Greetings from the Office of First Year Experience Programs!
Welcome back to campus! January is a great time to start fresh with a few new resolutions for the semester ahead. Plan to be ambitious in your goals this term. Be challenged by new tasks, open to new relationships, and excited by new opportunities. Check out the information below for ways to embrace success in 2014.

Join the OTeam!
Are you interested in helping new IU students discover just how amazing it is to be a Hoosier? Watch this video to learn about how to join the OTeam!

Cross Items off your IU Bucket List!
January is a great time to complete a few items from the IU Bucket List.

- Relax near the fireplace in the IMU.
  - Winter is the perfect time of the year to warm up next to the IMU fireplace with a good book and some hot cocoa!
- Connect with a professor outside the classroom.
  - New classes often means new professors. Don't be afraid to introduce yourself!
- Paint your face for an IU Basketball game.
  - January 18th vs Northwestern @ 2:30pm

Join in on Campus and in BTown: 2014 MLK Day Activities!
Click here for a more comprehensive list of 2014 MLK Day Activities on the IU campus.
Trading Laces
Are you curious about the experiences of people from different backgrounds? Take the Trading Laces challenge and get ready to walk in someone else's shoes!

Unity Summit
Join in annual MLK small group discussions about diversity, discrimination, and advocacy at the Unity Summit on Monday, January 20 at 1:30pm in the IMU Alumni Hall! Entrance and lunch guaranteed for the first 300 participants.

Cover Bloomington MLK Day Service Project
Join the FASE Mentoring program, 21st Century Scholars, and the First United Church at the Interfaith Winter Shelter (2420 E Third St.) to feed and house homeless citizens of Monroe County on Monday, January 21 from 1:00 to 4:00pm. RSVP by contacting Melissa Wurster at mwurster@indiana.edu.

City of Bloomington Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration
Join keynote speaker Hank Thomas on Monday, January 20 at 7pm as he presents "A Freedom Rider's Journey" at the Buskirk-Chumley Theatre. For more details, visit The City of Bloomington.

Visit the IU Art Museum for 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? RSVP here to join us on Friday, February 7 at 7pm at the IU Art Museum for an exclusive night tour of the museum followed by delicious food!

Spotlight on Careers:
Why Students Shouldn't Declare A Major Right Away
A Note from the 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 you visit us for drop-in career advising, we can assess where you are in the career development process and provide tools to help you find a major that works for you.

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.
IU Transfer Student Facebook
Join the IU Transfer Student Facebook to connect with other transfer students! Be sure to watch for an invitation to the first Transfer Student Advisory Board meeting of the semester!