Greetings from the Office of First Year Experience Programs!

By now, New Student Orientation may just be a fuzzy summer memory, but we have not forgotten about you or your student! To help keep you in touch with what is happening on campus and with your student, we invite you to explore this monthly newsletter. (And we’ve sent your student a similar one!) We hope to provide you with some tips and information as this transitional process continues.

What Your Student May Be Experiencing

While your student might be feeling inspired by all the opportunities that IU has to offer, he or she may also still be a bit nervous about being away from home and the process of adjusting to some place new. This is usually the time when some students start feeling homesick and may even feel left out of everyday family activities.

A great way to show your student that you care is to ask about his or her experience. Ask your student about getting involved, class, and meeting new people. Remind your student to be open-minded to new experiences and make good decisions. Although you may not be as close in proximity as you would like during your student’s time here at Indiana University, keep in mind that there are many offices and services available to help your student manage this transition.
National Honor Society Membership for Your Student

Did you know that if your student receives a GPA of 3.5 or higher their first semester at IUB, they may be eligible to join an honors society? Honor societies offer numerous opportunities for students to develop leadership skills and earn scholarships for outstanding accomplishments.

FOR FRESHMAN: **Phi Eta Sigma** is the nation’s oldest and largest honor society for first-year university students in all disciplines. Invitations will be sent to eligible freshman in spring 2015 with a formal induction into the society to follow. Learn more about Phi Eta Sigma member eligibility

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS: **Tau Sigma** is an honor society exclusively for transfer students from all disciplines. Invitations to join the IUB Tau Sigma Chapter will be sent to eligible first-year transfer students in early spring 2015. A formal induction into the society and opportunities to join the student executive leadership board will follow. Learn more about Tau Sigma member eligibility

Campus Safety Information

Keeping students safe is a primary concern for all of us at Indiana University. Here are a few resources to help ensure your student’s safety at IU.

- **Protect IU** - This IU website features current information about campus safety status, personal safety tips, campus emergency action plans, and who to contact in the event of a disaster.
- **IU Safety Escort** - Students don’t have to walk alone at night on campus. Our Safety Escort program is a free service available to all students and staff with a valid IU ID. Your student can call (812) 855-7233 for a ride.
- **Stop Sexual Violence** - Indiana University is committed to leading the fight against sexual violence. We encourage parents and students to get involved, learn more about policies and resources, and find the support you need. Together, we can end sexual violence on our campuses.

Freshman Family Weekend

Spend a beautiful fall weekend on the IU Bloomington campus. **Freshman Family Weekend** is designed so that students can share their IU experiences with their parents and families. The 2014 Freshman Family Weekend will be hosted November 7-9.

IU Resource Guide

As your student continues to settle in to campus, he or she might have questions about IU offices, policies, and procedures. The **Online IU Resource Guide** is full of helpful information related to academic life, campus involvement, housing, health and wellness, transportation, and more.

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.
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.