Greetings from the Office of First Year Experience Programs

Spring is here! Your student is gearing up for the last full month of the academic year. In this month’s student newsletter, we educated first-year students on the Culture of Care initiative, career exploration, and the excitement involved around Little 500. Stay informed with these important topics for the month of April:

- A Hoosier Tradition: Little 500
- Student Welfare Initiative
- 2016 Student Employment Awareness Week
- FYEssentials
- Choices and Challenges
- Other Events Happening in April

A Hoosier Tradition: Little 500
The Little 500 week on IU’s campus begins on Saturday, April 9 and will culminate with the Women's Race on Friday, April 15 and the Men's Race on Saturday, April 16.

2015 Little 500 at Indiana University Video
Last year marked the 65th running of the Little 500 race. Learn more about this Hoosier tradition by watching this video of students sharing their experiences riding in the Little 500 races.

One Day in April
This documentary follows four teams as they train and compete in the Little 500 races. If your student is interested in this documentary, encourage them to check out the Ryder Theater’s
showing of One Day in April, along with a Q&A with the filmmaker, on April 8. Learn more about this event [here](#).

**Understanding University Policies**
Access information regarding University-wide public safety policies that apply to all Indiana University campuses. Students can refresh their knowledge of IU's Code Of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct. It is each student's responsibility to read and understand this code.

**Student Welfare Initiative**
Indiana University is committed to the safety and well-being of all members of the IU community—our students and our employees.

The Student Welfare Initiative is aimed at coordinating and intensifying efforts across the seven campuses administered by IU to prevent and respond to sexual assault and all forms of sexual violence and sexual misconduct and to support the safety and well-being of students. The initiative helps ensure IU's responsiveness to the federal laws, including Title IX and the Campus SaVE Act, which require institutions of higher education to take action to respond promptly and effectively to sexual violence and harassment, as well as to increase transparency, accountability and education on these issues. It aligns with the White House’s Not Alone initiative, a nationwide effort to raise awareness and take action against the pervasiveness of sexual assault on college campuses.

Read more about the Student Welfare Initiative, and the Student Welfare Statement, [here](#).

Indiana University Bloomington offers many programs and opportunities for students to learn, to lead, to connect, and to get involved. Check out the Culture of Care website to learn more about the programs offered to raise awareness in sexual well-being, drugs and alcohol, mental health, and respect.

**2016 Student Employment Awareness Week**
The IU Bloomington campus employs over 6,500 student employees each year through federal work study and other budgeted student employment resources. The IU Career Development Center promotes student employment as an educational factor in the personal and professional development of effective and productive citizens and as an economic factor in providing financial support for students in higher education. Many student employees pay for a significant portion of their college expenses through part-time employment opportunities, thus reducing the debt burden common among college graduates today. The Career Development Center recognizes student employees and their supervisors by sponsoring a week of activities during National Student Employment Awareness Week.

Urge your student to check out some of the Student Employment Awareness Week events below. For a full list of events, explore the Career Development Center's [website](#).
**Summer Jobs Fair** | Tuesday, April 12 | 1-4 PM
Talk to a variety of on-campus employers and off-campus employers (local Bloomington employers) about part-time job opportunities for the summer and possibly next fall.

**Student Employment Celebration** | Thursday, April 14 | Noon-2 PM | IMU Frangipani Room
All student employees and their employers/supervisors are invited to attend the Student Employment Celebration for free food!

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**FYEssentials**
By attending events included in the FYEssentials calendar, students will discover a variety of resources and venues for a complete First Year Experience. For the full list of FYEssentials spring events, click [here](#). Below are a few of the many events happening in April:

- **Weekly Asian Games Go and Mahjong**
  Friday, April 8
  Asian Culture Center, 4-7pm
- **Little 500 Women's Race**
  Friday, April 15
  Bill Armstrong Stadium
- **Little 500 Men's Race**
  Saturday, April 16
  Bill Armstrong Stadium
- **Noon Concert**
  Friday, April 22
  IU Art Museum, Noon

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**Choices and Challenges**
Who Am I? Where Am I Going? How Do I Get There? These are questions students have all asked at one time or another. The Career Development Center wants to help students answer those questions through the Choices & Challenges workshops!

Each session will tackle one of the three questions listed above. Students are welcome to attend one of them or all of them—the choice is theirs!

**Exploring Majors & Careers** | Tuesday, April 5 | 6-7 PM
**Building Your Resume** | Wednesday, April 6 | 6-7 PM
**Learning About Yourself** | Thursday, April 7 | 6-7 PM

Let the Career Development Center guide your student through the process of discovering their path to success! Students can log in to [MYjobs](#) and click on "Events" to learn more.
Other Events Happening in April
There is a lot happening in the month of April. Here is just a sample of events students should check out in their spare time:

**Culture of Care Week** | April 4-8
Culture of Care representatives will be available at various locations around campus from 10am-2pm every day to give away tanks and other cool merchandise! In the evenings, students are invited to attend discussions, film screenings, speakers, and activities pertaining to safety and inclusion on IU's campus. Go to Culture of Care’s Facebook Page for more information about the upcoming events.

**Culture Shock** | Saturday, April 9 | 1-10 PM | Dunn Meadow
WIUX is hosting the annual Culture Shock music fest on April 9th! This event is free and open to the public. Food, drinks, and merchandise will be available for purchase. Students can check out the band line up [here](#).

**IU Art Museum’s Big Birthday Bash** | Tuesday, April 12 | 5-9 PM | IU Art Museum
The IU Art Museum is celebrating their 75th birthday with dancing, live music, ice cream, and more!

**IU Day** | Tuesday, April 12 | All Day | Anywhere
Celebrate the first-ever IU Day with people from all over the globe! Explore the [IU Day website](#) for ideas on how you and your student can celebrate.

Quick Notes
In the student newsletter, we also reminded students about:

**Register to Vote** | Deadline: April 4
To vote in Indiana, register [here](#) by April 4 to be able to vote for the May 3rd Primary Elections. For all states, they can go to [Rock the Vote](#). Be heard!

**Fall Course Registration** | April
Course registration for the fall semester takes place in April. Students can access their enrollment date in their Student Center on [One.IU](#). They should meet with their academic advisor to prepare for scheduling their fall courses. For advice in preparing for course registration, read through the [University Division](#) website.

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.
Do you feel in the know about campus issues and safety? You can see updated news and resources at Protect IU and on Facebook.

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 an email to mykidis@indiana.edu.