Greetings from the Office of First Year Experience Programs

The spring semester is officially underway. As you find your rhythm for classes and social activities, make it a goal to venture beyond your normal schedule and explore other programs and events offered on the IUB campus. This is a leap year—you can take advantage of the extra day in February by attending some of the events listed in this month's newsletter:

- Celebrating Love and Friendship
- Choices and Challenges
- Tau Sigma Honor Society
- FYEssentials
- Student Central
- Thinking Ahead

Celebrating Love and Friendship
Valentine's Day is right around the corner. Are you looking for date ideas or things to do with friends for the holiday? Here are some ideas to make your Valentine's Day a success:

- Check out the weekly Union Board Film. These films are free to students with a student ID and cost only $2 for non-students. Showings take place in the Indiana Memorial Union Whittenberger Auditorium from Thursday through Friday at 8pm and 11pm. Check back here the week you would like to attend for the featured title.
- Go bowling at the IMU Back Alley. Check out the Valentine's Day special here.
- Explore Brown County. From outdoor activities to local shops, Brown County has a lot to offer.
• Attend a show or an arts event on campus:
  o Pat McAfee - The I-69 Tour
  o Watch a movie at the IU Cinema
  o Cosi fan Tutte
  o Macbeth
  o Explore the IU Art Museum

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**Choices and Challenges**

Who am I? Where am I going? How do I get there? These are important questions to ask when choosing a major and career. Below are workshops provided by the Career Development Center to help you navigate these questions. All workshops will take place in the Career Development Center, located at 625 N. Jordan Ave.

**Who am I?**

It's a question everyone asks at one point or another! This workshop will give you the tools you need to learn all about who you are and how to leverage yourself in order to pursue a major and career you'll love. You'll learn about all the different self-assessment instruments available to you through the Career Development Center and how they position you to handle the BIG questions.

- **Tuesday, Feb. 2:** 6-7pm
- **Wednesday, Mar. 2:** 6-7pm
- **Thursday, Apr. 7:** 6-7pm

**Where am I going?**

What should I major in? Do I need to choose a career path already? In this workshop you will learn how to explore majors & careers so you can make the best choices possible.

- **Wednesday, Feb. 3:** 6-7pm
- **Thursday, Mar. 3:** 6-7pm
- **Tuesday, Apr. 5:** 6-7pm

**How do I get there?**

This workshop will teach you how to find valuable opportunities along the way and how to put together a great resume!

- **Thursday, Feb. 4:** 6-7pm
- **Tuesday, Mar. 1:** 6-7pm
- **Wednesday, Apr. 6:** 6-7pm

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**Tau Sigma Honor Society**

Those who are eligible for the Tau Sigma Honor Society were notified last week about the awesome opportunity to expand leadership skills, seek out scholarships, and help develop programming that supports new transfer students as they transition to IU-Bloomington. Visit our [website](#) for more information on what Tau Sigma is all about and how to know if you are eligible. Eligible students must accept their nomination by **February 10**.
FYEssentials
By attending events included in the FYEssentials calendar, you will discover a variety of resources and venues for a complete First Year Experience at IU Bloomington. For the complete list of FYEssentials spring events, click here. Below are a few of the many events happening in February:

- **Emerging Leaders Retreat**
  Saturday, February 6
  IMU, 10:30am-5:30pm
  RSVP here by February 3.
- **Monday Motivators: Think Happy!**
  Monday, February 15
  Wells Library E159, 5pm
- **FAFSA Help Sessions**
  February 16 and 17
  La Casa, 7-9pm
- **Back on Board with Athlete Greg Louganis**
  Monday, February 29
  IU Cinema, 7pm

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**Student Central – Get Answers. Fast.**
For questions about financial aid, your student account, or your class schedule, Student Central is excited to announce the following:

- Extended telephone hours. Call (812) 855-6500. Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-6:45pm; Friday: 9am-6:45pm (EST).
- A new self-service feature, available 24/7. At studentcentral.indiana.edu, look for the “Question? Ask Student Central” textbox and type in your question for a “best answer,” links that are relevant to your question, and other topics that relate to your question. Also, look for the 10 most frequently-asked questions and their answers on the right-hand side of the screen.

Student Central is dedicated to making sure you are well-informed and can get answers to your questions at any time of day.
Thinking Ahead
The semester is already in full swing and will fly by before you know it. Think ahead to opportunities; plan ahead so you can take advantage of them. To start:

**Alternative Spring Break:** With spring break a little over a month away, start to make plans now. Think outside the box for your spring break options. Click here for some alternative break experiences.

**Welcome Week Assistants 2016:** Think about applying for a Welcome Week Assistant position. WWAs get to move back to campus early, welcome and help new students, plan and participate in some great events, and have a great time doing it! While living on campus is convenient for this position, it is not required. Learn more about Welcome Week and WWAs here.

**IU Day:** It’s the first-ever IU Day for all those who love IU! Save the date for this 24-hour celebration of IU on April 12. Learn more here.

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**Quick Notes**

**Important dates:** Below we provide a couple of dates to note. For a list of important academic dates, visit studentcentral.indiana.edu.

- **FAFSA Due** - March 10
- **Spring Break** - March 12 (after last class)–20
- **Residence Centers close for Spring Break:** March 12, 10am

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**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:

- Experience an opera at the Musical Arts Center
- Request and read an old manuscript in the Lilly Library
- Ask a librarian at Wells Library for help with a research project

This month’s featured Bucket List item: **Kiss someone special in the Rose Well House at midnight.** One of IU’s most romantic traditions takes place in the 100-year-old Rose Well House. It is said that a woman is not a true college "coed" until she is kissed at midnight under the dome on the House. This tradition has since evolved—today students often propose or even get married at the Rose Well House.
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.