We dedicate the second issue of ENGAGE! to Indiana University’s Bicentennial Celebration representing community-engaged research on all campuses across the state.

Community-engaged research is pervasive throughout the state of Indiana and is an essential vehicle to fulfill the institutional mission of engagement. Together this constellation of campuses support the health, economic and social development of Indiana, the nation and the world.

Each IU campus actively supports local communities in their efforts to address issues that impact families. Through community-engaged research, the university and community work together on issues that matter to residents, including re-entry after incarceration, drug addiction, and supporting local youth through tutoring and mentoring.

For decades, IU has made a commitment to supporting strong communities. In fact, the 10 Principles of Excellence in the University Bicentennial Strategic Plan defines the many areas in which a great university must be excellent, including in engagement and economic development. Under that principle, IU is calling upon its campuses to partner with the communities and regions of which they are part to provide the resources needed to build strong communities.

IUPUI proudly releases this issue of ENGAGE! to describe the impact of engagement from IUPUI to Columbus and Ft. Wayne, from IU Northwest to IU Southeast, from Bloomington to IU South Bend, and from IU Kokomo to IU East. These campuses engage every day to inspire students, faculty, staff and partners to build strong communities, improve the quality of life and fuel the economic vitality of our state.

Enjoy.

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