



NEWS & NOTES

The Center for Academic Thriving

Helping Every Student Thrive

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The Center for Academic Thriving is dedicated to helping every student thrive. We seek to help students by offering guidance as they transition into the IWU community and navigate their college experience. We focus on the academic onboarding of college students through academic advising and continued support through our First-Year Experience program. We offer additional support to students throughout their college careers through our Student Engagement Office and Academic Supports in The Learning Center.

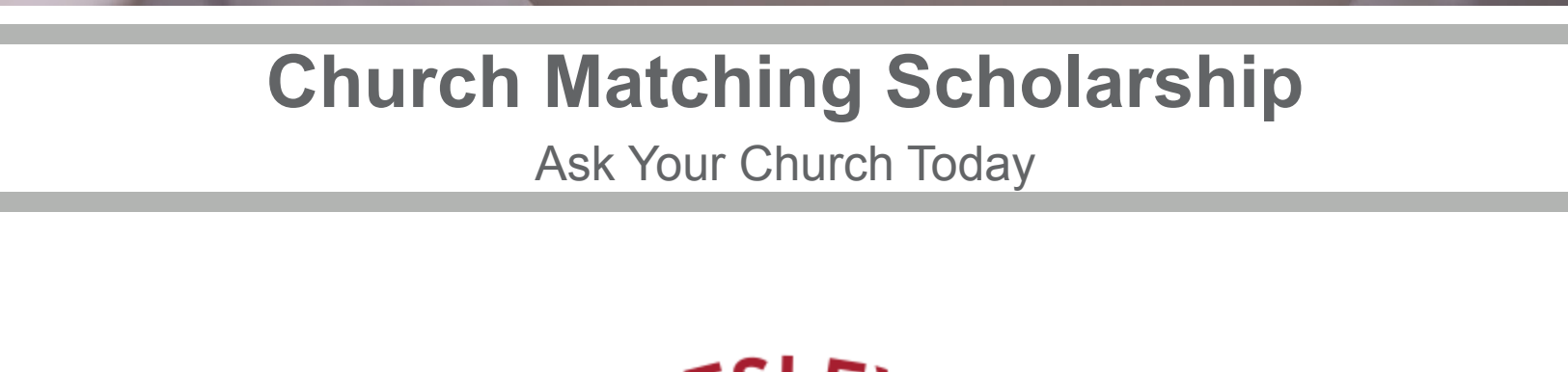
The Center for Academic Thriving and Registration (formerly RAS) are housed together to provide a one-stop academic shop to support students as they navigate their entire time at IWU from day one until they're done.

What We Do:

- First-Year Advising
- Student Engagement
- First-Year Experience Programming
- 21st Century Scholars Advising
- General Studies Advising
- Tutoring and Academic Coaching
- Academic Support Classes
- Student Success and Retention Initiatives

The Hub

Student Center Hangout Spot



Church Matching Scholarship

Ask Your Church Today



Churches Supporting IWU Students

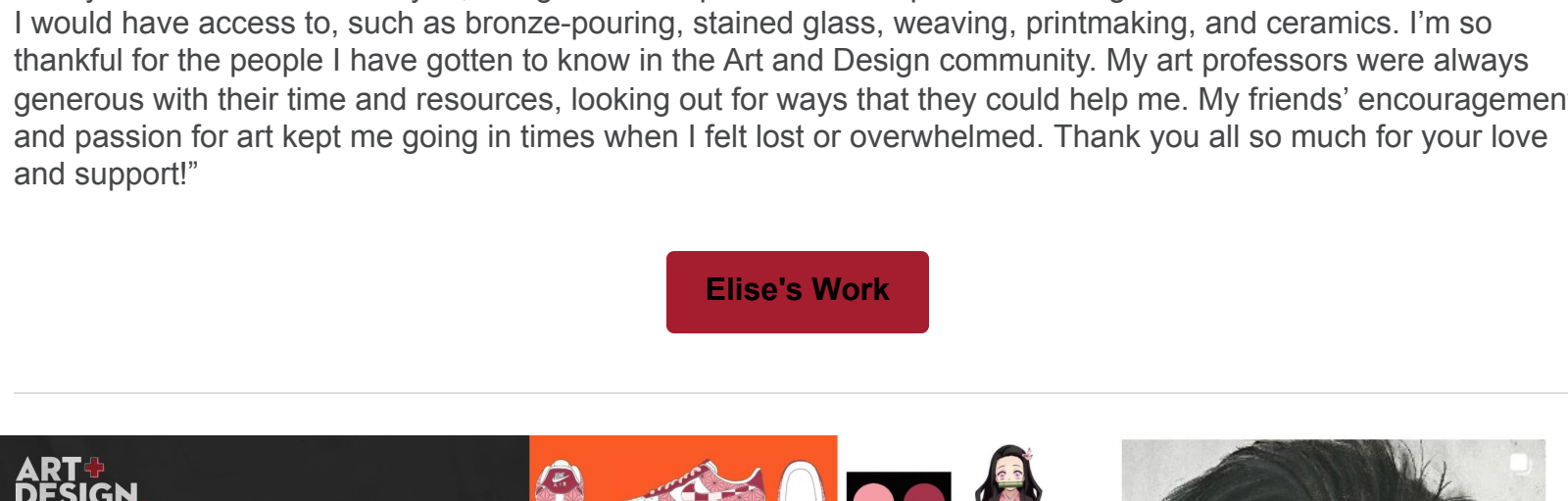
The Church Matching Scholarship (CMS) program was created to allow churches to encourage and assist IWU students in covering a portion of their education expenses.

This program allows your church family to give gifts through the local church, which helps support you financially while at IWU. Moreover, those gifts from your church family are matched by Indiana Wesleyan University.

[CMS Website](#)

Art + Design

Student Highlights



Introducing Elise Hegdahl (@[elise_rose_h](#)), a senior Interdisciplinary Studio Arts major with a minor in Psychology.

"In my time at Indiana Wesleyan, I've gotten to explore artistic expression through materials that I never dreamed I would have access to, such as bronze-pouring, stained glass, weaving, printmaking, and ceramics. I'm so thankful for the people I have gotten to know in the Art and Design community. My art professors were always generous with their time and resources, looking out for ways that they could help me. My friends' encouragement and passion for art kept me going in times when I felt lost or overwhelmed. Thank you all so much for your love and support!"

[Elise's Work](#)



Introducing Jillian Hoop (@[jh_sapphire_arts](#)), a senior Graphic Design major.

"During my time at IWU's Art + Design Division, I have learned so much. My skills as a Graphic designer have grown stronger with the help of my professors over the four years I've been here. I am thankful to be part of the Art + Design Division."

[Jillian's Work](#)

THINGS TO CELEBRATE

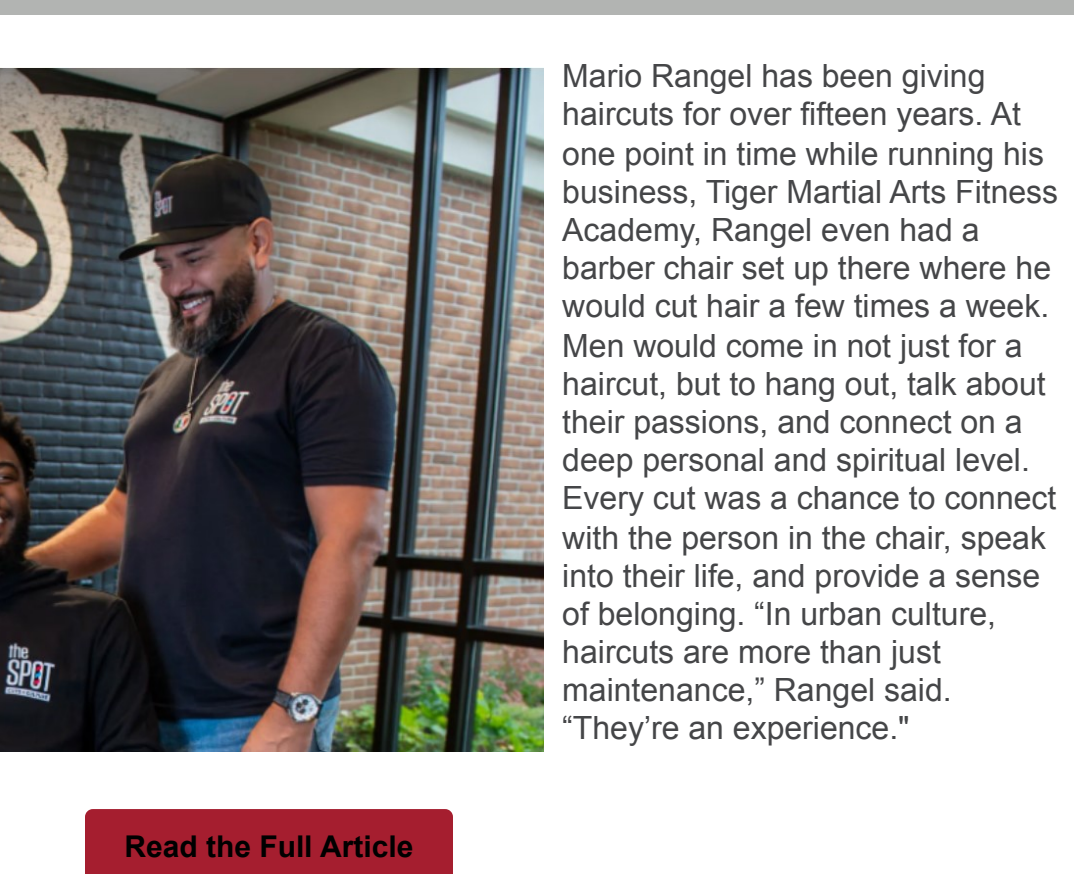
IWU Athletics

Tonagel Awarded Coach of Impact

In his career, Tonagel has won 79% of his games, 3 NAIA National Championships, 13 regular-season conference championships, and garnered 88 All-Conference Players and 25 NAIA All-Americans.

"We are thankful for Greg and his desire to lead young men towards Christ," said [Deane Webb](#), Director of Athletics. "As a passionate, driven, and competitive coach, he has found considerable success on the court. That pales in comparison to his desire to see those in his program grow. Congratulations on this incredible and much deserved award!"

Tonagel is the sixth winner of the SCB Harry Statham Award, going back to 2019.



Small College Basketball Honors Greg Tonagel with Coach of Impact Award

[Read the Full Article](#)

The SPOT: A Place to Belong

The IWU Barbershop



Mario Rangel has been giving haircuts for over fifteen years. At one point in time while running his business, Tiger Martial Arts Fitness Academy, Rangel even had a barber chair set up there where he would cut hair a few times a week. Men would come in not just for a haircut, but to hang out, talk about their passions, and connect on a deep personal and spiritual level. Every cut was a chance to connect with the person in the chair, speak into their life, and provide a sense of belonging. "In urban culture, haircuts are more than just maintenance," Rangel said. "They're an experience."

[Read the Full Article](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wildcat Care Packs

Encourage Your Student With a Study Treat!

Let your student(s) know you are thinking and praying for them by providing them something special during finals week.

A Wildcat Care Pack is sponsored by the Alumni Association and is a bag full of a variety of snacks

(examples include: popcorn, cookies, gum, candy).

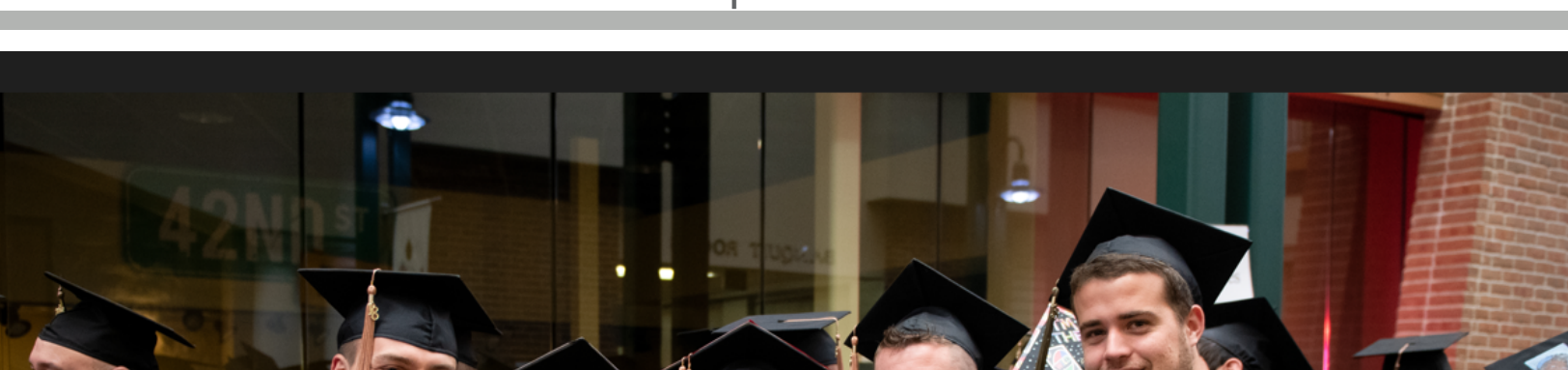
Spring Care Packs must be ordered by April 14, 2025, and will be delivered through Campus Post Office April 17, 2025.



[Order Today!!!](#)

Spring Commencement

Saturday, April 26, 2025



Make plans to join us on Saturday, April 26, 2025, as we honor the graduates

of Indiana Wesleyan University.

Mark your calendar and get ready to celebrate with us at Indiana Wesleyan University's beautiful Marion, Indiana campus!

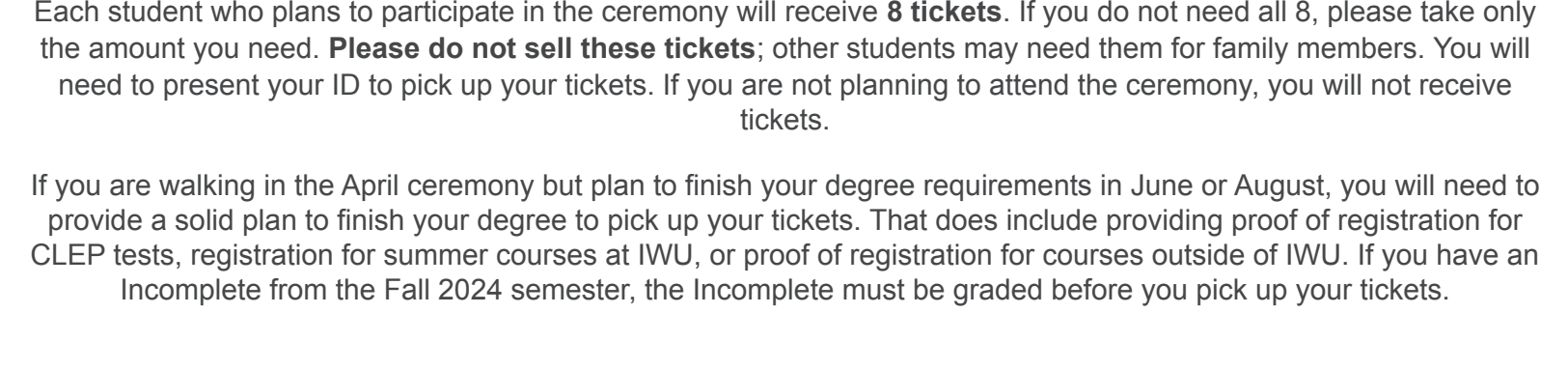
Future Commencement Dates:

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Graduation 2025

Helpful Info



The Graduation ceremony is on **Saturday, April 26th, at 10 am, in the Chapel Auditorium**. The Chapel Auditorium doors will open at approximately 8:30 am for ticketed guests.

Tickets for Graduation will be distributed beginning Monday, April 7th, at 9 am in the Registration Office (RAS). Each student who plans to participate in the ceremony will receive 8 tickets. If you do not need all 8, please take only the amount you need. **Please do not sell these tickets;** other students may need them for family members. You will need to present your ID to pick up your tickets. If you are not planning to attend the ceremony, you will not receive tickets.

If you are walking in the April ceremony but plan to finish your degree requirements in June or August, you will need to provide a solid plan to finish your degree to pick up your tickets. That does include providing proof of registration for CLEP tests, registration for summer courses at IWU, or proof of registration for courses outside of IWU. If you have an incomplete from the Fall 2024 semester, the incomplete must be graded before you pick up your tickets.

Cap and Gown pick-up will begin on Wednesday, April 16th, from 2-5 pm, during the Grad Fair at the IWU Bookstore. The Registration Office will have a table at the Grad Fair, and graduation tickets may be picked up when you pick up your academic attire. After the Grad Fair, academic attire may be picked up at the Post Office. If you plan to participate in the April ceremony but have not ordered your cap and gown, please visit the IWU Bookstore as soon as possible.

Please visit this link regarding the wearing of stoles and the decoration of caps for Graduation – [Graduation Attire](#). If you have any questions, please contact me.

Baccalaureate will be held on **Friday, April 25th, at 6 pm in the Chapel Auditorium**. This event does not require tickets and is a beautiful time of celebration and worship. Academic attire is required for Baccalaureate and graduates are encouraged to participate in this special evening. The line-up for the Baccalaureate processional will begin at 5:30 pm in the Philippe Performing Arts Center (PPAC) Auditorium, and marshals will lead you to the Chapel. The doors in the Chapel Auditorium will open at approximately 5:15 pm, and family and friends should go to the Chapel.

Students who have earned Academic Honors (based on the Fall 2024 semester honors GPA) may pick up cords before Baccalaureate beginning at 5 pm on **Friday, April 25th**, in the PPAC. If you have earned honors, you will receive an email from [RAS_Grad@iwwes.edu](#) the week of Graduation. If you have questions, feel free to contact us.

Information regarding additional events to celebrate graduates can be found at [www.iwwes.edu/about/commencement](#). If you have questions about the celebrations, please contact your Division(s).

Graduation Day Information

Check-in for Graduation will begin at **8:30 am in the Henry West Banquet Room in the Student Center**. Graduates should arrive in academic attire.

After checking in, graduates will have the opportunity to have informal pictures taken in the Jones Leedy Bedford Banquet Room. **The picture area will be available until 9:20.**

At approximately 9:30 am, graduates will be directed to line up in the hallway and led by marshals to the Chapel Auditorium for the ceremony.

The ceremony will last about 2 hours, and you will be directed when to leave the Chapel Auditorium. You will process out of the Chapel, and gatherings with family and friends should occur outside.

Additional Information

Make sure to take your gown out of the package before the day of Graduation. You may want to steam your gown to get out the packaging wrinkles.

Wear comfortable shoes! You will be walking A LOT!

ENJOY THE DAY! We will be here to assist you and are excited to celebrate with you!

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[Holiday Inn Express](#)

765-673-6656

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[Burke Place Bed & Breakfast](#)

765-664-7228

[College Inn Bed & Breakfast](#)

765-667-9161

[The Jamieson Inn](#)

765-517-1472

[Haisley's Hideaway Bed & Breakfast \(Fairmount\)](#)

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Know a Student Who Would Love IWU?

Someone who will be in touch with them soon.

[Refer Here](#)

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We want to keep in touch. Update us if you have moved or contact details have changed.

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