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IU Kokomo enrollment hits highest numbers in 68-year history

KOKOMO, Ind. — Indiana University Kokomo hits the highest-ever student enrollment in its 68-year history, boasting a remarkable 12.3 percent increase over last year. Of the nearly 4,200 students registered, 74 percent of undergraduates are attending full time – another campus record.

Also at an all-time high is the incoming class of recent high school graduates, making IU Kokomo a destination of choice.

“IU Kokomo has had five consecutive years of enrollment growth, as we become an institution of choice based on new programs, outstanding faculty and staff, and enhanced collegiate experiences,” said Interim Chancellor Susan Sciame-Giesecke. “Our international travel programs, direct admit programs, athletics, new gymnasium, and fitness center definitely have had an impact on our growth.”

Other impressive growth includes:

- Minority population, up nearly 30 percent
- Credit hours are at 38,600, up 10 percent

The campus is growing to meet the needs of its larger population, with new facilities and new degree programs in areas including hospitality and tourism, as well as health sciences. Students have embraced the newly opened Milt and Jean Cole Family Fitness and Wellness Center, a state-of-the-art facility complete with a walking track, cardio training and weight lifting equipment, and group fitness classes.

The new gymnasium, home to the men’s basketball and women’s volleyball team, offers another crucial facet in the student life experience. The athletic program, which also includes cross country, will expand to add women’s basketball next year.

Campus leaders are planning an extensive project to repurpose the Main Building to accommodate its rapid growth, thanks to \$14 million in funding from the state legislature. Plans include adding new classrooms, a math lab, and a Mac lab, among other projects. The Main Building was the first campus building erected in 1965.

Indiana University Kokomo serves north central Indiana.

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