The Shape of Success

Students, faculty, and people of northeast Indiana coming together for the benefit of a campus and its community — that's the shape of success.
Over the past few years, IPFW has continued to see an enormous amount of growth take place that has proactively kept us moving ever forward. This year, we are thrilled to witness the momentum that our completed projects have created in both the university and the entire community. The new Student Services Complex, for example, is one of the most progressive projects in the school’s history.

We’re thrilled to have students who continue to be triumphant, both during school and well into the future, and faculty members who are making that a possibility through hours of dedication and hard work. Small class sizes, highly renowned professors, and a supportive staff help make us an exceptional educational destination. Plus, the close, caring interaction between students and faculty harbors the supportive relationship and personalized education we are so proud of year after year.

We are also happy to say that diversity within our campus continues to pave the way for new opportunities beyond the classroom. Our culture of diversity is all about embracing the broad experience – finding ways for students and faculty members to participate in degrees and programs that help to broaden their outlook on the world. International collaborations are continuing to open our doors to new worlds and exciting possibilities.

IPFW is committed to collaborating with and helping to shape the community into a vibrant entity where success is inevitable.

Our university is, and will be, ever changing – but it’s these accomplishments that keep us moving in the right direction. Join us to see where we’ve been this past year and where we are headed next.
One of the biggest transformations on the IPFW campus this year was the completion of the Student Services Complex.

The $42.3 million project includes an addition connecting Gates Sport Center, Walb Student Union, and Helmke Library. The beautifully designed complex doesn’t just provide students and faculty with ample space to study, an expanded field house, and a two-story bookstore – it brings new life to IPFW.

As the largest renovation project in IPFW’s history, the complex is a huge stepping-stone to giving the campus a fresh new identity right in the heart of the university. It’s shaping the future success of a rapidly expanding institution.

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A COMMUNITY TRANSFORMED

A vital part of the university has been, and always will be, the community around which it thrives. This year, we are thrilled to say that IPFW and the community are continually moving forward together. It’s this collaboration that makes our partnerships stronger and our endeavors more successful than ever.

RIVERFEST

For the third year running, Fort Wayne was home to the ever-popular IPFW RiverFest this past June. The event fosters IPFW’s mission to preserve, protect, and promote the Fort Wayne rivers by raising awareness through education and fun. Over 20,000 people attended the all-day event and participated in activities including the family-friendly walk/run, canoe and kayak rides, FamilyFest, MusicFest, ArtFest, and beach volleyball. Music, food, and fireworks capped off a successful evening with fun that lasted well into the night.

TAPESTRY

The 11th annual Tapestry — A Day for You event was full of inspiration, renewal, and guidance for women of all ages. This year, a staggering 1,700 people took part in the festivities and listened to keynote speaker Patricia Heaton share her insights on marriage, motherhood, and balancing a career. During the event, seven IPFW students were proudly awarded a total of $38,500 in Tapestry Parkview Health Sciences scholarships to help them further their education.
The second annual “Pink Out” event was a success as the Memorial Coliseum was filled with a sea of IPFW basketball fans all sporting their pink T-shirts. The event not only helped foster awareness of breast cancer in our area, but raised money for the cause as well. For every ticket sold, $1 was equally divided and donated to Susan G. Komen for the Cure® and the American Cancer Society. It was a great way to showcase the IPFW basketball teams and make a difference in the community at the same time.
In today’s 21st century world, everything is going global. At IPFW, we are determined to keep ahead of the curve and expand our outreach.

“Giving students the opportunity to collaborate with other universities across the nation and throughout the world is a crucial step in opening their eyes to what is out there. It’s all about growing awareness and bringing the world within reach for those who never thought it possible.”

– Brian Mylrea, Director of International Education, IPFW

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC A sustainable healthcare program was created for the underserved Cienfuegos area. Graduate nursing practitioner and nursing education students provided healthcare and education to the local residents. They plan to return next year to continue the program.

CHILE IPFW and Universidad de Playa Ancha will be working on a transnational animation project together. This academic exchange between computer animation students will be a synergetic effort to bridge the oral traditions and legends of Valparaiso, Chile, and Fort Wayne.
CHINA  Groundbreaking academic collaborations between IPFW and two universities in China were formed this past year. The agreements with both Jiangsu University and Hebei Academy of Social Sciences aim to promote the advancement of higher education between our countries.

SOUTH KOREA  The collaboration between Namseoul University and IPFW fosters both student and faculty exchanges, including the Winter Namseoul University Program. This particular initiative includes special lectures, field trips, and cultural activities that allow students and faculty to learn more about each other’s countries.

TAIWAN  The first Indiana–Taiwan Global Alliance for Technology Transfer and Entrepreneurship Summit was put into place at IPFW and has grown exponentially. This partnership supports innovation between the two countries to stimulate our economic development here in northeast Indiana.

This year alone, IPFW has established 15 new academic agreements with 12 institutions across the world. With a total of 48 agreements and counting, IPFW is bringing the world here so that students can experience people and places they’ve only imagined. Study abroad programs, along with faculty and student exchange initiatives are setting the stage for even greater diversity on our campus and in our community.
2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Once again, academics reigned supreme this year. As IPFW’s core focus, it’s great to see “brain power” leading the way with notable milestones.

+ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

IPFW became one of only 12 schools in the nation to have their Hospitality Management Program be part of The Leading Hotel Schools of the World (LHSW). IPFW will now have unparalleled educational opportunities for hospitality management students.

U.S. News and World Report named the IPFW General Studies online program in their national rankings. IPFW ranked 10th in faculty credentials and 19th in teaching practices and assessment.

Jennika Laird, a computer engineering technology graduate of IPFW, was named a member of the 2011 USA Today All-USA College Academic Team for both her academic and community-based accomplishments. She was one of only 60 students selected in the nation. Jennika, a former NASA intern, is currently employed as a software engineer at Diebold, Inc.

“Being part of LHSW allows IPFW to plug into a network of top international hotels and hotel schools. This means we are opening the door to collaborative research and networking, ultimately leading to more and better job opportunities for our students.”

John Naser, Ph. D., Chair, Department of Consumer and Family Sciences, IPFW
Mastodon athletics was full of big wins and star players this past season. In fact, it was one of the most successful years in conference history.

Softball saw a remarkable 45 wins – the best season they’ve ever had.

Men’s soccer and tennis, and women’s tennis, volleyball, and softball all finished second in the Summit League Conference.

IPFW was the recipient of their very first Summit League Sportsmanship Award – a prestigious, peer-judged accolade for the institution that best represents the ideals of sportsmanship in the league.

Arnie Ball, the head coach for IPFW men’s volleyball, has been inducted into the American Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. During his 32 years of coaching at IPFW, he has led his teams to over 500 career wins and six trips to the NCAA Final Four. He has also been a mentor to two Olympic athletes. We’re proud to call him a Mastodon.

Most importantly, this year boasted a collective IPFW student-athlete 3.11 grade point average. That’s the highest in school history. Our athletes continue to stand out academically, giving them an incredible amount of esteem in the world of college athletics.
ON THE HORIZON

We believe that the past is not complete without a look toward the future.
As another year at IPFW comes to a close, it’s important for us to plan for what’s ahead. While this year has been full of success after success, it is certain that there is still more to come.

The 2013-2014 academic year will be home to IPFW’s 50th anniversary celebration. To commemorate this milestone, an entire year of activities and initiatives are scheduled that will enliven our community and keep the university on the move.

Special opening and closing events, historical activities, service initiatives, and other commemorations are in the works for this momentous landmark. In addition, our region will be home to an exciting public art initiative that will promote a healthy lifestyle and inspire our citizens with pride and creativity – IPFW Sculpture with Purpose™. This movement, along with the others, will be a tribute to the university’s and community’s passion, momentum, and innovative spirit.

There is no doubt that IPFW has a bright future ahead of it. I hope that in the years that follow, the institution and the community become nearly inseparable. IPFW should be woven into the fabric that is northeast Indiana – a very part of the community it serves.

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Newly appointed chancellor, Vicky Carwein, will soon be taking the reins, ready to lead IPFW to many more years of growth and accomplishment.

The shape of success has been and always will be right here – at IPFW.

— Chancellor Emeritus Michael Wartell