Greetings from the Office of First Year Experience Programs

Welcome to fall semester! Before Welcome Week becomes just a memory, be sure to check out this brief video and our pictures on Facebook and Instagram - feel free to tag yourself!

As your fall semester starts to gain momentum, don't forget that we will be around all year as a resource and support system for you! Each month you'll receive a copy of our electronic newsletter with campus and community events worth noting, as well as reminders, announcements, and general information important to your life as a Hoosier. Be sure to read each one to help you stay connected and "in the know" all year long. Below are ways to make the most of your September experience:

- FYEssentials
- Student Involvement Fair
- Football - Opening Weekend
- Arts and Culture Experience (ACE)
- Freshman Family Weekend
- IU Bucket List Featured Activity
FYEssentials
We have worked with offices and departments across campus to compile a list of programs and events for first year students (First Year Essentials). By attending and exploring these events, you will discover a variety of resources and venues for a complete First Year Experience. We do not want you to leave campus with “I wish I would have…” as part of your vocabulary. We encourage you to explore, belong and succeed by taking advantage of these identified programs. All students living in a residence hall received a copy of the FYEssentials calendar of events. FYEssentials also is available online here.

Student Involvement Fair
The Student Involvement Fair is an annual campus event that introduces you to the wealth of opportunities for your involvement both on and off campus. You will be able to meet with student organizations, local nonprofits with volunteer opportunities, and IU student support services.

The Fall Student Involvement Fair is on September 2 from 11am to 2:30pm in the Dunn Meadow. There will be prizes and giveaways so come ready to have some fun!

Football Opening Weekend
The Indiana University football season is just around the corner, and we have exciting events to help kick off the opening weekend. Check out these events:

- **Football Glow Run:**
  *September 4, 9pm at Memorial Stadium*
  Participate in this new tradition celebrating the start of college football season in Bloomington. This event includes a nighttime glow-in-the-dark run around the IU Athletics campus. Join us for a night filled with bright colors, running, and music! Register here.

- **Freshman Run-On:**
  *September 5, 3pm at the Football Practice Field*
  Bring your football ticket for the game to the practice field just north of Memorial Stadium at 3pm. YOU are invited to lead the IU Football team onto the field - a great experience and fun tradition just for new students. Be there with all your IU gear ready to show your IU Spirit!

Arts and Culture Experience (ACE)
Get the red carpet treatment with the ACE VIP Ticket Package. This ticket package is intended to encourage new Hoosiers to experience a cross-section of visual and performing arts. For just $40, you can experience a variety of world-class arts, such as opera, ballet, musical theater, film, drama, and art museums - an $85 value that shouldn't be missed! For more information about ACE, click here.
Freshman Family Weekend
Get ready to share YOUR Indiana University with your family. Freshman Family Weekend gives you a chance to show off your new world. Together you can explore IU's academic spaces, tour campus and downtown Bloomington, tailgate before an IU football game, cheer on the Hoosiers, and enjoy a leisurely brunch before saying good-bye. For more information and registration, click here.

The IU Bucket List: Your "Must Do at IU"
What have you accomplished on the official IU Bucket List so far? You can see the official list – suggested by students like you – at this link. Look for items such as these:

- Find your favorite ice cream parlor
- Hike around Griffy Lake
- Dip your feet in Showalter Fountain

This month's featured Bucket List item: Dance to International music at the Lotus World and Arts Festival. The Lotus Festival creates opportunities to experience, celebrate, and explore the diversity of the world's cultures through music and the arts. For more information and tickets, explore the Lotus Festival's website here.

Additional Resources
Visit the FYE events calendar for upcoming programs on campus and around Bloomington.

Still have questions? Check out the Online IU Resource Guide, a tool that provides links to services and information related to academic life, campus involvement, housing, health and wellness, transportation, and more.

And, as always, connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for announcements, ideas for getting involved, and insights from students who have been in your shoes.