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The University College is committed to treating its family members (staff, faculty, and students) with dignity and respect. It is a safe space that supports civil, candid, sometimes passionate, but always sophisticated and nuanced dialogue over complex issues. That said, it does not tolerate, permit, or turn blind eye to hatred and bigotry. It will work to dismantle structural inequities and work to ensure each member of its family lives, works and learns in an environment that permits them to flourish, and to fulfill their aspirations and reach their goals.

### **University College Updates**

The University College is now in the thick of advising our incoming first-year students with State Start-Up kicking off on June 1. The experience is a new one for all of us. We are learning just as much as our incoming students about the virtual orientation format, but we are excited to meet with students over zoom and help them plan their first semester at ISU.

We are happy to announce that our current registration for the fall 2019 cohort is staying steady at 68.88%. This is quite a bit higher than the previous year, which was 63.53%. The advising team is continuing to work with students to get them enrolled and have done an outstanding job.

### **The STARS Program**

The STARS Program has just completed their 2020 admissions process and have officially admitted 63 students to start in Fall 2020. The admissions criteria changed this semester to only include students with a high school GPA of 2.40 – 2.499. The focus of the admission process was to focus on students who demonstrated the motivation necessary to be successful through a 4 question essay and providing one personal (non-relative) letter of recommendation.

The STARS Program is also very happy to announce our current returning student registration for the fall 2019 cohort is 64.29%, which is significantly higher than last year at the same time, which was 44.2%.

### **Project Success Update**

Our fall 2019 class had a great year with a current fall 2020 registration rate of 72.28%, which is outstanding in comparison to 55.97% of student who were eligible for Project Success, but chose not to participate. We are extremely proud of our Project Success students!

For those who may not know, Project Success is a bridging program for incoming first-year students. These students all take a UC 110 class together and our on-campus students also live together on 4 Project Success floors in the residence halls. They return to campus a week before classes start to attend workshops on how to be successful in their first semester, network with faculty, staff, and other students. In addition, their UC 110 class begins a week early to work with them on classroom expectations in college with the goal that when they start the rest of their classes they are already comfortable in the classroom. This component will be especially helpful since most students have been out of traditional classrooms since March.

We are in full recruitment mode for Project Success. Our goal for Fall 2020 is to bring in a new class of approximately 100 Project Success students. These are students with a High School GPA between a 2.5 – 3.25. For more information on Project Success visit our website:

<https://www.indstate.edu/academics/project-success>

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar info/reminders.**

If you are a returning Scholar from the 2019 cohort, make sure you complete entering your information on activities in Scholar Track for the College Scholar Success Program. To find more information on the College Scholar Success Program, visit the Center for Student Success website at

<https://www.indstate.edu/services/student-success/cfss> and check the pages under 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars. The specific URL for the College Scholar Success Program page is

<https://www.indstate.edu/services/student-success/cfss/21st-century-scholars/state-site/college-scholar-success>

If you are an incoming freshman Scholar this fall, you will be required to complete and enter specific activities in the College Scholar Success Program to be eligible for your 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholarship. *Unlike high school*, these activities must be completed and entered **every year** of your college career to remain eligible for the scholarship. For more information, you may visit the websites above, or contact the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar Coordinator Joshua Elmore at [Joshua.Elmore@indstate.edu](mailto:Joshua.Elmore@indstate.edu)

### **Mentoring Center**

The Indiana State University Mentoring Center is here to connect students, regardless of major, background, or class standing, to a peer mentor who can help them develop professionally, academically, and personally. Mentors provide support and guidance about navigating college and life in general connecting you to the campus, additional resources, and the community, helping you identify and achieve your career goals. Request a peer mentor through the Mentoring Center website. You will take an online survey that will be used to match you with one of our trained peer mentors based on common interests, background, academic and professional aspirations. The mentoring center hosts monthly events so make sure to follow us on our social media platforms. For more information visit the website: <https://www.indstate.edu/mentoring-center>

### **University College Assessment**

The University College Council, Bailey Bridgewater, and Kelley-Woods Johnson are preparing to assess the Ethics and Social Responsibility and Social and Behavioral Sciences categories of Foundational Studies this year. Ad hoc committees have been meeting to design the rubrics for these two categories. In addition, a committee has been meeting to alter the Global Perspectives and Cultural Diversity learning outcomes, as some faculty expressed a desire for more choices in which outcomes to use for their classes after last year's assessment. The new rubric will better represent courses in both areas: Global Perspectives and also Cultural Diversity. The final report on GPCD and Literary Studies assessment will be released to the campus community within the next couple weeks.