

News You Can Use

December 12th, 2008



Legend has it that the Wells library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building. (Make sure to head to the library so all of finals studying can "sink in"! ☺)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009 Union Board Student Directors!

Every year is a special experience for the 16 student members of the Indiana Memorial Union Board but 2009 also marks the 100th anniversary of Union Board's creation. Please help us welcome the 2009 Union Board:

Justine Carlotta
Brian Holthouse
Caitlyn Kuhs
Nicole O'Neal
Jasmine Starks
Anna Williams

Tyler Coward
Brandon Deandre Johnson
Audree Notoras
Robby Racette
Nicole St. Pierre

Andrew Dahlen
Hanna Kinkead
Faz Mahmud
Julie Singer
Caitlin Van Kooten

The 2009 Board start their training on Tuesday, Dec 9 and officially begin their term on January 24, 2009.

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1) Volunteer Opportunities

APPLY TO BE AN A.C.E.

Are you passionate about community service, leadership, and advocacy? Do you want a job that makes a difference?

Apply to be an ACE! The Advocates for Community Engagement (ACEs) are IU undergraduates who serve as liaisons between service-learning students and local non-profits. Through the support of paid undergraduate assistantships with the Office of Service-Learning, each ACE serves with a specific agency for at least two semesters. New ACEs will have the opportunity to take a 3-credit course required for participation in the program in the Spring of 2010, L306: From Local to Global. The ACE program also provides leadership development and a campus community of peers for students of diverse backgrounds who have a common commitment to service.

Open positions include (but are not limited to): My Sister's Closet, Boys and Girls Club, Hilltop Garden and Nature Center, Volunteers In Medicine, and Headstart.

To learn more or to apply on-line, visit <http://www.indiana.edu/~copsl/aces.shtml>.
Deadline for applications: **February 20th, 2009**

Children's Holiday Wish Program

Help every child in the Bloomington community look forward to the joy and magic of the holiday season by supporting the Children's Holiday Wish Program. We will send you a child's holiday wish list and you can make their holiday wishes come true! Thank you so much for your help and we look forward to working with you! Sponsored by the Volunteer Students Bureau at Indiana University.

To become a sponsor, please e-mail us at bhargava@indiana.edu or vsb@indiana.edu.

Volunteer Opportunity of the Week:

Sponsored by the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network. To subscribe to CBVN's weekly email updates on volunteer opportunities, visit www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer.

Tutors Needed for High School Students

Math and English tutors are needed for the Math Matters program during Spring semester at Bloomington North and South High Schools. Volunteers will be expected to choose a consistent weekly schedule, for a portion of each time session. Tutoring at Bloomington South is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tutoring at Bloomington North is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:40 to - 4:15 p.m. Volunteers must be current college students majoring in either a Math, Science, or English based field of study. Access to a vehicle is a plus, but not necessary as bus lines run past both high schools. Please contact Diana Schmalzried at (812) 856-8244 or dschmalz@indiana.edu. (www.mccsc.edu/~earlycollege)

2) Upcoming Events

Who: Volunteer Students Bureau

What: Panda Express Fundaiser

Where: Panda Express on Kirkwood Avenue

When: Friday, December 12th 11:00am – 9:30pm

Why: We are trying to raise money to support our events and your participation is greatly needed! Our goal is to raise \$1000 and 20% of your purchase will be donated to the Volunteer Students Bureau (VSB) when you submit the flyer that VSB representatives will be handing out at the door. If you're tired of eating dorm food, please come out with friends for some GOURMET CHINESE FOOD at Panda Express on Friday and help support the Volunteer Students Bureau! Here's the link to their menu if you want to take a look on what they have before you go: <http://www.pandaexpress.com/>

For more info: vsb@indiana.edu

Who: IU Ski & Snowboard Club

What: 2008 Rail Jam Demo!!

Where: Dunn Meadow

When: Saturday, December 13th @ 5:00pm

Why: Come check out the Paoli Peaks Park staff hit some rails while DJ Zeke lays down the beat. Tons of FREE snow gear will be raffle off. Tickets are FREE! Sponsors include: Quicksilver, Vitamin Water,

Grenade, Paoli Peaks, Jordin Ski, Flow Snowboarding, Haley's, and EA Sports will also have a tent at the event.

Who: Indiana University Circle of Life

What: Indiana University Mini Marathon and 5k

When: April 4, 2009

Why: Proceeds from the race go to an endowment fund at the Indiana University Foundation established to grant scholarships, the Bill Z Littlefield Scholarship for Survivors, to young cancer survivors to help support their dreams of attending one of the eight Indiana University campuses. Participants and donors have a unique opportunity to impact in the life of a young man or woman who has survived cancer, sometimes with huge medical debt, and desires the privilege of a college education.

For more info: Heather Flannagan, hmflanna@indiana.edu

3) Cultural News

INTERNATIONAL CENTER

End of Semester

The fall semester is coming to an end and students are finishing their school projects and preparing for exams as well as looking forward to the winter break. The IC wishes everyone success with final exams and looks forward to your participation in our programs next semester. Happy Holidays!

Winter Break Activities at the IC

The IC has planned the following activities for those you are staying in town for the winter break and would like to get together socially:

--Holiday Gathering--Monday, December 22nd, 12:30 p.m.

You are invited to join us for a holiday social gathering. Enjoy seasonal music, fun activities, and delicious food while making new friends as we celebrate the holiday season. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP to intlcent@indiana.edu by Friday, December 21st, you plan to attend.

--Movie/Pizza Night--Tuesday, December 30th, 7:00 p.m.

We will be showing a comedy entitled "RV" which centers on a family's attempt to get away from the everyday routine to experience a quality vacation together. The many situations they encountered during the trip are comical and very entertaining. Reserve your seat by emailing intlcent@indiana.edu by Friday, December 26th.

ASIAN CULTURAL CENTER

APIA U 101 is coming to IU February 7!

Limited to a number of 60 participants only and it's free! You do not have to be a member of any Asian student groups on campus to join. So check your calendars and reserve a spot now by emailing Mai-Lin Poon at acc@indiana.edu. Open to all APA college students in Indiana and nearby campuses outside of Indiana.

FIRST NATIONS EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL CENTER

Study Tables

December 15, 2008 from 3-9 pm at the FNECC (Eigenmann Hall 601)
Study tables are designed to provide a quiet atmosphere conducive to studying. Peer student is on hand to assist with studying, answer questions, and generally role model and support good study habits. For more information on other academic support services see
<http://www.indiana.edu/~acadsupp/ASChome.shtml>.

LA CASA

December 12th ~ Christmas Matins; 17TH & 18th century music from Latin American Cathedrals

Family Matinee/Rose Firebay (John Waldron Arts Center), Bloomington IN, December 7th 2:00 p.m.
122 S. Walnut Street, Bloomington. United Methodist Church of Bloomington, December 12th 7:00 p.m.
219 E 4th St, Bloomington

A Christmas Matins celebration is offered by the early music ensemble Fenix De Los Ingenios with guest director Egberto Bermudez, Colombian musicologist and early music scholar. This program will feature vocal and instrumental Christmas pieces from several Latin American Cathedrals. Fenix De Los Ingenios is a bloomington-based ensemble that specializes in Iberian American early music. Fenix will be joined by six guest artists; Angeliqe Zuluaga, Colleen Hughes, sopranos, Armee Hong and Daniel Stein, violins, Juan Carlos Arango, Bajon, Erica Rubis, Baroque cello, Bernard Gordillo, organ and Baroque guitarist and invited director, Egberto Bermudez. This program includes works by Rafael Castellanos, Roque Ceruti, Jose Francisco Velazquez, Tomas Torrejon y Velasco and Jose Cascante.

4) Additional Opportunities

Participate In a History Making Event!

January 19th Roundtrip Bus To Inauguration Parade - \$185

Catch-A-Ride transportation service, Indiana University's premier bus service, is making it easy and affordable for students/faculty/community who wants to attend the history making inaugural parade for Barak Obama to witness and participate in this groundbreaking event - firsthand! Round trip tickets for the January 19th, 5:00pm departure are just \$185. Seats are limited. Book yours today!

Note: This is a round trip service with no hotel stay. Bus arrives the morning of the inauguration parade and departs on its return trip to Indiana University at 8:00 pm the same day.

Depart: Jan. 19, 2009 - 5:00 pm - Memorial Union, Indiana University
Arrive: Jan. 20, 2009 5:00 am - Maryland Metro Station/Washington DC Metro Station
Depart: Jan. 20, 2009 - 8:00 pm - Washington DC Metro Station/Maryland Metro Station
Arrive: Jan. 21, 2009 - 8:00 am - Memorial Union, Indiana University

Stopovers for food and beverages will occur in route and snacks will be available on the bus.
Book tickets and view details online at www.catcharide.com or call (866) 622-8242

Hello IU Student Groups, Greek Organizations, and Academic Departments!

Please join us for the **GREATEST** event taking place on Martin Luther King's Birthday (your day off of school, EVERYONE's day on for service):

The Hoosier Hills Food Bank Block Walk Challenge!!!
Monday, January 19, 2009

Sign up a team from your organization and TAKE THE CHALLENGE. Put your team to the test!!! Set up food drive barrels, collect from your classmates and neighbors, organize a fundraiser and buy the food, or choose a BLOCK and WALK door to door asking for food. However you get your food is up to you!

Join us on MLK Day (January 19) for a culminating celebration with all organizations involved to celebrate MLK's life, discuss hunger in Bloomington, and weigh in all the food. The team with the greatest amount of food collected (based on pounds) will win an award, media recognition, and a picture on our Block Walk Wall of Fame!! This event is an incredible philanthropic opportunity to rally your fraternity, sorority, or student group, and advocate for those in need on this historic day of service! If you are interested in joining this INCREDIBLE event, **SIGN UP NOW!**

Reply to this email (volunteer@hhfoodbank.org) or email our ACE, Jenn Jameson at jamesonj@indiana.edu.

A Day ON, Not a Day Off

My name is Shawna Meyer from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington Main Unit. Every year we celebrate MLK Jr. Day as a Day ON, Not a Day Off. Our facility is open for our Members (ages 6-18) to be educated on the many accomplishments of MLK Jr. himself, as well as learning to accept and appreciate diversity. If you would be interested in serving more than 150 of our local community children and families this MLK Jr. Day please let me know! Groups/volunteers can set up programs, run arts & crafts, create and implement activities, play basketball with the kids, or so much more! This event is a great opportunity for students and groups alike to educate, interact, and enjoy diversity. Our kids are deserving of such great skills and input that the IU community has to offer. Please let me know of your interest as soon as possible so that I can plan accordingly! Thank you!

Shawna Meyer-Niederman
Program Director
Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington
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Hoosiers for Higher Education (HHE)

- ** Do you value your IU education and want future employers and graduate schools to value it, too?
- ** Are your textbooks too expensive?
- ** Do you want to help IU further its status as a world class university?
- ** Would you like to share your IU experience and speak with the people who represent you in the Statehouse?

HOOSIERS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (HHE) is a grassroots advocacy organization that is sponsored by the IU Alumni Association and works in conjunction with the Office of the Vice President of Public Affairs and Government Relations. Our primary goal is to engage our members to connect with state and federal legislators about the importance of supporting funding and policies that will ensure that IU continues to be a premiere international teaching and research institution.

Our members are alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents, friends of IU, and anyone who cares about the future of higher education in Indiana. Membership is FREE, and members also receive an invitation to **HHE's 18th Annual Statehouse Visit in Indianapolis on February 17, 2009.** Make your voice heard!

Students of ALL majors can make a significant contribution just by signing up for free membership. Sign up today at www.gov.indiana.edu/hhe, and ensure that IU remains an integral part of Indiana's future.

IUSA Diversity Calendar

Finding it hard to keep up with all of the diversity events on campus? IUSA has the answer! The IUSA department of Diversity has a blog for student groups to interact and share events with other groups and students on campus. So, you'll never be left out of the loop! This blog is open to all students and campus groups. Visit the blog at iusadiversity.blogspot.com and join in on the conversation. Email iusa.diversity@gmail.com or contact the Director of Diversity, RJ Campbell at rajcampb@indiana.edu with questions or concerns.

Volunteer Abroad, Be Part of Global Problem Solving Unite For Sight: Recruiting and Training New Leaders in Global Health

<http://www.uniteforsight.org/volunteer-abroad>

Unite For Sight has been featured weekly on CNN International and in The New York Times
Unite For Sight engages, inspires, and trains volunteers to support and assist eye clinics globally. Volunteers receive hands-on training in international community-based eye care, public health, and international development, and while immersed in effective Unite For Sight programs, they gain skills to become new leaders in global health dedicated to creating lasting solutions. Unite For Sight's programs also demonstrate the highest standards in social entrepreneurship.

Contact: volunteers@uniteforsight.org, <http://www.uniteforsight.org/volunteer-abroad>

IMU Facility Use Grant

Thinking of hosting your next event in the Indiana Memorial Union? The IMU wants to help!

The Indiana Memorial Union has established a financial support grant opportunity for registered student organizations of Indiana University – Bloomington. This grant is designed specifically for financial assistance when a student organization hosts an event at the IMU. The IMU is accepting applications now for events occurring after January 12, 2009.

Got questions?

Contact IMU Activities and Events office at (812) 855-4682.

ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT TO GET YOUR MLK DAY VOLUNTEER PROJECT FUNDED WITH \$\$\$

\$21,000 in funding available for MLK Day Service Projects! – *Deadline: December 12, 2008*

Does your organization have a service project in the works? Get funded! Project proposals are due Dec. 12, 2008. Apply online now at www.bloomington.in.gov/mlk.

The City of Bloomington Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission is excited to announce that it has received grants of \$12,000 from the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County and \$9,000 from Service for Peace for MLK service projects. If your organization is considering proposing an MLK "A Day On, Not A Day Off" service project (January 19, 2009), funding is available! Tell us what you would like to do by filling out the online project proposal form. Collaborations between organizations and between organizations and the schools are encouraged. View volunteer projects already submitted [here](#).

Questions can be directed to Craig Brenner, Special Projects Coordinator at 349-3471 or brennerc@bloomington.in.gov or the Volunteer Network at 349-3472 or volunteer@bloomington.in.gov.

ORGANIZE THE HOPE

2009 Great Lakes Regional Conference

February 20-22, Chicago

This victory alone is not the change we seek - it is only the chance for us to make that change. And that cannot happen if we go back to the way things were. It cannot happen without you, without a new spirit of service, a new spirit of sacrifice.
-President-elect Barack Obama, Chicago's Grant Park, November 4, 2008

The Organize the Hope Great Lakes Regional Conference will bring together students from around the region to:

- * learn organizing tools and fresh ideas for campus activism
- * get tips on how to effectively use the media to publicize your issue
- * have an opportunity to collaborate with other student activists
- * take part in the creation of the ³Organize the Hope Fellowship² for student activists

All expenses paid in Chicago by the American Friends Service Committee. Participants will need to fund their way to Chicago.

TO APPLY, CONTACT ANNA AT ASPRINGER@AFSC.ORG or AT 312.427.2533 ext. 25.
APPLICATION DEADLINE JANUARY 16, 2009.

Sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization that includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace and humanitarian service. Its work is based on the belief in the worth of every person and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice.

2009 IMPACT Conference

Date: March 6-8

Location: University of Maryland, University College

Website: www.impactconference.org

The IMPACT Conference is historically the largest convening in the country of campus community members involved in service, activism, politics, advocacy, and other socially responsible work across philosophical and ideological lines. This event builds on the legacy set forth by the COOL Conference and the Idealist Campus Conference, spanning an incredible 24-year history.

The conference is the one time during the year that college students, nonprofit professionals, campus administrators, and year of service members meet together to share their experiences, stories, and resources in their work for social change. Conference attendees gather across philosophies, ideologies, issues, geography, and approaches to social change -- it is, indeed, a unique collection of young people and the professional staff who support them!

"Student Activities"- the Office for Student Organizations and Leadership Development
Indiana Memorial Union room 371

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