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Head Coach Curt Cignetti at Indiana University football practice on Aug. 13. PHOTOS BY RICH JANZARUK/HERALD-TIMES

IU’s top-paid employees make millions a year



Indiana University President Pamela Whitten, left, and Board of Trustees Chair W. Quinn Buckner walk in during Indiana University's 195th undergraduate commencement proceedings at Memorial Stadium on May 4, 2024

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The Herald-Times
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Although news of her raises and six figure bonuses consistently make headlines, President Pamela Whitten actually isn't the top earner at Indiana University. In fact, she's not even one of the top five at the flagship institution.

Despite earning \$896,128 with bonuses in 2024 (her base salary was bumped to \$900,000 in 2025), Whitten was only the seventh highest-paid employee in the IU system last year. Football coach Curt Cignetti, former men's basketball coach Mike Woodson and women's basketball coach Teri Moren represented the three highest-paid IU employees in

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Activist Andy Mahler dies at age 74

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After decades defending the woods near his home and throughout Indiana, Andrew "Andy" Mahler, 74, died on Aug. 30 at his home near Paoli. Mahler lived there with his wife, Linda Lee, who survives. Their homestead was known as the Lazy Black Bear and is surrounded on three sides by the Hoosier National Forest, one of the forests Mahler worked to protect. Mahler, born on June 21, 1951, grew up in Bloomington. He was the son of two Indiana University professors, Annamarie and Henry Mahler.

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Andy Mahler rests on a log and holds his dog, Wagner, while walking in the Hoosier National Forest in June 2024. PROVIDED BY STEVEN HIGGS

Major connector in Bloomington to open in days

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Decades in the making, a major east-west connector on Bloomington's southwest side will open in a matter of days — though a bit later than expected. Here's what you need to know.

What's the thoroughfare that's being completed?

It's the connection between West Gordon and West Fullerton pikes.

When will the Fullerton Pike project be finished?

Lisa Ridge, director of the Monroe County Highway Department, said

Local officials have discussed the connector for more than 30 years, and they have said they hope it will provide easier access to and from Interstate 69 and spur development in that area.

Thursday she hopes the road will open at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 17, though final details had yet to be worked out. The highway department and county redevelopment commission initially had hoped to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony at the west side of the new bridge, just east of the Rockport Road intersection, on Sept. 11. If everything goes as planned, drivers, cyclists and pedestrians will be able to use the road from 4:30 p.m. Sept. 17,

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Construction crews work on the Fullerton Pike extension on July 15. Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians should be able to use the road by the afternoon of Sept. 17, if construction finishes as planned. RICH JANZARUK/HERALD-TIMES

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