

DIVISION OF UNIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT

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Division of University Engagement
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Greetings from the Vice President-

Colleagues,

I was pleased to have the Alumni Association join the Division of University Engagement in early October. This realignment will allow the Alumni Association to work more closely with the other departments in the Division to engage alumni with our students and in the life of the University. I am particularly enthusiastic about possible collaborations between the Alumni Association, Career Center, and our academic programs. Please let Rex Kendall, Bryan Lubic, or me know if you have ideas about how your program would like to engage alumni.

Career Readiness continues to be a top priority for the Division and the University's strategic plan. We are currently in the process of completing an assessment of how career readiness is currently addressed in each of the academic majors. Thanks to all of the department chairs who have provided a report. We do have funding available through our Lilly Endowment grant to support departmental career readiness activities. Please let your Career Center liaison, Bryan Lubic, or me know if you have a project that needs funding.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Nancy Rogers



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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Indiana State University Alumni Association would like to invite you to a special gathering for Sycamore alumni and friends, hosted by Tim '69 and Bobbie '72 O'Neill. The events will occur on Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12. We hope all former swimmers and their families will join us for the reunion! For details visit our webpage at <https://www.indstate.edu/alumni> for more information.

Support the Indiana State Women's Basketball team on Saturday, November 19, as they take on the University of Cincinnati Bearcats. Join fellow Indiana State University alumni and fans to show your pride and socialize with other Sycamores! The Cincinnati Women's Basketball pre-game event takes place at Buffalo Wild Wings, 200 Calhoun Street, Cincinnati, OH, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Career Center and Alumni Association have partnered to offer alumni and students a networking night, on Wednesday, November 9, HMSU Dede I, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This event will help students develop networking skills in a casual environment, while giving alumni the opportunity to meet current students. Alumni will be able to connect with students, give them career advice, and provide valuable networking knowledge. Alumni participants will receive a gift as a way for us to say thanks to you for dedicating your time to helping students network. Please contact Ben Kappes at 812.237.6140 with questions and how to register. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

The Indiana State University Alumni Association and Sycamore Athletics will be in the sunshine state in November! If you are traveling to Orlando for the AdvoCare Basketball Invitational, we hope you will join us for the Indiana State University alumni and friends events. Enjoy turkey with the trees on Thanksgiving Day, Sycamore basketball games, and receptions hosted by alumni and friends. We look forward to seeing you at events surrounding the invitational.

BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT CENTER

Business Engagement Center Entrepreneurship Grants – The BEC continues to offer Entrepreneurship Mini-Grants to undergraduate, graduate students, and recent graduates. Grant funds can be used to assist with starting or growing a business and range from \$200 to \$3,000. Additional information about incubation space and the grant program is available on the Business Engagement Website at:

<http://www.indstate.edu/sites/default/files/media/Documents/PDF/Student%20Incubation%20Application.pdf>

Grants also are available to support student membership at Launch Terre Haute, a co-work space located on the ground level of The Deming. For additional information, please email Daniel Pigg at daniel.pigg@indstate.edu.

Sycamore Innovation Lab – The new Sycamore Innovation Lab offers business start-up assistance, seminars and workshops, classroom space, and access to emerging technologies. The lab is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The lab can be used as a resource for all students and faculty members.

Spark Innovation Seminar - November 16, 2016, 1:00-5:00pm, Federal Hall 223

The Spark Innovation Seminar will stimulate inventive minds to take initiative in pursuing their passions by integrating professionalism with technical skills. The seminar will focus on engaged learning and development of an entrepreneurial mindset. Speakers will include entrepreneurs from a large corporation and small businesses, student innovators and entrepreneurs, and representatives from a variety of resources designed to help students be innovative and entrepreneurial. One of the highlights of the seminar will be product pitches from the "Put Your Product Out There" competition, with professionals and the student audience providing feedback in a "Dolphin Tank" format (a collaborative version of Shark Tank). Refreshments will be available throughout the program.

Program and registration information can be found at <http://www.indstate.edu/technology/spark-innovation>

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CAREER SERVICES

Alumni Networking Night, November 9, 6pm - 7:30pm, Dede I in HMSU

Students will be able to meet Indiana State University Alumni from various job functions, industries, and experience levels. This is an opportunity to learn about alumni successes and mistakes, career paths, and the benefits of business and personal networking. Learn more at <https://www.indstate.edu/career-center/events-and-workshops>

Build Your Future Day, Wednesday, November 20, 2016 from 10am - 2pm in Hulman Memorial Student Union, Dede I and II.

Students will connect with companies looking for interns and full time employees in the areas of Construction Management, Safety Management, and Civil Engineering. Students can network over lunch with employers, and get insights from a professional speaker later in the afternoon. Get more information at <http://www.indstate.edu/career-center/build-your-future-day/>

Student Employment Success Stories

A new Facebook campaign created by Brittney Gilman in Student Employment Programs has sparked a lot of responses from a new, and very important audience: parents! Brittney designed and launched the "#StudentEmploymentSuccessStory" in order to highlight a student and the department they're working in. This is also a win for Brittney, because she's been able to put her passion and skills in marketing to work in a way that helps all #SycamoresSucceed ! See who we're talking about and follow the Indiana State University Career Center on Facebook today.

Funding available for career readiness and professional development

Funding is available to support classroom activities that support career readiness. Several opportunities are available, and career center staff will help you develop a proposal that works. Recent grants have been awarded for immersive field trips to employer sites, the development of a relevant professional certificate, and more. This is a great way to exercise creativity, help students connect your course to their post-graduation plans, and earn funding in the process! Learn more in the "Funding" section of our website at <https://www.indstate.edu/career-center/faculty-resources>

Full schedule of On Campus Interviews with Weddle Brothers Construction Companies, named one of Indiana's Best Places to Work, occurred on October 27 in the Career Center, with 8 students interviewing throughout the day for positions as Project Engineer and Project Engineer Interns. Weddle Brothers specifically praised ISU students, and shared their preference for ISU over other institutions because of the quality of recruitment experience and interested and qualified students.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

The Community School of the Arts is pleased to announce a grant award from the Indiana Arts Commission and Arts Illiana to support its summer Rock Camp program. The grants ceremony was held at Arts Illiana, 23 North 6th Street, on October 27, at 6 p.m.

The Community School of the Arts celebrates the end of the fall semester by presenting the following winter concerts.

Terre Haute Children's Choir Concert: Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m., Westminster Village, 1120 E. Davis Drive

CSA Private Music Students' Fall Recital #1: (for ages 18 and younger): Thursday, December 8 at 5:30 p.m., Landini Center for Performing and Fine Arts, Recital Hall

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CSA Music Students' Fall Recital #2: (for all ages): Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m., Landini Center for Performing and Fine Arts, Recital Hall

CSA Youth Orchestra's Winter Concert: Monday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m., Landini Center for Performing and Fine Arts, Recital Hall

Terre Haute Children's Choir: Christmas by Candlelight at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, December 3, 2016, various performances after 6:00 p.m.

Terre Haute Children's Choir Winter Concert: December 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., University Hall, Indiana State University

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ISUnity Panel Discussion

To continue the campus support that began with the ISUnity walk, the Division of University Engagement, Charles E. Brown African American Cultural Center, ISU Police Department, the Office of Multicultural Services and Programs, and the Student Veterans Organization will be hosting a panel discussion on November 14, 2016 at 6:00pm in Dede 1 to discuss recent events surrounding our country. Topics the panel will discuss include [#blacklivesmatter](#), [#Kaepernick](#), and [#backtheblue](#). ... Our panelists include representatives from the ISU Police Department, supporters of the Black Live Matter movement, and Veterans. The open conversation will be led by moderator Dr. Elonda Ervin.

AMERICORPS PROGRAM CURRENTLY HIRING

AmeriCorps is currently hiring. AmeriCorps is a network of programs throughout the US that allows individuals to serve at nonprofit organizations in their communities, while being compensated for their time. The Sycamore Service Corps places members with local nonprofit organizations and is currently hiring for numerous positions. The program is a great opportunity for students to provide meaningful service to nonprofit agencies and to make a difference in the community, and it can count for internship requirements as well. Those people accepted into the AmeriCorps program become members and receive a living allowance in exchange for their service. Members also receive an education award upon successful completion of the program. Please contact Jennifer Christian at Jennifer.christian@indstate.edu with questions.

Veterans Day, Nov 11, 2016

11am Dede 1- Green Light a Vet! Show support for our Veterans and current service members by attending the wreath laying ceremony at 11am. Immediately following the ceremony green lights will be passed out to support *Green Light a Vet*. Green light a vet is a movement to change one light to green during the month of November in a visible location-on your porch, in your home, or at your office-and keep it glowing every day as a symbol of appreciation and support for our veterans.



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PERFORMING ART SERIES SEASON 2016-2017

Each show begins at 7:30PM in Tilson, with the exception of *The Children's Nutcracker* beginning at 4:00PM. There will be a pre-event show for all ticket holders beginning at 6:30PM in Tilson before all of the shows. Trivia, speakers, dance performances, and pictures with Santa are all just a few of the fun events we have offered in the past!

Season tickets are on sale now. Individual performances may be purchased also. For more information, visit the Hulman Center Ticket Office, call 1-877-ISU-TIXS, or visit www.hulmancenter.org

December 4th, (4:00 pm). Get in the holiday spirit and celebrate the season by coming to see *The Children's Nutcracker*, performed by the Children's Center for Dance Education! The show will be taking Tilson stage on **December 4th at 4:00 PM instead of the usual 7:30 PM show time.** You will be delighted with the traditional Nutcracker story, and whisked away to the imaginary land of the dreaded Mouse King, sweet Sugar Plum Fairy, and the Prince.

Local dance students will have the opportunity to be included in this performance!

SPEAKER SERIES 2016-2017 SEASON

All University Speakers Series programs begin at 7 p.m. in Tilson Auditorium. They are free and open to the public. For more information, call 812-237-3737, come in to the Hulman Center Ticket Office, or visit www.hulmancenter.org.

Mrs. Fields, December 9, 2016

Fields earned more than 25 years of entrepreneurial, operational and managerial experience in a company she built (literally) from scratch. Founder, baker, chief cookie lover and former chairman of Mrs. Fields Cookies, a \$450 million company she founded in 1977, Fields has since sold her company, which is a market leader among fresh-baked cookie stores.

At the age of 20, Fields was a young housewife with no business experience. Her personal values guided her role as a businesswoman. Her philosophy of excellence, stated in her motto of "good enough never is," is mirrored in a company that has earned a reputation for providing the best in product quality and superior customer service. She attributes her greatest success to her ability to relate to her customers and earn their lifelong loyalty.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 8, 2016, 9:00 p.m., Library Events Area, Pizza and Politics, Election Night

November 12, 2016, 8:00 – noon, Center for Community Engagement, Tirey Hall, Sycamore Service Saturday – Students, faculty and staff can register from 8:00 to 8:30 in Tirey. Following registration, groups will provide service at various locations around the community.

November 16, 2016, HMSU Commons, Stop and Serve, sponsored by Center for Community Engagement.

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December 7, 2016, HMSU Commons, Stop and Serve, sponsored by Center for Community Engagement.

December 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Tilson Auditorium, Speaker Series, Mrs. Fields, founder, baker, chief cookie lover and former chairman of Mrs. Fields Cookies, a \$450 million company she founded in 1977. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 812-237 3737, come in to the Hulman Center Ticket Office, or visit www.hulmancenter.org.

