

PURA News

Purdue University Retirees Association

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PURA Endowment: Only The Beginning

A PURA scholarship that started as a dream to fulfill the dreams of Indiana students with financial need has grown into an endowment of more than \$100,000, thanks to the generosity of Purdue retirees.

And that is only the beginning. This has quickly become a signature mission of the Purdue University Retirees Association as it works with the University on some of its central goals -- accessibility and scholarship support. Part of the PURA effort is encouraging people to remember this scholarship in their end-of-the-year and holiday giving.

The scholarship was launched in the spring of 2016 after the PURA Board approved the endeavor that included an anonymous matching grant. The initial goal was to raise \$50,000 during a five-year period, with the match bringing the total scholarship endowment to \$100,000. The goal was quickly realized and will soon begin providing funds for in-state financial need students.

Purdue retirees have always been generous with gifts to the University, especially in support of students. Even with a freeze in tuition that began in 2013 that will now extend at least through the 2018-2019 academic year, many students and families continue to struggle financially at a time when higher education plays an increasingly important role in the future of our young people, our state, and our nation.

The goal is for PURA members to make this scholarship program part of their annual giving just as they do with

United Way and other continuing efforts.

Since many people use the month of December as a time to share as part of their year-end financial planning, this is a wonderful time to include the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment in your plans. There is no better way to impact the future than through gifts that enable students to fulfill their dreams.

Your tax-deductible donation may be made on-line at: giving.purdue.edu/PURA. (Note: If you are reading the electronic version of PURA News and this address is not a live link, just type the address into your browser search bar.)

If you prefer to send a check, make it payable to the Purdue Foundation, with the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment noted in the memo line. Mail to:

Purdue Foundation, Dauch Alumni Center
403 West Wood Street
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2007

For those of you over 70 ½ years of age, gifts from your IRA are not taxable income and also qualify for your required minimum distribution (RMD). To learn more about IRA Rollover opportunities, or to make an IRA Rollover charitable contribution, please contact the Office of Planned Giving, 765-494-8657.

Thank you for your contribution.

Annual PLIR Date Set for April 18, 2018

Please mark April 18, 2018 for the annual Purposeful Living in Retirement (PLIR) conference. The approaching new year will mean many of us will update 2018 calendars with reminders of next year's events.

The PLIR committee has worked throughout the fall to put members' suggestions from the 2017 conference into an informative and interesting program. The speakers will offer information on a range of topics, including security

issues, nutritional supplements, helpful equipment for daily living, exploring aspects of empathy and getting up to date information on both state and federal health care legislation. There will be exhibits, a continental breakfast, lunch, and socializing time. The registration fee is unchanged at only \$15 per person.

Look forward to spring and plan to attend the 2018 PLIR.

“Tech Toys 2” Topic of November PURA Luncheon

The new version of Tickle Me Elmo led off Tech Toys 2, Scott Ksander’s update of his popular talk of last year, at November’s MCL luncheon. “There’s no must have for 2017” he said, but plenty of new improved versions and added features. Lots of toy drones, in lots of price ranges, twenty-first century slot cars (without the slots) and a gaggle of home improvement gadgets were shown. Some lines are expanding: the popular Nest programmable thermometer now includes smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and home security versions. Kindle Oasis plays audio books, and Apple Watch 3 has new health capabilities. “Did I say this is cool?,” was a constant comment about these state-of-the-art goodies. At the end, the group encouraged Scott to make this an annual event.



Speaker Scott Ksander and Betty Nelson at the November “Tech Toys 2” Presentation

Discount Program Now With Easier Access For Retirees

The CSSAC discount program – managed by PerksConnect – now has easier access for official Purdue retirees. The discount program has been in place at Purdue for more than 20 years offering many local discounts to Purdue faculty, staff and retirees. In 2016 Purdue signed an agreement with PerksConnect to manage the program – now known as Purdue Perks.

As a Purdue retiree, you now have access to hundreds of local and national discounts. **If you’re going on vaca-**

tion, or if you live away from the Lafayette/West Lafayette area, you can still take advantage of this program. The website is mobile friendly so there’s no need to use an app.

The instructions for retirees to log on can be found on the discount website at:

http://www.purdue.edu/cssac/Employee_Discounts/index.html (Note: If you are reading the electronic version of PURA News and this address is not a live link, just type the address into your browser search bar.)

Log on now and start saving! (J. Trott)

West Lafayette Campus Parking Converts to LPR (License Plate Recognition)

If you have not heard, you will soon be hearing that parking permits are soon to be a “thing of the past.” Purdue Parking Facilities will start their implementation of the License Plate Recognition (LPR) software over the next couple of months.

The LPR system allows Parking Facilities to enforce parking using the vehicle’s license plate rather than a physical permit displayed in the window. The system allows parking enforcement officers to utilize a scanner that reads license plates as they patrol to determine if a vehicle parked in that space has been properly registered with Purdue Parking Facilities for on-campus parking. Once fully implemented, university faculty, staff and guests will no longer need to display a parking permit in the vehicle’s windshield.

What does this mean for current Purdue retirees? There will be no impact for current Purdue University retirees. You received a Gold Purdue University parking permit during August 2017. This permit allows the privilege to park on campus through July 31, 2022. Faculty and staff retiring after the implementation of the LPR system will have their on-campus parking monitored by the LPR system and will not be issued a physical parking permit. The date for this transition has not been established, but will be communicated later.

There is no intent to require current retirees to convert to the LPR system, but retirees may do so if they wish. Further information for retirees wishing to make the conversion to the LPR system will be available from Purdue Parking Facilities at a later date.

PURA MEMBERS VISIT COOK BIOTECH

On October 25, 19 PURA members and their guests were hosted by Susan Erb, a member of the staff of Cook Biotech in the Purdue Discovery Park. Cook Biotech is a world leader in using animal tissue to replace and regenerate tissue in a variety of human organs as tiny as the inner ear. Participants saw employees at work and learned of the various levels of employment opportunities offered at Cook Biotech and in the biotech industry.



History of Purdue University's School of Medicine

Between 1905 and 1908, Purdue University conducted a School of Medicine. Over the years there was a clash of interests between academia, government and Indiana University.

Before 1905, medical education in Indiana had been carried on by several private schools. In 1903 formal negotiations were entered upon between the Medical College of Indiana, an institution located in Indianapolis and Indiana University. During these proceedings representatives of the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons of Indianapolis broached the subject of a similar union between that institution and Purdue University.

In 1904 the negotiations between the Medical College of Indiana and Indiana University failed, and the matter was indefinitely abandoned.

In May, 1905, the Medical College of Indiana submitted to Purdue University the same proposal which had failed ratification with Indiana University. "The authorities of Purdue declined to take the matter under consideration until assured that no negotiations of a similar kind with any other institution in the State were pending or contemplated. The proposal of the Medical College of Indiana was to give its property and assets of an appraised value of \$100,000 to Purdue University, and to accompany the gift by its good will and the gratuitous services of its faculty; the motive being to permanently establish a medical college of high order in connection with an educational institution of good standing."

The Trustees of Purdue University took the proposal under consideration, and during some months inquired carefully into the whole matter. "They were convinced that the conditions were unusually favorable to the consummation of a union of interests where all previous efforts had failed, and to the inauguration of a progressive educational movement of great value to the State."

In September, 1905, the proposal of the Medical College was formally accepted, subject to the approval of the Legislature, and the Medical College became a department of Purdue University with the title of "The Indiana Medical College, the School of Medicine of Purdue University."

Soon after, a committee of faculty of the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons of Indianapolis entered into the conference with a committee of the medical faculty of Purdue with regard to a union of the Central College with the Purdue School. These negotiations culminated on September 25, 1905 in a vote of the trustees of the Central College to suspend the operation of that college and to transfer the students, alumni, personal property and funds of the College to Purdue University for the use and benefit of the school of medicine.

The Fort Wayne College of Medicine soon followed, and on October 2, 1905 formally voted to suspend its operation and to transfer its students, alumni, equipment, and funds to Purdue University for the use and benefit of its school of medicine. The University appointed to its teaching staff several members of the faculty of the Fort Wayne College.

In May, 1906, one hundred and twenty-two students received their diplomas from Purdue University and successfully passed the examination of the State Board of Medical Registration. In the spring of 1907, Purdue graduated sixty-eight men and four women. In that class was Arett C. Arnett who helped establish a Lafayette clinic in 1922, later known as Arnett Clinic.

Finally, in April 1908, the founders of the medical school in Indianapolis reached a resolution with the faculty at the Purdue medical department to consolidate the Purdue Medical Department with the State College of Physicians and the Bloomington Medical Department of Indiana University. The separate medical schools in Indiana had now been consolidated, marking the "second founding" of the Indiana School of Medicine.

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December/January Campus Calendar

Special:

Dec. 1—Cultural Arts Festival Featuring Black Cultural Center Performing Arts Ensembles. Poetry, music, dance from semester exploration of and October tour to New Orleans. 7:00 pm. Stewart Center, Loeb Playhouse. Free and open to the public.

Dec. 4—Christmas Tree arrives at Purdue Memorial Union Great Hall. Approximately 12:30 pm. Begins “Holidays at the Union.” Generally, tree is up for two weeks.

Music:

Dec. 2—Purdue Philharmonic & Symphony Orchestras. 8:00 pm. Loeb Playhouse, Stewart Center. Free and open to the public.

Dec. 2-3—Annual Purdue Musical Organizations Christmas Show. For show times, prices, and ticket information visit: <https://www.purdue.edu/pmo/christmas-show/>.

Dec. 3—Symphonic Band & Purdue Wind Ensemble. 2:30 pm. Loeb Playhouse, Stewart Center. Free and open to the public.

Dec. 5—Purdue Bands & Orchestras Chamber Recital 1. 7:00 pm. Fowler Hall, Stewart Center. Free and open to the public.

Dec. 6—Jazz at Marriott Hall. 5:30—6:30 pm. Marriott Hall. Free and open to the public.

Dec. 8—Tuba Christmas. Purdue Bands & Orchestras. 7:00 pm. Stewart Center, Loeb Playhouse. Free and open to the public.

Dec. 8—Holiday Cheer & All That Jazz. Purdue Bands & Orchestras. 8:00 pm. Stewart Center, Loeb Playhouse. Free and open to the public.

Dance:

Dec. 8-9—“Winter Works.” Purdue Contemporary Dance Company. 7:30 pm. Pao Hall, Nancy T. Hansen Theatre. Ticket information at: cla.purdue.edu/vpa/dance/buynow

Men’s Basketball, at Mackey Arena:

Dec. 3—vs. Northwestern. 4:00 pm.
Dec. 7—vs. Valparaiso. 6:30 pm.
Dec. 10—vs. IUPUI. 7:00 pm.
Dec. 21—vs. Tennessee State. 6:00 pm.
Dec. 30—vs. Lipscomb. 8:00 pm.
Jan. 3—vs. Rutgers. 7:00 pm.
Jan. 6—vs. Nebraska. 2:15 pm.

Women’s Basketball, at Mackey Arena:

Dec. 4—vs. Ball State. 7:00 pm.
Dec. 8—vs. Valparaiso. 7:00 pm.
Dec. 10—vs. Ohio. 2:00 pm.
Dec. 17—Basketball Travelers Inc. Invitational. Purdue vs. Eastern Washington. Noon. Second game: Tennessee-Martin vs. Saint Mary’s (Calif.) about 2:30 pm.
Dec. 18—vs. Tennessee-Martin. 6:30 pm.
Dec. 20—vs. St. Mary’s. 1:30 pm.
Dec. 31—vs. Wisconsin. 2:00 pm.
Jan. 10—vs. Rutgers. 7:00 pm.

Athletic ticket information at: purduesports.com/tickets/pur-tickets.html

Purdue’s Medical School, cont.

In 1909, the Legislature clearly mandated that Indiana University assume total responsibility for the state’s public medical school.

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PURA Helps Sponsor Successful *Health Across Generations* Symposium

On September 15 retirees, graduate students and faculty attended the Purdue Center For Aging and the Life Course (CALC) symposium on *Health Across Generations*. Both speakers, Jonathan Well, PhD, University College London Institute of Child Health, and Mary Beth Terry, PhD, Columbia University, stressed the need for interdisciplinary study and research on the life span in relationship to chronic disease.

Many factors must be considered — genetics, environment, family history, economic status, nutrition, culture, etc. For instance, birth weight plays a factor in chronic disease that develops in later life. Girls with early breast development are more at risk for breast cancer.

PURA was thanked by Dr. Kenneth Ferraro, Director of CALC, for the financial support received from the PURA Activities and Opportunities Endowment Fund.

Mark Your Calendars!

2-3 December Purdue Musical Organizations Annual Christmas Show. For show times, prices, and ticket information visit: <https://www.purdue.edu/pmo/christmas-show/>

2 December Annual Christmas Parade, 5:30 pm. Downtown Lafayette, 1000 to 200 Main Street.

4 December PURA Monthly Meeting, MCL Cafeteria, 11 am.
Topic: Birds and Airplanes—a Dangerous Mix
Speaker: Esteban Fernandez-Juricic, Prof. of Biological Sciences

December 25—January 2 Purdue University holiday closure.

1 January Holiday—No PURA meeting.

8 January Purdue spring semester classes begin

15 January Martin Luther King Jr. Day, no Purdue classes and Purdue offices closed.

5 February PURA Monthly Meeting, MCL Cafeteria, 11 am.
Topic: Youth Justice Reform
Speaker: Patrick Flannelly, Lafayette Chief of Police

5 March PURA Monthly Meeting, MCL Cafeteria, 11 am.
Topic: Amtrak and Lafayette—Where Are We Going?
Speaker: Arvid Olsen, Transportation Chairman of the Quality of Life Council of Greater Lafayette Commerce

2 April PURA Monthly Meeting, MCL Cafeteria, 11 am.
Topic: Purdue Explosives Research & Homeland Security
Speaker: Setphen Beaudoin, Professor of Chemical Engineering

18 April Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference.