

## From the Desk of the Chancellor, April 16, 2012

On April 5, we launched the IUPUI Faculty-Staff IMPACT Campaign with a special focus on fellowship and scholarship funding for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. The Faculty-Staff campaign is a year-long event, but we set a short-term goal to pick up the pace.

We want to raise at least \$350,000 in the first three months and to have at least 900 participate with a donation of whatever size. This level of participation by our faculty and staff will send a powerful message to the broader community and ultimately attract other donors.

The kick-off event was especially inspiring thanks to thoughts shared by Faculty-Staff Campaign Cochairs Sherry Queener and Chris Foley. Sherry Queener, director of the IUPUI Graduate Office, who came to IUPUI in 1970, said, "We know there is need. Many of our graduate students have full-time jobs. Though our undergraduate students are increasingly 'traditional' in age, they are not traditional in mind-set or in background. In the freshman class, 1 out of every 4 students comes from a household with a yearly income of \$19,000 or less. Of our admits, about half of them are the first in their family to attend college. As a young institution, IUPUI lacks the resources for student support that many older and richer institutions enjoy. We can help change that. With our dollars we can help students finish their degrees earlier. We can help them find a way to dare to dream of higher education at all. . . . On a personal note, I don't have another 42 years to give to IUPUI, although I would if I could. But I can still make an impact, because for me, investing in our students is an investment in our future. I hope you will join me in this effort."

Here is what Director of Admissions Chris Foley shared: "Though I've only been at IUPUI for a little less than five years, I first became interested in the campus ten years earlier, when I was first working at IUB. As I spoke with students, I looked for the campus where students like my father, who went back to school as an adult, or even myself, a strong student who was the son of a seamstress and a policeman, would find a home. Of all the campuses in Indiana, IUPUI served these students, and I began to watch it over the years and was eventually fortunate to take on a role here."

My thanks to Sherry and Chris for their inspiration and commitment. Won't you join them in reaching our goal and boosting support for our students? Go [here](#) to make your pledge.

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Chancellor Charles R. Bantz

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