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Connecting women with, through, and for IU.

Why we give



“I give for many reasons, as we all do, but what motivates me the most is a kind of joyful obligation to do whatever I can to help make my community, my country, and the world a more humane place. I see myself as a particularly privileged member of a larger whole, and

that perspective fuels my desire to create positive change for that larger whole. Every dollar, every action, every helping hand can be the spark for someone else to rise above circumstances and barriers, and I love thinking of the ‘virtuous chain reaction’ that gets set in motion when I give.”

LAURIE BURNS MCROBBIE

IU First Lady and Founder of Women’s Philanthropy at IU

How we give



Chu, Close receive Women’s Philanthropy Leadership Council’s highest honor

The Women’s Philanthropy Leadership Council has awarded National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu and renowned actress and philanthropist Glenn Close with Women Leading the Way awards.

The award celebrates extraordinary achievements in philanthropic work that improves communities and inspires others to act in service of

positive change. Chu accepted the award during the 2017 Colloquium for Women of Indiana University, at which she was a featured philanthropist speaker. Close received the award at an Indiana University Bicentennial Campaign celebration, highlighting Close's donation of her costume collection to IU's School of Art, Architecture + Design.

Chu and Close are the fourth and fifth recipients, respectively, of the Women Leading the Way Award, joining Patty Stonesifer (2013), Martha Tilaar (2015), and Maureen Hackett (2015).

[Read more about Jane Chu's award »](#)

[Read more about Glenn Close's award »](#)

In the news

Women of the Well House awards nearly \$14,000 in grants

Formed in August 2017, Women of the Well House, inspired by IU's Women's Philanthropy Leadership Council, is the first women's philanthropy organization on an IU regional campus.

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Parrish: Past and present, women play key roles at IU Maurer

"Under first lady Laurie Burns McRobbie's leadership, Indiana University founded Women's Philanthropy as one way to celebrate alumnae

leadership and to make the achievements of our most talented and trailblazing women graduates more visible. As the IU Maurer School of Law's 175th year draws to a close, consistent with these larger University efforts, it's an opportune time to celebrate some of the law school's extraordinary women graduates."

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Colloquium for Women of IU welcomes 100 alumnae and friends to Bloomington campus

Women's Philanthropy at IU hosted the 15th Colloquium for Women of Indiana University Oct. 26–28 in Bloomington. The biennial event provides learning and networking opportunities that engage and connect women to Indiana University.

This year's Colloquium featured keynote speaker Michele Norris, former NPR host and correspondent and founder of [The Race Card Project](#), Jane Chu, Chairman for the [National Endowment for the Arts](#), and Tracey Carisch, IU alumna and writer/blogger of [100 Ways to Change the World](#), among IU faculty and staff.

[Watch the Colloquium recap video »](#)

School of Global and International Studies develops Tobias Center from \$5 million gift

Women's Philanthropy Leadership Council Member Deborah Tobias and her husband, Randall Tobias, an IU Foundation Board Member and

former IU Trustee, have donated \$5 million to establish the Tobias Center for Innovation in International Development.

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IU surpasses fundraising milestone, raises campaign goal to \$3 billion to further benefit students, state

“IU’s Bicentennial will be a time that will never happen again. Extending the campaign through the whole bicentennial year and increasing the goal takes full advantage of this unique opportunity. It will enable all members of the IU family, worldwide, to do all they can to support IU into its next century of its existence as one of the world’s greatest universities.”

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Indiana University 2017 in review

Whether we were celebrating new programs, buildings and leaders or being recognized as one of the world's most innovative universities, Indiana University has had a banner year.

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