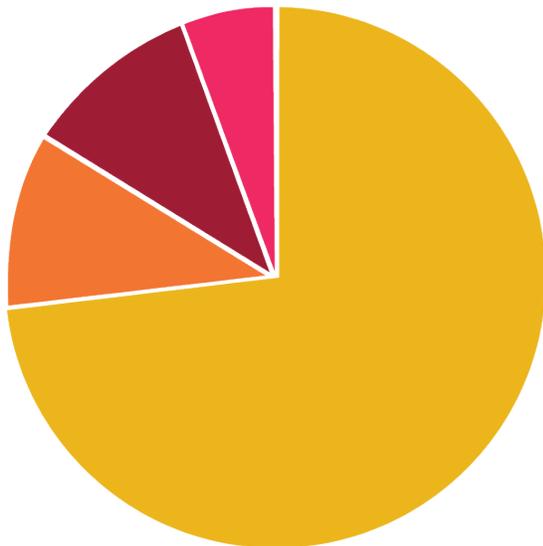


FOUNDATION FOR IUP

Supporting the mission of IUP since 1967

The foundation is an independent, nonprofit, charitable 501(c)(3) corporation, organized in 1967 to promote and support the educational purposes of IUP. We reinforce IUP's mission through the management, investment, and disbursement of private financial contributions.

Total cash and investments as of June 30, 2025 \$146.3 Million



- Endowed Funds: 73.2%
- Current Use Funds: 10.5%
- Unrestricted: 10.7%
- Invested for IUP Alumni Association: 5.6%

Cash and Investment Allocation

Endowed funds—comprised of donations placed in perpetuity and invested to support a designated purpose. There are 602 endowed funds - 513 supporting scholarships and 89 supporting enhancements to academics, student life, and other needs.

Current use funds—comprised of gifts that are available immediately to provide support based on the purpose of each fund. There are 396 current use funds - 120 supporting scholarships and 276 supporting enhancements to academics, student life, and other needs.

Unrestricted—used at the discretion of the foundation to support the foundation's operating costs and the university's greatest needs.

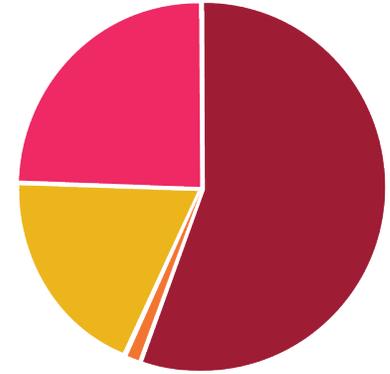
The foundation holds investments for the IUP Alumni Association. The funds are used at the discretion of the alumni association.

Asset Allocation (Including Endowment, Temporarily Restricted, and Unrestricted)

The asset allocation targets in place for the foundation in fiscal year 2024-25 are detailed by asset class.

The Student Managed Investment Portfolio (SMIP) group manages approximately \$1.2 million in US large-cap equities for the foundation.

The foundation maintains a minimal amount of cash within the portfolio, as well as operational cash accounts in local banks, to meet the university’s weekly needs.



- Equity: 55.6%
- Alternative Investments: 22.7%
- Fixed Income: 19.2%
- Cash and Equivalents: 2.5%

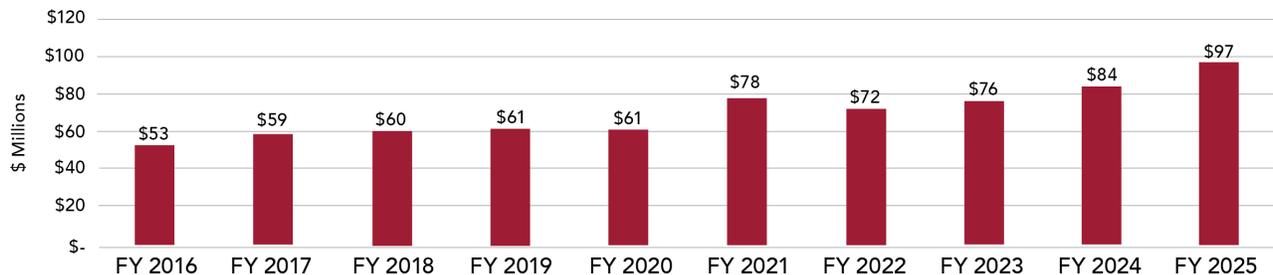
Investment Performance

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Foundation Investment Return	10.8%	11.0%	9.8%	7.4%
Peer Ranking Percentile	55 th	46 th	20 th	30 th
Consumer Price Index Inflation	2.7%	2.9%	4.6%	3.1%

The foundation’s returns (net of fees) for the period ending June 30, 2025

Endowment Overview

The foundation’s endowment ensures that we will be able to continue providing support to IUP for many years to come. Endowed funds enable donors to leave a permanent legacy that supports the future of IUP. They also allow the foundation to help generate returns on those investments. **Endowed cash and investments as of June 30, 2025 were \$96,809,344.** The payout rate for 2024-25 was 4.25% of a rolling seven-year average of the fair market value of the endowment. This includes an administrative fee of 1% to support the foundation’s operations. **In the 2024-25 academic year, over \$2.1 million was provided through endowed funds for scholarships, programs, and administrative support.**





The Future is Brighter Because of You



IUP continues to thrive because of our shared commitment to the enduring values of education, opportunity, and mutual support.

Your generosity stands as an investment in the limitless potential of future generations—those who will continue to question, discover, and achieve.

We are deeply grateful for your partnership and the impact you help create.



This scholarship is more than just financial support; it reflects your belief in students like me.

Keily T.
Marketing



Thank you for the opportunity to continue my education. I am excited to see what I can achieve at IUP.

Brynn D.
Philosophy



Thank you for giving me the opportunities to be able to reach my dreams!

Jada R.
Early Childhood
Education



I wouldn't have been able to attend IUP if it weren't for you! You're making the world a better place.

Matthew M.
Medical Imaging



I am grateful for your generosity. My goal is to work hard to be able to give back one day.

Julia M.
Art



I'm so grateful for my scholarship. Thank you for making my future possible!

Emily M.
Nutrition

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