

Points of Pride



IUP achieved a 6.5 percent increase in spring 2024 compared to the spring 2023 semester, and a 90.1 percent retention rate of new, first-time, full-time bachelor's degree-seeking students for the spring 2024 semester, the highest fall-to-spring retention rate for a cohort since 2010. This cohort also had a graduation rate of 88.5 percent.

IUP and Indiana Regional Medical Center have realized an agreement that provides IUP students with the opportunity to complete their clinical experience at IRMC for the IUP Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology program. The program is part of IUP's Department of Nursing and Allied Health Professions. Students who complete the program and their clinical

Medical Center, a \$500,000 donation from the State of Indiana. The State of Indiana, through the Indiana State Board of Education, has authorized a donation of \$500,000 to IUP for the start of the medical school. These new dollars are an investment beyond what IUP receives in the budget, Pittman said. This funding will be used largely to support the operations at the start of the medical school.

IUP's Alumni Association Board of Directors has authorized a donation of \$500,000 to IUP for the start of the medical school.

IUP will receive \$500,000 as part of the 2023–24 State System of Higher Education capital allocations budget for academic facilities for academic facilities for IUP's health sciences cluster and proposed college of osteopathic medicine. The updated long-range plan recommendation designates Johnson Hall, Uhler Hall, and Stright Hall for the health sciences cluster, with a renovated and expanded Johnson Hall as the primary location for the proposed college of osteopathic medicine.

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IUP will receive \$17.1 million in funding for the Academy of Culinary Arts long-range facilities plan as part of the 2023–24 State System of Higher Education capital allocations budget. Specifically, this funding will be used for the construction of the 45,000-square-foot educational and multipurpose commercial facility in downtown Punxsutawney adjacent to the Academy's Fairman Centre. Design is underway for this Department of General Services project, which includes the demolition of properties gifted to IUP that are adjacent to the Fairman Centre. Demolition of those vacant buildings is projected to begin in the fall.

Waleed Farag (Mathematical and Computer Sciences, IUP Institute for Cyber Security) was an invited participant for a roundtable discussion with Jake Braun, acting principal deputy national cyber director from the White House Office of National Cyber Director.

Three graduate programs have been selected by

