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 at IU Bloomington. 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 2015.

Winter Involvement Fair and Other Welcome Back Activities

Join other students in some of the Winter Welcome Events this week. Ice Skating in Dunn Meadow? Check. Yoga, movies, bowling? Check. And, of course; attend the Winter Involvement Fair on January 15 from 6pm-8:30pm in the Alumni Hall of the Indiana Memorial Union. You have a semester behind you – now’s the time to take the next involvement step at IU! Be sure to also explore MyInvolvement online for access to all of the student organizations at IU. It's time for you to find your niche at IU!

Join in on 2015 MLK Day Activities

It's a Day On - Not a Day Off. Click here for a more comprehensive list of 2015 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
Participate in the annual MLK Day small group discussions about diversity, discrimination, and advocacy at the Unity Summit on Monday, January 19 at 12:30pm in the IMU Alumni Hall! Entrance and lunch are guaranteed for the first 300 participants.

**Justice?: An Emergent Theatre Project inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**
This emergent theater project brings together diverse students, both undergraduate and graduate, from Indiana University Bloomington as well as students from Ivy Tech Bloomington. Student participants explore issues of diversity, identity, social justice, and multiculturalism through weekly educational workshops and master classes by guest artists, staff, and faculty. The Office of the Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs presents Justice? on Sunday, January 18 at 4pm at the Indiana Memorial Union, Whittenberger Auditorium.

**City of Bloomington Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration**
Join keynote speaker Bennett Singer on Monday, January 19 at 7pm as he presents "One Human Family" at the Buskirk-Chumley Theatre. For more details, visit The City of Bloomington by clicking the link above.

**Join the Legacy: Be a Part of the 2015 Orientation Team**
Want to stay in Bloomington this summer? Looking for a way to get connected on campus? The Orientation Team (OTeam) consists of current IU students motivated to help incoming new students make a successful transition to IU Bloomington. We are very interested in including the transfer student perspective in our orientation programs – help us make NSO even more relevant for future transfer students. Learn more about our positions and call-out meetings here.

**Winter Part-Time Jobs Fair**
Looking for a part-time job during spring semester? On-campus and local Bloomington employers will be looking for employees at the Winter Part-Time Jobs Fair on Wednesday, January 28th from 2-4pm in the Frangipani Room of the Indiana Memorial Union. This fair is open to all IUB students - including students with Federal Work Study Authorization and any student looking to make some extra money! Bring your student ID for a speedy check-in.

**Complete Your FAFSA for 2015-2016 Academic Year**
The FAFSA will become available on January 1 and must be filed by March 10 for the 2015-2016 academic year. Need help filing your FAFSA? Consider attending College Goal Sunday on February 22nd. Learn more about College Goal Sunday here. Student Central is your on campus resource for FAFSA questions. You can find Student Central’s contact information here.

**How to Get Into Grad School Part 3: Interviewing**
Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 6:00-7:30pm, Career Development Center
Most grad schools require an interview in their selection process. You may encounter a variety of
Interview types, such as a group interview, but no need to fear! This session will prepare you for everything you need to know. You can practice your interviewing skills with us and we'll offer tips and advice to aid in your application process. This is one workshop you don’t want to miss!

IU Bucket List

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:

- Hear a lecture or see a show at the IU Auditorium
- Relax near the fireplace in the IMU
- Attend an African American Art Institute event

This month’s featured Bucket List item: Support the local arts at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater. The Buskirk-Chumley Theater presents many events ranging from local arts to key note speakers and many more. The Buskirk-Chumley Theater will host the 2015 City of Bloomington Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration on January 19 at 6pm. Explore Buskirk-Chumley Theater's events here.

Additional Resources

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

Still have questions about IU offices, policies, and procedures? Want to learn more about living in Bloomington, achieving academic success, getting involved and staying connected? Check out the Online IU Resource Guide, a tool to help you sort through the many questions you may have throughout your time at IU that will provide you helpful information related to academic life, campus involvement, housing, health and wellness, transportation, and more.

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