



**The Last Lecture**  
*Lessons for Life from a Lifetime of Learning*

***Description of the Last Lecture and the Selection Process***

The [Last Lecture](#) offers the university community an opportunity to hear reflections on a lifetime of personal and professional experiences from a retired or current IUPUI colleague of exceptional merit. As if it were the person's last lecture, the selected speaker will be asked to distill a lifetime of inquiry, reflection and service into insights and advice to be shared with a broad audience, including students, staff, and faculty from across the campus as well as the general public.

**Who may nominate?** Deans, department heads, all current and retired IUPUI faculty and staff, and students are invited to submit nominations for the Last Lecture speaker.

**Nominations:** Nominators should [submit nomination materials at this link](#). The nominator should include a detailed cover letter (2-4 pages in length) that provides the explicit justifications for suggesting the nominee for this honor, including describing the nominee's ability to deliver a lecture that communicates life lessons to a broad audience. The nominator should obtain and upload a resume or CV for the nominee. Nominators must also confirm the nominee's availability on the date of the lecture, November 3, 2023.

**Nominations are due by midnight (ET), Sunday, February 12, 2023.**

**Eligibility:** All current and retired IUPUI-based faculty, administrators, and staff members are eligible. The selection committee favors speakers with long experience in their fields and at IUPUI.

**Lecture Guidelines:** The presentation is 40-45 minutes in length and is intended to be more philosophical than technical, focusing on the lifetime accumulation of wisdom and insights by the speaker.

**Lecture date and location:** Friday, November 3, 2023, 2 p.m. in the Campus Center Theater.

**Sponsors:** The Last Lecture is sponsored by the IUPUI Senior Academy, the IUPUI Office of Academic Affairs, and the Indiana University Foundation.

**Honorarium:** The Indiana University Foundation will offer the featured speaker an honorarium of \$3,000.

**Selection Process:** A committee of the IUPUI Senior Academy will consider all nominations and select a pool of candidates by the end of February 2023. Selected nominees will be invited to submit a synopsis of their proposed presentation by the middle of March 2023. Selection of the speaker will be completed by a campus-wide committee, expanded to include representatives of all sponsors and representatives of all academic units on campus as well as student representatives.

**Notification:** The selected speaker will be notified privately by early April 2023 and shortly thereafter the selection will be announced publicly. Advertisement of the program will be through the Office of Academic Affairs. Transcripts and videos of lectures from previous years are archived on the IUPUI Senior Academy [website](#).

**Guidelines and Advice for nominators:**

- The letter of nomination should be at least two pages and no more than four pages in length.
- Obtain a CV or resume from your nominee to upload with your letter.
- Confirm your nominee's availability on the date of the lecture, November 3, 2023.
- Describe how the nominee's life experiences have impacted their professional roles and contributions.
- Provide any evidence about a nominee's ability to convey insights and advice that speak to a broad audience beyond the nominee's professional or academic specialization.
- Indicate any impact beyond the nominee's unit.
- A letter may be jointly written and signed by more than one nominator. In cases where a nominee's contributions had a significant impact beyond their own school or other unit, jointly submitted letters are especially encouraged.

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