

Trine University Is Not a Campus but a Visa Pipeline

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TRINE UNIVERSITY
ANGOLA, INDIANA

Quiet campus. Small town. Huge international enrollment.



**FEW LOCAL STUDENTS.
MASSIVE FOREIGN ENROLLMENT.**
Trine reports thousands of international students—mostly from India—while its Indiana campus remains largely empty.



OPT/STEM EXTENSION PIPELINE
Graduates are funneled into work authorization and long-term stays in the U.S., not contributing to Indiana.



FOLLOW THE MONEY
High international tuition and fees fund the university while Indiana taxpayers foot the bill for infrastructure and services.



NOT EDUCATION. MIGRATION.
Trine functions as an admissions mill and visa bridge, not a traditional university serving Hoosiers.

THE NUMBERS TELL THE REAL STORY

 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS	~4,000+ (90%+ from India)
 U.S. CAMPUS ENROLLMENT	< 500 (mostly online or part-time)
 STEM OPT PARTICIPATION	HIGH (designed for post-grad work stays)
 TUITON REVENUE FROM INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS	\$100M+ (estimated annually)



INDIANA DESERVES REAL EDUCATION, NOT A VISA PIPELINE.
TIME TO AUDIT TRINE. PROTECT OUR STATE. PRIORITIZE HOOSIERS.

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 **INDIANA FIRST.**

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I'll verify the Trine University figures first so the three paragraphs rest on the actual record rather than the raw claim. Trine University is on blast because the numbers will not sit still and look like a college. On one federal ledger sit 9,123 graduate students, of whom 98.3 percent are foreign nationals; Trine's own Fall 2024 enrollment profile shows the College of Graduate and Professional Studies and TrineOnline carrying 9,123 international students—92.5 percent of that unit—while the Angola campus itself remains a small Midwestern school with almost no international presence. The contrast is the point. What the public is invited to admire as "record enrollment" is, in the graduate half of the house, a headcount assembled off the quad, at satellite education centers and through online pipelines, and sold as Day-1 CPT: work authorization from

the first term. That is not the slow accretion of a scholarly community. It is scale.

About sixteen million dollars to a single overseas recruiter, with offices in Hyderabad and Warangal, is the second shock. The circulating account holds that the agency’s listed contact is the same person Trine has publicly styled as its director of international graduate student recruitment, and that those payments do not appear in eleven years of the university’s audited financial statements. Whether every dollar traces as alleged, the architecture is plain enough: a private Indiana institution, regionally accredited and therefore useful for visas, paying a foreign middleman to fill master’s seats that double as labor permits. American higher education once recruited the world to sit in American classrooms. This model recruits the world to sit in American payrolls.

That is not a campus. That is a visa pipeline. A university that keeps two faces—one for the hometown undergraduate, one for the federal graduate file—has ceased to be an institution of formation and become a broker of status. The degree is the wrapper; the work authorization is the product. Until Congress and the Departments of Labor and Homeland Security treat the wrapper as incidental and the product as the thing being sold, small schools will keep discovering that the surest path to “growth” is not more American students, but more foreign ones who never needed a campus in the first place.

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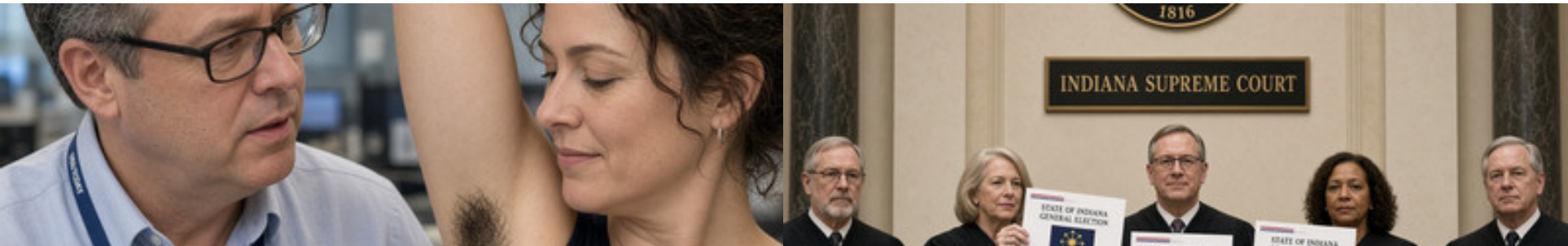
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