



Dr. Adam Herbert

President, Indiana University

Adam Herbert became the 17th president of Indiana University on August 1, 2003. He is professor of public administration in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs and professor of political science in the College of Arts and Sciences.

President Herbert has focused on laying the institutional foundations for higher levels of excellence in teaching and learning, expanded research initiatives that advance further the frontiers of knowledge and new, transformative contributions both to the economic welfare of our state and the well being of humanity at large.

Firmly believing that IU's most important mission is the education of students and that learning occurs not only in the classroom, but also through student involvement in all aspects of university life including research, international experiences and intercollegiate athletics, President Herbert has put a strong emphasis on the quality of undergraduate education.

Throughout his first year in office, President Herbert has emphasized the increasingly important role all our campuses play in ensuring Indiana's present and future economic welfare.

Dr. Herbert came to IU from the University of North Florida, where he was Regents Professor and founding executive director of The Florida Center for Public Policy and Leadership. He served as president of the university from 1989-1998. From 1998 to 2000, Herbert was the sixth chancellor of the State University System of Florida, the second-largest university system in America.

President Herbert has held academic appointments in political science and public administration at the University of North Florida; Florida International University, where he was dean of the School of Public Affairs and Services and vice president for academic affairs; the University of Southern California; Howard University; Virginia Polytechnic

Institute and State University (Virginia Tech); and the University of Pittsburgh. He is a member of the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) and has served two terms as a member of its board of trustees. His research focuses on the politics of higher education and on the policy, political and administrative challenges of enhancing public education from pre-kindergarten through higher education, with particular emphasis on issues that impact low income and minority communities.

Adam Herbert's career illustrates his strong commitment to public service. In 1974, he became one of 15 White House Fellows in the Ford Administration. He served as special assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Following the fellowship year he served as special assistant to the U.S. Undersecretary of Housing and Urban Development and subsequently as director of research for the Joint Center for Political Studies in Washington, DC. In 1998, Governor-Elect Jeb Bush named Adam Herbert to lead his transition team. In 2002 President Herbert served as co-chair of Governor Bush's Reading Priority Transition Team for Florida.

President Herbert has held a number of national leadership positions. He served as president of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration. He is a member of the Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics and previously served as chair of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division II Presidents Council. He was chair of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce in 1993. He has served as a Florida Commissioner on the Education Commission of States and is a member of the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission.

Born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, Adam Herbert earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science in 1966 and a Master of Public Administration degree in 1968 from the University of Southern California. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in urban affairs and public administration from the University of Pittsburgh in 1971. His wife, Karen Herbert, joins him in leading the IU family.