



News You Can Use

March 27th, 2009

“Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand.”

~Chinese Proverbs

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IUSA Elections – Vote March 30th and April 1st!!

The IUSA Elections Commission is in need of poll workers for the upcoming IUSA Elections. Elections will take place on March 31st and April 1st from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. at various campus locations. Workers will be compensated. Please e-mail Liz Retana, Elections Coordinator, at iusa.commission.2009@gmail.com if you are interested.

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.

Bulky Item Drop Off!

The Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County - ReStore is participating in the Bulky Item Drop Off on April 3 and 4. They need volunteers to load and unload items and to pass out flyers about the store. Volunteers are needed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 3 and 4, and are asked to contribute two hours or more. Volunteers are asked to keep in mind that they may be asked to lift large and sometimes awkward items. Minimum age is 18. [Read more or register to volunteer here](#)

2) Leadership Opportunities of the Week:

SERVICE TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER I: Roots, Fruits & Jamaican Ecologies—Permaculture Initiatives in the Blue & John Crow Mountains (OVST J-497 or L-426)

This interdisciplinary service-learning course is a partnership between IU, the Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust (JCdT), and the community of Millbank in eastern Jamaica. Students will participate in permaculture and service-learning initiatives associated with park management, sustainable agriculture, and ecotourism projects. The 3-credit Culture Studies course will run from May 12-June 18, 2009 and will be in Jamaica for two weeks (May 31-June 14) doing fieldwork and other projects.

For more info: John Galuska at 812.855.6215 or jgaluska@indiana.edu

SUMMER I: Voices of Katrina, Voices of Service—Rebuilding Neighborhoods with Hammers, Nails, Stories and Smiles (F401/W505)

This interdisciplinary service-learning courses is a partnerships between IU and several local New Orleans partners. Prior to the trip, the class will explore issues of poverty and homelessness. The trip to New Orleans will include rebuilding efforts to support families and individuals find affordable housing. Meets 2-5pm on 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/11, 6/18. Trip is 5/31-6/6.

For more info: Cate Hart at 812.855.7780 or camhart@indiana.edu.

3) Upcoming Events

What: THETAlicious Week of Events

Who: Theta Nu Xi, Multicultural Sorority, Inc.

When: March 23 - March 28

Why: Support the members of Theta Nu Xi with their week of events happening on and around campus!

For more info: tnx@indiana.edu

What: Dancing with the Professors

Who: IU Dancesport & Hoosier Hills Food Bank

Where: HPER 163

When: Saturday, March 28th 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Why: Come and watch the best ballroom competition in Bloomington!

For more info: www.iub.edu/~dance

What: Speaker: Hemant Mehta on "Improving the Atheist Image"

When: Monday, March 30, at 7:30pm

Where: Fine Arts room 015

Why: Hemant Mehta, author of "I Sold My Soul on eBay" and founder of the blog FriendlyAtheist.com, will speak at IU on Monday, March 30. Hemant Mehta is the Chair of the Secular Student Alliance (SSA) Board of Directors. He attended the University of Illinois at Chicago and helped establish their first secular student group, Students Without Religious Dogma (SWORD). He is now earning his Masters in Math Education at DePaul University.

More info: <http://saiu.org>

Hosted by the Secular Alliance of IU

What: Get Involved Bloomington

When: Tuesday, March 31st, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Bloomington Convention Center

Exhibitors include: Local Restaurants, Recreation Businesses, Volunteer Organizations, Music and Arts, Places of Worship and Live Music featuring the John Blevins Quintet and Bloomington Brass Band

For more info: getinvolvedbloomington@gmail.com

What: Free Melanoma Screening

Who: IU Students

When: Wednesday, April 1st, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Hoosier Room, IMU

What: Tobacco-Free Bus Roll Out Celebration!

When: Thursday, April 2nd, Noon

Where: IU Health Center

Why: See the HOT new Tobacco-Free IU Bus. Enjoy free music, refreshments, prizes, and information for a tobacco-free life. Support Indiana University's effort to make IU a healthy place to learn, work and live.

For more info: IU Health and Wellness Education, 812.855.7338 quitnow@indiana.edu

What: MOSAIC: A diversity film festival

Where: City Hall

When: April 4th and April 11th, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Why: We will show short films on aging, disabilities, race and ethnicity. The festival is sponsored by Diversity Theatre and the City of Bloomington's Community and Family Resources Dept., with financial support from several IU departments and offices.

For more info: www.bloomington.in.gov.

What: Taste of Asia

Who: The Asian American Association

When: April 5th, 4:00 p.m.

Why: The Asian American Association is looking for volunteers to help with ticket-handling, aid in food serving, become stage hands, or with the general order of the crowd miscellaneous duties. If you need an opportunity to boost your resume or fulfill volunteer hour requirements, this is YOUR opportunity! Free food will also be provided at the event!

For more info: enuduehi@indiana.edu.

What: Interfaith diversity seder

Where: Hillel, 730 E. Third St.

When: Monday, April 6 at 7pm

Why: The diversity seder explores how change and renewal can grow out of the experiences of slavery and oppression. In addition, we will look at the themes of Passover and reflect on how these themes are seen through the eyes of other religious, cultural and ethnic communities. We are also proud to welcome, as special guests, a visiting delegation from the Philippines and Thailand sponsored by the Indiana Center for Cultural Exchange for "Faith and Community, A Dialogue".

For more info: call 336-3824 or email hillel@indiana.edu

What: Summer Job Fair

Who: Career Development Center and Arts & Sciences Career Services

Where: Alumni Hall, IMU

When: Wednesday, April 8th, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Why: IU's Summer Jobs Fair is an excellent opportunity for students who are staying in the Bloomington area over the summer. Employers will be on hand to recruit summer employees to fill full- and part-time vacancies ON and OFF campus. If you are looking for a summer job, you will not want to miss this event! Employment experience will enhance and build your skill sets, your resume and your wallet. Log on to your **myIUcareers** account at **IUCareers.com** for a list of employers attending the fair.

For more info: Career Development Center, 855-5234.

What: Diversify Your Options: Networking Event

When: Wednesday, April 8, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Where: McNutt Residence Center: Flame Room

Why: Want to network your way to a great internship or career? Please join us for Diversify Your Options, a speed networking event and reception with top employers. Topics for the evening will focus on diversity in the workplace. Employers from a variety of sectors including corporate, health care, nonprofit, and government will be present to share information about their organization's efforts to recruit, support and retain members of underrepresented populations. Participants will have the opportunity to network with employer representatives individually and in small group settings. We encourage you to bring your resumes and hear about internship and full-time job opportunities within these major organizations.

This event is free for all students. Refreshments will be provided. Space is limited and we anticipate a full house.

For more info: Please contact Kelly Moeller at KEMoelle@indiana.edu.

What: The Life Skills Series

Who: Students

Where: IU Health Center for Counseling and Psychological Services

Why: The 3-session Life Skills Series begins in March and repeats in April. You can attend one or more of these programs, just stop by! The first session is on conquering procrastination.

For more info: healthcenter.indiana.edu/caps.html

What: Asian Knowledge Bowl – Chance to win \$5001

Who: Student groups

Where: IMU Gallery

When: April 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Why: We would like to bring together diverse student groups to take part in a quiz bowl style team competition that will test the students' knowledge of Asian American history and culture, while increasing the knowledge and awareness of the issues Asian Americans face today. To promote collaboration and foster unity among students, teams are encouraged to collaborate with students from other organizations. If student groups pair up with other student groups and win first place, they receive \$500.00 which is shared evenly between the two student groups. Funds will be deposited to their SOA account. If a student group would like to team up with an Asian student group, they can find a list and contact information to all student groups under the Asian Student Union umbrella on the ASU website (www.indiana.edu/~asu/). Please register by April 4th.

For more info: acc@indiana.edu

What: Student Organization Celebration Award Ceremony

Where: Alumni Hall, IMU

When: April 15th, 2009 6:30 - 8:30 pm;

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. 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. Let's celebrate the great things Indiana University Student Organizations do!

For more info: sao@indiana.edu

Volunteer with the Boys and Girls Club on Comcast Cares Day, 4/25!

What: Landscaping, Tetherball Pole install, window cleaning, Detailing buses, Re-stripping parking lot

When: April 25th

Where: Bloomington Boys and Girls Club

What: Spring Cleaning of the Boys and Girls Club – Camp Rock

When: April 25th

Where: Lake Lemon

For more info: Jessica_Anderson@cable.comcast.com or at 812.335.5594 to get your organization involved.

4) Cultural News

Asian Cultural Center

Over a Cup of Tea presents "How Chinese Food is all-American" by Jenny 8 Lee, New York Times Reporter and Author of "The Fortune Cookie Chronicles"

Sponsored by the IU Asian Culture Center in partnership with the School of Journalism

When: Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Where: IU School of Journalism Auditorium

Description: Did you know that there are more Chinese restaurants in America than McDonalds, Burger Kings, and Wendys combined? Jennifer 8 Lee's NY Times best selling book, "The Fortune Cookie Chronicles," is for anyone who has ever wondered who General Tso is and why we eat his chicken; why Jews eat Chinese food on Christmas; and who really invented the fortune cookie. More information can be found at her interactive blog, <http://www.fortunecookiechronicles.com/>. Paperback copies will be available for \$\$ and book signing will follow after her talk.

For more info: acc@indiana.edu.

La Casa Latino Culture Center

"Lock-in @ La Casa, Sleep over anyone?"

What: Slumber Party

Host: Latinos Unidos Of IU 2008-2009

When: Friday, March 27 at 5:00pm until Saturday, March 28 at 12:00pm

Where: La Casa the Latino Culture Center

To see more details and RSVP, follow the link below:

<http://www.facebook.com/n/?event.php&eid=60698961690&mid=249667G2ae15555G17996e4G7>

Brazilian Carnival 2009

When: April 11th, 10:00 p.m. to close

Where: Bluebird

Description: Join us in this celebratory spectacle and authentic demonstration of Brazilian Carnival dance, costuming, people, music, and drink. The much-anticipated, annual Brazilian Carnival will feature a variety of entertainment, a photo booth with photographer Eddy Price, and face painting (provided by DBR volunteers). Experience the color, sound, performance and taste of Brazil right here in Bloomington!

Many thanks to our sponsors: *Brazilian Association at IU, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, African American and African Diaspora Studies, La Casa Latino Cultural Center and Costume Delights*

International Cultural Center

Practical English Tutorials (P.E.T.) Program

The P.E.T. Program will resume its weekly sessions this coming **Saturday, March 28th, 12:00 p.m.** There is no charge for the sessions and appointments are not necessary. Just show up ready to practice the language with English native speaker tutors.

Kazakh Conversation Club

Please come join the Kazakh Conversation Club every **Wednesday, 6:00- 7:00 p.m.** If you are studying the language, don't miss this opportunity to practice it while also learning about the country's culture.

First Nations Educational and Cultural Center

Dine' Scholar Wesley Thomas to Talk About Indigenous Gender, Institutional Discrimination

When: March 30, 2009

Please join us for two talks by Wesley Thomas, Diné (Navajo) anthropologist who has researched traditional American Indian gender worldviews and taught at both tribal and non-tribal institutions (including IUB).

1) **The Power of Institutional Discrimination: A Native Scholar's Perspective**

1:00 pm at the IMU Frangipani Room

2) **Indigenous Gender Dialogue**

8:00 pm at the Schluesser Institute for Social Research Room 100

Sponsors:

American Indian Student Association, OUT, GLBT SS, Office of Diversity Education, and Commission on Multicultural Understanding.

"Two-Spirits: Sexuality, Gender and the Murder of Fred Martinez"

When: March 30, 2009

7:00 pm location TBA

Navajo Professor Wesley Thomas (Diné College) will host a preview screening of his documentary film "Two-Spirits: Sexuality, Gender and the Murder of Fred Martinez". The version shown will be a rough preview cut of this important documentary work. From the film's website, <http://www.twospirits.org/>: "Fred Martinez was nádleehí—someone who possesses a balance of masculine and feminine traits—a special gift according to his traditional Navajo culture. But his determination to express his truest identity tragically cost him his life. At age sixteen, he was one of the youngest hate-crime victims in modern history when he was murdered in Cortez, Colorado."

For more info: nagsa@indiana.edu.

5) Additional Opportunities

Respect Identity – Avoid the Labels

Do you or your organization members find that labels about your ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, or other characteristics are sometimes applied unthinkingly by other members of the campus community? If so, we'd like to invite you to help increase awareness among other leaders & student groups member, as we work to educate the rest of the IU campus, about the labels they (mis)apply to your group at our Respect Identity - Avoid the Labels event on Wednesday, April 1st @ 6:00pm in the Georgian Room in the IMU. Light snacks will be served.

Put on by: Teachable Moments Committee of the Commission on Multicultural Understanding, a university-wide

commission charged with furthering diversity and respect on campus.

For more info: smtoney@indiana.edu or rlriall@indiana.edu if you have questions or to RSVP

Clinton Global Initiative University

On behalf of the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U), we're pleased to provide information about the CGI U Outstanding Commitments Awards, a potential source of funding for student service and activism projects. The 2009 Awards are generously supported by the Pat Tillman Foundation and the Wal-Mart Foundation. Together, \$400,000 will be distributed to various student and student groups who have made a commitment to addressing the world's most pressing global challenges. Applications will be accepted through April 3, 2009.

The CGI U Outstanding Commitments Awards will provide recognition and financial support for a select number of CGI U commitments. To apply for the awards, please fill out an Outstanding Commitment Award application by Friday, April 3, 2009.

For more info: www.cgiu.org.

Teach for America

Teach For America is the national corps of outstanding recent college graduates and working professionals - of all academic majors, backgrounds and career interests - who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools and become lifelong leaders for expanding educational opportunity for all children. We seek outstanding individuals who possess the leadership skills and experience that will enable them to change the prospects of students growing up today and, ultimately, to effect the fundamental change in our society that will make it a place of opportunity for all. Learn more about the ways our alumni use our partnerships with over 100 graduate, medical and law schools and over 20 top employers, including GE, Google, JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, and Wachovia. We will be hosting several 2010 graduate recruiting events this spring. Any juniors who are interested, please contact Lee Robbins (lee.robbins@teachforamerica.org) at your earliest convenience.

Remember the people who helped you succeed? Teach For being a role model for others.

For more info: <http://www.teachforamerica.org>

Teach for America: Campus Campaign Coordinator

Campus Campaign Coordinators (CCCs) are undergraduate students who play a critical role in effecting social change by inspiring outstanding students on their campuses to join Teach For America. CCCs develop and execute a strategic plan to recruit talented and diverse students to apply to Teach For America, build support for Teach For America and issues surrounding educational inequity through event planning and relationship-building on campus, and increase Teach For America's visibility on campus through the execution of mass publicity strategies (e-mail, campus press, hanging posters and flyers, etc.). Applications are due March 27.

For more info: lee.robbins@teachforamerica.org.

DREAM ACT

Today is a day of hope – hope that change can really happen for so many young people who DREAM of a better future through education. The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act was introduced in the U.S. Senate this week!! Please take a few minutes to make a difference for the kids, some of whom you know personally in Indiana, who will be affected by DREAM. I urge you to call Senators Lugar and Bayh as well

as your representative to tell them the DREAM Act must pass in 2009!! Contact information can be found below.

Other actions you can take to support DREAM 2009: _

- **Join The Latino Youth Collective and Senator Lugar at Ivy Tech Community College on Saturday, March 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in celebration of the DREAM Act's reintroduction.**
- Email your Senators and Representative with a few clicks: http://www.change.org/ideas/932/view_action/ask_your_congressperson_to_support_the_dream_act
- Sign the National DREAM Petition in less than a minute: <http://dreamact2009.com>
- Ask everyone you see today to do the same!!

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

Alpha Phi Alpha's Spring Week of Events

Please mark your calendars! You are cordially invited to attend Alpha Phi Alpha's Spring Week of Events, beginning on March 29, 2009 and ending on April 4, 2009. Hallmarks of our week of events include free food, lively entertainment, fun, laughter, and much more. Main attractions include our annual Paul Robeson Oratorical Scholarship Contest, our Friday Night Live comedy show, and our off-campus Pajama Party. We will also host several enlightening educational/philanthropic programs throughout the week. Be on the lookout for an official flyer detailing the times and locations of these events in the upcoming weeks.

For more info: Ross A. Stuckey, rastucke@indiana.edu

Will Enterprises

Will Enterprises, for your t-shirt and apparel needs. Our website is at www.willpromo.com. You can take a video tour and find out more about Will Enterprises. There are online catalogs to can look through. If you find a garment you like just email me the part number and I can get you a price. If you need a price quote or have any other questions please let me know.

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