

The Edgerton & Elsey Undergraduate Fellowship in Student Affairs

The Edgerton & Elsey Undergraduate Fellowship in Student Affairs was developed to honor the contributions of Mr. Paul Edgerton and Dr. Robert Elsey, two long-standing Indiana State University administrators in the Division of Student Affairs. Combined, Mr. Edgerton and Dr. Elsey devoted more than 60 years to shaping the lives and experiences of Indiana State University students, faculty, and staff.

Paul Edgerton is a native of Osceola, Indiana and enrolled at Indiana State Teachers College in 1956. Highly engaged as a student during his enrollment, Mr. Edgerton was on the student council, a co-chair of the homecoming committee, assistant hall director in Parsons Hall and a member of the baseball team, which won a conference championship in 1958. After graduating in 1960, Mr. Edgerton taught school in Mishawaka, Indiana, before returning to his alma mater in 1962 as director of the new men's dorm, Sandison Hall. Mr. Edgerton continued his service to Indiana State, becoming the Hall Director of Pickerel Hall and Assistant Dean of Men, then Associate Dean of Residence Hall Programming before taking a brief leave of absence to pursue his graduate studies at Florida State University in 1973. Returning to ISU in 1975 as Associate Dean of Student Life, Mr. Edgerton would serve in Student Life and Student Affairs for the next 25 years, becoming the vice president of student affairs in 1985 and serving in that capacity until his retirement in 2000. In 1999, Mr. Edgerton was honored with the University Medallion. Honorees are University staff who have demonstrated "exceptional spirit throughout their years of service to ISU, distinguished achievement in their career, and involvement in the community."

Dr. Robert Elsey, is a native of Osgood, Indiana, and a three time graduate of Purdue University. After earning his Ph.D. in guidance and counseling, Dr. Elsey began his administrative career at Purdue in 1962 as Assistant to the Dean of Men. In 1967, he continued his professional journey by joining the Student Activities staff at Illinois State University. Then, in 1972, Dr. Elsey began a relationship with Indiana State that would last for 30 years. Beginning as the Associate Dean of Students, over the course of his tenure at ISU, Dr. Elsey would serve in several capacities including Director of Residential Life Programs, Dean of Student Life, Dean of Student Services, Career Center Director, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, Dean of Students and Interim Vice President of Student Affairs. Dr. Elsey was honored with the University Medallion in 1998, the highest honor bestowed by Indiana State University. Dr. Elsey retired from ISU in 2002.

This fellowship named in their honor, would provide current, undergraduate Indiana State University students interested in the field of Student Affairs, with an opportunity to work within the Division of Student Affairs.

The fellowship is designed to provide students with an intensive, curriculum-driven, experiential learning environment within the field of Student Affairs. Fellows will receive a yearly stipend, membership in a regional or national student affairs professional association, and support for attendance at a Student Affairs regional or national conference within the academic year.