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UPS Delivers Scholarships for Indiana Independent College & University Students

INDIANAPOLIS, November 9, 2011 – UPS reiterated its longstanding commitment to education and its support of students at Indiana’s private, nonprofit colleges and universities by delivering a \$74,400 scholarship check to the Independent Colleges of Indiana on October 12. UPS Ohio Valley President Zack Scott officially presented the check to ICI President & CEO Richard Ludwick.

To be shared equally by Indiana’s 31 independent colleges and universities, the money supports the UPS Scholars program and allows each campus to select one student for a \$2,400 scholarship. UPS has targeted college students for these awards who are first-generation, low-income, minority, or new American.

“We are so grateful to UPS for sharing ICI’s commitment to academic excellence and choice for all students, regardless of family background,” says Richard L. Ludwick, ICI president & CEO. “This scholarship program focuses on the very students that our campuses strive so diligently to serve and ensure success through college completion.”

This gift to Indiana’s independent colleges and universities is part of more than \$1.45 million in grants this year alone to similar institutions across the country from the UPS Educational Endowment Fund, held and administered by the Council of Independent Colleges. Since 1985, the UPS Scholars program has awarded more than \$48 million in scholarships to more than 16,000 students nationwide.

In announcing the grants, Ken Sternad, president of The UPS Foundation, said, “A college degree opens the door to countless opportunities. UPS takes great pride in our support of thousands of students over the years who have been able to pursue an education from our nation’s private colleges.”

Independent Colleges of Indiana is a membership association of the state’s 31 private, nonprofit colleges and universities. ICI member institutions enroll some 90,000 students (approximately 20 percent of all students statewide) and annually produce 35 percent of all bachelor’s degrees in Indiana. Information about ICI is available at www.icindiana.org.