Our hard work led to giant leaps in 2023-24 — most innovative, most Googled, most Instagrammable. Billions of eyes on our content. Strategic partnerships with iconic brands like NASA, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, NASCAR, AP, the BBC and more.

From the rebranded purdue.edu to energy-filled YouTube videos, 2023-24 was filled with powerful Purdue moments.

Pictured on the cover are Boiler Ambassadors — students who work with the MarCom team to strategically and creatively communicate the story of Purdue with current and prospective students.

In 2023-24 our content focused on Boilermaker strengths. The result? Our greatest reach to date. This chapter highlights record-setting performances across platforms.
Purdue.edu
In September 2023 we launched eight redesigned high-priority, high-traffic pages and 10 supporting pages. This enhanced user experience, especially for prospective students. It also provided an analytics reset, giving us the ability to measure specific page actions and gain deeper insights.

62.6K+
visitors to the Become a Student page
82K+
first-year student actions: apply, find your major, tuition and financial aid

"This Is Purdue" Podcast
Every other week, "This Is Purdue" highlights exciting stories of innovative Boilermakers and is the only higher education podcast consistently ranking on Apple's Top Charts. This year, we debuted a new research series leaning into the innovative, world-changing work happening at Purdue.

2.2M+
podcast listeners and YouTube views in FY24

Social Media
Purdue University continues to create content that resonates with its key audiences across all platforms. Events like the Purdue men's basketball Final Four/championship games and the Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Event attributed to huge social numbers, including our most watched Instagram Reel with over 1.2M views.

w3 Gold Award
Best Education Podcast Series
Out of thousands of entries, “This Is Purdue” is one of only 20% to receive the Gold Award, ranking us alongside Netflix, Paramount, PwC and Pfizer.

160M+
impresions (+5% from FY23)
6M+
engagements (+36% from FY23)
138K+
shares (+98% from FY23)

YouTube
Key strategies this fiscal year included continuous optimization, retargeting to meet audiences where they are and an increased number of Shorts.

36M
channel views
539K
hours watch time

AWARDS
A Brand That Matters
The only university on the list 2021, 2022, 2023
Fast Company, 2023

"What Can You Imagine at Purdue?"
Best Campaign for an Educational Institution
Content Marketing Award from PR Daily

"What Can You Imagine at Purdue?"
Best Motivational Video of 2023
Content Marketing Institute

"Whatever I Want"
Be a part of what’s next at Purdue University in Indianapolis

TOP THREE VIDEO VIEWS
4.8M+
Whatever I Want
2.8M+
Be a part of what’s next at Purdue University in Indianapolis
3.3M+
Purdue University in Indianapolis is building the future
Earned Media

Our team had a prominent role in shaping key placements in:


119K+ placements (+26% year over year)  206B+ potential views

AP Video Project

We produced 143 videos featuring Purdue experts. These videos were placed in all 50 states and in 210 TV markets.

9.3K+ placements (an 82% increase from FY23)  1.5B+ potential impressions

Record-Setting Investments and Grants

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SK hynix announcement

2.8K+ impressions  4B potential views

Lilly Endowment announcement

3.2K+ impressions  5.9B potential views

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1. Jim Bullard and the Daniels business school
   36B potential views  20K+ placements

2. Semiconductor workforce development
   16.6B potential views  13.7K placements

3. Andrew Whelton and water contamination
   8.6B potential views  5.1K+ placements

4. Purdue airport and the return of commercial flight
   5.4B potential views  6.1K+ placements

5. EV charging concrete
   3.7B potential views  3.5K+ placements

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Institutional Spots

All Hail Purdue!

Our 30-second PSA sparked emotion with phrases from our fight song, building a new rally cry for Boilermaker fans. Our cast came from every corner of Purdue, demonstrating breadth and showcasing some of our finest rankings and points of differentiation. The best part of this spot? When it’s played at Ross-Ade Stadium or Mackey Arena, or even in Phoenix during the Final Four, the crowd knows every word and cheers it with such pride!

As TV ad time costs have skyrocketed and our strategy has pivoted to digital, this spot has become even more crucial with a 2-cent cost per view for a highly targeted audience.

96% view duration for the original 30-second spot
2.6M+ views

15.3K+ clicks

Estimated in-venue views
430K+ Ross-Ade Stadium
267K+ Mackey Arena
32K+ Holloway Gymnasium

96%
22M+ impressions
50%
50% view rate
10.6M+ views
41.8K+ clicks

Whatever I Want

In 2022 we launched Purdue’s first-ever portfolio spot, “What Can You Imagine at Purdue?” At 28M+ YouTube views, this commercial is Purdue’s most successful spot of all time. We capitalized on an engaged audience to continue Imani’s story in “Whatever I Want.”

Cumulative paid campaign statistics
22M+ impressions
50% view rate
10.6M+ views
41.8K+ clicks
As one of President Chiang’s key strategic priorities, in May 2024, commercial air travel returned to the Greater Lafayette area with 24 weekly round-trip flights between the Purdue University Airport (LAF) and Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport (ORD).

We executed a three-phase approach to support this initiative: establish trust, increase awareness and drive ticket sales.

### Purdue University Airport Website

We moved fast to design and build a brand-new site that showcased new photography, delivered key information and led visitors to purchase tickets.

**March 15-April 30:**

- **20.5K** "Book Your Flight" clicks
- **44.7K+** views

### Social Media

- **72** cross-channel posts
- **1.7M** impressions

### Earned Media

- **5.4K+** placements
- **5.4B** potential views
Commercial Flight

History of Flight

We celebrated Purdue's storied history in aviation, showing our legacy as a predominant flight institution and building trust and understanding as we promoted our commercial flight endeavors.

Brittany Gallarneau (BS professional flight '21) narrated the "Boilermakers in Flight" video

Boilermakers
in Flight video

Boilermakers have never been afraid to go first.
See how previous generations of Boilemaker aviators and innovators charted the course and learn where the university will take its next steps.

Interactive flight map
We built a feature that brought Purdue's aviation history to life. Visitors can explore the path of Purdue aviators across the U.S.

Amelia Earhart feature story
Our Amelia Earhart feature story was released to capitalize on national interest surrounding the potential discovery of the plane from Earhart's final flight, leading to an additional 427 earned media placements with 1.2B potential views.

Podcast Ep. 109: The Future of Purdue Airport's Commercial Flight Service and the History Behind Purdue Aviation, including this YouTube Short trailer previewing the episode with 660+ views.

Announcing flights at Purdue University Airport 15-second video with graphics and voice-over announcing the benefits of flying out of LAF.

Billboards, Plane and Terminal Graphics
We created relevant wayfinding signage in the new terminal, distinctive airplane livery and billboards that stood out along I-65 to tell the world that LAF is Purdue's local connection to the world.

YOUR LOCAL CONNECTION TO THE WORLD
Purdue University Airport PLAN YOUR FLIGHT
Purdue University in Indianapolis

Purdue University in Indianapolis is our next giant leap: an urban extension of our flagship campus bringing the academic rigor and accessible excellence we’re known for to our capital city.

Paid Student Campaign
We approached this campaign with new platforms in our media mix. We optimized biweekly, which led to revised creative throughout the flight to best serve the goals of the campaign.

- **18M+ impressions delivered**
- **53K clicks to microsite**

SEO campaign driving people who were searching for Purdue in Indianapolis, IUPUI or IUI to Purdue pages had a click-through rate of 15.63%. Industry benchmark is 5%.

YouTube Vision Campaign
This video set the tone for our brand execution for Indy with a bold voice-over and visuals painting the story of what we imagine for Purdue in Indianapolis.

- **1M views**
- **69.2% average view duration**

Earned Media

- **4.5K+ placements**
- **8.9B potential views**

Student Storytelling
Students from across all schools and colleges represented in Indy show how hands-on learning opportunities and industry partnerships are preparing them for the jobs of tomorrow.

- Six YouTube Shorts with a combined 8K organic views
- Seven stories on The Persistent Pursuit with a combined 7.2K+ organic views

Indy Classic and Purdue Pete Takeover
To capitalize on Purdue men's basketball playing No. 1-ranked Arizona in the Purdue-sponsored Indy Classic Tournament, we had Purdue Pete “take over” our Indianapolis campus as a way for current students, staff and faculty to feel like they are a part of the Purdue family. This was some of our strongest performing Indy content.

- **4K+ YouTube views**
- **18.3K+ Indy Classic attendance**
Announcement and Signing Video
This recap video captures the excitement of the official signing event launching Purdue University in Indianapolis.

273K views over eight months; included a digital campaign

Out-of-Home Advertising
To promote the official start of Purdue in Indianapolis, we blanketed the Indy metro area with branded buses, bus shelters, billboards and a showstopper elevator wrap at the Fashion Mall at Keystone.

USA Swimming LIVE Event
Purdue was the presenting sponsor of this outdoor fan fest for the USA Olympic Team Swimming Trials in Indianapolis, June 15-23. The event activation included a VR swim experience created by Purdue students and faculty in Indianapolis, Purdue-branded activations, IND airport column wraps and animated digital video, a topic page on the content hub housing all swim trials content, three stories on The Persistent Pursuit, two YouTube videos, social media storytelling, and more.

221M impressions across earned, paid and social media
Cost per impression was $0.001.

Key national placements: Yahoo, Associated Press, and Sports Business Journal
Key Indy placements: Inside INdiana Business, IBJ, Indy Star, WTHR, WXIN, and WIBC

Earned Media
209M+ impressions
113+ placements

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Paid Media
4.2M impressions
effectively served across Indianapolis media, Youtube and airport

Purdue innovation takes the lead at Olympic swimming pool project in Lucas Oil Stadium
One of the most viewed stories on The Persistent Pursuit

Event
285K+ fans in attendance across the nine days

USA Swimming LIVE event celebrates Olympic Trials, opening of Purdue University in Indianapolis.
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Purdue's STARS program: Training future semiconductor engineers and researchers

Purdue STARS: Xavier Williams
Views: 2.3K+

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Fast Company Semiconductor Panel
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Website Refresh
We created a web experience that generates interest around Purdue Computes. Organic search traffic continues to grow with a 260% increase in monthly visits from July through April.

Animated video tying the campus
Boilermakers love to semiconductors

CHIPS Support and Video
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One Health
To support the One Health announcement, we launched two web projects: a One Health landing page and an update of the Strategic initiatives website. Earned media for the announcement of the initiative and our partnership with Elanco yielded: A 3.5-minute explainer video featuring President Mung Chiang, Executive Vice President for Research Karen Plaut, and Purdue Research Foundation Board Chair Mitch Daniels, as well as key supporters like Gov. Eric Holcomb, Elanco CEO Jeff Simmons, and Senator Todd Young, set the stage for the university and Heartland BioWorks to secure $51M in federal funding.

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Storytelling

This year, storytelling was driven by our strengths in space and engineering and by key partnerships with organizations such as NASA, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, NASCAR, SRX racing, the BBC and more. The love and pride that Boilermakers have for Purdue was also an area of emphasis.

Purdue professor Andrew Whelton is helping communities recover by addressing water systems damaged by wildfires. We partnered with BBC StoryWorks to share Andy’s research and build brand affinity with a global audience.

New Website
Since the February 2024 relaunch, we have seen daily average increases in visits (58.9%), visitors (66.3%) and views (102.5%). Daily traffic from organic search has also increased 66.9%. The new site also provides a direct connection to strategic and relevant content, with 44% of homepage actions creating additional visibility for the Cradle of Astronauts video, Boilermakers in Space stories, Purdue News, the Total Solar Eclipse Event and “Boilers to Mars.”

Hero Video
Leaning heavily into archival photos and footage, this video pays homage to our 27 Purdue astronauts. 

Leading Women Toward Space Careers
Purdue’s one-of-a-kind program encourages women with STEM degrees to pursue careers in space.

Loral O’Hara
Astronaut Loral O’Hara is making her mark with her first mission to the International Space Station.

Space
Our history as a leader in space exploration and discovery is both rich and robust. We have long held the distinction as the world’s Cradle of Astronauts. The first person to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong, and the most recent, Gene Cernan, called Purdue their alma mater. We wanted to celebrate this legacy and our promising future.

New Topic Page
A new multimedia-rich page on The Persistent Pursuit houses and promotes Purdue in Space and aeronautical- and astronautical-related storytelling.

3.4K+ visits
3.4K+ views

883K+ views

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| 491K+ impressions |
| 10.8K+ clicks |
| 29K+ likes |

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| 334K+ views |
| 90 years of Christmas cheer |
| 3K+ views |

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Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Event

Purdue was the presenting sponsor and exclusive higher education partner for the Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Event at the world-renowned Indianapolis Motor Speedway. IMS hosted more than 50,000 people for an exciting day featuring Purdue experts, alumni, students and Pete. NASA staged a live broadcast of its eclipse coverage, and many national media outlets, including “Good Morning America,” sent crews to IMS because of Purdue’s deep bench of experts and astronauts and the ideal weather conditions.

30-Second Commercial
We let Boilermakers — a professor, student and astronaut — be our heroes. Then we used these same people to do an educational series answering top eclipse questions. All of these leaned heavily into SEO and what people already wanted to find.

| Interviews with every major national broadcast outlet in the country. | The largest single-event earned media performance in Purdue history. |

| 3B+ total impressions | 2.3K+ total media placements |

Landing Page
A web experience was designed and built to promote the event, showcase other Purdue space-related content and prioritize a “buy tickets” call to action.

| 46K views | 11.6K+ page actions |

“This Is Purdue”
For the first time ever, five members of Purdue’s Cradle of Astronauts came together for a live podcast panel.

| 41K+ views | 3.4K+ listens |

Earned Media
More than half of the page actions were clicks on the “buy tickets” call to action.

| 543K+ views |

Purdue Experts YouTube Series
Three Purdue University experts discuss various aspects of the eclipse, including what to expect, how to prepare and tips for watching.

| 5K views |

Social Media
Sprinklr: live sentiment tracking on social media; 95% of social mentions were of positive or neutral sentiment.

| 21.6M total impressions | 11.7% engagement on owned channel | 34 posts day of | 700K+ impressions day of |

| 11.7% | 88K+ engagements day of |
SRX Racing — Stewart-Haas NASCAR Partnership

We teamed up with the Superstar Racing Experience (SRX) and drivers Tony Kanaan and Helio Castroneves to highlight the university’s new urban campus in Indianapolis and the only ABET-accredited undergraduate motorsports engineering program in the country.

Across all six races and two commercials, we received over 2.5M views on ESPN.

YouTube

4.4M impressions
1.4M views

Social Media

2.6M+ impressions
2.8K+ shares
75K+ engagements

Earned Media

62 placements
40M+ potential views

SRX Racing Partnership

We partnered with Stewart-Haas Racing and driver Ryan Preece in the Verizon 200 at the Brickyard to continue to introduce Purdue University in Indianapolis.

The iconic Boilermaker gold and black adorned Preece’s Ford Mustang, with Purdue University in Indianapolis serving as the No. 41 car’s primary sponsor at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, one of the most prestigious annual stops on the NASCAR Cup Series calendar.

Race averaged 2.8M+ viewers on NBC

Campus Resources

Purdue.edu Templates

We created a toolkit that empowers campus partners to use the new theme. It includes templates, content blocks, technical guidance and mock-up examples.

Scouting Locations Guide

We created a reference sheet and a location scouting guide for planning projects that include videography or photography.

Branded Photo Shoots

This year we refreshed our photo library with four branded shoots: spring and fall in Indianapolis and spring and fall in West Lafayette.

Content Packages

Each content package contains ready-to-use assets including links, digital and printable materials, strategy tips, and suggested social post language.

Purdue Today

The university’s email newsletter is sent to 26K+ Boilermakers. It highlights the latest Purdue news and celebrates achievements.

Purdue Communicators Council

The PCC creates a larger community for campus communicators and makes available initiatives, updates, tools and tips through monthly meetings and newsletters.

As the university’s chief storytellers, we drive inspiration, growth and prosperity. We empower our campus partners to do the same with assets and resources they need to create content that’s on brand, in voice and consistently compelling.

202 issues
128K+ unique clicks
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