



News You Can Use

March 6th, 2009

“Find a purpose in life so big it will challenge every capacity to be at your best.”

~David O. McKay

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Student Organization Celebration



Award Information

*All Indiana University student organizations are invited to attend the Student Organization Celebration to recognize the achievements of all the organizations over the past year. Award nominations forms can be picked up in the Student Activities or requested to sao@indiana.edu. The nomination form is **due March 13th** to the Student Activities Office or through email to sao@indiana.edu.*

1) 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.

WonderGarden Work Days

March 7, March 21, April 1, April 17

Do you like to work outdoors, digging, cutting, raking, shoveling, pulling weeds and planting? If you do, WonderLab Museum of Science, Health & Technology has a gardening project for you! They provide snacks and

gloves (or BYO) and Bloomington Master Gardeners provide the expertise. Wear dirt-friendly shoes and clothes. Volunteers are also needed in the museum, encouraging visitors of all ages to explore hands-on exhibits and programs. A background in science is not necessary. Minimum age is 13. New volunteer trainings will be March 11, May 13 and June 7.

[Read more or register to volunteer here.](#)

Spring Break Volunteer Opportunity

"Looking for something meaningful and free to do this spring break? Help local agencies "fill the gap" by volunteering here in Bloomington! Visit the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network at http://volunteer.united-e-way.org/cobvn/org/opp/medallions/?medallion_id=10308317181 for more information."

2) Leadership Opportunities of the Week:

Pictures, Videos, & YOUR VOICES are needed for the 2009 Student Organization Celebration Video

The Student Organization Celebration planning committee is now collecting pictures and videos from 2008 that highlight the 600+ student organizations on campus. We are looking for photos and videos that represent your organization and that would be recognizable as your organization to the viewers. We are also asking for students, faculty and advisors to volunteer to be videotaped speaking about their experiences, accomplishments and overall feelings from 2008 about student organizations.

All material is due by Friday, March 27, 2009 at 5pm.

**Please note that files must be original files and that files gathered from Facebook cannot be accepted as the quality of this material is not usable. Also, hard copy material will not be returned.*

For more info: celebration.video.2009@gmail.com

3) Upcoming Events

Who: Native American Graduate Student Association and Native American Community Center of Bloomington, Inc.

What: 4th Annual Native Film Series

Where: Buskirk - Chumley Theatre

When: Sunday, March 8th

2:00 PM: Edge of America (family-friendly)

4:00 PM: Homelands (family-friendly)

6:00 PM: Four Sheets to the Wind (rated R)

7:30 PM: Q&A with Sterlin Harjo

9:00 PM: Imprint

10:30 PM: Unnatural & Accidental (mature audiences only)

For more info: please contact nagsa@indiana.edu

Sponsored by: Native American Community Center of Bloomington, Indiana University Student Association, First Nations Educational & Cultural Center, American Indian Student Association at IUB, the Buskirk-Chumley Theatre

Who: Student Alumni Association

What: Attendees will be served a 5-course meal and will be required to wear formal business attire.

When: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Why: The Student Alumni Association is sponsoring an etiquette dinner where you will learn the Dos and Don'ts of attending a formal dinner. These dining tutorials hosted by Audrey Beckley include instruction on formal-dining skills. Mrs. Beckley is the former first lady of the IU Alumni Association and a wonderful hostess. She offers firsthand experience and instruction in a comfortable learning environment. The program introduces students to the proper way to present themselves professionally, greet others, socialize, and dine during a job interview, business meeting, or formal affair.

How: Spots are limited so sign up soon! Go to <https://alumni.indiana.edu/reserve/index.php?r=53> to register and reserve your spot! Being an SAA member allows you to attend this event for FREE! Non-members may attend for \$15, which includes an SAA membership, discount card, and t-shirt!

Who: Theta Nu Xi and NAACP

What: Third annual **Take ONE Multicultural Talent Competition**

Where: Willkie Auditorium

When: Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Why: The talent show will take place on as part of *Thetalicious*, Theta Nu Xi's week of events. We are asking for acts that are demonstrative of a particular culture or subculture and will be entertaining to the audience. This could include, but is not limited to, dancing, singing, acting, spoken word, etc. Contestants will be competing for prizes in two categories, Group Performance and Individual Performance, so please indicate which one best describes your act on your registration form.

Click [HERE](#) for the registration form. Please fill out and e-mail to tnx@indiana.edu.

All forms must be received **NO LATER THAN MARCH 9**, but the earlier the better!

What: **Student Organization Celebration Award Nominations!**

Where: Alumni Hall, IMU

When: April 15th, 2009 6:30 - 8:30 pm; **nominations due 3/13/09**

Why: All Indiana University student organizations are invited to attend the Student Organization Celebration to recognize the achievements of all the organizations over the past year. This is also a chance to recognize outstanding organizations in our community. Let's celebrate the great things Indiana University Student Organizations do!

There are 5 Award Categories for ALL organizations to apply for to be recognized at the Celebration. The categories are Leadership Development, Diversity, Civic Engagement, Collaboration, and Up and Coming Organization. The nomination form is attached and is due March 13th to the Student Activities Office or through email to sao@indiana.edu.

Who: **The Office of the Provost and the Indiana University Diversity Committee**

What: First Annual Campus-wide Conversation on Diversity- Theme: "Diversity is bigger than you think"

Where: Whittenberger Auditorium, IMU

When: Wednesday, March 25th, 7 pm

Why: Keynote Speaker/Poet: **Professor Rita Dove**, two-term Poet Laureate of the United States and Pulitzer Prize-Winning Poet. Please join us and hear Professor Dove's second reading from her new book of poetry titled "Sonata Mulattica" - interspersed with remarks that focus upon diversity.* Professor Dove won the Pulitzer Prize in 1987 for her acclaimed poetry collection *Thomas and Beulah*, making her the second African American poet (after Gwendolyn Brooks in 1950) to receive the prestigious prize. Rita Dove is Commonwealth Professor of English at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

For more info: calloway@indiana.edu

4) Cultural News

Asian Cultural Center

Asian Cultures Around Campus presents "Holi Festival"

When: Wednesday, March 11 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: ACC, 807 E. 10th Street

Description: Come and celebrate the Indian festival of Holi with IU Asian Culture Center. Holi is a festival marking the end of winter, the coming of spring, and the Season of Love. Color is a sign of happiness and goodwill and therefore frolicking in colors is absolutely necessary. Showers of colored powder are thrown all around and everybody is welcome to join in the fun.

La Casa Latino Culture Center

La Operación (1982)

When: March 6th, 2:00 pm at La Casa (715 E. 7th Street)

Description: Women's History Month Lecture Series Presents: Free Screening of La Operación (1982). A documentary about the sterilization of women in Puerto Rico. This film is followed by a presentation by Professor Iris López, author of the book titled, *Matters of Choice: Puerto Rican Women's Struggle for Reproductive Freedom*. This event is sponsored by Latino Studies and the Office of Women's Affairs

Theta Chapter's 20th Anniversary

When: March 7th All Night! At the KRC Banquet Hall

Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc., Theta Chapter Week of events. For more information contact jdshorts@indiana.edu

International Cultural Center

Celebrating 50 Years!

When: Friday, March 6th 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Where: International Center

This month, the International Center marks 50 years as a venue to U.S. and international student activities. As part of this happy occasion and as a celebration of this relationship with our students, the program will include a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new office suite dedicated to the international student group leaders. Tours of the office space will be given and refreshments will be served.

For more info: (www.indiana.edu/~intlsvy) for an interesting time line of the International Center's history.

First Nations Educational and Cultural Center

Gender Construction: Resurgence of Third Gender as Two-Spirit

When: April 1, 2009

Wesley Thomas is set to come to Ball State University on April 1, 2009. Here is the background: Dr. Thomas is a citizen of the Navajo Nation and Two Spirit (member of the Native American GLBT community). He is an Academic Dean in the Division of Humanities and Social & Behavioral Sciences at Dine' College, a tribal college, in Tsaile, Arizona. He received his PhD in Anthropology from the University of WA in Seattle. His research focuses on Men's studies, GLBT and Two Spirit/Third Gender issues. The title of his talk for BSU is Native American Gender Construction: Resurgence of Third Gender as Two-Spirit. His talk is scheduled for 1 April, 7 PM in Bracken Forum Room, BL 225. For more information contact Dr. Colleen E. Boyd at ceboyd@bsu.edu

5) Additional Opportunities

Be a "Hero for the American Red Cross"

Want an excellent opportunity to become involved in a worthwhile local humanitarian cause—and receive recognition, too? A "Hero for the American Red Cross" is any individual, business, group or association who pledges to raise or give \$1,000 or more before or during our spring campaign March 10- April 28, 2009. We offer marketing and fund raising supplies, support, and ideas. The Red Cross provides immediate emergency aid during disasters, (floods, tornadoes, home fires, etc.) collects 45% of the country's life-giving blood, delivers emergency services to U.S. military soldiers and their families, and teaches millions of individuals every year to be prepared in emergencies through classes in first aid, CPR, AED, caregiving and aquatics safety. While a large part of the work is done by volunteers, these dedicated people are trained, supplied, and directed by a small paid staff to carry out our humanitarian mission.

For more info: Sue Gulley at suegulley@monroe-redcross.org or 812-332-7292 or Eric Baker at erdbaker@indiana.edu

2009 COMU Awards Call for Nominations

Each year, COMU honors five individuals and one program with its COMU Awards. The COMU awards, created in 1986, are given in recognition of those actively supporting, participating in or encouraging the exploration of cultural diversity in and around the Indiana University Bloomington campus. Nominations for the 2009 COMU Awards will be accepted no later than 5pm on March 12, 2009.

There are six award categories: Undergraduate Student, Graduate Student, Faculty Member, Staff Member, Community Member, Outstanding Program. Please consider nominating a student or colleague for these awards! The awards ceremony will be in the Federal Room at the Indiana Memorial Union on April 6, 2009 from 4-6pm.

For more info: <http://www.indiana.edu/~comu/comuawards.htm> or contact comu@indiana.edu.

Indiana University Student Foundation – Metz Grant

The Indiana University Student Foundation is proud to announce the Metz Grant for IU student organizations seeking financial support for a philanthropic cause. Funding for the Metz Grant Program comes from the Arthur R. Metz Philanthropic Opportunity Fund and is administered through the IUSF Special Events Committee. The Metz Grant Program will annually award \$50,000 in grant money; \$25,000 in the fall and \$25,000 in the spring.

Metz Grants are available to IU student organizations that are registered through the Student Activities Office. Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial support for a philanthropic cause. If your organization is not registered through the SAO, you may apply for official recognition through the SAO website.

There are five categories under which each applicant can register: Campus Diversity, Local, State, National, or International. Organizations may apply for amounts up to \$5,000. Ten finalists will be required to make a presentation to the selection committee.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Applications due by 4:00 p.m. on March 5 to the Wilcox House
- Finalist notified March 11
- Finalist presentations March 31
- Winners notified on April 1

- Winners recognized at Scholarship Banquet on April 20

The application and tips on writing grant proposals can be found at:
http://www.iusf.indiana.edu/Scholarships_Grants/Grants.html

Scholarship Opportunity for Undergraduate Males

In the words of Paul Robeson: "Freedom is a hard bought thing and millions are in chains, but they strain to the new day drawing near."

Alpha Phi Alpha Presents: Paul Robeson Oratorical Scholarship Contest

The question: "With the election of a Black President and freedom as an end goal, how are we as African American leaders going to fulfill the social responsibility of releasing those people who are racially and socially held captive?"

Please submit an essay that deals with the topic in a Word Document attachment with one inch margins, double-spaced, with a minimum of 1,000 words, but no more than 1,500 words. Cover page should include full name, campus email, campus address, phone number, class standing, and date submitted. **Essays will be due Wednesday March 11, 2009 at 5:00 PM.** Essays can be submitted via email to apa1906@indiana.edu or to the Neal Marshall Director's office. Those essays chosen to compete in the oratorical contest will be notified via email on March 23, 2009 and will present their essays in front of a panel of judges at the Scholarship Banquet on Sunday March 29, 2009. The Oratorical Contest winner will be awarded \$500.

InfoArt Survey

We are two students, studying graphic design, interested in expanding our portfolio and helping other students/ student organizations at the same time. Please take our brief survey (It will take **less than 1 minute** to complete) and contact us further with any serious inquiries. Our survey can be taken at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=RJYJZ30aDRp_2bv3kTmes2bQ_3d_3d

Our new project, InfoArt, has recently been started as a way for us to continue to practice and further embellish our portfolios for our professional careers. We understand that for the continued growth and success of student organizations around campus, these organizations may benefit from an effective form of publicity. We can help you, whether you wish to attract new members, promote an event around campus, or just spread a message to the student body. Our theory is simply, "students helping students." We will offer unbeatable rates with the highest quality design work.

For more info: InfoArtIUB@gmail.com.

Student Activity Tower Space

Need space for your student organization? Student Organizations can apply for Student Activity Tower Space now through 5:00pm on March 13th. Applications are available in the SAO and Union Board Office. Applications need to be submitted to the Union Board office, IMU Room 270.

Even if an organization is currently renting space in the tower, they are required to reapply.

For more info: ubpres@indiana.edu for additional questions.

Join the Homecoming Steering Committee

The Student Alumni Association (SAA) is pleased to announce that applications for the 2008 Greek Homecoming Steering Committee are now available! This committee is open to students who are interested in helping plan Homecoming events for IU's Greek community.

For more info: saa.indiana.edu or contact Kim Kushner (kimkushn@indiana.edu).

LeaderShape 2009

The Indiana University Student Alumni Association (SAA) is proud to bring **LeaderShape**, a six-day leadership institute, to **Waycross Camp and Conference Center** in Morgantown, Indiana from **May 20-25, 2009**.

Student leaders throughout the university are invited to embark on a life-altering journey which will challenge their abilities through an intense learning process. Program participants who successfully complete the LeaderShape Institute will:

- Emerge with distinctive appreciations and abilities in the areas of communication, leadership, teamwork, and vision-goal attainment.
- Be inspired with a refined vision for their organization or cause.
- Generate strong bonds and friendships among participants which will carry back to campus for continued motivation and collaboration.
- Establish a network of individuals bound to become influential components of their respective communities.

For more info: <http://alumni.indiana.edu/saa/leaderShape.shtml> or e-mail zfriedri@indiana.edu with questions.

Student Choice Awards 2009

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PROFESSOR NOW UNTIL MARCH 10, 2009 at <http://www.indiana.edu/~saa>.

The talented, inspiring, and dedicated professors at Indiana University are responsible for the personal and academic growth of thousands of students. To encourage professors' continued dedication and to commend their past efforts, the Student Alumni Association created the Student Choice Awards in the 1970s. To vote, students may visit the IU Student Alumni Association website at <http://www.indiana.edu/~saa> and follow the Student Choice Awards link to cast their online vote. Students are encouraged to vote for as many different professors as they like, but may only vote for an individual professor one time. Associate instructors are not eligible to receive votes.

Voting will end on March 10. The winning professors will receive their awards at the Spring Recognition Banquet, an invitation-only event to be held on April 26 at the Virgil T. DeVault Alumni Center on the IU Bloomington campus.

For more info: sblomeke@indiana.edu.

TWIX® Brand is launching the "Funniest College Student on Campus Contest"

This contest is giving students nationwide a chance to win \$3,000 and the ultimate week-long internship: a behind-the-scenes taste of the business of comedy in Chicago at the *TBS Very Funny Festival: Just For Laughs* in June. Now through April Fools' Day, students attending a U.S. college, university, trade school or junior college can submit funny-focused video entries at www.funnieststudent.twix.com

Not only is this internship a great opportunity in itself, it would be a great way for Communications majors and/or aspiring actors to network.

**"Student Activities"- the Office for Student Organizations and Leadership Development
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