

## **History of University of Indianapolis**

Founded in 1902, Indiana Central University was established by the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. The land and construction of the college building was gifted by William L. Elder, a local Real Estate Developer, who in return asked for help selling homesites in the neighboring area. The college opened its doors in 1905 when the first building, Good Hall was completed. The University has always been coeducational and open to all races.

The University offered eight departments: the College of Liberal Arts, Teacher's College, Conservatory of Music, School of Oratory, School of Commerce, Bible Institute, School of Arts, and the Academy, in which students completed their preparatory work and earned high school diplomas. The North Central Association of Schools and Colleges accredited the university in March of 1947.

From 1946 to 1968, following the merger of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church, the University was an Evangelical United Brethren Institution. Since 1968, when the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist churches merged, it has been affiliated with the United Methodist Church. The University was popularly known as Indiana Central College from 1921 to 1975, when the use of the word university resumed. In 1986, the name was changed to University of Indianapolis.