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AIEA Recognizes Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) with the 2023 Innovation Award in Internationalization

Washington D.C. (February 21, 2023)— The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is pleased to present the Innovation Award in Internationalization to Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), in recognition of the creativity, commitment, impact their restyled approach to International Education Week on UR’s community engagement with internationalization.

The AIEA Innovation Award in Internationalization highlights institutional programs, projects, or initiatives that with passion, vision, and commitment, strongly impact their institution’s internationalization and global engagement. As colleges and universities around the US increasingly recognize the importance of pursuing internationalization as a distinct and intentional project, the need grows for successful examples and specific models of programming at all levels. Many international education leaders work tirelessly and creatively to realize a vision for internationalization that best meets their institutional needs. Some of this work is not only effective but enlightening, worthy of emulation by others who are either new to the field or value creative approaches to their work. The Innovation in Internationalization Award aims to recognize the impact of these creative efforts.

Led by IUPUI’s Associate Vice Chancellor for International Affairs – Dr. Hilary Kahn, a renowned scholar and SIO particularly in the area of Global Learning – IUPUI launched Global Engagement Pathways, a multi-faceted project in partnership with Ivy Tech Community College that introduces first-year students as well as transfer students to global learning skills and competencies by developing and sustaining global learning foundations at both institutions. These foundations integrate globally-focused high-impact practices and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the First-Year Experience (FYE), through to four pathways – International/Global Studies, Study Abroad, World Languages, and Global Careers – to achieve global, intercultural, and multilingual skills for academic and career success. The overall goal of this program is to prepare
IUPUI and Ivy Tech students with skills to engage and be effective in global and multilingual contexts.

During the 21-22 academic year, 771 students enrolled in internationalized courses and 435 enrolled in high-impact language courses. Since 2021, 176 faculty have participated in the project’s professional development workshops.

AIEA congratulates IUPUI as this year’s Innovation in Internationalization Award recipient.

About AIEA:

The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is a member organization that equips leaders to shape the future of higher education in a global context.

AIEA advances strategic transformational approaches to internationalization of higher education; empowers those who lead such efforts; convenes global conversation on key issues; and partners with other organizations around the world to develop sustainable, forward-looking perspectives.