The Indiana University School of Physical Education and Tourism Management (PETM) at IUPUI is dedicated to preparing the next generation of professionals who will champion their communities as places for uplifting moments, health promotion, and transcendent public events.

Our school is a vital economic engine for Indianapolis, coaching tomorrow’s leaders in tourism and special events. We create major players on the business side of sports. And, as the longest-running school in the nation training tomorrow’s physical education teachers, we strive to show the world that daily activity and good nutrition can make the difference between simply existing and thriving.

At PETM, we have the power to uplift our communities. To facilitate life-changing experiences through movement. To ensure that everyone, regardless of their abilities, can manage their health and maximize their independence through physical activity. To share our wisdom and elevate everyone through exercise, sports, and leisure activities.

As part of For All: The Indiana University Bicentennial Campaign, we’re committed to raising the critical private support necessary to realize our vision. Your gifts will empower our faculty and students. Your philanthropy will secure the spirit and tradition of Camp Brosius. Your support will establish our school as an authority on wellness, event tourism, and sports management. And, your gifts will provide unparalleled educational support and opportunities to PETM students as well as cadets in the IUPUI military science program.

Together, we can fulfill the promise of creating more vibrant communities and a better world for all.
GOAL #1: SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS

Our state needs talented professionals who can enrich minds, bodies, and spirits by promoting physical activity, cultivating better health habits, and staging world-class events.

But first, we must open our doors to those inspired individuals and give them access to an excellent education. Your investment in scholarships helps not only these future professionals and educators, but also the countless lives they will touch over the course of their careers.

In 2014, Brynn Olinger (shown at right), a Purdue University student with a passion for nutrition, the local food movement, and the environment, was looking to transfer to the School of Physical Education and Tourism Management at IUPUI. She was drawn to the unique, real-life experiences we integrate into our curriculum, and she knew that transferring to IUPUI would make her a better-qualified, better-rounded candidate for employment in a career that combined agriculture and social causes.

Nominated by her Indy employer, Brynn was fortunate enough to receive the Bill and Joan McGowan Scholarship—and because of that, she had the chance to intern in her field over the summer instead of working an unrelated job to pay tuition.

Likewise, Joy DeBaun (shown at left) received a scholarship at IUPUI that transformed her student teaching experience. The Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE) Scholarship supplements students’ income so that they can complete their degrees and avoid delaying their capstone requirements. You can help support the next generation of health and physical education teachers—Joy is now one of them—who will equip future children with strategies to manage their own wellness.

“Getting to know Mr. and Mrs. McGowan personally made the scholarship mean so much more to me. I love Indianapolis, and I truly valued hearing about Mr. McGowan’s experiences here. Now, I want to live up to his legacy.”

—Brynn Olinger, BS’16, Tourism, Conventions, and Event Management
2015 Bill and Joan McGowan Scholar

These are just two examples of the many deserving, ambitious students and military science cadets who will benefit from expanded financial aid thanks to the generosity of scholarship donors. When you contribute to scholarships, you directly improve the ability of students like Brynn and Joy to succeed.

Unmet financial need for PETM students is approximately $5,600 per year, and 69 percent of our students graduate with student loans, averaging more than $33,000 per student. Study abroad costs between $3,000 and $10,000 per student, depending on the length of study, the destination, and other factors.
SUPPORT FOR STUDY ABROAD

Outside the traditional classroom setting, opportunities to study beyond the continental United States provide transformational experiences for students in our tourism, conventions, and event management (TCEM) program, who need to be prepared to work with international meetings and events. As they study abroad, students receive academic credit while learning about different cultures, gaining understanding of international business practices, working with diverse populations, and identifying ways to limit the ecological impact of tourism.

The costs associated with these experiences can be prohibitive, including tuition, fees, insurance, international documents, transportation, housing, and lost time at work. This is where scholarships can fill the gap.

Mallori Hirt, BS’16 in TCEM, received an Efroymson Study Abroad Scholarship to assist with her trip to Heilbronn University in Germany, to attend a three-week course taught by German professors. Aside from her required coursework, she took full advantage of every additional learning experience that she could afford, visiting castles, a World War II concentration camp, and Paris. “I believe that being exposed to cultural differences will be a huge advantage for what I want to do in the event world,” Mallori says.

Your support helps students like Mallori take advantage of TCEM’s hands-on learning experiences. Your contributions will allow more students to take time away from work, focus on academics, and prepare for leadership in their professions.
Your support of the School of Physical Education and Tourism Management at IUPUI creates global learning opportunities like the ECOTOURISM COURSE IN PUERTO RICO led by faculty member Susan Alvarez, which promotes RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL that conserves the environment, sustains the well-being of local people, and involves interpretation and education.

Our students gain professional experience, environmental respect, and cultural fluency extending our classrooms beyond the borders of Indiana and preserving the integrity of our world’s most precious resources.
The volunteers are so energetic and positive. They’re always organizing extras, like dancing at halftime with the Colts cheerleaders. That’s what really got us caring about these programs, and it’s why we want to support them and see them grow.”

—Dr. Richard Schreiner
Edwin L. Gresham Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics
IU School of Medicine
Advisory Council Member
PETM Physical Activity Clinics

As a freshman, Ray VanWye, BS’01, MS’07, enrolled as an exercise science major. He immediately fell in love with the coursework, which leaned heavily on experiential clinical learning. Professors worked individually with him to develop internship opportunities and expose him to their latest research. It was one-on-one teaching that gave a large university the feel of a small school. Now, as assistant professor of physical therapy at Western Kentucky University, Ray focuses on cardiopulmonary physical therapy, clinical exercise physiology, and differential diagnosis—disciplines he was first exposed to at IUPUI. And with his own students, he’s paying forward the mentorship that he received over a decade ago, with dividends in many communities.

Only about 30 percent of the country’s population currently meets the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ physical activity guidelines—a problem that impacts us all. In addition, the Center for Disease Control indicates individuals with disabilities are three times as likely to be sedentary than their non-disabled peers, and nearly 56 percent of people with disabilities do not participate in regular physical activity.

To combat these statistics in our own community, hundreds of kinesiology students participate in service learning each semester, providing safe and affordable physical activity options to thousands of Indianapolis residents each year. Students receive academic credit as they gain the skills and confidence to work directly with clients, through adapted physical activity clinics and our Physically Active Residential Communities and Schools (PARCS) program.

PARCS clients receive individualized personal training and exercise prescription to help them mitigate negative health indicators and achieve wellness goals. In the clinics, students deliver one-on-one physical activity and aquatic programming to children and adults with disabilities or limited mobility. The goal is to improve clients’ physical, cognitive, and social function while maximizing independence and quality of life.

Kelley Schreiner is one long-term clinic participant. After high school, Kelley, who has Down syndrome, found physical activity and friendships through our clinics. Today, she is a physically active adult and an advocate for people with disabilities. Her dad, Dr. Richard Schreiner, professor emeritus at the IU School of Medicine, says the services we provide “give Kelley something fun to do that everyone her age would enjoy.”

Delivering quality programs like these, which fill significant gaps in services for the greater Indianapolis community, requires substantial funding. But with your gifts, we can continue to transform communities and change lives.

Contributions to our departments and service-learning programs give undergraduate students unparalleled learning opportunities as they help people live well.
GOAL #3: STRENGTHEN LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH

Beyond our work within the community to foster healthy lifestyles, we’re one of just five schools in the nation that offer a degree in tourism, conventions, and event management. We’re also located in the state’s capital, an engine for unique internship opportunities and a powerhouse for world-class events. Our students have compelling, high-profile options to test their knowledge and make crucial connections by interning with nationally recognized organizations such as the Indiana Pacers, the Indianapolis Colts, the country’s second-largest JW Marriott hotel, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis.

Maggie Stock, MS’17, joined the TCEM program because it was one of the few event-focused programs in the country. Soon after she started, she began a graduate assistantship with Downtown Indy, the city’s leading nonprofit organization developing and marketing Indianapolis as a great place to work, live, and play.

“I’ve learned the ins and outs of events, from sponsorships to maintenance of events to marketing, all of the operational side,” she says. “It’s a completely different learning experience being in the field, something that can’t be replicated in the classroom. To be in real-world conversation with professionals while executing events for them—it’s truly transformational.”

As the former volunteer services director with Indiana Sports Corporation, Sheila Bradley, an ‘03 events management certificate alumna, worked with thousands of volunteers annually to stage signature events in Indianapolis. She found working with TCEM students to be a winning partnership for her company, the students, and the community. She worked with hundreds of TCEM students, who volunteered for thousands of hours, to stage key elements of the 2012 Super Bowl and the 2015 Men’s Final Four competition, both in Indianapolis.

“The school was always a great source of volunteers for us,” Sheila says. “It’s a good relationship; the students help us out, and in turn they get a taste of what it’s like to plan major events.”

Funded internships and graduate assistantships are win-win solutions. Invested partners receive quality help at a fraction of the cost, and students receive invaluable learning beyond the confines of the classroom.

“We have strong ongoing relationships in Indianapolis and Indiana that we’re always cultivating on behalf of the students. I really feel like I’m making a difference by helping our students gain access to opportunities they would have nowhere else.”

—Amy Vaughan
Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of Internships
Department of Tourism, Conventions, and Event Management
GOAL #4: EXPAND FACILITIES AND FACULTY SUPPORT

There’s a direct correlation between the caliber of those who carry out our academic agenda and those who will go on to shape tomorrow’s world. Today, as never before, our continued excellence depends on our ability to attract the very best faculty, sustain their invaluable work, provide them with innovative learning spaces, and create the next generation of global leaders.

Our professors conduct innovative research, advance their respective fields, and instruct aspiring kinesiology and tourism management professionals—starting in their classrooms and expanding the application of their teaching into the real world. State-of-the-art research facilities and innovative learning spaces are key components.

Widely published and celebrated fitness researcher Alan Mikesky, professor of kinesiology, continues to make discoveries in the world of exercise, fitness, and sports performance. As director of our Human Performance and Biomechanics Laboratory for so many years, he has also been a research associate for the National Institute for Fitness and Sport (NIFS).

Alan’s contribution to the profession was so successful, the school has a fund in his name. The Dr. Alan Mikesky Labs and Research Fund provides resources for scientific investigation around exercise. For the past 25 years, he has also been a research associate for the National Institute for Fitness and Sport (NIFS).

Amanda Cecil, chair of the tourism, conventions, and event management department, is another well-respected industry leader. She has significant consulting experience in instructional programs in customer service, business travel management, sports travel management, and more. In 2011, she was appointed the Dean of Education for the Global Business Travel Association’s Academy, and she was instrumental in creating the Super Service Program adopted by the state’s hospitality community during the 2012 Super Bowl. She also initiated the events learning lab at IUPUI.

Alan, Amanda, and their faculty colleagues position the school’s students for success. Their research includes exercise benefits, muscle occlusion and performance enhancement, pain, brain injury, stroke recovery, wellness strategies, golf tourism, sports fan experiences, quality of life, and more.

As industry leaders, they manage, solve analytical problems, and motivate others. They represent the type of educators we wish to attract and retain. Instruction, mentorship, collaborative research, and industry expertise are crucial in the development of future professionals who will excel in their own careers. Creative and cutting-edge learning spaces are critical to their impact.

In addition, for close to a century, IU’s Camp Brosius has delivered top-notch leadership and outdoor recreation education for kinesiology students. Originally operated by the Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union to teach physical education, the 17-acre camp became part of IU’s cherished resources when the Normal College merged with IU in 1941. Engaging coursework continues today that builds leadership skills and creates community within what is primarily an urban campus.

FOR ALL WHO TRAIN TOMORROW’S CHANGE-MAKERS

We can provide innovative learning labs and spaces to attract faculty and educate students. And, we can extend the educational elements and the love for the outdoors that Camp Brosius provides.
Larry Jinkins, BS’13, KIN, and MS’15, TCEM, is now a PETM visiting lecturer. His experience as a college camp student transformed his education. “A week at Camp Brosius,” says Larry, “provided an opportunity to engage and socialize with other students half my age and completely changed my college education experience.”

As a 40-year-old returning college student, Larry indicates most classes were filled with young, more traditional-aged college students who were not thrilled with having to work with someone who was old enough to be their parent.

“The barrier was palpable. That all changed at Camp Brosius during a teambuilding competition. I broke through the barrier by participating in a competition at Brosius that secured my acceptance into their program. It helped pave the way for my acceptance into a PhD program. It’s an opportunity I wouldn’t have had without the research experience I gained at PETM.”

—Anthony Meek, MS’14, Kinesiology
Ph.D. Student, IUPUI

My family also attends family camp on an annual basis, which is truly the perfect vacation! Camp Brosius provides a setting that allows all members of the family to relax and have fun!”

Through family camp, we extend our leadership development outreach beyond the classroom and our students. Camp research demonstrates that skills developed through traditional camp experiences foster critical thinking, problem solving, and independence among young people. These are some of the lesser-known benefits our youngest camp guests receive annually while simultaneously being active, unplugged, and outdoors with their families.

In 2021, Camp Brosius will celebrate its 100th anniversary. During the past decade, we’ve focused on facility upgrades, having invested more than $1.5 million into much-needed repairs and new construction. Our current goal is to build up the property’s endowment to ensure another century of adventure and education.

With your help, we will be able to attract and retain educators like Alan, Amanda, Rachel, Larry, and others. We can provide innovative learning labs and spaces for students like Ray VanWye and Anthony Meek. And, we can also extend the educational elements and development of love for the outdoors that Camp Brosius provides.

Your contributions make all that, and more, possible.

“Our events laboratory, biomechanics lab, and Camp Brosius all provide engaging and important learning experiences for students. Beyond our work to expand Brosius, we recently renovated our offices, creating state-of-the-art classrooms, focus rooms, a student lounge, and office spaces to better serve our growing number of students and faculty. Despite our successes, we need to do more to expand our research and learning facilities.”

—Jay Gladden, Dean
School of Physical Education and Tourism
FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE IN A BRIGHT FUTURE

Your support of the IU School of Physical Education and Tourism Management at IUPUI will bring about transformative experiences, stronger connections, and improved quality of life for many throughout our state and our world.

By helping students succeed, supporting a healthier population, strengthening our communities, and fostering dynamic learning spaces, you have the ability to extend our reach and deepen our impact.

Together, we can fulfill the promise of a more vibrant Indiana and a better world for all.