In these times of uncertainty in a rapidly changing world, it is more important than ever to keep connected in every way that we can.

These are the words we started off our last newsletter with in Spring 2020. We had no idea just how much was going to change.

AFIRM is committed to continued excellence in student success. We can achieve that with new and innovative ways to teach F2F, online, and hybrid. Our team of faculty and instructors continue to come together and bring new and exciting innovative ideas on how we will fulfill student needs and issues.

All instructors have dedicated and listed Virtual Office Hours. Students can be in contact not only during class, but during the week as posted.

All instructors have reviewed and adapted face to face classes to address the potential of student absences due to illness or quarantine.

All instructors have reached out to their students with encouragement and guidance.

We as faculty and staff have embraced the responsibility of making sure all students are feeling confident and secure as they continue their education.

All Faculty and Staff are working in direct coordination with Student Services to address all student issues.

Please do not forget to check the Scott College of Business website for up to date information as well.

Every semester, we would like to spotlight a faculty member. This semester we would like to spotlight Blake Reed.

As many of you may know, Dr. Robert McMahan retired this year. We are thrilled to welcome our newest instructor that will
When asked what his advice to students would be, he stated, “My advice to students is to take an active role in learning. Studying course material is one thing, but I think it is imperative to gain experience in your field of study. Not only does this help distinguish yourself from other students emerging into the job market, but permits real work application and experience to the material that you are studying at ISU. As an instructor, I think that it is crucial to provide the students with applicable situations that they may encounter in the workforce. I try and use numerous examples and hypotheticals to illustrate class material so students can see how it is applicable to real life experiences and situations.

I am happy to give back to a University that has provided so much for my family.”

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**Branee Fyne**

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**Abdulla Alangari**

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?pwd=Ri82TXEzK2V5aDNmMWFGREpiUGh2QT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77665319442  
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Online Tutoring Available For Many Courses in Fall 2020

If you need a little extra help, sign up for an online tutor! ISU still have tutoring available for the following courses:

- Spanish, Latin, Italian (all courses)
- AHS 340
- ATTR 210
- BIO 102, 241
- BUS 180, 201, 205, 305
- CHEM 100, 101, 103, 105, 106, 351, 431
- ECON 100, 200, 201, 300, 301, 302, 303, 346, 353, 355, 370
- NURS 207, 209, 218, 224, PHYS 105
- PSY 101, 321, 356, 362, 375, 376

Email ISU-CFSS-Tutors@indstate.edu to sign up today! Tutoring is always free to ISU students.

Sycamores Care

Indiana State University is committed to the health, safety and well-being of our campus and community. The COVID-19 pandemic is a time of uncertainty for students, staff and faculty. Wearing a mask and social distancing to flatten the curve is critical, and we are committed to helping students achieve their academic goals with online, hybrid, and F2F instruction.

In unprecedented times of uncertainty, one thing is constant: Sycamores come together to support each other. The disruptions to daily life are being felt throughout the campus and community, and your donations to the following relief funds will directly address the needs of our students, staff, and faculty. Please help us support Sycamores who are most impacted by economic hardship and food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Student Emergency Fund – Donations to the Student Emergency Fund will support emergency needs of Indiana State students.

Staff and Faculty Relief Fund – Donations to the Staff and Faculty Relief Fund will support emergency needs of Indiana State staff and faculty.

Sycamore Food Pantry – Donations to the Sycamore Food Pantry will support its mission to alleviate the stress of food insecurity among all our students by providing an emergency food source, and by promoting healthy, sustainable meals.
Tyra Dowell is an accounting major and graduating senior from Cahokia, IL. She is from a huge family. She has a wonderful, hardworking mother and six siblings.

She chose ISU because of a couple of different situations. First, she come from a low-income and low test scores school. Indiana State University was generous enough to give schools like hers a fee waiver for a certain period of time. Before hearing about the fee waiver, she had never heard of ISU and wanted to go to a different school in Illinois. After being accepted by ISU, she went on a tour. This tour was an eye opener for her future. She loved the fountain, the student helpers, and the atmosphere made her feel like she was home. After the tour, she applied for the Networks Scholarship. When she found out that she was accepted into the Networks Professional Development Program, her mom and she were in tears. She knew this program was going to be a huge help to her, but not just financially. Since her freshman year, she has been involved in Alpha Kappa Psi, State DM, intramurals, many different business conferences, formals, a trip to Seattle, study abroad in Costa Rica, landed two different internships, held leadership positions in Networks, and met the most amazing friends. However, the thing she is most grateful for when thinking about what ISU has done for her, is receiving and accepting a full time job before her senior year.

Michelle Reeson, Director of the Meis Center, has watched Tyra grow over the last four years. She stated the following with great pride.

“Tyra is a great student leader because she has this wonderful combination of intelligence, humor, professionalism, and genuine caring for the people around her. She is fearless, and will take advantage of every opportunity that she is presented, to learn more about the world around her”.

Tyra stated, “It is very refreshing to know that I chose a school and was invited into a program that really focuses on my success. I knew it was very important to my success to take advantage of everything that ISU offers. This includes finding leadership positions in clubs that you are interested in, going to career fairs, talking to your professors, and actually going to tutoring if you think you could use more help. Thanks to ISU and the networks program, I have accepted a full time audit position upon my May 2021 graduation at Deloitte in Indianapolis. I am one testimony of what ISU can and will do for their students. I am glad I chose ISU and I am excited to see what the future holds for me”.

Some Final Thoughts

We want to end this newsletter by letting you know we are here for you. We also know that if we work together as a Sycamore Family, we can rise to any crisis.

Please continue to take care of yourself and those around you.

Please stay safe and well.