

Showcasing the Contributions of Graduate Education at National, State and Local Levels – Lessons Learned



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Why Showcasing the Contributions of Graduate Education is Critically Important at Indiana University

- **Uncertainty about the future of the Graduate School**
- **Uncertainty about the university structure**
- **An unstable economic environment with a budgeting system controlled by the deans**

How Indiana University Showcases the Contributions of Graduate Education

Local:

- Member of the President's Cabinet and Council of Deans
- University-wide newsletter
- Annual Report

State:

- Graduate Education Day at the Indiana Statehouse in collaboration with Purdue University
- Visits with state legislators
- Visits with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

National:

- Capitol Hill visits with Indiana members of Congress
- Close working relationship with IU's federal and state relations staff

Lessons Learned

- **Political engagement is important and necessary, both internally and externally.**
- **Political engagement is an ongoing effort due to constant change within and outside of the institution.**
- **There are lots of lessons to be learned and models to follow from other graduate deans.**
- **The Council of Graduate Schools advocates for you, and has many resources available to help you.**
- **Never miss an opportunity to advocate for graduate education.**