

# Indiana University of Pennsylvania

INDIANA, PENNSYLVANIA



## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION JERRY PICKERING

**WHEREAS**, Jerry Pickering, who retired in 2004 after 35 years on the Biology faculty, has continued to devote his time to the growth, development, and success of the Allegheny Arboretum at IUP, enhancing the educational experience and enriching the campus environment for students, faculty and staff members, and the broader community;

**WHEREAS**, in January 2000, IUP President Lawrence Pettit appointed an Allegheny Arboretum board under the direction of Dr. Pickering, who played a pivotal role in transforming the 374-acre arboretum into a vibrant and essential resource, fostering environmental awareness and hands-on learning opportunities for all who engage with its spaces;

**WHEREAS**, under Dr. Pickering's leadership, the Allegheny Arboretum received Level I accreditation in 2014 from the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and the Morton Arboretum and was ranked 10th in a 2015 Best College Reviews listing of the 50 most beautiful college arboretums;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Pickering has been instrumental in identifying the Confluence Discovery Park site and in converting this industrial brownfield into a multiuse, educational facility that will provide transformational change for the university, the Indiana community, and the region—in support of the arboretum's primary goal of education;

**WHEREAS**, in the green space north of Kopchick Hall, Dr. Pickering recently established "Fern Hollow," a niche garden that will demonstrate the horticultural use of native ferns, fern allies, and flowering perennials and will display educational materials;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the IUP Council of Trustees expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Jerry Pickering for his 25 years of service to and leadership of the Allegheny Arboretum, ending June 30, 2025.

Approved this 8th day of May, 2025.

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Samuel H. Smith, Chair  
IUP Council of Trustees