

Vice Chancellor's letter

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Urban communities bring together myriad populations, global experiences, rich traditions, and a desire to make a difference in the world. This combination of creativity, diversity and positive energy positions us well to address challenges and issues that face urban communities.

While urban centers bustle with economic vitality, the urban core citizenship can experience health disparities, high poverty rates, and chronic conditions that resist resiliency. At the same time, higher education institutions are home to scholars and students who are passionate about finding solutions to society's most complex problems. Through partnerships, research projects and collective impact strategies, collaborative efforts, with strong representation from the community, can create effective ways to observe and understand trends, find life-saving solutions, and develop predictive models to improve the health, safety and quality of life of community members.

As a major urban research institution with a Carnegie Classification as an engaged institution, IUPUI and our community partners enjoy 50 years of engagement experiences. IUPUI releases this first edition of the ENGAGE! Journal to highlight the multitude of community-university engaged participatory research activities in the central Indiana region.

Since urban settings provide such a wide tapestry of challenges and strategies we are entrusted with preparing our faculty and developing mutual agendas with community partners that harness and embrace innovation and cultural traditions that result in meaningful solutions to the issues that face all of us in our community.

We look forward to many more issues of ENGAGE!