Greetings from the Office of First Year Experience Programs!
We hope this newsletter finds you preparing for the last few weeks of your first semester at IU. In addition to preparing for exams, final papers and projects, we hope you are taking time to enjoy campus and the Bloomington community.

Get To Know Your Professors
Can you believe you are over halfway through your first semester of IU classes? Have you scheduled a meeting to talk with your professors during office hours? Getting to know your professors has a positive impact on your classroom experience and your academic performance. Faculty members all over campus are ready and willing to meet with you about your progress. Consider some of these conversation starters:

- What was it about (insert subject area) that got you interested in teaching?
- How am I doing in the class? How can I improve?
- What are some of the biggest mistakes you see students make in your classes that I can avoid to best prepare for exams and projects?

Or, bring a current news article or blog post related to course content. Stay connected to your professors!

Academic Advising and Academic Support
Have you met with your academic advisor yet this semester? He or she can help you explore a variety of options and also help you assess your time management and study skills. As you work with your advisor to plan second semester courses, also consider checking out a few other great resources on campus such as the Academic Support Centers and the Student Academic Center. Both offer a wide range of services such as tutoring, advising, workshops and review.
sessions.

Are You Ready For a Close Up?
At the IU Career Development Center, they're ready to set the record straight: no one should have to settle for a career they don't love—including you. So they are creating a short documentary about career exploration: what it is, why it matters, and how it can lead to a meaningful and financially secure career. **Now it's time to cast the stars!**

You don't have to have a career in mind to participate. Declared and exploratory students are welcome to fill out the short survey below and express interest. Tell them a bit about yourself. If it seems like you'd make a good fit for the project, you will be contacted. Production is set to begin in early December.

Be a part of IU's next big legacy.

Fill out the survey now! [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/iu-cdc-survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/iu-cdc-survey) The deadline is Monday, **November 25, 2013**.

2014 MLK Celebration
Consider submitting an Essay or Video for the annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Essay/Video Contest! Materials are due by **November 22, 2013**. For more information regarding the 2014 celebration, visit [http://www.indiana.edu/~mlkjr/essay.shtml](http://www.indiana.edu/~mlkjr/essay.shtml).

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