Students applauded their thanks to the departing guests as we left the Indianapolis Museum of Art’s Deer Zink Pavilion on September 28. We had just celebrated our friends and partners who made possible the most ambitious and most successful comprehensive fundraising campaign in Indiana University’s history. It was the closing event for the IUPUI IMPACT Campaign, which raised $1.39 billion, blowing past our initial goal of $1.25 billion, three months ahead of time.

Those attending were particularly impressed with the student ambassadors who were seated at guests’ tables. Each of them had compelling stories to tell of how philanthropy made a difference in their lives.

As part of the program, we viewed four videos about the impact of gifts to the campaign. You may view the videos online.

- One highlighted the work of Professor of Mechanical Engineering Razi Nalim as director of the Combustion and Propulsion Research Laboratory at IUPUI. His research could save billions in fuel costs and reduce carbon dioxide emissions.
- Another was about Theresa Guise and her patient Pamela Perry. Dr. Guise is the Jerry and Peggy Throgmartin Professor of Oncology. Her research is helping cancer survivors regrow lost bone cells.
- A third video focused on civic engagement projects: Joanna Tanaskovich’s sculpture at 10th and Indiana, at "The Avenue" apartments. Buckingham Companies selected the Herron School student through its Basile Center for Art, Design, and Public Life. Also featured was Amanda Lamb, a recent graduate of the IU School of Social Work at IUPUI and inaugural recipient of the Joseph W. Fahy Graduate Fellowship, who conducted her fellowship work with the Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention.
- A fourth featured the impact of the 69 RISE Scholarships that were endowed during the campaign—enabling undergraduate students to participate in Research, International, Service Learning, and Experiential activities—with scholarship recipients Tony Nastase and Morgan Rhodes sharing their experiences.

The closing event gave us an opportunity to express our thanks to the IMPACT Campaign cochairs: IU Trustee Randy Tobias, IUPUI Board of Advisors members Bill Moreau and Lacy Johnson, and Vera Bradley co-founder Pat Miller, as well as the honorary cochairs Steve Beering, President Emeritus of Purdue University and former dean of the IU School of Medicine, and IUPUI Chancellor Emeritus Jerry Bepko. We acknowledged the generosity of all our donors and highlighted the transformational impact of these contributors:

- Eugene and Marilyn Glick Family Foundation, whose gift of $30 million provided the support necessary for the creation of the Glick Eye Institute.
- The gift of $50 million that transformed the IU Cancer Center into the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center with a new facility and research endowment.
- Jesse and Beulah Cox, who established with an initial gift of $15 million the Cox Scholars Program. A later gift from the couple’s estate brought the scholarship fund for working
students on both IUB and IUPUI campuses to $92 million.

- The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust and CEO Harriet Ivey for the Nina Scholars program, which supports the most at-risk students to go to college.
- Eli Lilly and Company, for $45 million in pharmaceuticals and supplies to IU’s AMPATH HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention program in Eldoret, Kenya.
- The Lilly Endowment, including a gift of $60 million in support of the Indiana Physician Scientist Initiative, among many other areas of support during the campaign.
- The Lilly Family School of Philanthropy—a family, now led by the 5th generation—for the world’s first school devoted to studying the power of giving.
- Robert H. McKinney’s $24 million gift to name the School of Law, which also included funding for five endowed chairs and $17 million for scholarships.
- The Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation gift to establish and name the School of Public Health.
- The many donors who contributed to a total of 22 endowed chairs, including one named for the late Myles Brand, which allowed us to recruit Murray Kroc, a specialist in research on pancreatic cancer.

All total we received $1,394,816,419 from 99,500 donors, including 5,200 faculty, staff, and retirees. What a tremendous level of support! Our thanks to all of you!

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