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SYCAMORES STAYING SAFE



COMPLETE THE
SYCAMORE SYMPTOM
ASSESSMENT



WEAR A FACE
COVERING



WASH HANDS
FREQUENTLY



MAINTAIN SOCIAL
DISTANCE



DISINFECT
SURFACES



STAY HOME
WHEN ILL

Message from the President

Hello Sycamores,

I hope you're doing well and settling back into the important work of Indiana State University. Now that we're a few weeks into the semester, we want to update you on enrollment.

We are pleased to report that we have made some impressive gains in student persistence and degree completion in the past couple of years. With that said, enrollment for this spring semester, reported last week by the registrar, is lower than anticipated. We have 9,662 students, not including 246 dual-credit students. This follows a national trend with the pandemic and changing demographics. In addition, smaller classes moving through to graduation will impact enrollment for the next academic year.

There are two aspects of our work upon which we are focused right now: first, ending the current fiscal year (FY 21) with a positive balance, and second, preparing a balanced budget for the next fiscal year (FY 22). The University Budget Committee will meet Feb. 8 to discuss strategies we will employ to address these tasks. At this time we need to continue to manage spending closely. Campus has been doing a good job of this halfway through FY 21. Please continue to do so.

Meanwhile, looking forward, we can all engage in recruiting and welcoming more students to Indiana State. As more people are able to be vaccinated this spring and summer, there is a renewed opportunity to invite more on-campus freshmen, transfer students, graduate students, and online students to engage with us. We can do this together as we incorporate these goals into our new strategic plan, "Focusing on Our Future Together."

We will provide more information regarding the budget as the spring semester unfolds. Thank you for all that you do every day to deliver on our mission. We are Sycamore strong!