Greetings from the Office of First Year Experience Programs

Now that you have had a break from the move-in stress and semester-start rush, you may be wondering how and what your student is doing at Indiana University. To see for yourself what’s been happening on campus, check out this brief Welcome Week highlight video and our pictures on Facebook and Instagram. You may even see your Hoosier – or yourself! To keep you in touch with campus news and with our first year Hoosiers, we offer this monthly newsletter to both students and parents, each tailored to your needs. In this parent newsletter, we hope to provide tips, updates, and information throughout this initial year of transition. Below are ways to make the most of your September experience:

- Prize Package Winners
- Communication with Your Student
- Freshman Family Weekend
- FYEssentials
- Student Involvement Fair
- Football - Opening Weekend
- Arts and Culture Experience (ACE)

Prize Package Winners

Thank you to those who took the time to complete our New Student Orientation Guest Surveys. We have randomly selected the winners for the hotel prize package from all respondents. We are notifying the winners and will announce them on social media this week!
Communication with Your Student

There are no shortage of opinions regarding contact with your college student. The frequency, the duration, the type—a simple online search will yield more strategies, approaches, and attitudes than many people care to know. Yet the issue of communication warrants thought and intentionality as the relationship between family and student makes this natural transition. To give you some food for thought, we simply offer these articles:

- For parents, good communication is key when kids leave the nest
- New College Parents: It’s Time to Let Go, Here’s How.

We will also continue to post helpful resources for parents and families on our website "Resources" pages. Check back occasionally. Let us know how YOUR transition with your new Hoosier is going!

Freshman Family Weekend

Freshman Family Weekend gives freshman students an opportunity to share their new home with their families. 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 to register, click here.

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, students will discover a variety of resources and venues for a complete First Year Experience. We encourage students 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

Many family members ask about opportunities for involvement and getting connected with the campus. Urge your student to check out the Student Involvement Fair. Whether looking to have fun, build leadership, network, or just have something to do, students who attend this annual event will be introduced to the wealth of opportunities for becoming involved both on and off campus. Students 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 Dunn Meadow.
Football Opening Weekend

The Indiana University football season is just around the corner and we have exciting events for students to help kick off the opening weekend. Encourage your student to attend these events:

- **Football Glow Run:**
  **September 4, 9pm at Memorial Stadium**
  Students can 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. More information and registration can be found [here](#).

- **Freshman Run-On:**
  **September 5, 3pm at the Football Practice Field**
  The Class of 2019 is invited to lead the IU Football team out of the tunnel during the season opener against Southern Illinois! Students must have a ticket for the game to participate. To purchase tickets for your student, browse your options [here](#).

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**Arts and Culture Experience (ACE)**

Give your student 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, students 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](#).

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**Additional Resources**

Still have questions about IU? Check out the [Online IU Resource Guide](#), a tool that will provide you with helpful information related to academic life, campus involvement, housing, health and wellness, transportation, and more.

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.

And, as always, connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for announcements, ideas for getting involved, and insights from students.