Greetings from the Office of First Year Experience Programs!

Time has flown by and your student has already started his or her second semester at IU. The month of January is full of transitions as your student embraces a different schedule, faces new challenges, discovers new relationships, and is presented with exciting opportunities. Check out the information below for ways to support your student’s success in 2014.

The IU OTeam

Would your student be interested in helping new IU students discover just how amazing it is to be a Hoosier? Watch this video to learn about how they can join the OTeam and encourage them to apply.

The IU Art Museum Hosts "A Night at the Museum"

Did you know the IU Art museum has over 40,000 objects (ranging from ancient gold jewelry and African masks to paintings by Monet and Picasso) that represent nearly every art-producing culture throughout history? Encourage your student to join us on Friday, February 7 at 7pm at the IU Art Museum for an exclusive night tour followed by delicious food!

Spotlight on Careers:
Why Students Shouldn't Declare A Major Right Away

Provided by Justin Zuschlag, Assistant Director, Career Development Center

While some students will come to college with a choice of major and career in mind, many students aren’t ready to make these decisions as first semester freshmen. And that's okay! As career advisors, we always advise students against choosing majors and careers too quickly - because well-informed decisions can only come with time. Oftentimes, students will rush into a decision about their major and – two or three years later – decide it isn’t a good fit for them. Instead, we encourage students to go through our new 9 step process, which helps students find
their unique career path and chart a course for long-term success. The first step we always encourage students to take is to visit our office. When your student visits us for drop-in career advising, we can assess where he or she is in the career development process and provide tools to help find a major that works for him or her.

IU hosts a number of events, such as the Explore Majors and More Fair on Wednesday, February 5th, that can also make the daunting task of selecting a major and career more manageable. Visit us online to learn about other upcoming events.

Questions or Concerns? Know Who Can Help!

Being aware of the academic and personal resources that are available for your student at IU allows you to help direct him or her.

- **Academic Support Centers** offer a wide range of free services including tutoring, advising, workshops, review sessions and other academic support.
- **Counseling and Psychological Services** (CAPS) allows students to talk to someone about stress or changes in their life.
- **Office of Student Financial Assistance** provides resources regarding money management.
- **Residential Programs and Services** (RPS) offers your student support and opportunities to get connected. Use the **staff directory** to contact a specific person or department.
- **University Division** advisors are available to help your student explore academic options, and prepare to enter a degree program.

Protect IU

**Protect IU** is an IU-maintained website featuring current information about campus safety status, personal safety tips, campus emergency action plans, and who to contact in the event of a disaster. **Sign up** for email notifications and alerts related to safety, security, and preparedness from the IU Bloomington campus.

Campus News 24/7

If you are looking for the latest information about campus, visit the [IU News Room](#), where you can search for news and press releases by topic, campus, or keyword. For additional information about the Bloomington campus, the [Indiana Daily Student](#), our student newspaper, is a great resource.

IU Parents Association

The **IU Parents Association** is coordinated with the assistance of the Division of Student Affairs and the Office of the Dean of Students. Have questions or want more information? Send them an email at mykidis@indiana.edu.