As Indiana University Kokomo nears our 75th anniversary in 2020, we are poised to write the next important chapter in the story of our development.

Our region is shaped by countless stories of people who have set a bold new course for their lives, made possible by the education they gained at IU Kokomo. Today, we have the opportunity to charter pathways to unprecedented success for the 14-county region we serve. But first, we must open the door to higher education for a greater number of deserving students.

To realize our vision and create a better future for north central Indiana, it will take all of us. With your help, we can fund more scholarships, in larger amounts, to recruit additional talented individuals from all backgrounds. We can offer them stronger academic programs, enhanced services, and better all-around experiences. We can foster a true collegiate spirit through a more robust collection of sports and activities, through improved facilities, and most importantly, through faculty development, research, and scholarship.

With the launch of For All: The Indiana University Bicentennial Campaign, we invite you to join us in supporting IU Kokomo and our mission to improve life in our part of the state for generations to come.

Together, we can fulfill the promise of a better-educated workforce, stronger communities, and a more vibrant Indiana for all.
GOAL #1: INCREASE STUDENT SUPPORT

Higher education has the power to transform not only individual lives, but also families and communities. Through our primary goal of raising money for student scholarships, there’s no limit to the impact we can have.

Many of our students are first-generation collegians; most of them work during the school year, often full time. Scholarships empower them to focus on their education, embrace their studies, and graduate with less debt. With this type of financial assistance, we can also increase our enrollment of honors students, transfer students, and returning adults.

Scholarships also help answer our escalating regional need for a better-educated workforce. And they can strengthen the diversity of our campus community, making education more available to the candidates with the greatest potential, regardless of need.

One example is the Dr. Richard N. Bowling Scholarship, which supports students who major in a health care field. For Tamika Triplett—a single mom with two teens who worked full time as a certified nursing assistant while she was in school—the scholarship meant she could continue to pursue her degree in nursing.

By supporting the Bowling Scholarship and others like it, you make a difference in Kokomo, as most of our alumni live and work in our area. Your support also funds education for deserving students who will, through their future success, return your philanthropy in kind.

“I was really worried how I would be able to pay to finish my degree. The scholarship helped me finish my program, so I could advance in my career. As a registered nurse, I can make a difference for my patients, and that means the world to me.”

—Tamika Triplett ’16
GOAL #2: FOSTER STUDENT SUCCESS

At Indiana University Kokomo, we want to ensure that everyone, regardless of background, has the opportunity to receive an education that meets their needs and matches their ambitions. To continue this effort, we rely on private contributions to provide support services and enrichment programs to the capable students who need and deserve them most.

Mary Olk ’13, a native of nearby Miami County, is one student among many who seize every opportunity for support, enrichment, and real-world learning experiences. During her years at IU Kokomo, she joined the Correspondent newspaper staff and became editor-in-chief. She also was involved in student government and earned awards as the Outstanding Student in Leadership and the Outstanding Student in Communication Arts.

One of her most important experiences was participating in the Innovation Symposium, a class that includes three weeks of travel in England and focuses on philanthropy, environment, and technology.

Olk’s excellence in and out of the classroom landed her an assistantship that helped finance her master’s degree. She currently works as coordinator of campus engagement and leadership at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska, where she helps others have the same kind of successful college experience she had at IU Kokomo.

With your help, we can expand opportunities to engage more students in service, leadership, and learning. By strengthening career services, internships, and practicum opportunities, we will not only increase retention and grant more degrees, but we will equip our graduates for future success. You can also enable us to expand our athletic program, adding more teams and creating more positions for our region’s talented athletes to compete at the college level. Together, these initiatives will contribute to a more vibrant university experience, through which our scholars can develop their talents more fully.

“Visiting England was a life-changing experience. Overseas travel taught me a lot about myself.”

—Mary Olk ’13
B.A., Communications Arts

FOR ALL WE CAN OFFER THE FUTURE

A diverse offering of academic and career services, as well as athletic and extracurricular programs, ensures that we attract the most talented students and help them discover their full potential.
GOAL #3: STRENGTHEN OUR FACILITIES

The growth of our academic programs brings new, unprecedented opportunities to our campus. Take our St. Joseph Hospital Clinical Simulation Center, for example. This $2.5 million learning facility, designed for training nurses, features perfectly staged hospital rooms with lifelike manikins that display vital signs, go into cardiac arrest, and give birth. Because we’re one of the most respected public nursing institutions in the state of Indiana, resources like these improve the training of a great number of nurses who will care for Hoosiers here and around the state.

However, limited funding means that many of our other facilities are in need of renovation. As we continue to expand, our buildings struggle to accommodate our growing student body and its activities.

Today, we wish to expand the number of collaborative classrooms and applied learning spaces, including a new math commons and an enhanced library commons. We also seek to develop a clinic for health and wellness that includes counseling resources to support the whole student. And we can further improve our campus environment through the acquisition of contemporary art in all media, to both educate and engage our community.

Through your assistance, you can help create more cutting-edge spaces and improve our existing facilities—building a true college campus that serves as the cultural and intellectual hub of our region. We can continue to attract the finest faculty and provide the life-changing experiences our students deserve. Together, we can make IU Kokomo an even stronger force in our community, our state, and our world.

“IT STARTS WITH YOU

State-of-the-art facilities will give our students and staff the resources to excel, in an environment that fosters creativity and collaboration.

—Susan Sciame-Giesecke, Ph.D.
Chancellor, Indiana University Kokomo
Your support of IU KOKOMO helps create new, world-class facilities. These facilities include renovations and additions such as the Milt and Jean Cole Family Wellness and Fitness Center. Where students and employees engage in social, recreational, and educational opportunities, empowering us to better serve our students and transform our campus into a true university community. And developing the engaged thinkers who will advance our region to promote healthy lifestyles.
GOAL #4: ENHANCE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Nearly 75 years after our founding, IU Kokomo is at a special place in its history. Our campus has experienced accelerated growth and has added 15 degree programs. We have seen a shift to a new student demographic and a focus on our baccalaureate mission. Today, we are intently focused on preparing individuals for a 21st-century global economy, through innovative and relevant academic programs.

As the world changes ever rapidly, we must keep pace. With your support, we can do so through increased international travel experiences, more online and hybrid courses, and other flexible offerings. Whether it’s in the classroom or online, we can promote a dynamic, engaging, and applied learning environment in every course. We can deepen understanding through highly effective practices like first-year seminars, collaborative learning communities, and a focus on writing and communications skills. By strengthening connections between course work and career readiness, we will ensure the academic success of our students.

You can help us enhance academic excellence, update current programs, and shape the next generation of leaders who will meet our region’s needs and advance the future of north central Indiana.

“IU Kokomo is a smaller campus, and because of that, I was able to network with professors who worked in the news industry and knew the right roads to pursue.”

—Shane Simmons ’13
B.A., Communications Arts
Reporter for WQAD-TV

FOR ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR SUCCESS

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21st-century academic programs improve the educational and professional preparedness of north central Indiana, strengthening the economic and cultural vitality of our region.
GOAL #5: SUPPORT FACULTY EXCELLENCE

At the heart of any strong academic program is an award-winning faculty. When you invest in the people who shape the minds and futures of our student body, you promote the future of our region, and our world.

Here, our professors are passionate about teaching, mentorship, and research. Their work provides vital knowledge for student success and draws more external funding to IU Kokomo.

Patrick Motl, assistant professor of physics, is a perfect example of our exceptional faculty. As part of a team of astronomers and computer scientists, he was awarded an INSPIRE grant of nearly $800,000 from the National Science Foundation to further a five-year interdisciplinary project called Scalable Toolkit for Transformative Astrophysics Research (STAR). With STAR, Motl and his team are running simulations of merging white stars on 1,000 computers.

With your help, more professors like Motl can spend less time applying for grants, focusing instead on their research. We can recruit the most sought-after professors and sustain their contributions to society. We can attract and uphold these exceptional individuals who will guide tomorrow’s discoveries, strengthening our reputation as it transforms our region and our world.

A STRONG RESEARCH AGENDA

Psychology major Alexius Babb ’15 was honored for her research project at the 19th annual Indiana University Undergraduate Research Conference, which included nearly 80 projects by scholars from all IU campuses. She completed her project in an experimental psychology class taught by Christina Downey, associate professor of psychology. Babb attributes much of her success to Downey’s excellent guidance, as well as the collaborative efforts of her classmates.

“I was well-prepared, and that really showed, especially with the question-and-answer period,” she says. “I was excited to win, but I think the other students from our campus were even more excited than I was.”

You can help us expand research, presentation, and publication opportunities to even more faculty and students—which also expands the impact of our campus. With your support, they can tackle the pressing issues of our region, our nation, and our world.

“Some of our faculty have been funded by the National Security Foundation — a tribute to the quality of their work and their teams. Research currently happening at IU Kokomo will give us more insights into the evolution of stars and, ultimately, the evolution of the universe.”

—Christian Chauret, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Sciences

FOR ALL WHO CREATE AND SHARE KNOWLEDGE

Faculty support in the form of research infrastructure, stipends, and travel funds helps attract and retain top professors, creating a community of learning and discovery.
GOAL #6: EXPAND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

According to a recent economic impact study, IU Kokomo contributes $52.1 million each year to the state’s economy. But our campus’s impact reaches much further—not only in dollars spent, but also in the value of cultural experiences, internships, and volunteer services provided by our employees and students. Through their work, we are creating more vibrant communities.

Increased support for partnerships enables faculty and students to engage in civic outreach programs and experiential learning opportunities that develop tomorrow’s professionals while meeting the needs of our region.

FOR ALL THE LIVES WE WILL TOUCH

Our outreach programs, for example, provide free health screenings to veterans. Our nursing majors help these individuals complete detailed medical histories, and then refer them for medical services when they identify potential health problems. Because our county has such a large number of veterans, these services are of critical importance.

Other community partnerships center on the economic health of our region. Currently, we’re establishing an economic development advisory board, made up of IU Kokomo faculty and regional business leaders, to better connect the university and the region. Their efforts will advance the local economy as we educate future generations of talent.

We also seek to enable more students in our communities to visit campus as high schoolers—or even earlier. These visits promote our school’s legacy while inspiring those who wish to pursue higher education.

“We are teaching our future nurses how they can use their skills to make the world a better place.”
—Joyce Hollingsworth
Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing

IT STARTS WITH YOU

With your help, we can overcome limited public funding and fully invest in the initiatives that directly affect local commerce, produce future community leaders, and elevate the level of education in our region.
IU Kokomo stands at a pivotal point in its history. We have made tremendous strides, but we need your help to realize the type of meaningful success that will shape our region. With your support, there are no bounds to what we can achieve.

Together, we can create more scholarships that enable even more deserving individuals in north central Indiana to receive a college education. We can empower our faculty and students with the opportunities, support services, and research infrastructure they need to thrive. And we can ultimately improve the health of our communities and the economic strength of our region.

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