“For John Purdue, education was the flame that lit the world,” says the inscription on his statue. Purdue’s College of Education embodies that belief not only for Purdue students, but for all learners.

Because we are a college of education at a respected research university — we value discovery and exploration and apply it to how students learn and teachers teach.

Because we are a college of education at a renowned land-grant university — we value high-quality education for all people.

With roots on campus that extend to 1908, the College’s historic strengths are the rigor of our teacher preparation, the breadth of our partnerships with P-12 schools, and the depth of our scholarly research.

We prepare highly qualified teachers, and we conduct the research that informs best practice.

Research done in the College challenges conventional ideas about teaching and learning. Our research has shown that students as young as kindergarten can grasp complex science concepts … that technology can help autistic children communicate … that 21st-century learning means not teaching in subject-based silos but integrating content in real-world contexts that encourage problem-solving and critical thinking.

We use this knowledge as we prepare our pre-service teachers to be competent and confident young professionals. We also share these findings with practitioners in the field through school partnerships, online courses, summer institutes, and professional development seminars.

We have a compelling vision for the future of the College and education in this country. Our plan calls for recruiting more undergraduate students to the teaching profession, attracting and retaining faculty dedicated to scholarly research and leadership, and developing the curricula and programming that will transform and improve the educational system.

The College of Education at Purdue is poised to address national challenges by preparing high-quality teachers who can transform the culture of education and help all children succeed as students and as global citizens.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Today, with bold leadership and with the support of loyal alumni like you through Ever True: The Campaign for Purdue University, Purdue’s College of Education stands ready to take a leadership role in changing the landscape of teaching and learning.
STUDENTS

Student success is at the heart of all we do, and scholarships provide more students with access to an exceptional education at Purdue. While we currently have several partial scholarships available to graduate and undergraduate students, full-ride scholarships will enable Purdue to attract, prepare, and send off the best students possible. This is of the utmost importance to ensuring that all children continue to receive a quality education that equips them to reach their fullest potential.

FACULTY

To provide the kind of national and global leadership we envision, we must recruit and reward high-performing faculty members who keep our research relevant and our curriculum meaningful. Our goal is to have one endowed professorship in each of our program areas.

PROGRAMS

Our programs — graduate and undergraduate — are regarded by external evaluators as among the best in the nation. Emphases of the College include integrated STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math); learning design and technology; English Language Learning; the learning sciences; and gifted, talented, and creative studies. The research and engagement agendas for these programs and affiliated centers are ambitious and essential to maintain our stellar reputation.

FACILITIES

Beering Hall was constructed in 1992, just as the digital era was beginning. While the bricks and mortar are relatively new, the space is not conducive to collaboration or technology. Small, closed spaces need to be opened up and outdated equipment replaced with current technology to facilitate our student learning and research efforts.

UNRESTRICTED

Undesignated gifts provide the resources and flexibility needed for College leadership to respond to emerging opportunities and initiatives. The speed at which research and technology change our world cannot be overstated. Access to discretionary funding is essential for the College to be at the fore of educational research and practice.