



January 2017



Happy New Year! I hope everyone found some time for rest and relaxation over the break. The Division of University Engagement is looking forward to a busy spring semester. Implementation of the strategic plan, There's More to Blue, is well underway. For the next several years we will be focused on maintaining our strong commitment to community engagement and experiential learning, while increasing our focus on career readiness. Multiple initiatives in Goals 2 and 3 will support the University college, academic majors, and co-curricular programs to implement high-impact practices with students that improve learning and positively impact retention and career-related outcomes. This newsletter highlights several funding opportunities that support entrepreneurship, community engagement, and career readiness. Please take a look and let us know if you have questions. We want to support your work!

I wish you all the best for a peaceful and productive 2017.

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**Mini-Grants Available to Support Career Readiness, Experiential Learning, and Community Engagement**

Could you use some funding to enhance engagement and experiential learning in your course or department? The following mini-grants are available through the strategic plan and Focus Indiana grant:

- Business Engagement Center Entrepreneurship Mini-Grants are available for 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>
- Launch Terre Haute Membership Grants 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 contact [Daniel.Pigg@indstate.edu](mailto:Daniel.Pigg@indstate.edu).
- Employer Field Trip Mini-Grants support departmental visits to Indiana-based employers. Faculty can request up to \$1500 to pay for transportation and related costs for students and faculty field trips. A link to the application is available at: <https://www.indstate.edu/career-center/faculty-resources>. If faculty are interested in visiting an employer in advance of taking a field trip, please contact Teresa Dwyer in the Career Center.
- Focus Indiana Foundational Studies Mini-Grants support the incorporation of career readiness skill development into foundational studies courses. The intention is to help students develop the soft skills that are most commonly sought by employers. The application is available at: <https://www.indstate.edu/university-engagement/community-engagement/awards-and-funding/funding-3>.
- Faculty Conference Travel Grants support faculty members to present their community engagement and experiential learning research, teaching, or service at state, regional, and national conferences. Departments are required to provide matching funds. More information is available at: <https://www.indstate.edu/university-engagement/community-engagement/awards-and-funding/funding-1>.
- Community Engagement Mini-Grants are provided through the Center for Community Engagement to support general community engagement activities and activities focused in the Ryves Neighborhood. For more information, please click on the Awards and Funding link on the Community Engagement website: <https://www.indstate.edu/university-engagement/community-engagement>.

If you have a great idea that does not fit with any of these programs, please let Heather Miklozek or Nancy Rogers know. We want to discuss how we can support your new and innovative ideas!

**Sycamore Innovation Lab**

The Sycamore Innovation Lab offers business start-up assistance, seminars and workshops, classroom space, and access to emerging technologies, such as 3-D printers. The lab is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The lab is available for all students and faculty members. To schedule a tour or a class meeting, please contact Daniel Pigg at [daniel.pigg@indstate.edu](mailto:daniel.pigg@indstate.edu).



The Division participated in the first annual "Light Your Way" parade on December 2 in downtown Terre Haute. The float was designed and built entirely by University Engagement staff, coordinated by Daniel Pigg. Makayla Herring – ISU Presidential Scholar is riding the float during the parade.

**Sycamore Service Saturdays**

Sycamore Service Saturday is a monthly volunteer program offered by the Center for Community Engagement. Programs are scheduled for January 23, February 18, March 25, and April 29. Check-in is at Community Engagement's Welcome Desk in Tirey Hall from 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Service is from 9:00 to noon. This month we will be volunteering at two local nursing homes. All faculty, staff, students, and alumni are invited to participate. For more information contact [jessica.starr@indstate.edu](mailto:jessica.starr@indstate.edu).

**Institute for Community Sustainability Coordinator Search Underway**

The Institute for Community Sustainability will have new leadership in 2017. Caroline Savage, our former coordinator, left the University to take a position at Princeton University. A search has been initiated. We are pleased to have a large, diverse pool of applicants. The new coordinator should be selected and begin by March 2017. Ashanti Baker, our ISC graduate assistant, has done a fabulous job of coordinating activities during this interim period. Thanks Ashanti!

**Alternative Break Update**

On December, 20 students and chaperones headed to sunny Arizona for Alternative Winter Break 2017. They spent 3 days at two different locations. Volunteers at the South West Wildlife Conservation Center in Scottsdale helped with maintenance. They cleaned more than 20 large animal enclosures, including one for a bear. They also helped place Christmas trees in animal cages and around the center for the holidays, placed sun tarps over enclosures, filled enclosures with fresh dirt and helped clean massive areas of trail for the center. Volunteers at Sunshine Acres Children's Home in Mesa spent time in their large distribution center helping sort 1000's of items to be sold at their re-sale store and boutique. Our ISU volunteers also were able to play board and card games, play video games and talk with the children at the home. The students did an amazing job. The next Alternative Break trips will be during Spring Break. The groups will be going to Arkansas, California and Jamaica.

The destination of our summer trip is the Marine Science Center in Ponce Inlet, Florida. Students will complete beach/jetty clean up, snorkel to collect fish for exhibits, work with rays and other marine life, and, possibly, work with sea birds. For more information, contact [Jennifer.christian@indstate.edu](mailto:Jennifer.christian@indstate.edu). Spots are still available for this trip!



Breana Miller and Aiyana Koon clean out an enclosure while it's permanent resident (a bear) supervises.



Alternative Winter Break students waiting patiently in the airport to head to Arizona.



Sarah Williams and Shelby Zagorski sorting clothes at Sunshine Acres distribution center.





The Center for Community Engagement is announcing a fundraiser to help with the costs for the 2017 alternative spring break trips. Purchasing one button for \$20 allows employees to wear blue jeans to work on Wednesdays from Jan. 4 - May 12 (if their supervisor approves and they wear the button). Buttons can be purchased in Tiley Hall, room 136A in the Center for Community Engagement. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Christian at [Jennifer.christian@indstate.edu](mailto:Jennifer.christian@indstate.edu).

#### Community School of the Arts

The Community School of the Arts spring programs begin in mid- to late-January. Adult classes include: Ceramics; Introduction to 2-D Art: Drawing and Painting; Intermediate 2-D Art; African-based Drumming Traditions, and; The Terre Haute Guitar Club. This fall, we introduced Rock Band, and due to a positive response and high enrollment, we'll continue to enable adults to rock 'n' roll!

For youth, this spring we're offering: Burgeoning Builders - Sculpture; The Terre Haute Guitar Club; Community School of the Arts Youth Orchestra; Terre Haute Children's Choir, and; Rock Band. New this spring is a group-based Suzuki violin program, for children ages 3-5.

The CSA offers scholarships and free programs every semester to ensure the arts serve all populations. This spring, scholarships for youth are available for: The Terre Haute Guitar Club; Community School of the Arts Youth Orchestra; Terre Haute Children's Choir, and; Rock Band. In addition, we're excited to offer a Theater and Hand-Drumming after-school program at Sarah Scott Middle School.



#### Alumni Association Update

The Alumni Association will host the annual Indiana State University Florida Tour for alumni and friends in January. This year's tour will include a special Distinguished Alumni Award presentation to Tom, '63, and Sandi, '64, Druley at a private event in their home. A full story of their recognition will be included in the spring print edition of STATE magazine. The Sycamore events will begin on Friday, Jan. 20 at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club in Naples, Fla. On Sunday, Jan. 22, the Alumni Association will travel to Sarasota to host an event at the Sarasota Yacht Club. The tour will end in Tampa with a reception at the Rusty Pelican. Thanks to the generosity of Roger, '65, GR '67, and Glenda, GR '68, Schorr and Jay McHargue, '80, these events were made possible. [More information on the Florida Tour is available here.](#)

The third annual Blue Card Club Appreciation Day at the Sycamore Men's Basketball game will take place on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Hulman Center. Hosting this event is one more way the Alumni Association can extend appreciation to its members. This year, Barnes and Noble has partnered with the Alumni Association to offer an even larger discount for in-store purchases. Members will enjoy a 20% discount on Jan. 28 and 29 at Barnes and Noble.

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, the Alumni Association will host Founders Day at 1:30 p.m. in Heritage Lounge and Ballroom. Dean Brien Smith will be the guest speaker during the program. The Student Alumni Association will celebrate Founders Day by encouraging student organizations to participate in a poster contest to commemorate Indiana State's birthday. Founders Day guests will have the opportunity to vote on the posters before the program. [Register for Founders Day.](#)

The Missouri Valley Conference Basketball Tournaments are right around the corner. Arch Madness will take place Thursday, March 2 through Sunday, March 5 at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis. The MVC Women's Basketball Tournament will take place on Thursday, March 9 through Sunday, March 12. All-session tickets in the ISU Fan Block for both tournaments are available at discounted rates (\$135 men's tournament, \$40 women's tournament) when purchased by Jan. 16. To purchase tickets, please contact the Hulman Center Ticket Office at 812.237.3737 or 1.877.ISU.TIXS.

#### Hulman Center Spring Semester Events

##### January

Elizabeth Smart- January 30th, 7:00PM, Tilson Auditorium - University Speaker Series

As a survivor of one of the most well-known abduction cases to date, Elizabeth Smart is an advocate for child abduction services and helping families and children who have faced abduction. Free admission.

##### February

Charles E. Brown Gospel Celebration- February 4th, 6:00 PM, Tilson Auditorium

The Charles E. Brown Gospel Celebration will feature artists Kierra Sheard, J. Moss, and many others! Tickets are on sale now and are \$16 for adults and \$11 for all students. Tickets are available from the Hulman Center Ticket Office. For further information please contact [Kandace.Hinton@indstate.edu](mailto:Kandace.Hinton@indstate.edu).

Blood, Sweat, & Tears- February 7th, 7:30PM, Tilson Auditorium

Bo Bice, runner-up on American Idol, currently fronts the band whose hits include "You Made Me So Very Happy", "Spinning Wheel", and "When I Die". This program is free for students. Tickets for the public are available through the Hulman Center Ticket Office.

Hoopla- February 6-12th

Hoopla is a weeklong winter celebration that brings ISU and the Terre Haute Community together to generate school spirit. This year's list of activities include something for everyone in the family: Men's & Women's Basketball games, window decorating, the Sycamore Slide and the Polar Plunge.

Mary Lou Retton- February 28th, 7:00 PM, Tilson Auditorium- University Speaker Series

In 1984, Mary Lou Retton became America's first Olympic gold medalist in gymnastics. She now travels as a motivational speaker, a corporate spokesperson, and a "fitness ambassador." Free admission.

##### March

Driving Miss Daisy- March 7th, 7:30PM, Tilson Auditorium- Performing Arts Series

This winner of the 1988 Pulitzer Prize and the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Off-Broadway Play, features Clarence Gilyard from "Walker, Texas Ranger" and Charlene Tilton from "Dallas." This program is free for students. Tickets for the public are available through the Hulman Center Ticket Office.

##### April

David Quammen- April 4th, 7:00PM, Tilson Auditorium- Speaker Series

David Quammen, a science, nature, and travel writer, has published several hundred articles and essays for publications such as Harper's, National Geographic, Outside, Esquire, and Rolling Stone. His books "The Song of the Dodo", "The Reluctant Mr. Darwin", and "Spillover" discuss the science, history and human impacts of emerging diseases and were short listed for eight national and international awards and have won three. Free admission.

##### May

Annie- May 4th, 7:30PM, Tilson Auditorium- Performing Arts Series

Leapin' Lizards! The world's best-loved musical returns in a brand new production of the iconic original. Annie includes such unforgettable songs as "It's the Hard Knock Life," "Easy Street", "I Don't Need Anything But You," plus the eternal anthem of optimism, "Tomorrow." This program is free for students. Tickets for the public are available through the Hulman Center Ticket Office.

##### Web Links:

Performing Arts Series: <http://hulmancenter.org/performing-arts-series/>

Speaker Series: <http://hulmancenter.org/speaker-series/>

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