

In Memoriam

David C. Brennan, January 13, 1933 - June 6, 2021

David C. Brennan, the first Director of Continuing Education on the combined Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne campus, passed away on June 6th, 2021. Born in New York State, David moved to Fort Wayne in the early 1960s and began his thirty-year campus career in 1967, as assistant to the Chancellor and Director of Continuing Education at what was then Indiana University Fort Wayne. In 1975, he assumed responsibility for Continuing Education programs at both IU and Purdue Fort Wayne, as the campuses joined to become IPFW. During his leadership as Associate Director, Continuing Studies offered 600 classes each year, both credit and noncredit, and worked with almost every company in Fort Wayne. Notable courses included a popular annual Education Workshop that featured nationally prominent speakers, as well as non-credit courses ranging from hot air ballooning to belly dancing.

In 1982, David joined IPFW's Student Academic Counseling Services, holding a variety of positions until being named director in 1991. He retired from IPFW in 1997.

David Brennan was active in the Fort Wayne Speakers Bureau, Anthony Wayne Rotary Club, and, in the 1970s, organized an IPFW faculty and staff softball team, with then Chancellor Schwartz serving as team pitcher. David received multiple awards from IPFW for his service, including the Ulmer Award in 1998, and is remembered for his kindness, for being instrumental in student success, and for the support he gave to his colleagues.