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retiring after 25 years of service



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the world by developing students  
in character, scholarship  
and leadership.**

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**Indiana Wesleyan University  
is a truly great Christian  
university serving the world.**

*Great Students  
Great People  
Great Programs  
Great Scope*

## VERSE OF THE YEAR 2021 - 2022

**“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be  
dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen  
you and help you; I will uphold you with my  
righteous right hand.”**

—  
**Isaiah 41:10 NIV**



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*Though Dr. Wright will be retiring from his position as president, his legacy of faithfulness, vision, and impact will live on through the many lives he has touched.*



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ransitions are places of crossing from one way of life to another. As Helen and I count down the weeks until our retirement from IWU, our hearts are filled with gratitude.

What a journey it has been! It is hard to believe that in a few short weeks, we will close the door and walk away from 25 years of employment in this wonderful university community, the last nine as President. Of course, we won't stop praying for IWU, contributing our gifts, and cheering on the work of this magnificent place. But we will gladly hand the responsibilities of leadership to the next president.

We can't help but remember and celebrate some highlights of our experiences over these years. Helen and I have attended over 70 commencement ceremonies. I've shaken the hands of over 18,000 graduates and read the names of over 5000 more. Over 30,000 have graduated from the online programs that were one of my very first projects at IWU back in 1996. We have watched Wesley Seminary, the School of Health Sciences, Excelsia College in Australia, the Ron Blue Institute, Wildcat Football, Wildcat Marching Band, and now IWU Engineering come to life and thrive. These are just a few of the great blessings we've watched God pour out on IWU.

We've celebrated the achievements of amazing graduates who fill places of great responsibility across the world, brilliant faculty who serve with distinction, and administrators who have guided IWU through the highest of highest and the sternest of challenges in recent years. Helen has hosted over 3600 guests in the President's House.

Best of all, we remember the countless testimonies of adult learners who have come to know Jesus through IWU

National & Global, the global leaders whose ministries are being raised to new heights by their engagement with Wesley Seminary, and the magnificent IWU-Marion students whose hearts and minds have been transformed during their years with faculty and staff on the Marion campus.

Just in the last few weeks, one of our senior basketball players, a transfer who came to IWU for his last year of college, said, "This has been the best year of my life" because of the intensive discipleship of the men's basketball program. Last week 187 high school students came forward at the evening rally of the 50th annual FUSION conference to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. A graduate counseling student wrote me a couple of weeks ago that her life had been transformed by the deep integration of faith and learning she encountered in her program.

One of my favorite movies is called *The Guardian*. It is the story of one of the great Coast Guard rescuers of all time. When asked what number he used to measure his success, he gave a relatively small number. His questioner objected, "In all your career, that doesn't seem like a very large number of people to have rescued." He answered, "I don't keep track of how many I've saved. I keep track of how many I've lost."

At the end of the movie, the Guardsman becomes a legend by giving his life to save one final shipwrecked sailor. The movie ends with these gripping words:

"He's a legend. The man who lives beneath the sea. He's a fisher of men. The last hope of those who've been left behind. He's known as the guardian."

I cannot help but think of IWU's mission when I hear those lines. You see, at the center of this university community is One who is more than a legend, one who came into this stormy world to save it from death and destruction, the source of all the knowledge, goodness, and beauty that our university teaches, the hope of all who turn to Him.

As Helen and I close the door on this wonderful chapter of our lives, we offer up to our Lord Jesus Christ the sacrifice and service we have given to the best of our abilities, and we pray that Indiana Wesleyan University will always be a place that points all who come here to Jesus, the world's one and only source of truth and goodness, the best and greatest hope this world will ever know.

DR. DAVID WRIGHT '77  
PRESIDENT

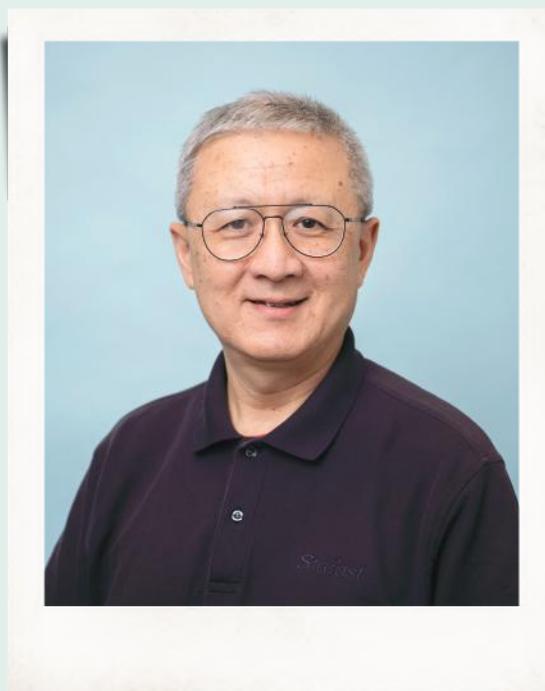


# Dr. David Che

IWU-MARION

**TITLE** | Professor &  
Engineering Program Director

Che holds a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan. He received his M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Ohio State University and his B.S.E in Precision Mechanical Instrumentation from the Harbin Institute of Technology. Che joined IWU's faculty in June 2021 to help develop and lead its new Engineering program.



**WRITTEN BY:**

PETER TROUTNER '18

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ngineering and education have always been a part of David Che's life from when he grew up in China, where his father taught engineering, until the present. He recalls building radios with his father from scratch as his first introduction to what would become his lifelong work.

His journey to Christian higher education took a bit more time. He didn't encounter Christianity until college when one of his American teachers named Becky asked him to translate a church service. Upon coming to the U.S. for his Master's at the Ohio State University and spending Christmas with Becky and her husband, David began to express interest in Christianity and soon accepted Christ.

He spent the next several years obtaining his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan and working at General Motors; these years were transformative years in his faith. "My life was turned upside down by the faith, and I just had a burning desire to go on the missions field," said Dr. Che. After eight years at General Motors, the Lord opened the door for David and his family to return home to China. In addition to his ministry and evangelism, he helped a Cleveland company open an engineering business while overseas.

After serving in China, he answered a call to Christian education, which led him to teach at several Christian universities and start engineering programs.

Looking ahead, Dr. Che is excited about IWU's engineering program kicking off this fall. He will bring his range of experience to the classroom to prepare the next generation of Christian engineers who can pursue God's work in the United States and abroad.

Che said that students will graduate with a solid foundation in terms of their faith and engineering having explored questions such as "What is a biblical view of engineering and what is our place in it?" The program will be rigorous and hands-on, taking place in a new 15,000 square foot engineering building currently being constructed near Wildcat Stadium.

"We are all excited to welcome our first class of students," said Che. "And it's not too late for students to apply for this fall semester and enter the program."

Dr. David Che is a long distance from where he first learned to love engineering, but he knows God orchestrated his journey.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ENGINEERING PROGRAM, VISIT [INDWES.EDU/ENGINEERING](http://INDWES.EDU/ENGINEERING)

# Dr. Jim Freemyer

IWU-NATIONAL & GLOBAL

**TITLE |** Doctor of Organizational Leadership Program Professor

Freemyer holds an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of North Carolina. He received his M.A. in Christian School Administration from Grace Theological Seminary and an M.S. in Education from Central Missouri State University. Freemyer joined IWU's faculty in 2008 and has served in a variety of positions.



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PETER TROUTNER '18

**S**tarting with his freshman year high school Algebra 1 class, Jim Freemyer knew he wanted to be a math teacher. And after forty-eight years in the field of education, he has made a career of it—starting as a high school math teacher for eight years, then a principal for seventeen years, and finally a professor at IWU for the last twenty-three years.

Although his mathematics interest began early on, his experience as a principal led him to understand the importance of organizational change. He began to take cognate courses in it as he pursued his doctorate.

Dr. Freemyer now teaches Research Statistics and How to Lead Organizational Change in the Doctor of Organizational Leadership (DOL) Program. As a professor, he has worked to help students succeed while getting the best education possible. Years ago, he began bringing the authors of the books they were reading into his live class sessions, which has now become a staple of the DOL program. Beyond the classroom, Dr. Freemyer tutors many of his students, going the extra mile to make sure they understand the concepts and can apply them in their work.

His dedication to his students and his research interest in the intersection of mathematics and organizational change earned him a place as a 2014 Fulbright Scholar. As a Fulbright Scholar, he traveled to Ireland as they were reteaching all their math teachers how to engage better with students.

After the implementation, he conducted a national study of Ireland's math teachers and determined that "the answer was they need to *help* math teachers change, not *tell* math teachers to change. The way you help is to allow them release time. If you allow them release time, and guide them so they can teach more conceptually on their own and with their colleagues, their schools can become more successful."

Although Dr. Freemyer is in his last semester of teaching at IWU before retirement, he remains a voice of change in mathematics. He hopes to continue promoting his book *The Next Step: Today's Methods for Today's Math* to help principals assist their teachers through organizational change.

# Rev. Yamil Acevedo

## WESLEY SEMINARY

**TITLE** | Director of Theological Programs in Spanish

Acevedo holds a Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies from Trinity International University. He received his M.S. in Christian Ministries/Pastoral Counseling from Alliance Theology Seminary and his BBA in Human Resources Management from the University of Puerto Rico. Acevedo joined Wesley Seminary's faculty in January 2022 as the Director of Theological Programs in Spanish.



## WRITTEN BY:

PETER TROUTNER '18

**W**hen Rev. Yamil Acevedo first sensed his call to ministry, he was just a teenager in Puerto Rico. At the time, he viewed ministry as something he would do later in life, so he went to business school and worked in risk management. Advancing up the corporate ladder allowed him to build his skills in project management, budgeting, forecasting, planning, and deploying initiatives with meticulous care. His career was thriving.

But God had some risk management in store for Yamil.

Through a growing attraction to ministry, a sense of incompleteness grew within his career despite its upward trend. The next few years led him to a lead pastor role in San Juan and then another larger jump to Indiana, where he studied *Belonging and Maintaining Latino/A(S) Ethno-Religious Identities*.

“It is one thing to move and leave everything behind when things are not going well, yet another when everything feels like it’s running smoothly. It’s one thing to have clarity on God’s plans and another to obey him without step-by-

step instructions. For me, it was a step of faith, a formative experience of trusting amid uncertainty.”

Yamil’s background prepared him for the work God called him to at every stage. For the past three years, Yamil has worked as an adjunct faculty for Wesley Seminary. He will now serve as Director of Theological Programs in Spanish for Wesley Seminary. As he steps into the ongoing work, he is excited to participate in the ministry of higher education.

“Serving within the academy is a ministry – a calling. Sometimes people say there is a disconnect between the academy and the church. I believe we, as educators, are called to bridge that gap and change that misleading perception. Both institutions are utmostly necessary as participants in the mission of God; therefore, they must work together.”

This vision of cross-pollination between the church and the academy, between faculty and students, and between Spanish and English programs are part of what excites him about Wesley Seminary. He envisions “an inviting roundtable full of new conversations and learnings. A community that is quick to listen, equip, commission, and send.”



# pat gelsinger

LIVING WITH PURPOSE

SOCIETY OF WORLD CHANGERS

# A TECH GURU IN OUR ROTUNDA

WRITTEN BY:

DR. JERRY PATTENGALE '79

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e often talked about “tops in their field” during my Buck Creek childhood. In the backwoods of Indiana, Bill Dance was heralded for his fishing exploits, local “Dick the Bruiser” was tops for pro wrestling, and A.J. Foyt for all combustible engines. In grandpa’s busy garage, we listened to Foyt’s races, adjusting the rabbit ears on his grease-covered radio. And during the Rick Mount era, we adjusted the clothes hanger added to pick up Purdue games on AM.

Processors have long since replaced rabbit ears, and 5G is supplanting FM/AM worries. Today many of the “tops in their field” discussions now include technology gurus, like Pat Gelsinger, CEO of Intel.

*Fortune Magazine* recently named Gelsinger one of its top “Businesspersons of the Year.” In 2019 he earned the No. 1 spot on Glassdoor’s list of top US CEOs, with a 99% employee approval ranking (for nearly a decade as CEO at VMAR, which doubled in size).

Gelsinger was key in creating key industry technologies, including USB and Wi-Fi. As the architect of the original 80486 processor, he also played a significant role in steering Intel to dominance in the microprocessor supplier market—very important in the increased cyber threats in the wake of recent world events. It has been a rather busy year for Gelsinger. He returned to Intel as CEO in February 2021 and later was an inductee to the IWU Society of World Changers. Dr. David Wright, president of IWU, called him “a tech industry legend” who “is also one of the most visible Christian leaders of a publicly-traded company today” and is “passionate about sharing his faith.”

*“Technology is a human creation that allows us to define what is possible. And I believe in the power of using tech as a force for good.”*

PAT GELSINGER

INTEL® CEO



# intel CEO 2021 WORLD CHANGER

Amidst his rather hectic schedule, Gelsinger agreed to a Q & A, and some of his responses are below.

## IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, WHAT IS A FABLESS COMPANY?

“Fabless” means a company designs and sells semiconductor chips but does not manufacture the silicon wafers; they are outsourced to a manufacturing plant or foundry. Intel’s strategy goes in the opposite direction.

Close to a year ago, we unveiled our IDM 2.0 strategy, which allows us to deliver leadership products using internal and external capacity. When our industry can deliver at a global scale, we reduce the risk of additional silicon supply chain failures and increase the resiliency of our global tech infrastructure.

## YOU ALWAYS SEEM TO HAVE A SMILE. WHY?

I am bringing the geek back to Intel! Intel’s purpose is to create world-changing technology that improves the life of every person on the planet. Without question, movement toward achieving this vision brings me immense joy. My faith also gives me a great sense of destiny and calling, I believe this job is exactly where God would want me on this phase of my journey.

## WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR OUR SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS GRADUATES, MANY IN THEIR MID-30S?

Find something you are good at and that you love to do – with people you enjoy. (40 years into my career, I’m still as fired up today as I was when I first walked in the door.)

Write a mission statement – and live it.

Keep the most important thing, the most important thing

Follow the two rules of a great career:

1. Do great things in your role today.
2. Prepare for the next job.

Find a mentor. And listen to them...

## WHAT DO YOU LOOK FOR IN HIRING STRATEGIC TEAM MEMBERS?

Naturally, we want the best and the brightest, but beyond that, I look for those who are insatiably curious and always eager to expand their horizons. I’ve always focused on finding talented people who are willing to take on the hardest problems—the ones with a spirit to innovate like crazy. At Intel, we seek out people who are passionate and aligned with our company culture and values. Finally, they need to fit onto the team. Culture alignment and team fit are essential.

## WHAT AUTHORS HAVE BEEN MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU? WHY? (BESIDES BIBLICAL WRITERS)

Not author-specific. I’m often drawn to non-fiction, especially biographies. Many of those I read about are polarizing figures. Love them or hate them, agree or disagree with the arguments made—there is always more to understand. Learning is a lifelong process.

## WHAT ARE A FEW GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR YOUR LIFE?

My 5 L’s of Leadership: Listen, Learn, Lift, Link, and Love.

## IS THERE A TECH DEVICE YOU ESPECIALLY LIKE AND USE?

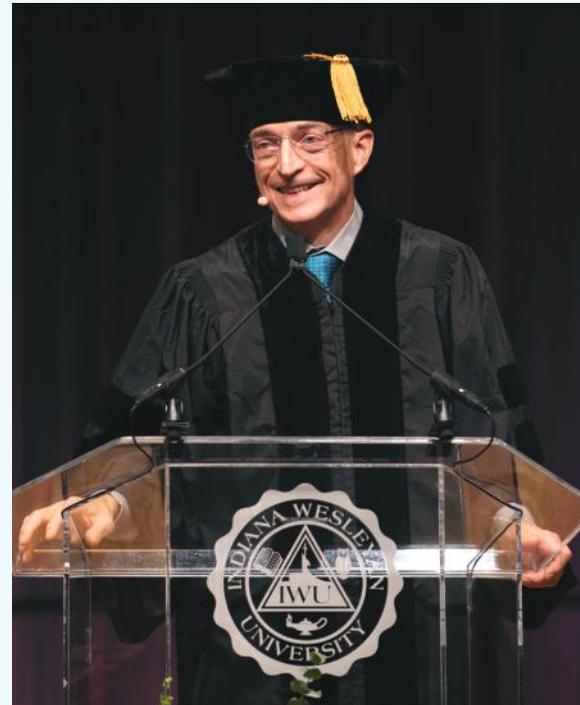
Aside from my typical devices for work (I have several laptops and my phone is a Samsung Galaxy S1), I’m a huge fan of my Oura ring. It lets me monitor my sleep pattern and heart rate; we’ve got a lot to do at Intel! I’ve got to stay healthy!

## WHAT HAS BROUGHT YOU THE MOST JOY IN YOUR CAREER?

My professional goal is to work on technology that touches everyone in every mode of life. Technology is a human creation that allows us to define what is possible. And I believe in the power of using tech as a force for good.

## ANYTHING LEFT ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

Innovation is the lifeblood of technology. I would say achieving our vision and



reestablishing leadership in the western world is high.

I’ve had so many wonderful experiences already like Galapagos, Machu Pichu, Kilimanjaro, and Antarctica. God has so many amazing places yet for us to experience like climbing Denali and Aconcagua. I’ve run the Boston marathon but also want to finish the other big five marathons (Chicago, Berlin, London, and New York City).

Having Gelsinger as an IWU World Changer is indeed a complement to the others in the library’s rotunda. But one wonders if this tech guru looks at his bronze bust and wonders if he thinks if holograms or a digital cave might upgrade the space. And if it could be beamed over to our remote campuses, and of course, to places like Buck Creek.

# NEWS BRIEFS



## IWU RECEIVES \$1.3M NSF STEM GRANT

The National Science Foundation (NSF)

recently

awarded Indiana Wesleyan University a \$1.3 million S-STEM grant. This NSF grant is the largest in IWU's history. It will contribute to the national need for well-educated scientists by supporting the retention and graduation of high-achieving, low-income students with demonstrated financial need at Indiana Wesleyan University.

The grant will provide scholarships of up to \$40,000 over four years to 24 academically talented STEM undergraduate students. Students selected for the scholarship can receive up to \$10,000 per year for four years. Students must major in biology, biochemistry, chemistry, or physics; have an interest in studying non-clinical fields in science; and demonstrate financial need.

Students will be intentionally supported in a cohort model with STEM-oriented best practices to increase first-year student retention and degree completion. A distinctive of the program is a two-semester first-year course aimed toward intentionally developing science identity in students while reducing barriers in challenging first-year science courses. Students will have opportunities to engage in an undergraduate research experience. Collectively, these program efforts will increase the number of low-income, academically talented students

with demonstrated financial need earning degrees in STEM fields and improve the education of future STEM workers.

The NSF grant also provides significant opportunities for career development and undergraduate scientific research within the cohort program.



## VP DEI - KAREN DOWLING

Dr. Karen Dowling stepped into her role as Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion earlier this year. Dowling will work with other executives across IWU campuses to create a community that reflects kingdom diversity and values each member's earthly and eternal worth by embracing an inclusive staff, faculty, and student population and establishing an equitable work and learning environment.

"Diversity and equality are deeply rooted in both the Wesleyan Church and Indiana Wesleyan University's heritage," says Dr. David Wright, President of IWU. "I am excited to have Dr. Dowling continue to lead our IWU community in our ongoing DEI efforts. She is highly respected across the university and has collaborated on many university-wide DEI initiatives. She is a gifted educator and an outstanding leader who will work tirelessly to drive the university to become a community that reflects and promotes the diversity of God's Kingdom. Dr. Dowling's

education, experience, talents, and gifts have prepared her for this new role as Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion."



## IWU-MARION CHANCELLOR TO SERVE ON CCCU COUNCIL - EVANGELISM

Indiana Wesleyan University-Marion Chancellor Dr. Rod Reed will serve on the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) 's commission focused on evangelism. This new initiative is dedicated to helping Christian Colleges build thriving evangelistic campuses.

According to research conducted by the CCCU, the importance Christian college students place on their faith remains high, yet Christian colleges face challenges when it comes to equipping students to share their faith. The CCCU notes, "Over the next several years, the commission will convene leading influencers, commission research, host events, and share best practices for preparing students for sharing their faith throughout their lives."

"Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ has always been central to the mission of Indiana Wesleyan University," said Reed. "I'm thrilled to be part of this work that will equip Christian university students, faculty, and staff to share this message in a world that desperately needs it."



## WESLEY SEMINARY - PATHWAYS FOR TOMORROW GRANT

IWU has been awarded a nearly \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. through its Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative. The grant will help Wesley Seminary strengthen and sustain its capacity to prepare pastoral leaders for Christian congregations.

Rev. Dr. Colleen Derr, President of Wesley Seminary, said, “Wesley Seminary is thankful for the opportunity this grant will provide us to continue to serve the church and ministry leaders in tangible, practical, and timely ways through creating times of connection and resources for ministry.”

The grant will fund the implementation of a Resource Hub. The Hub is a communication platform that will provide space for content curation, creation, and dissemination of Wesleyan ministry and theological distinctives. In addition, virtual and physical gatherings will provide community, collaboration, sharing of challenges, generation of new ideas, improvement, and ongoing development of both clergy and lay.

The Resource Hub will become a place where Wesley Seminary can convene partners to share knowledge and experiences and create content distributed to our constituency. The Hub will strengthen the Seminary’s current standing in delivering formal theological education and equip the laity with non-formal educational offerings that benefit Christian leaders, churches, and communities.



RENDERING OF NEW ENGINEERING FACILITY

## ENGINEERING PROGRAM RECEIVES APPROVAL FROM THE HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION

Indiana Wesleyan University has received formal approval to launch a new Engineering program from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The Engineering program will offer five specialization areas in Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Design Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Now that the program has full accreditation approval from the HLC, students can begin enrolling as a part of the school’s first Engineering class which is set to begin during the upcoming fall semester (2022).

In 2020, IWU hired Dr. David Che—who has M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Mechanical Engineering from The Ohio State University and The University of Michigan, respectively—to design and develop the curriculum in anticipation of the program’s launch. He brings extensive experience as a professor and leader in engineering academic programs around the Midwest.

“Establishment of an engineering degree with various specializations provides IWU students with another academic option in a growing, in-demand field,” said Dr. Aly Williams, vice president of academic affairs.

“The program strives to be distinctive and unique in its approach, collaborative with other programs on campus, and steadfast in its desire to graduate Christian engineers prepared to make an impact on the world for Christ,” said Williams.

## IWU LAUNCHES NEW MILITARY-FRIENDLY PROGRAM

IWU–National & Global launched its newest program, a Bachelor of Science in Global Security & Strategy Management, which provides military students the unique opportunity to count their military experience towards a degree.

This program, specifically designed to incorporate military training credits towards a fast-track bachelor’s degree, allows military service members to transfer up to 90 credits. Students can complete the degree entirely online in as little as one year.

In collaboration with the DeVoe School of Business and the School of Service and Leadership, this program was designed in part by K.C. Haight, the executive director of military relations for IWU–National & Global. Haight’s military background brought a new perspective and innovation to meet a need for military service members.

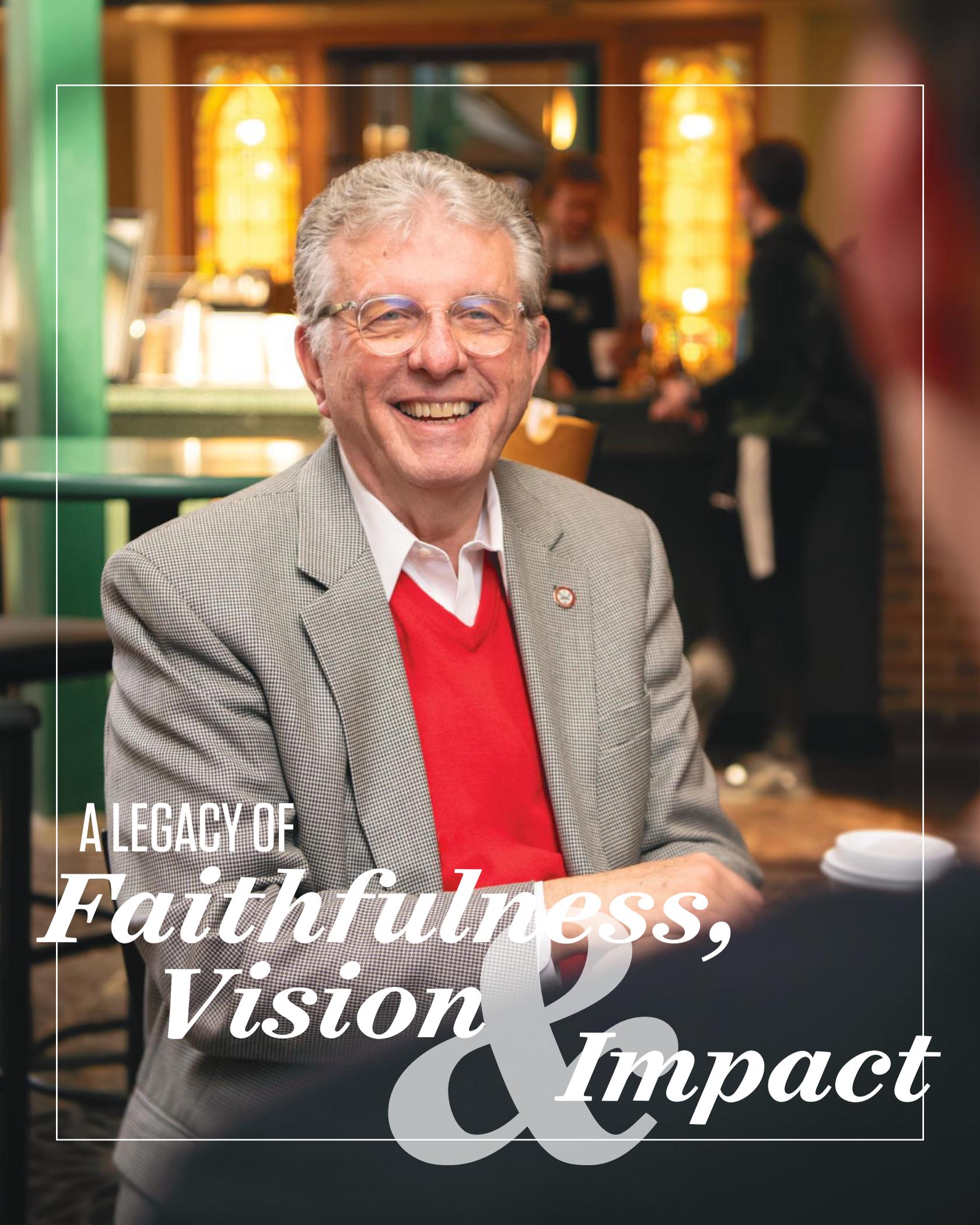
Additionally, the course content was created to meet the needs that globalization has created. A degree with courses in political security, economics, culture, strategy, and leadership is uncommon in the marketplace.

Dean of DeVoe School of Business, Dr. Christopher Davis, said, “This program provides students the ability to lead people while managing policies and processes through the lens of security and strategy in both private and public sectors.”

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*Vision* & *Impact*



## ALWAYS LOOKING TO JESUS

WRITTEN BY:

DR. JIM 'UMFUNDISI'+ LQ



month after arriving in Zimbabwe as a missionary, I received a letter from David. We had met at Missionary Training Institute, where we were being equipped to do cross-cultural ministry. David and I did not have much time to build a deep relationship there, yet one day he felt the need to send me a letter of encouragement. In his communique were these words, “Always look to Jesus.”

heavy burden. As I lead IWU, I need God’s intervention and help.”

As I read his request, my heart welled up with deep love for this humble servant God had called to lead Indiana Wesleyan.

As IWU president, David has always sought to depend upon God. A few of us have been praying the following prayer with him, which David wrote. This prayer reflects his faith in God and love for the university. It shows the heart of a spiritually-minded servant leader.

*Heavenly Father, come and take ownership of every part of our university. Take authority over every decision, every activity, every relationship, every class, every team, every office. Subdue and neutralize every scheme of the devil to defeat and destroy what You want to do with us. We put ourselves in your great, loving, and powerful hands. In the name of Jesus, we claim the victory you design for us.*

This has been the theme of David’s life and leadership.

At 4 am one morning, I received the following text from him. “Can I join you as you walk and pray over the campus?”

By 4:15 am, two ‘lone’ figures walked and prayed for faculty, students, staff, and administrators.

A few weeks later, David sent me this request. “Jim, may I ask for special prayer tonight and tomorrow? I’m feeling a

Thank you, David, for always looking to Jesus as you have led IWU!

**“THANK YOU, DAVID, FOR ALWAYS LOOKING TO JESUS AS YOU HAVE LED IWU!”**



### *Helen Wright: First Lady & Chief Executive Caregiver*

One of my first conversations with First Lady Helen Wright was about clothing and colors. Her eyes lit up as she shared what she had learned about dressing in colors and patterns to ‘compliment the person God created you to be.’ Helen’s pallet is full of bold jewel tones and animal prints of every kind! But don’t be distracted by the fashionable bling. Behind the cheetah printed scarf is the heart of an unpretentious, hard-working caregiver who simply loves to serve others. And she loves giving gifts to others. And she loves beauty and making things beautiful.

As first lady, Helen has set aside a remarkable career as a nurse to serve alongside of David. She has been praying for IWU, hosting scads of guests, intentionally gathering groups for fellowship, giving gifts, bringing meals, and baking to always have something to give an unexpected visitor to the President’s house. She has served this community with grace and from a heart that genuinely loves to care for others. For all of this, Helen, we as a community want to say...*Thank You!*

## THE HEART BEHIND THE CHEETAH PRINT

WRITTEN BY:

JILL PEDERSON



## DR. WRIGHT: HUMILITY + WILL = LEVEL 5 LEADER

WRITTEN BY:  
CARL SHEPHERD '74



My favorite business book, *Good to Great*, was written about twenty years ago by Jim Collins. In chapter two of the book, Collins surprises the reader with an unorthodox description of what he calls “Level 5 Leadership,” the type of leadership he discovered in “Great” companies. Collins stated a level 5 leader is “an individual who blends extreme personal humility with intense profession will... Humility + Will = Level 5.”

IWU’s primary core value is Christlikeness. The Apostle Paul describes it so well in Philippians 2:6-8. “In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant... he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!” (NIV)

I am so thankful that IWU has had a President who modeled himself after Jesus. He did not consider the presidency to be used to his advantage. Instead, he

took on the nature of a servant to the institution and its employees, students, and other constituents. Dr. Wright is for IWU and us, even while experiencing personal sacrifice, just like Jesus. That is level 5 humility.

Throughout his career, Dr. Wright has also had the dogged determination (“intense professional will”) not to accept the status quo. A famous politician once said, “Some people see things as they are and ask why. I dream of things that never were and ask why not.”

Dr. Wright has repeatedly asked, “why not,” leading to innovation after innovation for IWU, starting with his personal involvement/leadership in adult education, including IWU’s early entrance into online learning way back in the ‘90s, to the formation of the School of Health Sciences, to the development of the Ron Blue Institute to educate students in biblically-based personal finance, to Excelsia College’s transition to success in Australia, to his vision for IWU football and the creation of a program of Engineering. Even as retirement is approaching, Dr. Wright is actively engaged in research for the potential formation of a Christian-based trade school. Accept the status quo? Never for

Dr. Wright, but instead, he has displayed an intense professional will to alter IWU’s future for the glory of God.

As Jim Collins would say, “Humility + Will = Level 5.”



**“HE HAS DISPLAYED AN INTENSE PROFESSIONAL WILL TO ALTER IWU’S FUTURE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.”**

# A MISSION FOR JUSTICE

WRITTEN BY:

DR. MICHAEL MOFFITT



**“I HAVE KNOWN DR. WRIGHT TO BE A MAN OF STRONG CONVICTION, HIGH CHARACTER, INTEGRITY, AND ONE WHO HAS BEEN A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RACIAL RECONCILIATION.”**

**D**r. Wright, whose parents served as missionaries, was born in the Philippines and spent his formative years there. He witnessed firsthand the cultural inequities that existed in that country. Dr. Wright learned early on that the social playing field regarding how certain people groups were viewed and treated was anything but equitable. Unfortunately, when Wright’s parents decided to move the family back to the states during his early teens, he would be the first to acknowledge that the proverbial playing field had historically impeded the progress of underrepresented people groups here in the United States as well. In addition to his parents’ impact on his Christian worldview, his cultural experiences were further impacted in part by his work abroad in both Haiti and England. As an associate professor for intercultural studies, he always sought to expand his cultural knowledge not only for himself but also for his students. In contrast, the cultural landscape in higher education continued to shift and evolve around him.

Over my 20 plus years at IWU, I have known Dr. Wright to be a man of strong conviction, high character, integrity, and one who has been a strong advocate for social justice and racial reconciliation. Those convictions led him to enact many initiatives that were established during his time as president. In 2014 he established the university’s first Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. He also appointed the institution’s first African American female Vice President to lead that office during that time. Additionally, Dr. Wright established the first Executive Director for Multicultural Learning & Engagement role for National & Global. In the fall of 2021, Dr. Wright approved and endorsed a pilot program called Men of Color (Pathway

to Success) this past fall. The program, housed under the Center for Student Success, was created to help students succeed in their academic journeys both inside and outside the classroom. Together with students, the program’s goal is to address and remove barriers to college success. In its inaugural year, the program’s retention rate is almost 80%, nearly three times higher than the national average of African American freshman male students.

In the summer of 2020, Dr. Wright initiated a summit meeting with eight other college presidents in north-central Indiana to discuss how best to engage in the work of racial justice and how to support one another in the process. But as a Marion High School and Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion College) graduate, his efforts and contributions to the local community and beyond often go unnoticed. That is just the way he would want it to be. He has always been committed to the Grant County Community and beyond.

Universities have not always gotten it right when it comes to how best to address social justice and inclusion issues. IWU is no exception. But his contributions and efforts in these areas have provided avenues to build upon for the future. Dr. Wright’s actions and heart to champion these efforts have been fueled by his love for people and, more importantly, by his obedience to God’s command, which is to simply love one another unapologetically.



DR. AND MRS. WRIGHT WITH DAUGHTERS, CHRISTIN (LEFT) AND ANNIE (RIGHT).

## GROWING UP WITH PARENTS AS SERVANT LEADERS

WRITTEN BY:

CHRISTIN TAYLOR AND ANNIE ELS

Four fond memories of our parents and how they demonstrated servant leadership, even within our family dynamic:

### CHRISTIN

- After my first year at IWU, I came home exhausted. I watched Mom, Dad, and Annie interact differently after living eight months without me. This new family dynamic prompted me to break down sobbing to Mom: “I don’t belong in our family anymore!” Mom stopped, visibly perplexed by my meltdown, then put her arms around me and said, “Honey, you need to get some sleep.” Mom has a way of seeing your physical need and meeting it in a way that also nurtures your spirit.
- Growing up, I knew that if I woke up early enough, I would find Dad in his leather chair with a cup of coffee reading his Bible. This ritual of quiet time every morning has always been the anchor of Dad’s relationship with Jesus, and I have always known that Dad’s relationship with Jesus has been the guiding center for every part of his life.

### ANNIE

- As a nurse, when Mom bathed her Alzheimer’s patients, she also made sure their hair was curled and nails painted! When she watches my boys, not only is everyone fed and cared for, but she also makes sure the dishes are clean, too! Many of you have received this type of care and spoiling and know how special Helen makes you feel!
- When I was going through a time of spiritual crisis, I shared my troubles with Dad. His response? “Okay, I want you to know that your mom and I will be praying for you.” I never felt the need to rebel because there was always a safe space to ask questions, grapple with hard truths, and the reassurance that I had two loving parents who continued to pray over me.



# On the Horizon

## Presidential Search Update

WRITTEN BY:

BRITTANY SHIGLEY '21

Following the December announcement of Dr. Wright’s intent to retire as president on June 30, 2022, the Board of Trustees appointed a Presidential Search Committee chaired by Barry Hines, member of the IWU Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees gave the search committee three non-negotiable characteristics for the next president. The next president must be a devoted follower of Christ who continually seeks God’s heart, is strongly dedicated to IWU’s mission, and fully agrees with Wesleyan theology and The Wesleyan Church. The Committee plans to announce the new president by July 15, 2022.

CarterBaldwin has been selected to partner with the Presidential Search Committee. CarterBaldwin is ranked among the top forty executive search firms in the US. They also have extensive experience working with faith-based universities; in the past decade, CarterBaldwin has completed nearly 50% of all Council for Christian Colleges and Universities presidential searches.

Believing its work will only be successful as it is bathed in prayer, Committee members have committed to praying during the search process. Barry Hines stated: “I am so grateful for the prayers, fasting, and valuable input from the IWU community early in the search, and am confident that God is present ahead of us as we work to find our next president.” Please join the Presidential Search Committee and the IWU Community as they fast and pray for God’s guidance in the process and for IWU’s tenth president.

CELEBRATING

50  
Years



## FUSION CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FUN, MINISTRY, AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUNG PEOPLE'S LIVES

WRITTEN BY:

CHARLIE ALCOCK '89

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small group of college students gathered, believing God was calling them to invest in the next generation. Several of them were just one year removed from high school, and a few were getting ready to graduate in a few months. All of them had a dream. This was the humble beginning of what they would call the "Youth Conference" here on the campus of Marion College in the spring of 1972. Could they have imagined that 50 years later, that dream would still be living in the hearts and minds of a group of students who gather every week to pray, dream and plan for the next youth conference? I called one of them before writing this article, and would you be surprised to know that they

did. They believed what God was stirring in the hearts and minds would become a movement that would impact the students leading this conference as it has on those who would attend it. In fact, most of the students leading this movement, now called FUSION here on the campus of Indiana Wesleyan University, were high school students whose first experience on this campus was the ministry they now lead. That was part of the dream from the beginning, and it is part of the culture of FUSION today.

Tom Sloan led this ministry for most of his 40 years on staff at Indiana Wesleyan University. "I always loved working with our college students, and their passion to see God move in the hearts of high school students coming for this event was never lost on me." Tom and Roger Alcock,

Director of Wesleyan Student Initiatives, have each been involved with this ministry for 30 years and have watched it grow to what it is today. "You can't sustain something like this for 50 years without a new group of students each year who pick up the torch and run with it," Roger said.

This movement has grown, shifted, adjusted, and endured over time. Top Christian artists and speakers have been featured over the years. The structure has changed along with a campus that has grown to be one of the leading Christian universities in the nation.

In 2019, For King and Country, along with Jeff Wallace, led FUSION and every one of the 3,600 seats in the chapel/auditorium filled, and over 1,100 students spent the weekend for the entire



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**HANNA WATKINS '20  
YOUTH MINISTRY ALUM AND FUSION LEADER**

conference. However, it was the Spring of 2020 when we saw a group of students banding together in the face of a pandemic and figure out a way to keep moving forward that revealed the character of this conference. It was only weeks before FUSION when the decision was made, and students were sent home. We all remember. We all felt it. FUSION went to an empty studio on campus, connected with our speaker from Australia, gathered with some friends for worship, recorded testimonies, and created a live virtual event that would reach over 7,000. At the end of the night, we gathered (the students online) and celebrated, knowing what the enemy had taken from us, God would restore! Hanna Watkins, 2020 Youth Ministry Graduate and Fusion leader, said, “as I look back at the scope and impact of Fusion on my life as a high school student

and then a college student leader, I see how the Lord has used Fusion as a catalyst to amplify my love for student ministry, and it’s importance in the church.”

Over the past fifty years, just over 95,000 students and their youth leaders have made their way to Marion, Indiana, and this campus, to be part of this movement. Fusion is also the template and inspiration for a second ministry event called Never2Young, dedicated specifically to middle school students drawing 28,000 students and leaders over its 25-year history. However, the most significant impact of these two ministry gatherings on this campus can only be measured by the lives changed. For some, it was that speaker or seminar leader. For others, it was a conversation with their youth group leader, and for others, it was hearing God’s

voice for the first time and stepping out in front of thousands of people to commit their life to Jesus for the first time. One thing is clear, for all, the experience they had was one they would remember for a lifetime.

*FUSION and Never2Young are part of a campus ministry called “Youth Ministry Events” in the school of Theology and Ministry. YME also includes Summer Ministry Teams and Examen Camp.*



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# Mario Love

IWU-Marion, '22 B.S.  
Community Development

WRITTEN BY:

BAILEY GERBER

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hen Mario Love came to IWU as a freshman from Mississippi, he struggled to find classmates and professors who understood his experiences. He felt unsettled and not sure where he fit in.

When most students went home during easter break, he stayed on campus and ended up meeting some international students. “The Intercultural and Global Office was like my first home,” Mario says. “They took me in.”

This spring, Mario will graduate with his degree in community development with a focus on child advocacy. Someday, he wants to get his master’s in higher education leadership – and he may even come back to work at IWU. “I know the struggles of being a (new) student, and I want them to know they’re welcome here,” he says.





# Jania Stephen

IWU-National & Global, '22 M.S.  
Public Health

WRITTEN BY:

BAILEY GERBER

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ania Stephen knew she wanted a Christ-centered education – but she had no idea how much it would mean. In 2020, Jania’s daughter Naomi was born with Down

Syndrome and a congenital heart defect. Doctors didn’t think she would survive, and Jania had to step away from the Master of Public Health program.

“Even after I left, my professors prayed for Naomi and asked for updates,” Jania says. “When I re-enrolled, I felt like I hadn’t missed a thing.”

Today, Naomi has a healthy, repaired heart – and Jania is getting ready to graduate. She plans to work as a 4-H Extension Educator while also raising her eight kids. “I can’t say enough good things about IWU,” Jania says. “I wouldn’t go anywhere else.”

# Jeff Clark

Wesley Seminary, '22  
Doctor of Ministry

WRITTEN BY:

BAILEY GERBER

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s an IWU basketball coach, Jeff Clark isn't your typical seminary student – but he's passionate about integrating ministry with every aspect of his life, which led him to

enroll in Wesley Seminary's Doctor of Ministry program.

"As coaches, we're really intentional about leading through discipleship and empowering our players spiritually," Jeff says. Seeing how prayer impacted his team inspired him to study it on a broader scale.

Jeff used his doctoral project to research the impact of intercessory prayer and create a tool for leaders to use when praying for their teams. "I'm not an academic; I'm not a pastor – but that's okay," says Jeff. "This degree has taken me deeper in my faith and equipped me to empower others."





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# Meet your Chancellor

## *A Conversation with Dr. Eileen Hulme*

WRITTEN BY:

BAILEY GERBER

**D**r. Eileen Hulme never imagined she'd end up in higher education. "Most people have a career plan," she recalls. "I never did." Instead, Dr. Hulme's life has been defined by surrender—and a willingness to follow wherever God leads.

After graduating from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Dr. Hulme taught eighth-grade English, but she soon realized it wasn't fulfilling her desire to teach. "I had a friend at Azusa Pacific University who told me I should apply to become a hall director there and get my master's in college affairs," she says. "At the time, I didn't even know a career path in higher education was possible – but I knew my experience at Baylor had been formative, and I loved the idea of investing in college students."

The rest, as they say, is history. Dr. Hulme went on to earn her Ph.D. in Education Administration, Adult Education, and Human Resource Development from the University of Texas. Before coming to IWU, she distinguished herself through a variety of executive and leadership roles at Warner Pacific University, Baylor University, and George Fox University. "I think God knew my wiring before I did," Dr. Hulme says. "Forty years later, I'm still here serving in higher education."

In 2021, Dr. Hulme accepted a Vice President of Enterprise Development and Regional Ventures at IWU. She was

tasked with developing an innovative vision for enhancing IWU-National & Global's regional centers. "I had never even considered the Midwest," she admits. "I didn't even own a coat. But I knew the higher education industry was in the middle of a transformative season – and National & Global (N&G) has always been a pioneer in learning initiatives. I was excited for the chance to join N&G and help shape our future."

In her new role as Chancellor, Dr. Hulme has seen her responsibilities change – but her vision remains the same: to grow enrollment and increase the number of students who receive the love of Christ through IWU. "I think what we offer here at IWU is life-changing," she says. "At N&G, we have the opportunity to reach so many people in different walks of life."

As Dr. Hulme reflects on her career, she sees how her experience has prepared her for this new role. "Higher education is so much more dispersed than it used to be," she says. "I don't get to see students in the halls anymore, but I'm still passionate about empowering students to follow their goals. I'm just doing it on a broader scale. I want to simplify enrollment processes, improve class experiences, and expand job opportunities for our graduates."

Dr. Hulme may not have envisioned herself making a career in higher education – but she is a perfect fit at Indiana Wesleyan University. Her willingness to surrender to God's leading has put her in a position to shape world-changers for generations to come.

## *Thank You*

# DR. LUCAS

As we welcome Dr. Eileen Hulme into the Chancellor position, we're bidding farewell to Dr. Matt Lucas, who faithfully served as National & Global Chancellor for the past five years. Under his direction, we've worked to eliminate barriers to education and inspire world-changers to rise up and follow God's call for their lives.

When he joined National & Global in 2017, Dr. Lucas established a vision for making education more accessible. He spearheaded opportunities that broke the stereotypical "higher education" mold by offering certificates and micro-credentials, rather than focusing solely on degrees. We hope to continue the work he started by developing more innovative, creative educational opportunities for N&G students.

We're grateful for Dr. Lucas's leadership over the past five years. We look forward to following his continued success as President & CEO of Our Daily Bread Ministries in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



# DEAR DR. WRIGHT

Over his twenty-five-year tenure, Dr. Wright has made a huge impact on IWU. From Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies to Vice President of Adult and Graduate Studies to Provost and Chief Academic Officer to President—there isn't a part of IWU that Dr. Wright hasn't had a hand in. The faculty, staff, and students at IWU are thankful for Dr. Wright and how he has ministered individually and communally, leading everyone to strive for the impossible and chase after Christ.



“I am thankful for your calm, respectful, and always “listening-first” leadership style. I have learned so much from you just by watching you from afar and up close in person. Thank you for your investment in me individually and especially in our great university. I am grateful!”

**NATE FOSTER**  
*School of Health Sciences  
Interim Dean, Program  
Director, Graduate  
Athletic Training,  
Associate Professor,  
IWU-N&G*

“I am grateful for how you care for the IWUcommunity by letting us glimpse your heart that seeks after Christ through your character and demeanor – especially when you share personal testimony in your weekly word from the President. Consistently, you ask us to consider our present realities with a kairos perspective that we all participate and have a particular role to play in God's reign.”

**TAMMIE GRIMM**  
*Assistant Professor of  
Congregational Formation,  
Wesley Seminary*



“Thank you for your dedication and willingness to serve students and this community to the highest degree. Students, faculty, and staff appreciate your heart to care for and love the university and the challenges that have come over the years. Thank you for being willing to welcome students into your home and care for us like you would your own family. We are forever grateful for how you and your wife have served IWU, and we are excited to see how you will continue to follow God's calling for your lives.”

**LINDSEY BILKEY**  
*Junior*



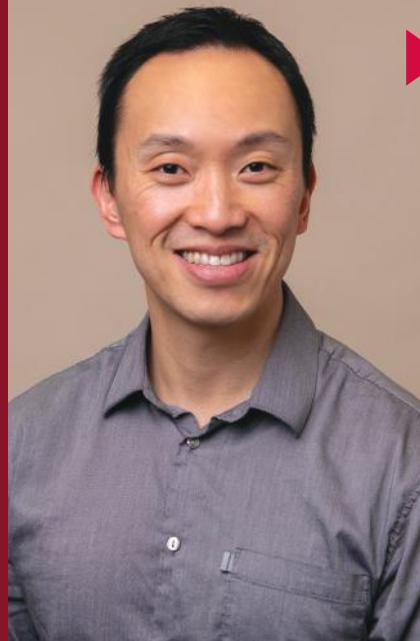
“Thank you for your heart and your vision for Indiana Wesleyan University. May God continue to bless the works of your hands and those of Helen as you enter a new season of service. Congratulations on your retirement!”

**DR. MARY ALICE TRENT**  
*Professor of English,  
IWU-Marion*



“I believe your years as president of IWU have been a divine appointment; thank you for being a great steward of this appointment! Your leadership has been transformational, but what I will remember most is your and Helen’s love and care for the people of IWU - students, faculty, staff. Thank you for caring well for us!”

**DR. DEBBIE (DEBRA) DRAKE**  
*Professor in the School of Nursing, IWU-N&G*



*Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58*

“Dr. Wright, thank you so much for living out every part of this verse during your time at Indiana Wesleyan. We are deeply grateful for your service to the campus community and beyond. You will be missed.”

**DR. DANIEL EN-HAO LIN**  
*Associate Professor of Music, IWU-Marion*

“I’m thankful for the innovative ways Dr. Wright fought for historically marginalized people on IWU’s campus. That he sought to listen and learn.”

**BRANDON CHARLTON**  
*Graduate Student/  
Student Body Chapel Liason*



“I have so appreciated Dr. Wright’s godly leadership since I have been teaching at IWU. He has the mind of a leader and the heart of a pastor, a rare combination and much needed in these days. I will miss him greatly and wish him God’s best as he moves on.”

**DR. NATE LOWE**  
*Assistant Professor and  
Department Chair of the  
School of Educational  
Leadership, IWU-N&G*



“Dr. Wright has opened his home and invited in countless students, faculty, and other members of the IWU and Marion community. Thank you for being a model of hospitality and always looking for opportunities to listen to others.”

**BRADEN BATMAN**  
*Senior*



“Thank you for setting the tone for a culture of hospitality at Indiana Wesleyan University. I could always expect a wave and ‘hello!’ from you as our paths crossed on-campus, and I enjoyed our conversation over a meal at your home in fall 2020. Your unwavering support of the success of IWU students will be something I will always appreciate and remember.”

**MADDIE BIGHAM**  
*Senior*



# EMPOWERING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

WRITTEN BY:

DR. ANDREA SUMMERS '00

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*ebrews 10:23-25 says, “let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*

John Wesley famously said, “There is no holiness apart from social holiness.” Many have inaccurately understood this as a call to social justice. While he cared deeply about justice, the truth is that Wesley was talking about discipleship in the context of authentic friendship. Wesley was asserting that genuine faith requires relationships. While we are justified alone before God, we are sanctified together. And that connectedness points to more than gathering in a room full of people at church or in chapel. Gathering for worship is vital for our Christian community rhythm and spurs us toward greater growth. Still, it falls short of the authentic vulnerability necessary for inner transformation toward holy love.

The Wesleyan tradition has a rich history of gathering in smaller groups with the purpose of deep inner transformation. God used John Wesley to bring revival to 18th century England, which constituted a reformation of heart and life. Key to that reformation and its lasting impact was the rhythm of gathering in smaller numbers. For this reason, IWU gathers weekly in small

groups for prayer, accountability, Scripture study, and mutual encouragement. In Fall 2021, the Spiritual Formation Office at IWU launched a campus-wide small group initiative. While we still enjoy community-wide worship in chapel Mondays and Fridays, students are invited into small groups on Wednesdays. They accrue spiritual formation credits for these formative spaces of discipleship. This Spring, we have over 160 groups meeting across campus, with over 850 students meeting weekly for prayer, scripture reading, and community.

Instead of issuing a predetermined curriculum, we have adopted a relational accountability model, working primarily with Resident Spiritual Life Coordinators. There are affinity groups like the women’s volleyball team, a Spanish-speaking group, and a divisional nursing small group. There are topical groups that meet to study sexual purity, prayer, and essentials of the faith. There are Scripture studies that walk through a book of the Bible together. The essential elements for an approved group include Scripture, prayer, and community. We are people of one book, we believe that conversing with God is the life-blood of a living relationship with God, and we believe that caring for each other is the context for Christian community. Our Wesleyan roots remind us that in the context of smaller gatherings, the Christian faith moves beyond an intellectual understanding to an inward transformation by the Spirit.

## *Trust over time helps lead to transformation.*

Trust over time helps lead to transformation, and students are experiencing change. Some students have prayed to receive Christ for the first time within the context of small groups. Students ask each other questions like, “how is it with your soul?”. Students are holding each other accountable. Students are fasting together. Students are experiencing Scripture come alive in their lives. Students are talking about how small groups help them own their faith.

**MADDIE MACKINNON** | “Small groups take friendships from a superficial place to something deeper where there is vulnerability and trust. It is a place where we put into practice the things we are learning about in chapel and in our classes.”

**BRIDGET NELSON** | is graduating this Spring and is a vocalist on a chapel worship team. She feels like small groups have created a sense of ownership for many students. She shared, “there is a shift from the people on the stage in chapel with all the answers to this sense of responsibility that we all have to

co-create with God and to enact what we are learning.”

Students are talking about the way small groups are helping them belong.

**PRISCILLA YOUN** | Senior ministry major, is a member of the Asian American small group and shared, “this group has helped me feel a deeper sense of belonging and purpose! I feel better loved, known, and seen by the Kingdom of God.”

**AVERY FOWLER** | shared how her small group of women in Evans Hall has been vital to her and her spiritual life by “building meaningful friendships and offering love and support... that I wouldn’t have without my small group.”

Students are talking about how small groups are drawing them closer to God.

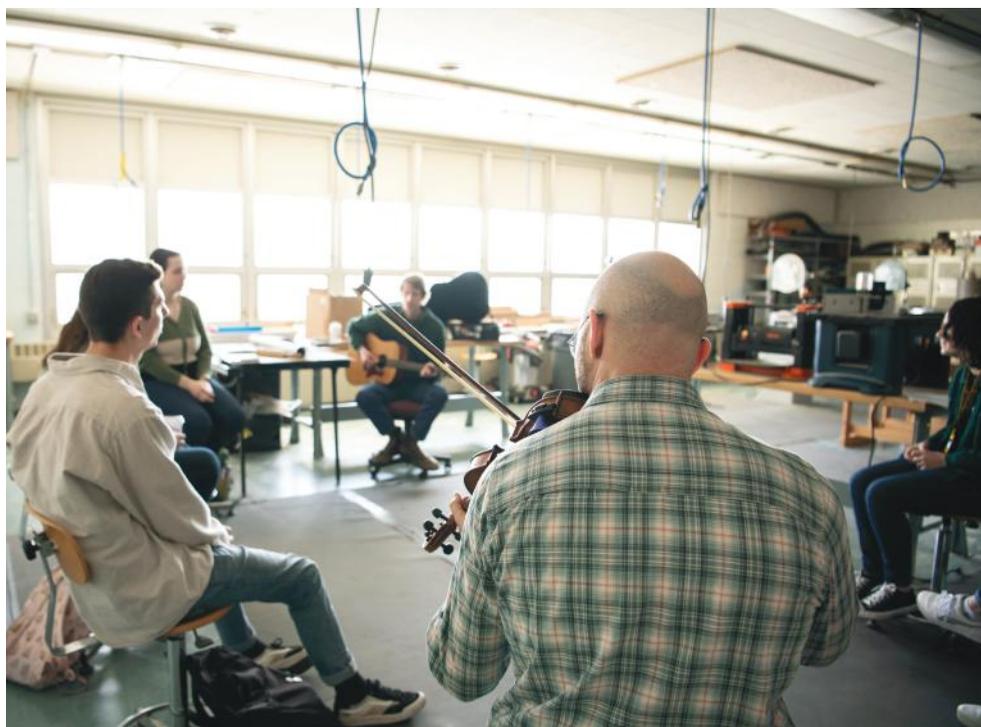
**CALEB STOUT** | who leads a group of men in South Hall, shared, “Through participating in a small group, I have learned to notice the presence of God in other people’s life stories, which has helped me see God at work in my own life story. I’ve been reminded of the friendship that is only experienced through communal proximity to God.”

**CLAY CROFFORD** | is grateful for the ways his small group has helped him value Scripture. He shared, “I’m so thankful for

the ways this small group has been a part of recovering the gift of God’s Word. As I hear it come alive in the words of another, boredom and fear start to fade, and I see what the story of God can be for the people of God.”

The Wesleyan tradition suggests that a deep inward transformation and larger spiritual awakening cannot happen apart from an authentic Christian community that holds one another accountable, prays with one another, searches the Scriptures together, and spurs one another onto perfection. The authentic vulnerability found in smaller gatherings is the hallmark of a Wesleyan discipleship, and IWU is more committed than ever to inviting students into these life-changing experiences.

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*Helping Expand a Successful Solution*

WRITTEN BY:

AARON WILKINSON

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esley Seminary has been blessed to serve students from across the globe. Our current students and alumni live in 42 different countries or territories, ranging from Australia to Zambia, from Jamaica to Japan. There are 96 current Wesley Seminary students residing outside the United States (20%) and 61 who have already graduated.

During the summer of 2020, the seminary launched a new financial model to assist its students in the Spanish-language Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program. This new model lowered the cost so that it only covered the direct charges of teaching the classes. It also allowed students to pay monthly rather than for their entire semester before starting. This new model was missional in that it did not ask these students to contribute to the overhead costs of the seminary. This new model was also potentially risky. What if students did not pay every month?

We are happy to report that we have started 97 Spanish-language M.Div. students in this new model, and it is going incredibly well. These students have an 82% retention rate, and it has been

truly rare for a student to be behind on their monthly payments. Praise God! We are excited to add another 48 students in May and continue the success of this model.

We want to continue this success by extending the model from Spanish-language M.Div. students to English-language M.Div. students living outside the US. While COVID-19 has dramatically impacted the US economy, it has had an even more significant impact on nations' economies in which our international students' study. This new model will open doors to students for whom seminary was never an option.

Each of these students benefited from financial assistance that made their studies possible. While we are proud to have served every one of these international students, there are hundreds more seeking a Wesleyan theological education to become more effective in changing their area of the world for Christ. I have a list of men and women from Kenya, Haiti, Nigeria, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Burkina Faso on my whiteboard in my office right now. They are just waiting for the chance to attend Wesley Seminary. Would you please join us in serving the global church by making their dreams a reality?



**TREVOR FOLEY** | is a graduate of Wesley Seminary and is a missionary with Voice of the Martyrs in South Korea. He serves refugees from North Korea, introducing them to Christ and training them to share the gospel with other North Korean refugees.



**JOSHE BOSE** | is a district superintendent for The Wesleyan Church in Bangladesh. While he was a student at Wesley Seminary, he oversaw the growth of the Church from 10 local churches to 52.



**REV. BENSON GUBLE** | is the Academic Dean of the Pilgrim Wesleyan Bible College in Zambia. He is a current student and oversees the biblical and theological training of a new generation of church leaders in his region.



**WENDY COLON** | is a missionary who assists indigenous people in translating the Bible into their language. She told us, "Everything I have learned in the seminary has been good not only for me but also for those whom I am working with."

And yet, even in this new model, seminary is still beyond their reach financially. That is why the seminary would like to invite you to partner with us to serve these incredible students. For just \$250 a month, for 48 months, you can cover the cost of one of these world changers.

Perhaps you could join with your Sunday School class to sponsor a student, or maybe your church would be willing to set aside \$250 a month from its budget. By assisting an international student in earning a Master of Divinity at Wesley Seminary, you are not helping just one person. You are helping every person to whom they minister. Your gift will wrap around the globe, making you a world changer.



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTNER WITH US IN SUPPORTING AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY STUDENT, EMAIL [AARON.WILKINSON@INDWES.EDU](mailto:AARON.WILKINSON@INDWES.EDU)**



# ENGAGING PARTNERS, EMPOWERING WORLD CHANGERS.

*IWU's Talent Ladder and Bridge initiatives make a nationwide impact through partnerships with The Salvation Army.*

WRITTEN BY:

BAILEY GERBER

**A**t the core of Indiana Wesleyan University's commitment to education is a flair for innovation – a desire to make learning opportunities accessible for all people, regardless of their background or experience. Thanks to emerging partnerships with The Salvation Army, IWU's Talent Ladder and Bridge programs are putting some innovative ideas into practice. IWU initiatives in The Salvation Army's Kroc Centers and Officer Resource & Development (ORD) Department are equipping world changers across the country.



## **A Firm Foundation.**

The Salvation Army first connected with IWU in 2005 through a partnership agreement to develop officers in full-time ministry. As a pioneer of online education, IWU also became an excellent resource for Salvation Army officers who wanted to advance their careers through education. “Our officers can be relocated every few years, and IWU’s online course offerings enabled them to transport their learning with them,” says Dr. Rob DeGeorge, ORD’s resource coordinator. “That connection we made more than 15 years ago served as the impetus for the partnerships we’ve developed today.”

While the initial agreement in 2005 wasn’t formalized, the connection stayed firm. Over the years, many Salvation Army officers pursued educational opportunities through IWU’s online programs. As The Salvation Army began to recognize deeper needs for its officers and key leaders, IWU emerged as a natural option.

## **Talent Ladder: Equipping Leaders.**

One of the top priorities for The Salvation Army is equipping skilled leaders for its world-class Kroc Centers across

the country. The Kroc Centers provide communities nationwide with a safe gathering place where children and families can discover and develop their passions and talents. A multimillion-dollar donation from Joan Kroc, wife of McDonald’s founder Ray Kroc, pioneered the Kroc Center vision. Today there are 26 centers located throughout the United States.

To ensure the continued success of Joan Kroc’s goals – and to faithfully steward her gift – The Salvation Army has partnered with IWU’s Talent Ladder to offer a Certificate in Kroc Center Leadership. The nine-month program is open to officers and employees of Kroc Centers nationwide, and it fosters their growth and success in leadership.

Dr. Lorne Oke, associate vice president of the Talent Ladder, has worked closely with Salvation Army decision-makers to develop the certificate. “The Salvation Army has a great vision for this program, and we’re extremely pleased to support them in its design and delivery,” Oke says.

Through this partnership, IWU will equip world changers at Kroc Centers all over the country to serve and strengthen their communities.

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## **Bridge Initiative: Broadening Opportunities.**

Continued conversations between IWU and Salvation Army leadership have opened the door for educational initiatives beyond the Kroc Centers. The Salvation Army Central Territory USA is now partnering with IWU's Bridge Initiative to offer focused courses, certificates, and programs of study as part of the Salvation Army Continuing Education Program (SACEP).

"This partnership builds capacity for Salvation Army officers who are in their first five years of ministry and service," says Lieutenant Colonel Darlene Harvey, who serves as secretary of the Officer & Resource Development Department in the Central Territory. "It gives them more confidence in their ministry and plants seeds for educational pursuits they may want to pursue in the future."

Through the Bridge Initiative, officers can use IWU's offerings to meet SACEP professional development requirements. The program's academic and skill-building credential opportunities enable students to follow their interests, explore new ways to engage their community, and develop the skills they need to solve problems.

Beyond SACEP, degree completion and certificate programs allow officers to pursue ministry-appropriate training. "Officers have a lot of options through IWU," says Lieutenant Colonel Harvey. "They can even apply their classes toward a degree someday if they want to."

As Salvation Army officers follow their passions, IWU faculty come alongside them to help them engage the world differently – and empower them on their path to becoming world changers.

## **A Focus on Growth.**

Looking to the future, IWU and The Salvation Army are working together to keep the progress going. "We really feel that IWU has offered a breath of fresh air in terms of new resources, new strategies, and new opportunities," says Lieutenant Colonel James Nauta, who has been integral in developing the Kroc Leadership Certificate program. "In a lot of ways, we're teaching each other through this experience. It's been very collaborative."

The synergy between IWU and The Salvation Army has resulted in a successful partnership. As the collaboration continues, IWU's legacy of Christ-centered, innovative education will combine with The Salvation Army's dedication to ministry and service - and the result will be world changers who make an impact for years to come.

**"The Salvation Army has a great vision for this program, and we're extremely pleased to support them in its design and delivery."**

**DR. LORNE OKE**  
TALENT LADDER ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT

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# THE ROAD PREPARES STUDENTS FOR MINISTRY

WRITTEN BY:

PETER TROUTNER '18



**“THE SPIRIT OF THE TEAMS HAS NEVER CHANGED - TO CARE AND SUPPORT THE LOCAL CHURCH AND TO BE A RESOURCE TO THEM.”**

**CHARLIE ALCOCK '89  
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND  
MINISTRY EVENTS**

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hen Daniel Whetlor ('21) first encountered a Summer Ministry Team in 6th grade, he said, “I’m going to do that one day,” and he was right.

And that’s a story repeated by many other Summer Ministry Team alums, including Reagan Tippey ('23) and Charlie Alcock ('89). Their stories are evidence of the power these teams have had since the very beginning of Marion College and the vital role they play in representing Christ while caring for the local churches and camps.

And while aspects of the teams have changed since they began many years ago, “the spirit of the teams has never changed – to care and support the local church and to be a resource to them,” Charlie Alcock, Director of Youth and Ministry Events, explained. Ministry teams primarily serve camps around the country and at IWU as hands of service while providing camps with sound equipment, worship bands, and sports equipment they would otherwise have to pay for themselves.

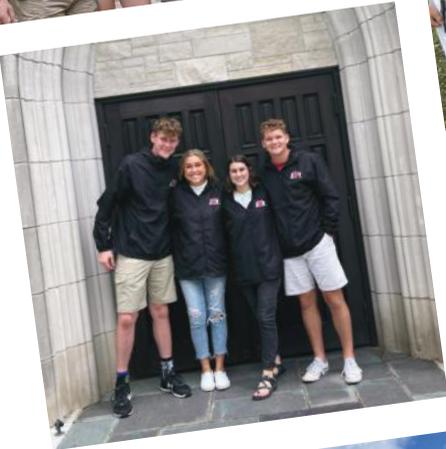
It’s a team effort; while the teams of IWU students go out during the summer, the preparation begins months before they hit the road. Teams of four to eight people are chosen, and in the four months leading up to the summer, the teams gather together to create rapport and community.

“You’re basically building a little family,” said Shami Grieve, Youth Ministry Events & Grant Manager, lovingly referred to as “Mama Shami.”

This team will be the people you do ministry alongside every day. They will be the ones who build you up and pour into you, so preparation is vital. In addition to weekly team meetings, all the teams are specially trained by faculty and staff across the university to prepare them for the road ahead.

However, it’s the road that is the real teacher. Alcock notes that “the road reveals,” and it’s the path of suffering and caring for people you may only know a week that brings an ultimate change in the ministry team members’ lives.

Reagan Tippey knows from experience that there is a special dependence on



the Lord that ministry requires, and that has to continue week to week. “Being in ministry for 60 straight days, you find a new dependence on the Lord. If we went one day without spending time in the Word, we were dead.”

The nature of Summer Ministry Teams means you are often at a different camp every week, counseling new students, organizing youth in games, leading the camp in worship, or helping things run smoothly. This nomadic lifestyle can sometimes be demanding on the teams. “It’s a weird concept to be in someone’s life for a week, and then you just go away,” Shami noted.

It’s something both Daniel and Reagan mentioned was hard—but their lives are evidence of the full circle change that can happen because of the impact of Summer Ministry Teams, and that ought to be an encouragement to them.

After a particularly intense experience week one at camp, Reagan had to rely entirely on God to work and trust in Him that the work she was doing would pay off even if she never saw it; “the Lord was like ‘As long as you’re putting this in my hands, this ministry is going to be fruitful.’”

“You might not have been a part of that huge special moment, but you were a part of their journey to those moments with the Lord. And personally, it humbles you a lot where you realize I’m just a person that’s part of the journey that God is taking them on,” noted Whetlor. “Whatever the Lord needs me to be for these students this week - that’s what I’m going to be.”

Year after year, IWU has sent ministry teams out to serve, and serving is a fundamental teacher on the road preparing students for ministry in their future. Shami referred to this chapter of serving as “kind of like a classroom outside the classroom,” while Charlie notes, “If serving is beneath you, then leading will always remain beyond you.”

The impact of Summer Ministry Teams is clear: not just in the lives of the youth on the road, and not just in what the teams do to recruit people to IWU, but especially in those who are sent.

As Daniel recalled an interaction with a specific student one summer, his experience came full circle. “The Lord put the desire to do summer ministry teams in my heart even back in 6th grade because He knew that I needed to be there for that student, for just that moment. I’ll do ministry for the rest of my life.”





WRITTEN BY:

BRITTANY SHIGLEY '21

### *How an IWU nursing study abroad trip is creating world-changers*

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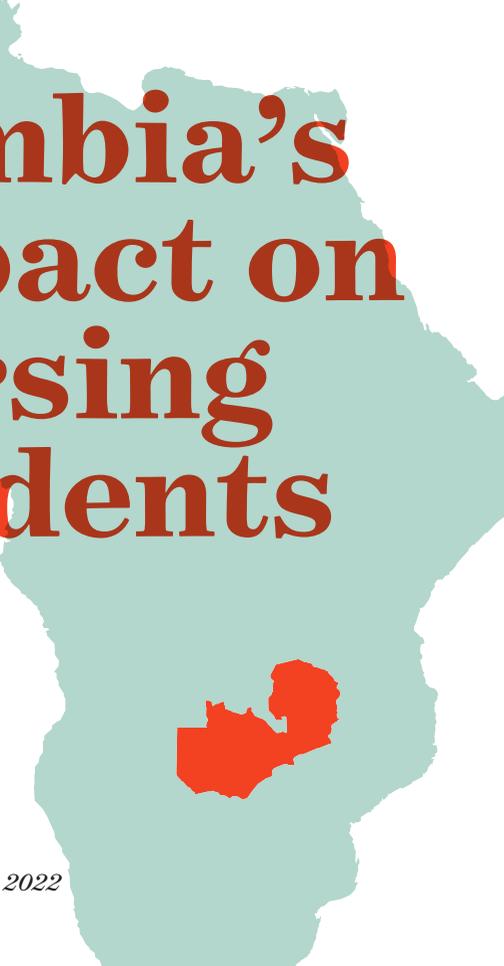
tudents at Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) have many opportunities to study and serve abroad. Study abroad programs are crafted by faculty and staff for students so that they can foster a global mindset, develop cultural responsiveness, and learn from experts how to navigate an increasingly global marketplace.

Among these programs is the 12-week immersive Zambia trip. In 2009, the College of Arts and Sciences started the Zambia study abroad program for senior-level nursing students; now, the program is led by the (SON) School of Nursing. The Fall 2022 trip will be the 13th semester in Zambia, with over 150 nursing students who have served.

While in Zambia, students will serve alongside Zambian doctors, nurses, and Zambian nursing students while studying Community Health Nursing, Leadership and Management in Nursing, Nursing Transcultural Practicum, and History of Africa.

One of the goals of the trip is to equip and encourage students to be world changers. IWU's Society of World Changers is a "means of encouraging IWU students to utilize their future positions of influence and leadership to engage our culture and promote the Great Commission by being 'salt and light'." When asked how this program prepares IWU nursing students to be world changers, Shelli Rowley, Director of Global Studies for SON, stated: "This program gives them a bigger world view. It helps them see beyond

# Zambia's Impact on Nursing Students



themselves, gives them a bigger view of God, a desire to make a difference where they are serving, and reveals a greater purpose and vision of what God is doing.”

Since she was little, Riley Lamb has wanted to be a nurse and has always considered intercultural ministry and nursing a possibility for her future. The IWU Zambia trip has been a dream for her since her junior year of high school, a dream that came true in the Fall of 2021. Though she struggled with the number of spiders, “Zambia taught me so much about perseverance and the importance of humility. There are always opportunities to learn, but it is so important to choose to be in a place where you can accept advice and criticism. I learned this in both the classroom and in clinicals in Zambia. Spiritually, God challenged me to rely on Him and to trust in His presence. I felt it so deeply in Zambia because oftentimes, God was all I had left. However, He also provided me with a beautiful team of God-fearing people who encouraged me to look to the Lord for strength. I learned about the body and family of Christ more than I ever have before. Zambia has helped me to feel more prepared for my career right out of graduation because I grew so much in my critical thinking skills and nursing skills more than I had in prior experiences.”

Lamb will graduate in the Spring of 2022 with her bachelor’s degree in Nursing with a minor in Intercultural Studies. She said that the Zambia program has prepared her to be a world-changer because it has “opened my eyes to other cultures around the world. People are so beautifully different, and people all over the world should hear the good news of Jesus. I learned that God is the same God here in the US and halfway across the world. And I am more prepared to interact with people from different cultures because of it!” Upon the students’ return from the trip, Rowley noted the changes that she witnessed: “They have a greater understanding of God, themselves, and their purpose. They show character growth, the ability to do more with less, and have a greater value of community.”

Moriah Shigley, a current junior Nursing student with a global ministry minor, will be going on the Fall 2022 Zambia trip. “Since 2015, I’ve known that I have been called to be a missionary nurse in Sierra Leone, West Africa. This semester abroad in Zambia is going to be an amazing opportunity for me to learn more and gain more experience about what it would be like to be in the mission field in Africa. I am also looking forward to the opportunity to bond with my fellow nursing students as we grow closer to each other and God.

Over the course of the semester, I know I will gain hands-on experience in nursing, learn new and amazing things, and grow closer to God. I am so excited to be immersed in a completely different culture, and I am looking forward to learning more about and growing in understanding of another culture’s way of life. I cannot wait to see what I will learn about God, nursing, the world, and myself on this trip!”

**“THIS PROGRAM GIVES THEM A BIGGER WORLD VIEW. IT HELPS THEM SEE BEYOND THEMSELVES, GIVES THEM A BIGGER VIEW OF GOD, A DESIRE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHERE THEY ARE SERVING, AND REVEALS A GREATER PURPOSE AND VISION OF WHAT GOD IS DOING.”**

**SHELLI ROWLEY '94  
DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL STUDIES FOR SON**





# HOMECOMING 2022

OCTOBER 19-22

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19

6:00 p.m.  
Homecoming Derby

## THURSDAY, OCT. 20

7:30 p.m.  
Indiana Wesleyan University  
presents: Hänsel and Gretel  
Engelbert Humperdinck's  
opera in English

## FRIDAY, OCT. 21

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.  
Class Reunion  
Alumni Registration

10:05 - 11:00 a.m.  
Alumni World Changer Chapel

11:30 a.m.  
\*Class Reunion Alumni Luncheon  
( '57, '62, '67, '72)

6:00 p.m.  
Distinguished Alumni Awards

7:00 p.m.  
\*Homecoming Banquet

9:00 p.m.  
Fallalooza

## SATURDAY, OCT. 22

8:00 a.m.  
Tailgating

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Science Exploration Zone

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Athletics Alumni Tailgate  
Village, Street Fair

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Kid Zone

12:40 p.m.  
IWU Marching Wildcats  
Pre-Game Show (stadium)

1:00 p.m.  
Football vs. Saint Francis (Ind.)

4:00 p.m.  
Volleyball vs. Taylor

6:00 p.m.  
Men's Soccer vs.  
Saint Francis (Ind.)

7:00 p.m.  
Homecoming Concert  
Artist, Tauren Wells

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# Six Degrees of Separation

*Trends in Christianity*



WRITTEN BY:

DR. JERRY PATTENGALE '79

**A**s founding scholar for DC's Museum of the Bible, I witnessed its opening weekend crowd abuzz over our technology (\$43 million invested) and media coverage in late 2017 reaching millions.

But in 2021 youthful preacher Nick Hall of Pulse toured our museum. His team reported more than 200 million social media views from 186 countries in 39 languages! *The Princess Bride* line rang loudly, "Inconceivable!"

Dizzying numbers. And Pulse has over 300 million in Nick's live audiences and more than a million salvation decisions! When Robert van Kampen helped my team launch the "Odyssey in Egypt" program in 1997, five million hits in three days shocked us (a top website globally). I again saw firsthand this massive social appeal in Jerusalem at Mike Evans's Friends of Zion complex in 2017. The live numbers of his Facebook followers became pixel clear on screen: 28,487,318. It reached 75 million before Facebook closed it in 2021.

This digital story persists today in the Church. *Christianity Today's* recent "The Rise and Fall of Mars Hill" passed 30 million viewers. YouVersion passed a half-billion downloads. Tony Evans successfully offered his iPhone seminary. One Hope is nearing its second billion recipients of the Gospel. Many curricular committees require digital options. Like at the Museum of the Bible, Bible curriculums are already downloadable in various languages and countries—

most notably via the Barnabas Trust for persecuted Christians. The new Herzog Foundation is aiding Christian schools' digital access, along with Campus EDU (founded by IWU alumnus, Darren Campbell). The National Prayer Caucus, via noted legislator Randy Forbes, has established a tool for seekers of these options.

Resources are adding digital options, like Tyndale House's recent Filament technology. Its Filament Bible creates a massive library of resources in your hand. "Times they are a changin'," which IWU understood before many others. In 1985, when president James Hill contracted with the Apollo Group, few could fully anticipate the throngs of "non-traditional" graduates ahead (now in IWU-National & Global programs). And few could know that in the mid-1990s David Wright's experiment with an online course (on a tiny green screen computer) would eventually lead to an online MBA program in 1997.

Perhaps during your college years, the thought of a "traditional" student being online was as foreign as Arnold Schwarzenegger or Jesse Ventura being Governor.

Indiana Wesleyan was a national pioneer in online college education. We had reached 16,000 students annually. Schools like Liberty University and Azusa Pacific University sent staff members to Marion to learn how to replicate our format. Liberty indeed did rather well, currently with around 100,000 students. When IWU first launched its "revolutionary" classes, some leaders mocked us. In his inaugural address,

one state school president referred to us as that university that puts its name on buildings along the interstate and calls itself a college. At that very public address, dozens of his faculty members in attendance were adjuncts in our programs. (Yeah, we chuckled.) Today, that same university has surpassed IWU in similar programs, a common story, especially at Purdue (not the campus mentioned above), where President Mitch Daniels has added tens of thousands of students virtually.

"What is the purpose of Christian education?" Ultimately, as Stanley Hauerwas charges in *Debating Moral Education*, Christian universities are "to shape people in the love of God." And as IWU's Dr. Glenn Martin reminded us, it's about helping students understand the biblical Christian worldview—to see God in all of life and to find our way in helping to create a more orderly way of community.

It's the message, not the medium, but the most effective medium magnifies the dissemination of the message. Hauerwas and Martin concur with Notre Dame's Alasdair McIntyre that if Christian education is working (including in the churches), they must have agreements "that make their disagreements intelligible."

And in case you're wondering, this article was finished on my Elitebook 40,000 feet above the Midwest, researched on my iPhone in airports via screen grabs—while heading to and from the 2022 CCCU Forum in Dallas; where educators addressed "What's next?"



### VOLLEYBALL

No. 17 Indiana Wesleyan volleyball ended their season in Sioux City, Iowa, at the final site for the NAIA national tournament. Posting a 24-6 record in 2021, the Wildcats played in the Crossroads League Tournament title game for the third straight year. Ann Collar took home All-American honors for IWU, while Collar, Olivia Zawadzki, Courtney Watkins, Martina DeMarchi, and Paige Thibault all took home Crossroads League All-League honors.



### FOOTBALL

No. 17 Indiana Wesleyan football finished the 2021 season with a 7-3 finish, tying a program record for most wins in a single season. IWU ranked in the NAIA Top-10 in six categories, including the 4th best average home attendance in the NAIA. Their success on the field was highlighted by eight First Team All-MFSA selections and seven Second Team All-MFSA Selections. Justin Johnson and Brayden Smith were honored on the national stage earning NAIA All-American selections. Off the field, the Wildcats had 29 MSFA All-Academic honors.

# WILDCAT PRIDE



**MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

No. 3 Men's Cross Country made their 26th National Championship appearance in 2021, finishing third overall in the NAIA. That ranking gave the Wildcats 10 NAIA Top-10 finishes and their fourth Top-4 finish in NAIA National Championship history. The Wildcats claimed two NAIA All-American finishes behind Steven Ott and Landon Wakeman.



**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

No. 7 Indiana Wesleyan men's basketball won a fifth straight Crossroads League Regular Season Champions in 2021-22, punching a ticket to the program's 15th NAIA National Championships. Selected as one of 16 NAIA Opening Round host sites, IWU claimed their second Opening Round championship, earning a spot in the NAIA Round of 16 in Kansas City. The Wildcats finished the season with a record of 28-7 led by Seth Maxwell, who was named Crossroads League Player and Defensive Player of the Year, the first time a player has ever earned both in the same season.



**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

No. 12 women's basketball won the program's second straight Crossroads League Tournament in 2021-22, finishing the season with a record of 30-5, the first 30 win season in ten years. The Tournament Champions punched their ticket to the NAIA National Championships, where they won an Opening Round Championship and finished in the NAIA Round of 16. IWU was led by senior Kelli Daman and Lilli Frasure, who took home Crossroads League First Team honors. Frasure was named Crossroads League Newcomer of the Year.



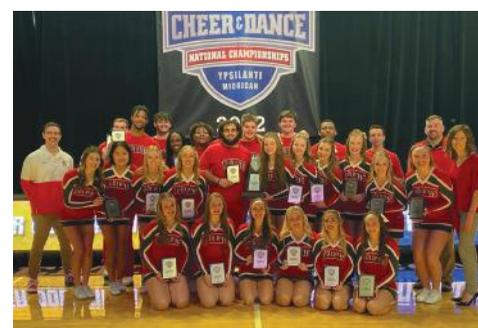
**MEN'S TRACK & FIELD**

No. 3 Men's Indoor Track & Field made program history during the 2022 NAIA Indoor Championships, finishing third overall for a new program best. Their previous best showing was a fourth-place in 2021. The event was highlighted by Charlie Young, Steven Ott, David Bignell, and Weston Kundo, who won a National Championship in the men's 4x800 relay. The meet featured six All-American finishes, including a NAIA Runner-up performance by Scotty Rathbun in the men's pole vault.

**SWIMMING**

IWU celebrated its fifth successful season as a program. The Wildcat swimming team finished seventh place at the 2022

NAIA National Swimming & Diving Championship and Runner-up at the Mid-South Conference Championships. It's the fourth straight year the Wildcats took second in the conference meet, and the third consecutive year they have finished inside the Top-10 at the NAIA Championships. IWU took home six All-American finishes as a program, led by sophomore Erica Samuel, who claimed three All-American honors at the Championships. At the conference, IWU claimed 13 All-Conference finishes, while Mark Yordy, Assistant Swim Coach, took home Mid-South Assistant of the Year honors.



**COMPETITIVE CHEER**

The Wildcats dominated the mat again in 2022, finishing NAIA National Championship Runner-up, the highest finish in program history. Their score of 93.30 at Nationals set a new program record, while in 2022, they took down six previous Top-10 program high scores. Winning the Crossroads League Championship for the second straight year, IWU claimed 10 All-League awards, including Brooklynn Seiber, who took home Crossroads League Cheerleader of the Year. The season featured sophomore Makenzie Fitzgerald earning NAIA All-American honors.



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# SOMETHING MORE

WRITTEN BY:

SCOTT HUNT

JEZELLE SHAW '22



In 2018, track runner Jezelle Shaw left her home in Manchester, Jamaica, and began her journey searching for education and spiritual awakening.

Shaw was the fourth born of six children to a single mother. “She didn’t get a chance to go to high school or college,” Shaw said of her mother. “Opportunity in Jamaica is limited if you’re not educated or certified in certain areas.

“My mom was a single mother, so it was hard for her to send me to school, even high school. So doing track, it was like an open door to get an opportunity to go to college.”

Shaw first arrived in the United States in 2018 and attended Southern University in New Orleans. Success quickly followed as she won the 600 meters at the 2019 NAIA Indoor National Championships.

However, a year-and-a-half into her journey, Southern announced it was suspending all of its athletic programs, so Shaw was forced to make a difficult decision if she wanted to continue competing and growing.

Shaw found an open door at another NAIA-affiliated institution. Again, she displayed her athletic prowess and was the 600-meter National Champion in 2020, right before COVID shut down all collegiate sports for months.

Yet even with her success on the track, Shaw was still missing another essential piece in her journey.

“I remember being on campus in summer and going through constant spiritual warfare because I had the desire to change but was walking towards it in my own strength,” Shaw continued. “I remember going into an office and asking them, ‘do you have a pastor I could talk to? Do you have anyone to walk me through the Word of God? Because I think this will be the way to help me grow and move from the trauma I have been through in my life being in Jamaica.’ I didn’t get that, to be honest.”

At the end of summer in 2020, Malcom Dias, an assistant coach at the university and a 2015 IWU alum, suggested to Shaw that she should explore coming to IWU to compete for the Wildcats, which could help her find the spiritual direction she desired.

She had offers from NCAA Division I programs but strongly felt that God was calling her to IWU. Her feeling was confirmed when she had an instantaneous connection after deciding to attend. In her first semester on campus, God worked heavily in her heart. She was able to visit her home in Jamaica during Christmas break and was baptized. Now in her second year, she knows IWU is exactly where she needs to be.

“Every time I introspect and think about some of the things that I have been through and comparing where I’m at now, spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically, its enormous gap or growth,” she said. “When I came here, I didn’t even know how to relax and see the freedom of God’s gift to me physically and spiritually.”

“Being here at Indiana Wesleyan University, the people I met when I just came here and the people here now are a tangible expression of who God is and the freedom that He talks about in scriptures,” she added. “As it pertains to growing, even in track and field, I didn’t win this year at the nationals, but I wouldn’t trade being a national champion over growing and understanding what track and field is really about—the mental aspect of putting everything together as a whole—the spiritual, mental and the physical.”

# A LITTLE BELIEF CAN GO A LONG WAY

CADE BINKERD '22

WRITTEN BY:

EMILY SOLOMON



Indiana Wesleyan University senior Cade Binkerd is no stranger to adversity on the soccer field. Binkerd, a 5'11 midfielder from Eugene, Oregon, had

his mind set on competing with his team during all four years of his college career before facing a season-ending injury that paused his soccer career for much longer than expected.

In the second game of his sophomore year, Binkerd tore his right patellar tendon, which forced him to miss both the fall and spring seasons of his sophomore year and the fall season of his junior year.

Binkerd had knee surgery in October 2020 and was given a four to six-month window before he could make his return to the soccer field. Once the sixth month mark rolled around, Binkerd had developed patellofemoral syndrome, which set back his recovery even further.

Binkerd's doctors acknowledged that this lack of progress so late after surgery was due to abnormal healing of his patellar tendon. It didn't look like he would step foot on the soccer field ever again, at least without excruciating pain.

"When I first tore it, it was obviously disappointing, but I felt like I was in a good

mental space at that time.

I thought four to six months isn't too bad," Binkerd shared. "I had my fiancé and my family there the whole time, who were very supportive. But as the process continued to get delayed and the timeline kept getting pushed out, and I wasn't really getting better, I think then I just got more and more confused."

Although Binkerd remained optimistic as his injury continued to prolong itself, he admitted his relationship with God felt unclear.

"I wasn't feeling God's presence necessarily, but I was just trying to remind myself—and my fiancé, friends, and family constantly reminded me—that God has a plan through all of it," Binkerd said.

Binkerd had truly believed his playing career was behind him. That was until Binkerd began to feel God's presence once again, and at a time where he needed it the most.

Binkerd and his friends went to a Brandon Lake concert following the semi-final game his junior year. He was feeling pretty defeated after the game. Although his team won, his knee was aching horribly. The defeating part was he had only been in the game long enough to take a penalty kick. "I thought it was set in stone. I was done with my career," Binkerd said.

As Brandon Lake had begun singing "Too Good to Not Believe," Binkerd and those around him took the lyrics to heart. His fiancé, friends, and even some strangers had gathered to pray as the song played on, each putting a hand on his knee that still writhed in pain. For about 10 minutes, people prayed for Binkerd's mental and physical healing,

From that point forward, his knee didn't cause him pain. The misery of the last couple of years had faded away, and Binkerd finally felt the strength to step back into the weight room and back onto the soccer field. He went on to play in the conference championship game against Bethel College—where he first tore his patellar tendon—and it felt amazing.

"God can do anything. There's nothing he can't do," Binkerd shared when asked what's the biggest thing he would like people to hear from his story. "This has given me a new perspective on sports and my life in general. When something that you devote all your time to is all of a sudden taken away from you for a long period of time, it really forces you to reevaluate and prioritize."

God really is too good to not believe.

# ALUMNI PROFILE

## Carma Parrish '01

DEGREE: BA - FINANCE & MARKETING

CURRENT LOCATION: LEBANON, IN

WRITTEN BY:

BAILEY GERBER



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rom the moment Carma Parrish '01 was recruited to play basketball for IWU, she knew she was valued as a person over her capabilities. "When the IWU coach came to watch

me play in high school, I was so nervous that I scored a basket for the opposing team," she recalls. "Afterward, the coach approached me and said, 'I've never seen someone fail with such flair. I want you to play for us.'"

Parrish got a full-ride scholarship. Then, during her freshman year, her dad was diagnosed with terminal cancer. "I really struggled to juggle my dad, basketball, and school," she says. "I couldn't be competitive on the court anymore – but they never took my scholarship away."

In the wake of her dad's diagnosis, Parrish considered dropping out of college to run the family landscaping business – but her dad promised he would live to see her graduate if she stayed. "I cannot remember anything about college other than the support system I had while I was at IWU," Parrish says.

IWU's staff worked with Parrish to help her overcome her setbacks. When she wanted to take art and photography classes because she found them therapeutic, her advisors helped fit those classes into her schedule – even though they didn't apply to her majors.

When Parrish graduated with a double-major in marketing and finance ('01), IWU set up a camera in the gymnasium so her father could watch from her dorm room as she walked across the stage. He passed away a few weeks later. "IWU didn't see me as just a number on a spreadsheet," Parrish says. "They really cared – and they went out of their way to show me."

Today, Parrish has that same compassion for others. In 2015, she became the VP of Marketing at NorthPark Community Credit Union, which she soon discovered was on the verge of closing. "I couldn't let the credit union close," she says. "My staff members had families who depended on them for their jobs – and I didn't want to be responsible for taking those jobs away."

Now, as NorthPark's CEO/President, Parrish is proud of the organization's progress. She and her team work with low-income, low-credit-score individuals to help them get loans and rise above the cycle of debt. "I really feel like life started for me at Indiana Wesleyan," she says. "My experience there showed me to value people's stories over cashflow."

***"IWU didn't see me as just a number on a spreadsheet. They really cared – and they went out of their way to show me."***

CARMA PARRISH



# ALUMNI PROFILE

## Shelby Curry '06

**DEGREE:** MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)

**CURRENT LOCATION:** ORLANDO, FL

**WRITTEN BY:**

**BAILEY GERBER**



*“When I got to the end, I’d grown professionally, personally, and spiritually. I felt like I’d finally made it.”*

**SHELBY CURRY**

**F**ifteen years ago, Shelby Curry '06 spent every Tuesday night for 18 months in a hotel conference room while her family had pizza night at home. Why? She was doing what she'd always done: chasing her dreams.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in journalism, Curry achieved her goal of working at the Indianapolis Star. Then, after 9/11, journalism opportunities went dry – and Curry quickly pivoted to a career as a communication manager in the hospitality industry. “I started working in hospitality when I was 26,” Curry says. “But a lot of my professional growth opportunities required a master's degree.”

Even amidst roadblocks, Curry wasn't the type to back down from her dreams – and she knew a master's degree was her ticket to the future. “I didn't know how I was going to keep my crazy job, manage my marriage, raise two kids, and go back to school,” Curry says. “Then I found out Indiana Wesleyan was piloting an 18-month MBA program out of a local hotel conference room. My husband and I prayed on it, and I took a leap of faith.”

To complete her degree, Curry had to make sacrifices. She missed out on time with her family and friends – but she knew advancing her education would change the trajectory of her career. “When I got to the end, I'd grown professionally, personally, and spiritually,” Curry says. “I felt like I'd finally made it.”

Equipped with her MBA and communication experience, Curry was quickly hired as the operations communication manager at Epcot in December of 2007. When her husband's company relocated their family to Indianapolis in 2016, she became the marketing & communication manager at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital. “It was so rewarding to manage public relations for the hospital,” Curry says. “I worked closely with Peyton Manning and his team to coordinate in-person visits, speeches, and events.”

Today, Curry uses her career to break down barriers by championing others' stories. She started a new position at Disney in 2019, serving as senior communication manager for diversity, equity, and inclusion communications. “It's exciting to bring life to untold stories from underrepresented groups,” she says.

More than 15 years after receiving her MBA, Curry is living proof that determination and prayer can break down barriers – and she credits IWU for setting her on the path forward. “IWU was a perfect fit for my life, faith, and career,” she says.



# ALUMNI PROFILE

## Trevor Foley '20

DEGREE: MASTER OF DIVINITY

CURRENT LOCATION: SOUTH KOREA

WRITTEN BY:

BAILEY GERBER



***“God’s Word is the primary actor in our work. Our ministry isn’t about making an individual impact. The Spirit of God and the message of the Bible are the true catalysts for conversion.”***

TREVOR FOLEY

**T**revor Foley doesn’t look Korean – and he didn’t even speak the language until his late teens. Still, he proudly claims the country as part of his heritage. Foley’s parents divorced when he was young, and his father remarried a South Korean woman. “My stepmom always treated me like her real son,” he says. “She was like a mother to me, and South Korea started to feel like my country.”

In 2001, Foley’s parents founded Voice of the Martyrs Korea, and they soon moved to South Korea full-time. Despite his love for Korean culture, Foley had no intention of joining them. He had a full-ride seminary scholarship and a vision to plant a church in Colorado.

Then, the summer before Foley planned to start seminary, he visited South Korea. “I interned with Voice of the Martyrs Korea for two months,” he recalls. “While I was there, it hit me that my parents could be imprisoned or killed – and if that happened, I wanted to carry on their legacy.”

When Foley shared his thoughts with his parents, they encouraged him to stay in Korea and learn under their leadership. Suddenly, Foley was dumping his seminary scholarship and planning his move to South Korea – but he still wanted to grow his knowledge in theology to support his transition to mission work.

“My dad told me Wesley Seminary had programs designed for people who wanted to serve better within an established ministry context,” Foley says. “They also had a distance option that enabled me to live in Korea – so I decided to enroll.”

In 2017, Foley enrolled in Wesley Seminary. He attended on-site residencies once or twice each year, but he spent most of his time engaging with his classmates and professors from the other side of the globe. “My professors were kind and always willing to help, so I was able to do ministry full-time in Korea on top of seminary,” says Foley.

Today, Foley works with North Korean defectors, learning from their experiences in the underground church. Rather than evangelizing himself, he trains Korean people to evangelize within their context.

Foley’s seminary experience enabled him to understand how he fits into God’s mission in Korea. “God’s Word is the primary actor in our work,” says Foley. “Our ministry isn’t about making an individual impact. The Spirit of God and the message of the Bible are the true catalysts for conversion.”



# Alumni on the Move & in the News

## SCOTT REESE '95, '00



Indiana Wesleyan University alum Scott Reese '95, '00 was recently appointed as the new CEO of GE Digital, a subsidiary of General Electric and a leading industrial software company.

Yet, upon entering college, Scott had no idea what he wanted to do. He decided to major in math—mainly because his girlfriend, later his wife, also majored in math. In his junior year, Scott asked his counselor, “So, just what can I do with a math degree anyway?” After looking into all the possibilities, he focused on computer information systems.

The IWU courses introduced him to systems and programs that would eventually give him the tools needed to launch him on his career path. “I got into computers way before computers were cool. But what a blessing to land on a career that would blossom and ultimately put me in a position to create change at the executive level.”

Scott emphasizes the importance of soft skills and job satisfaction in the tech industry. Scott admits that sometimes computer science majors might not possess all the soft skills necessary to lead effectively. Still, we must understand how to effectively communicate and empathize with what people are going through while inspiring them to do great things. Those skills are critical and needed to maintain a high-functioning team.

For Scott, job satisfaction is a critical factor in approaching his work. At the risk of sounding a bit cliché, he admits, “I don’t feel that I have gone to work a single day in those 20 years. And it’s because I woke up, and I did what I wanted to do, whether I got paid or not.” He was and is deeply passionate about his work and is convinced that his work will impact the world.

“If there is anything Indiana Wesleyan and Autodesk have taught me about, it’s software. Its applications are endless and can be adapted into all aspects of our lives and industry. To have the ability to join and lead GE and leverage my skills to hopefully make an impact is something that I am really excited about getting started on.”

## CHRIS LOWERY '18



Chris Lowery '18 was recently selected to lead the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

Before his appointment, Lowery served as senior vice president of Workforce, Careers, and Adult Strategy at Ivy Tech Community

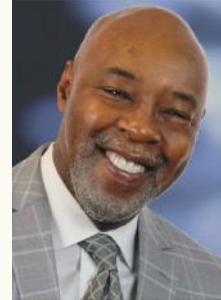
College. Lowery is passionate about providing avenues for students to dream and explore all possibilities for their future. Lowery explains, “I insist on viewing things as possibilities versus just being an optimist—if you believe in the possibilities, you dig into the facts. You do research and write about it to test your hypothesis.”

Lowery attributes his preparation as a leader to his time as a graduate student in the Devoe School of Business. “It’s sort of that intersection of the marketplace and academic experience, that was seamlessly blended by each faculty member, that provided me with the opportunity to enhance my skill set as a leader.” The work he was engaged in when he was a graduate student focused on how best to lead, support, and develop those under his leadership. “Very similarly, the underpinnings in the [graduate] program through Indiana Wesleyan was about being a ‘serving leader.’”

Lowery said that being a “serving leader” was and is about actively realizing that in our management and leadership of other people, the vision, the mission, and the strategy of any organization should be predicated on this mindset. This critical component must be at the core of how we function as leaders in the workplace. As Chris leads the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, it is with a “serving leader” posture that he plans to encourage at every level as he steps into his new role.

Lowery’s advice to fellow and future alumni is to challenge yourself and the people you are leading—not simply to go through the motions of leadership, but to run to it and embrace it with a purpose. Most importantly, he suggests if you honor the people you are leading with resources and professional development opportunities, your efforts will only encourage teamwork while creating an environment of innovation, vision, and endless possibilities.

## JOE JORDAN '95, '00



A native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Joe Jordan '95, '00 has led The Boys & Girls Club of Fort Wayne as President and CEO since 2009. He earned his master’s degree in leadership and management from IWU.

Joe attributes his success as a leader to the lessons learned as a graduate student in the Devoe School of Business. He insists that “The well-rounded education I received allowed me to have various opportunities in the workforce. The business principles and organizational leadership curriculum that IWU provided has benefited me tremendously in my current role. Leading a not-for-profit truly requires multiple skillsets. Having this well-rounded education has given me a solid framework to perform at a high level, with solid Christian principles.”

Mr. Jordan’s latest venture involves a partnership between the Boys & Girls Club of Fort Wayne and the Tom Kelley Automotive group of Fort Wayne. He was instrumental in developing the partnership by casting a vision to the community about how valuable it would be for the youth in his community to learn a trade at an early age. “About five years ago, we imagined a program to introduce our members to skilled trades,” said Jordan. “Our new club facility opened in early 2019 and included the Do it Best Trades and Partnership Room. The expansion project, which will increase the footprint of the partnership room to over 13,000 square feet, has become a reality and is expected to open in August 2022.

Mr. Jordan’s passion and ability to bring people together for a common goal set him apart as a leader in the community. His leadership continues to provide opportunities and brings great synergy to the city of Fort Wayne, all while continuing to support the needs and dreams of the youth that he feels blessed and honored to serve.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## 1950s

**LOIS (BLANCHARD) COLE** BS in Elementary Education '54 is currently living in the Asbury Place Retirement Community in Maryville, TN and would enjoy hearing from former classmates.

**LEIGH F NYGARD** BA in Religion & Philosophy '59 passed on January 9, 2022. He served the Wesleyan Church as an ordained minister for 60 years.

## 1980s



**PAM GREEN** BS in Applied Music '83 was named Chief Executive Officer at Knowledge, Creativity, Caring, Development, Dedication (KCCDD) in Galesburg, IL.

## 1990s

**WILLIAM BRADFORD** MS in Management '91 worked in various management positions in the fiberglass manufacturing industry for 41 years. He attended Phoenix College, Arizona State University, and the Graduate School of International Management. His last assignment was as the Manager of the OEM business for Knauf Insulation, where he earned his MS Management degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. After retirement, he volunteered as a Senior Mentor in the College of Business at Butler University and a key volunteer at the Midwest Food Bank.



**CHERYL JAMES** MS in Management '97 was promoted to SVP, Chief Human resources Officer at Atdalem Global Education in Chicago, IL.

**TARA RASCHE** M.Ed. '98 was recently approved as superintendent for the Northeast Dubois School Corporation in Jasper, IN.

**JAY SOUTHWOOD** BS in Business Administration '99 has joined the business development team at Midwestern Engineers in Loogootee, IN.

## 2000s



**JEFF FROST** MBA '00 has been promoted to president of Mursix Corp in Yorktown, IN.

**JACQUELYN ALT** BS in Nursing '03 and MBA Healthcare Management '08 has been named Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at Methodist Medical Center in Atlanta, GA.

**HUGH ALLEN-MAGANDE** MBA '04 was recently inducted to the ASHRAE College of Fellows (2022) for excellence in HVAC&R design.

**DEB COOK** BS in Management '04 was appointed as Town Manager in Brownsburg, IN.



**TYLER HOYT** BA in Youth Ministries '03 and MA in Marriage & Family Counseling '20 is the founder and owner of Grow Well Individual & Family Counselling in Nova Scotia. Within three months, he

brought his business to the point of making profits. There is such a need for solid, good Christian counselors in this area. He is thankful for the tools that IWU gave him to meet the needs of the many hurting people and broken families in the Maritimes.

**SHUMECA PICKETT** MBA '04 has been named Managing Director at FGA, a global social impact advisory firm in Boston, MA.

**CHRISTOPHER, BS IN YOUTH MINISTRIES '08, AND CARRIE, BS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION '04, (GARDNER) TABONE** serve in full-time vocational ministry. This past summer, Christopher became the Senior Pastor of First UMC in Port St. John, FL.

**JILL BOGGS** MS in Management '05 has been named President and Chief Executive Officer at Fort Wayne Convention and Visitors Bureau in Fort Wayne, IN.

**TREVOR, MS IN MANAGEMENT '05, AND SERENITY BRUNSINK** welcomed their daughter, Nicole, on March 31, 2020.

**AMANDA FRETZ** AS in General Studies '06 and BS in Business Administration '08 was named to the North Webster Community Library Board of Trustees in Webster, IN.

**CARRIE CANNON** M.Ed. '06 was recently approved as superintendent of Fairfield Community Schools in Bremen, IN.

**CARY CARTER** MBA '06 has been promoted to Vice President of Supply Chain and Operational Excellence for Brock Grain Systems in Milford, IN.

**ALAINA FAROOQ** MBA '07 was awarded the Naval Surface Warfare Center's 2022 Black Engineer of the Year Award (BEYA) and Science Spectrum Trailblazer Award in Philadelphia, PA.

**BRITT GRIFFIN** BS in Management '07 was promoted to Vice President of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging at Infrastructure and Energy Alternative (IEA) in Indianapolis, IN.

## 2010s



**JAN DIAZ** AS in Business '12 and BS in Biblical Studies '14 was named Vice President for The Better Business Bureau Northern Indiana.

**DANE SPEER** MBA '11 was promoted to Business Director at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) in Crane, IN.

**ELLIS DUMAS III** MBA '12 was named Vice President of Programs and Outcomes at the Boys & Girls Club Greater Northwest Indiana in Gary, IN.

**CANDACE STANTON** MA in Counseling '14 was recently elected to the board of directors at Corporate Internship Leadership Institute in New Orleans, LA.

**MICHAEL K. BLANCHARD** MBA in Applied Management '15 released "Da Teachas" by artist Saine Brown on January 31, 2022. It's positive "Empowerment Movement Music" to inspire people to build and uplift each other. This is his first single as a producer.

**VICTOR BUSH** Ed.S '15 was unanimously approved as the new principal of Belzer Middle School in the Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township.

**BRITTANY LAWSON** MS Nursing '16 earned the designation of Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) after successful completion of rigorous certification examination by the NLN.

**JONATHAN BACK** BS in Nursing '18 and MBA '20 has been promoted to Regional Clinical Nurse Specialist with Life Care Services and serves as a lieutenant and chaplain in the US Navy Reserve.



**CASSANDRA (ADAMS) RANDEL** BS in Strategic Communication '16 is the co-founder of New Flower Coffee Roaster. The company donates 10% of all proceeds to missions and

community development projects.

**NICOLE SHIGLEY** BS in Nursing '18 is currently serving as a ward nurse with Mercy Ships in Dakar, Senegal.

## 2020s

**JASON MENCHHOFER** Master of Public Health '21 was named the health commissioner of Mercer County in Ohio.

**TEDRA SPULLER** BA in Marketing and Economics '21 was selected as one of three interns with Indiana House of Representatives during the 2022 legislative session in Indianapolis, IN.

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# Living Memorials

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**Amy (Vollen) Martin '11**  
*August 30, 2021*

**Norma (Clawson) Stuve '50**  
*September 8, 2021*

**Michael Beath '07, '10**  
*September 14, 2021*

**Noramae (Smith) Ladd '62**  
*September 14, 2021*

**Virginia (Ballard) Cornwell '80**  
*September 15, 2021*

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*September 22, 2021*

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*September 23, 2021*

**Anthony Mack '76**  
*September 23, 2021*

**Marthaal Troester '97**  
*September 26, 2021*

**Clifford Dean \*OWO**  
*September 30, 2021*

**Ruth (Daman) Brown \*OWO, '57**  
*October 2, 2021*

**Lynda (Strasser) Cretsinger '74**  
*October 2, 2021*

**Byron Crowson '06**  
*October 12, 2021*

**Adda Joseph '82**  
*October 14, 2021*

**Bessie Wasson '88**  
*October 16, 2021*

**Patty Ault '62**  
*October 21, 2021*

**Linda (Jeffries) Dixon '84**  
*October 30, 2021*

**J Mealy '67**  
*October 31, 2021*

**Elizabeth Doe \*OWO**  
*November 2, 2021*

**Earl Jackson '60**  
*November 2, 2021*

**Rachel (Manke) Ballard '07, '18**  
*November 8, 2021*

**Mary (Trump) Troyer '71**  
*November 9, 2021*

**Christine (Squires) Girton '91**  
*November 10, 2021*

**Darrin Marion '04**  
*November 14, 2021*

**Harold Flueckiger '04**  
*November 15, 2021*

**Opal Fort '97**  
*November 22, 2021*

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**Ruth Detamore '96**  
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**Rita (Moss) Strawser '87**  
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**Benjamin Santiago '93, '95**  
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**David LeBeau '92**  
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**Barton Turner '09**  
*January 28, 2022*

**Sylvia (Deville) McBain '08, '10**  
*January 29, 2022*

**Josee (Belanger) Wilson '10**  
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**Rodney Sumlin '16, '18**  
*February 5, 2022*

**Sara (Smith) Brown '17**  
*February 5, 2022*

**Paula (Wright) Brockman '08**  
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*February 9, 2022*

**Sara Gerig '11**  
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**Shirley (Wright) Hayes '58**  
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**Michael Huffaker '59**  
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**John Flynn '97**  
*February 16, 2022*

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