To our valued donors and friends,

**IPFW has a new name: Purdue University Fort Wayne. The name is official effective July 1, 2018.** The Purdue Board of Trustees approved the resolution for the new name on Friday, April 21. This historic decision has a resounding impact and reflects the volume of structural changes implemented over the past two years. As valued friends, I feel it is important you hear this information directly from us.

You can find additional information about Purdue Fort Wayne’s future at ipfw.edu/future. To learn more about Indiana University’s transition, visit ipfwtransition.iu.edu. Please know, my team and I are always available to discuss the intricacies of these changes with you.

**How did we get here?**

In December 2016, both the Indiana University and Purdue University Boards of Trustees approved a resolution calling for IPFW to separate, creating two independent institutions. The agreement executes recommendations from the 2015 Legislative Services Agency (LSA) IPFW governance structure study.

Shortly after the December vote, working groups comprised of IU, Purdue, and IPFW representatives started exploring the details and logistics of the separation. The rebranding initiative is in progress and will culminate with the launch of meaningful new brand identity. We’ll be asking you, our valued friends, along with other key stakeholders to help us identify those special ingredients that make our university unique.

**Honor the past. Embrace our future.**

For two generations, fiercely determined students and faculty have come to IPFW to study, teach, and innovate. While the name of IPFW has changed, our mission of student success will NEVER CHANGE. We are proud of our rich 52-year history. We will honor the past by amplifying our impact on the future.

- Our legacy is our students, alumni, donors, faculty, staff, and advocates in the community. Respect for that is unyielding, and we pledge to grow these relationships.
- We are a regional intellectual, cultural, and economic center, providing students and faculty unrivaled opportunities to connect with employers and the arts community.
- We are home to the NCAA Division I Fort Wayne Mastodons. Our student-athletes compete against the nation’s most elite college teams, giving campus and the community exciting events to celebrate.
- We are dedicated to Fort Wayne and the community and will continue to make service a central part of the campus experience.

Each of you is an important part of this university, and I want to make sure you know how much we appreciate your years of support. Despite the myriad of emotions, concerns, and controversies that bubble up with change, we have incredible opportunities ahead. The people of northeast Indiana deserve a state-supported university of top distinction! More than ever, we need the help of you and our community as we begin our journey as Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Sincerely,

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