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FORT WAYNE

To our valued IPFW donors and friends,

Through your generosity and commitment, you have supported IPFW's mission to provide local access for tremendous educational opportunities. Please know how much we appreciate your support as we continue building a future for student success based on a culture of continuous improvement.

As you may already know, both the Indiana University and Purdue University Boards of Trustees voted to approve an agreement that will eventually create separation and a new independence for each university. This decision was based on the recommendations of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA), which studied the governance of IPFW and the roles of Purdue University and Indiana University on this campus.

The agreement provides that Purdue will continue to have authority and responsibility for managing and operating the Fort Wayne campus. The realignment, subject to various conditions, will occur July 1, 2018. As part of the agreement, IU will run the medical, nursing, medical imaging, dental education, and social work programs. Purdue will administer all other academic programming. Each university will focus on its respective academic mission areas, with IU focusing on a new health sciences initiative and Purdue exploring new programs in STEM disciplines, humanities, and the arts.

There are still details about the realignment that need to be determined, but we intend to coordinate with both universities to ensure that a smooth transition occurs for our students when the changes go into effect.

IPFW remains deeply proud of its legacy and grateful to those who have generously supported our mission. We are committed to the opportunities ahead—to be a stronger university that continues to provide educational opportunities that impact Fort Wayne, northeast Indiana, and beyond.

As IPFW's Vice Chancellor for Advancement, I am committed to keeping you and our community of supporters informed of updates as we go through this process. I encourage you to visit ipfw.edu/future for more information on this change, including FAQs and more. Also, please call me at 260-481-6962 if you have any further questions.

Regardless of our name, IPFW stands firm as a top public, metropolitan university that provides outstanding educational opportunities to students. The work that you and this university have accomplished together over these 52 years has allowed 57,000 students to graduate. We continue to recruit and retain talented students and are looking forward to 1,000 new graduates in May.

This realignment agreement provides exciting opportunities for growth and expansion, and we look forward to a bright future. We know we are stronger today because of your support, and I trust that, together, we will build even stronger opportunities for our students.

Sincerely,

Angie Fincannon, Ed.D.
Vice Chancellor for Advancement