



Purdue University

Cradle of Quarterbacks, Astronauts & Engineers

Purdue University was one of the land-grant colleges formed by the Morrill Act, which was passed in 1862. John Purdue had finally captured the prize for his county with \$150,000 of his own money, another pledged \$50,000 from prominent citizens and 100 acres of ground. In return the university took his name, some of his advice, and agreed that he should be honored by being buried on the Purdue campus.

Classes began in 1874 and at that time Purdue had a faculty of 6, 5 buildings, a 100 acre farm and 46 students. Now, Purdue's West Lafayette campus has a faculty and staff of over 15,200, more than 380 buildings that sit on over 17,500 acres (including farmlands), and 39,000 plus students. It is ranked among the 25 largest colleges and universities in the nation.

Purdue facilities include recreation areas, Elliott Hall of Music that seats over 6,000 people, state of the art Ross Ade Stadium that seats 65,000 people, Mackey Arena with a seating capacity of over 14,100 people, some of the nation's finest green houses and their very own airport. The campus has beautiful fountains and park-like areas for visitors to relax and enjoy their surroundings. Campus art galleries showcase 30 to 40 varied exhibitions each year that include sculpture, photography, paintings, pottery, weaving and contemporary art. The Purdue Musical Organizations and other musical and theater groups on campus provide a variety of outstanding performances.

Purdue University is in the Big Ten Conference and holds a Division I ranking in the NCAA. Many of Purdues teams have enjoyed national rankings, including the women's and men's basketball teams and the Purdue football team. Purdue is Big Ten at it's best!

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