Greetings from the Office of First Year Experience Programs!

The spring semester is officially underway. Most likely your student has fallen into a normal pattern of classes and social activities. In this month’s student newsletter, we challenged first year students to venture beyond their normal schedules and explore other programs and events offered on the IUB campus! Below are some suggestions for how your student can stay engaged on campus.

Ways First Year Students Can Prepare for the Future:
"What's Next for YOU at IU" Sessions

What's Next for You at IU is a two-night series of sessions designed to help students succeed at IU. Watch this video to learn more about this program and encourage your student to register to attend the Spring 2014 sessions on March 3 and 4 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in the IMU. This year’s topics include Graduate School Preparation, Leadership Opportunities, Career Planning, Study Abroad Information, and Exploring Different Majors.

Ways First Year Students Can Get Involved:
FYAmbassadors and Transfer Student Advisory Board

First Year Ambassadors
First Year Ambassadors - or FYAmbassadors, for short - are the year-round face of first-year programs at IU. FYAmbassadors have leadership opportunities as they help create new programs, promote them, and carry them out with the goal of helping new students discover opportunities at IU and in Bloomington. Encourage your student to sign up online to become an FYAmbassador!

Transfer Student Advisory Board
The Transfer Student Advisory Board (TSAB) functions as the student leadership group for
transfer students at IUB. The group is made up of mostly new transfer students (first semester at IU or first year at IU). This group serves as the planning committee for transfer student programs and promotes programs to other transfer students. Students are encouraged to take a leadership role and are ensured to build skills in working with group and event planning. The next TSAB meeting is Thursday, February 13 from 6-7pm in the FYE House (326. N. Jordan Ave). Students can RSVP online in the IU Transfer Student Facebook group or by email.

Ways First Year Students Can Connect with Indiana: The IU Cinema Presents "Hoosiers"
Your student is invited to see the film "Hoosiers" at the IU Cinema on Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30pm. This classic Indiana basketball film is a great way for them to connect to local history and culture. Additionally, the FYE office will provide free IU t-shirts for the first 100 students to arrive at the cinema! Students who would like to attend should RSVP online. This event is sponsored by ACE (Arts and Culture Experience).

Ways First Year Students Can Start Building Their Resumes
Spotlight on Careers: Getting Experiences
A Note from the Career Development Center
Students should think of their resumes as blank slates. It’s never too early to begin thinking about ways to build skills and experiences to make themselves marketable for internships, jobs, or graduate school applications. It doesn’t matter if a student's first part-time job or volunteer experience is unrelated to his or her future career; it will still build skills for the future! When your student gets experience, he or she is also developing professional networking contacts which will help throughout college (recommendation letters anyone?) and beyond.

There are many ways for students to get experience while in college. They can look for a part-time job or internship through myJobs, our online job database, which is found on our main website here. They can also find some great volunteering opportunities on the Bloomington Volunteer Network's website here. For individualized advice on getting experience and finding internships, encourage your student to stop by the Career Development Center for Drop-in Advising to meet with a career advisor.

Faculty Spotlight: Advice for First Year Parents
Being a parent of a first year student at IU has its joys and challenges. Read below for advice IU faculty and staff members have for parents of first year students!

Advice from Bruce Jacobs, IU Schools of Education and Public Health
"Think of your student's college experience as a triangle comprised of IU, you, and the student. Provide support for your angle but let your student decide!"

Advice from David Rubinstein, IU Kelley School of Business
"Be proud of your student! When your student gives his or her all, you give your all to him or her, and more!"

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.
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**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](mailto:mykidis@indiana.edu).