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Historical Note

The [Robert E. Cook Honors College](#) at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) is named for alumni Robert E. Cook, a native of Altoona, Pennsylvania. The [Robert E. Cook Honors College](#) offers an innovative, four-semester core curriculum. These core courses are designed to hone critical thinking skills while providing a survey of the most important writings in several disciplines. In a traditional sense, the honors curriculum fulfills a classic goal of the university experience. For more information about the Robert E. Cook Honors College at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), visit <http://www.iup.edu/honors/>.



Robert E. Cook earned a BS degree from Indiana State College (IUP) in 1964 and an MBA from George Washington University. He is a Distinguished Graduate of IUP and was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 2000. Cook endowed the Honors College in 1993 with the largest donation in the history of IUP and he has continued to support the Robert E. Cook Honors College. The Robert E. Cook Honors College at Indiana University of Pennsylvania is housed in [Whitmyre Hall](#). Robert E. Cook once stated that “Part of the Honors College learning experience is to extend your personal horizons beyond what you have known. We encourage our students to travel and study in other countries, and we try to arrange those opportunities for them.”

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains publications and office files from the Robert E. Cook Honors College at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) housed in Whitmyre Hall. To see additional Robert E. Cook Honors College Commencement programs go to [Record Group 35 Commencement Series A Box 3](#). For examples of Honors Convocation programs at IUP visit [Record Group 41 Convocations Box 1 Series II](#).

Provenance

This collection was created by the IUP Libraries in 2015 and it includes materials donated by Robert E. Cook Honors College.

Restrictions

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Processor

The collection was organized and the finding aid was updated by Harrison Wick on June 8, 2022.

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see [Record Group 35 Commencement Series A Boxes 3-4](#) for Robert E. Cook Honors College Commencement Programs, 2000-2009 and 2011-2017

1. View Books about the Robert E. Cook Honors College, no dates (before 2001)
2. Robert E. Cook Honors College Brochures and Undergraduate Scholarship information, no dates (before 2001)
3. Robert E. Cook Honors College Correspondence, 1994
4. Robert E. Cook Honors College Newsletters – 1995, 2005 and 2006
5. Robert E. Cook Honors College: IUP Honors Day, March 29, 1998
6. IUP Commencement, Robert E. Cook Honors College, 2000-2001:
 - a. IUP Commencement, Robert E. Cook Honors College, Programs (see Record Group 35 Series A)
 - b. IUP Commencement, Robert E. Cook Honors College, Video Cassette Tapes (VHS)
 - i. Robert E. Cook Honors College Commencement, IUP Class of 2000 (1:46:00)
 - ii. Robert E. Cook Honors College Commencement, IUP Class of 2001 (1:37:00)
7. *IUP Magazine* cover story “Honors College Founder Bob Cook Celebrates Ten Graduating Classes,” Summer 2009
8. Robert E. Cook Honors College Commencement Programs, 2009-2013
 - a. Robert E. Cook Honors College Commencement, April 25, 2009
 - b. Robert E. Cook Honors College Commencement, May 11, 2012 (2 copies)
 - c. Robert E. Cook Honors College Commencement, May 17, 2013 (2 copies)
9. Robert E. Cook Honors College Commencement Programs, May 6, 2016 (2 copies)
10. Robert E. Cook Honors College Commencement Program, May 12, 2017
11. Robert E. Cook Honors College, Renovation Celebration and Ribbon Cutting, Whitmyre Hall, October 4, 2019 (see Record Group 4 Whitmyre Hall Renovation)

Series I: Documents**Box 2 Robert E. Cook Honors College Documents donated by Dr. Charles Cashdollar (8 folders)**

1. Plan for an IUP Honors College, a report from the IUP Honors Planning Committee – March 3, 1992
2. Five-Year Program Evaluation, 1996-2001, including preliminary report, schedule for external evaluators, and final report
3. Exit Interviews with Honors Students, Class of 2000
4. Exit Interviews with Honors Students, Class of 2001
5. Exit Interviews with Honors Students, Class of 2002
6. Exit Interviews with Honors Students, Class of 2003
7. Exit Interviews with Honors Students, Class of 2005
8. Outcomes Assessment Reports
 - a. Course Evaluation, Honors Core I and II, 2000-2004

- b. Graduating Honors Students' Self-Evaluation, 2000-2003
9. Cook Honors College: Limited-Focus Review, 2013

Series II: Awards**Box 1 Robert E. Cook Honors College Awards (7 awards)**

1. Award (Lucite and Pewter IUP Seal): 1999 Truman Scholarship Finalist – Elizabeth Baran, Class of 2000
2. Award (Lucite and Pewter IUP Seal): 2000 Fulbright Scholarship Winner – Lori Felker, Class of 2000
3. Award (Lucite and Pewter IUP Seal): 2000 Truman Scholarship Finalist – Brandy Wiltsey
4. Award (Lucite and Pewter IUP Seal): 2001 Fulbright Scholarship Winner – Erica Shafran, Class of 2001
5. Award (Lucite and Pewter IUP Seal): 2001 Asia-Freeman Scholarship Winner – Catherine Lem
6. Award (Lucite and Pewter IUP Seal): 2002 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Fellowship Winner – Stephanie Britton, Class of 2002
7. Award (Lucite and Pewter IUP Seal): 2002 Phi Kappa Phi, Honors Society Graduate, Fellowship Award Winner – Anna Nadgrodkiewicz, Class of 2002