World Flags at IUPUI

Why are they hanging in the Campus Center?

How many flags are there?
195 flags are hanging on the Campus Center railings.

Why did IUPUI hang these flags?
Each flag represents a state that is present in the United Nations (UN) General Assembly. Currently there are 193 full member states and two observers in the UN.

IUPUI hangs the flags every year during the month of February, which hosts the International Festival and the International Fashion Show.

Is there an order to how they are hung up?
Flags are hung in alphabetical order starting at the south end of the 4th floor, near the bell tower
- 4th Level: United States of America, and A - G
- 3rd Level: G - N
- 2nd Level: N - Z, Holy See and Palestine*

* Per official protocol, the home country flag is hung first and UN observers state flags (Holy See and Palestine) follow member states.

Who owns the flags?
IUPUI previously had a large collection of flags, but turned them over to the International Center, an Indianapolis nonprofit organization. Since 2011, the International Center has maintained a full flag collection, making them available for cultural events.

How many countries are represented at IUPUI?
147 countries are represented in the IUPUI student body, with the largest representation of students from India, China and Saudi Arabia.

What if I want to see another flag up?
UN member states and observers are included on Campus Center railings, but feel free to contact us at oiaevent@iupui.edu if you’d like to recognize another flag at the International Festival or another time. The Office of International Affairs is happy to work with you.

Learn more at:
http://international.iupui.edu/
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