2001 came in two parts:

January 1 through September 10.
And, everything since September 11.

We all recall vividly the shattering images of September 11 and all that has occurred in its aftermath. Indeed, at the IU School of Liberal Arts, faculty, staff and students were called upon to lead the public discussions that followed. Associate Dean Robert White, professor of sociology and specialist in political violence, was among the first asked to convene the IUPUI community to open dialogue. The town hall style meeting facilitated by Dr. White on the afternoon of September 11th attracted hundreds and provided an opportunity for people to express their grief and fears.

IUPUI quickly launched the "Lunch and Learn" series to offer members of the IUPUI community an opportunity to continue the discussion in the following months. One session featured now retired, Political Science Professor Richard Fredland and Professor of Geography Rick Bein who joined with Dr. Pierre Atlas, associate faculty in the Political Science Department, in a discussion on the geography and politics of Afghanistan and the Middle East.

Indeed, the discussion is continuing as events unfold, with the IU School of Liberal Arts providing leadership and opportunities for informed and reasoned discourse in this community of learning.

And while 2001 is marked forever as the year the world changed because of the violent acts of a few, for the School of Liberal Arts, it is also the year that brought profound changes that were cause for celebration.

Let us take you to some of those events.
January 18, 2001 Long time supporter of the Keith Bulen Symposium on American Politics, P. E. MacAllister became interested in assisting the school in bringing Dr. George Bass, internationally renowned marine archeologist to campus as the John D. Barlow Lecturer in the Humanities. While Dr. Bass was in residence, he met with students, participated in an interview panel discussion that was taped for later broadcast and spent time with our anthropology faculty. Mr. MacAllister further provided significant support for the Bulen Symposium (December 3, 2001), enabling the Political Science department to hire staff to assist with fund development and management of the symposium.

March 9, 2001 Professor of History and Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Miriam Z. Langsam, and Jean Oswalt, Assistant Deputy Director in the Bureau of Strategic Support Services in the Family and Social Services Administration Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services, endowed the Langsam/Oswalt Summer Fellowship for Lecturers with a generous gift of appreciated stock. Eventually, this endowment will allow lecturers to pursue their scholarly or creative work in lieu of teaching during summer sessions. This provides critical professional development opportunities to faculty who have few other research benefits.

March 26, 2001 Dr. Dean and Mrs. Pauline Bonderman continued their support for the award winning and nationally renowned, Waldo D. and Grace C. Bonderman Youth Theatre Playwriting Competition and Symposium. The Bonderman is one of only two national activities that encourages and supports playwrights in the development of theatre for youth audiences. Many of the plays that have undergone development at the Bonderman have since been published and performed throughout the country. The Bonderman is associated with the Department of Communication Studies and the Indiana Repertory Theatre and is directed by Professor Emerita Dorothy Webb.

March 29, 2001 Professor of German, Dr. Giles R. Hoyt and Associate Dean of the IUPUI Library, Dr. Dolores Hoyt joined with Dr. Ruth Reichmann and Dr. Eberhard Reichmann to establish the first endowed chair in the IU School of Liberal Arts. The Hoyt/Reichmann Endowed Faculty Chair in German American Studies and German Language and Culture provides a distinguished anchor to our German program and includes provisions for building library and archival collections. This gift, made through a combination of bequests and gift annuities, leads the school's efforts to create distinguished faculty positions and will serve to enhance its national and international standing.

April 26, 2001 Aristea Pappas received the 2001 Spirit of Philanthropy Award for her many years as a “volunteer extraordinaire” as an alumni leader, chair of the School’s Campus Campaign and her many contributions of time, talent and treasure.

May 4, 2001 Alumna Mary F. Crisler (BA, English 1982), who passed away in August of 2000, bequeathed over $371,000 from her estate to establish the Mary F. Crisler Scholarship in Liberal Arts. Proceeds from the endowment established by her wonderful gift will be used to fund up to five $3,000 annual scholarships in the School of Liberal Arts.

May 11, 2001 The School’s newly formed Alumni Board met for the first time at Woodstock Country Club. Members include: Kimberly Allanson (Religious Studies, ’92), Cynthia J. Ayers (Sociology, ’74), Bruce Beal (Political Science/Sociology, ’97), Byron B. Buhner (Speech, ’76), Linda K. Claffin, (German, ’85), Diana Dean-Surgeon (English, ’70), Christine Dowdeswell (Political Science, ’89), James Foreman (Political Science, ’96), Daniel J. Henkel (Communication & Theatre, ’84), Melba D. Hopper (English, ’91), William E. Marple (History, ’70), Aristea Pappas (Honorary Alumna 2000), Mary M. Parido (German, ’72), John Wild (Political Science, ’74).

Following this first meeting, the IU School of Liberal Arts hosted, with its Alumni Association, the Graduating Seniors Reception, supported through annual gifts to the Liberal Arts Dean’s Priorities Fund.
The Cristel DeHaan Family Foundation made a gift of $10,000 to support the work of the Max Kade German American Program in the School of Liberal Arts. This gift allows the Max Kade Program to continue its German heritage outreach to the citizens of Indiana (a third of whom are of German descent), while adding to the scholarship and research related to this important element of Indiana's development.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Dean of Faculties, William M. Plater and Director of Development and External Affairs of the IU School of Liberal Arts, Gail M. Plater, established the Millennium Chair of Liberal Arts through their wills. This endowed chair is designed to support the creative and innovative work of faculty who are leaders in interdisciplinary studies in the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI.

Dr. Charls and Claire Pearson challenged supporters of the Charles Sanders Peirce Edition Project to extend their philanthropy with a promise to match gifts made in support of the Project's NEH Challenge Grant. This match allowed the Project to successfully complete the NEH challenge and to move forward on a targeted campaign to endow the Edition's work. On December 27, 2001, Dr. and Mrs. Pearson announced that they have made a substantial gift through their wills to support a Permanent Endowment for the Peirce Edition Project and challenged others to do the same.

Campaign co-chair David Frick and Anthem, Inc. hosted the School's annual New Student Reception in the atrium of Anthem, Inc. headquarters in downtown Indianapolis. The New Student Reception welcomes students who are new to the School of Liberal Arts. Families and friends join the students to meet faculty, alumni and friends of the School in an elegant setting prior to classes.

With over a hundred faculty, staff and community leaders in attendance, the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI "kicked off" the public phase of its first comprehensive campaign. This campaign is part of the IUPUI Comprehensive Campaign, titled "IUPUI: The Future Is Here."

As part of the festivities, Dean Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. announced that Campaign co-chairs Karl and Barbara Zimmer had just moments before completed their gift endowing the Karl R. and Barbara E. Zimmer Faculty Chair in Intercultural Communication. This generous gift combines a gift of life insurance with future pledge payments.

The evening was a culmination of nearly five years of the silent phase of what was originally to have been a $3 million campaign. The goal was raised to $5.5 million just prior to the kickoff. On September 7, the dean, along with the campaign co-chairs Karl and Barbara Zimmer and David Frick, announced the school's first three endowed faculty chairs and the fact that the school had already surpassed its second goal by nearly $2 million.

IUPUI kicked off its first comprehensive campaign, "The Future is Here" announcing a goal of $700 million, with nearly $550 million already accounted for. Not only is the future here, but at the time, everyone thought they could see what it would be.

Then the world changed and for a time, the future seemed both crystal clear and clouded with uncertainty.
We are proud to say that we responded, that we did not collapse, and indeed, we went forward.

October 2, 2001  Still in shock from events of the preceding weeks, we launched our annual Telefund campaign. It turned into an intense sampling of the mood of Americans everywhere. Less than a week into calling alumni, we stopped.

November 12, 2001  The School received the first distribution from the estate of our late friend Loretta Lunsford, whose generosity during her lifetime established the Loretta Lunsford Scholarship Fund with a charitable gift annuity. Mrs. Lunsford’s bequest will result in annual $3,000 scholarships for eight or more Liberal Arts students. Lunsford scholars are required to volunteer in educational settings during the term of their scholarship, expanding the impact of Mrs. Lunsford’s vision for improving lives through education.

Dr. Arthur and Alice Burks added their support to the Peirce Edition Project with a gift of $10,000.

November 30, 2001  Arthur and Alice Burks

December 2001  Numerous friends and alumni made gifts throughout the end of the Year 2001, resulting in final totals for the calendar year of $2,868,719.20, including a generous year-end contribution from The Lilly Endowment, Inc., in support of the Polis Center’s Religion and Urban Culture Project.

In 2001, 1,142 donors gave a total of $3,569,655.81 in support of the educational mission of the IU School of Liberal Arts. Not included in this total are over $2.5 million in planned gifts and pledges.

A year in two parts, separated by horrendous violence, but connected by the strength and conviction of the IU School of Liberal Arts’ friends, alumni, faculty, staff and students.

Your faith that The Future is Here, in a community of learners, is unshakeable.

Education is vital to the human spirit. Every gift in support of education is a carefully considered expression of the values and ideals that make ours a strong nation. The decision to give in support of programs in the IU School of Liberal Arts shows a clear understanding of the role education must play in preserving our world for future generations.

We are grateful to the 1142 individuals, corporate entities, organizations, and foundations for recognizing that The Future is Here.

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Their commitment and support will help shape the future of the School of Liberal Arts well into the coming century.

We have made every attempt to ensure that we have recognized all who have notified the university that they have included the School of Liberal Arts in their gift and estate planning. We apologize if we have failed to list anyone who would qualify for the Taylor Heritage Society. If you currently have a commitment in place to benefit the IU School of Liberal Arts-IUPUI through a bequest, charitable remainder trust, gift annuity, pooled income fund, charitable lead trust, life estate, life insurance policy, retirement plan or IRA, you are eligible for recognition in The Joseph T. Taylor Heritage Society. Please notify the Office of Development and External Affairs of the School of Liberal Arts.

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The future is in the IU School of Liberal Arts. I am delighted that during the past year, our School took the lead in IUPUI's comprehensive campaign in philanthropic support. This leadership role is a signal event indicating the strength of our faculty, staff, and students as well as the distinct benefits of our programs to the local, state, national and international communities.

Below is a partial listing of our leaders in teaching, research and service to the community.

Professor Didier Bertrand (Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures) was named a Carnegie Scholar by the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. This prestigious appointment was one of 30 made internationally.

Dr. Marta Anton was honored by the Indiana Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese as the Spanish Professor of the Year and the Indiana Foreign Languages Teachers Association named her the State's Foreign Language Professor of the Year. Dr. Jay Howard, Sociology, received the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching and Dr. Susanmarie Harrington, English, received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

There is a correlation between excellent teaching and a strong research agenda. In 2001, Liberal Arts faculty members were awarded over $12.1 million in new grants, both internal and external. 16 books and monographs were written or edited by our faculty, along with one CD-ROM.

Our commitment to our students remains our primary focus, however. In 2001, we continued initiatives to support the student experience in a variety of ways. A position was added to the Student Affairs Office that coordinates and assists student activities related to clubs, communications and scholarships. Amy A. Jones, former staff member of the Foreign Languages Department oversees the Student Council, scholarship management and recruitment and has developed an electronic newsletter that allows for instant communication of important deadlines, activities announcements and tips for success. One measure of our success has been in increased student retention.

We have also added to our degree programs. Two master's programs, in Teaching Spanish and in Geographic Information Science were instituted in 2001. Our newest undergraduate degree is a bachelor of arts with an Individualized Major.

I am proud to note that our academic programs continue to grow in strength, depth and breadth. We work in partnership with numerous community organizations, including the Eiteljorg Museum, the Children's Museum, The Indianapolis Museum of Art, the new State Museum, the Arts Garden, the Indiana Historical Society, the Indiana Repertory Theatre, American Cabaret Theatre, the Indiana Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Madame Walker Center, the Indianapolis Urban League and others too numerous to mention here. We have an active program of internships in public history, communications, economics, and sociology to name only a few.

Alumni connections are critical to the health and future of the School. A revitalized Liberal Arts Alumni Association has been actively supporting the school's retention and alumni activities, such as a reception for incoming students, hosted by Anthem, Inc. in their downtown Indianapolis headquarters. Dean's Day is another successful activity organized by a committee of alumni, staff and faculty. The 2001 Dean's Day focused on our place in the community.

The Joseph T. Taylor Symposium launched the year with the first Taylor Excellence in Diversity Award going to Mrs. Hertha Ward Taylor. Lectures, poetry readings, symposia and seminars flooded the calendar.

To all who supported the School throughout the year, our thanks. Even now, we look to the future energized by the history that has lead us to this place and time.

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