Happy New Year! I hope everyone had 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, Move to Bloom, is well underway. For the next several weeks we will be focusing on increasing our buying commitment to community engagement and experiential learning, while increasing our focus on career readiness. Multiple initiatives in Grades 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.

Nancy

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:

- 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/funding/3

- Employer Field Trip Mini-Grants support departmental visits to local or international 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/university-engagement/community-engagement/funding/2

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

Sycamore Innovation Lab

The Sycamore Innovation Lab offers business start-up assistance, workshops and classrooms, 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.

Sycamore Service Saturdays

Sycamore Service Saturdays is a monthly volunteer program offered by the Center for Community Engagement. Programs are scheduled for January 21, February 11, March 3, and April 28. Check-in is at Community Engagements' Wabash Deck in Tyson Hall from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Service is from 9:30 a.m. 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: sarah.williams@indstate.edu.

Institute for Community Sustainability Coordinator Search Underway

The Institute for Community Sustainability will have new leadership by 2017. Caroline Snow, 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. Assistant2, our GCC graduate assistant, has been in charge of building community activities during this interim period. Thanks, Assistant2!

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 cleared more than 20 large animal enclosures, including one for a bear. They also helped paint Christmas trees in animal cages and around the center for the holidays. Please our large open enclosures. Aided the center staff with food preparation and helped clear numerous areas of tall for the center volunteers. At Sunrise Acres Children’s Home in Mesa spent time in their large distribution center helping out 100% of the staff at both locations. Our ISU volunteers also delivered toys, games, books and crafts, games, play video games and talk with the children at the homes. The students did an amazing job. The next Alternative Break trip will be during Spring Break. The group will be going to Arkansas. California and Aruba.

The destination of our summer trip is the Marine Science Center in Ponce Inlet, Florida. Students will complete two breaks, clean-up, reach to collect fish for exhibits, walk with rays and other marine life, and possibly, work with rare birds. For more information, contact Dr. Karen Enger at karen.eng@indstate.edu. Tickets are still available for this trip!

Beverly Miller and Alyssa Rose clean 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 Shally Zeytun outfitting students with clothing at Sunrise Acres distribution center.
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 Music Workshop. This fall, we introduced Rock Band, and due to a positive response and high enrollment, we'll continue to enable adults to rock it 11/1.

For youth, the spring will feature: Bagpipe Lessons - Scotland; The Terre Haute Music Workshop; Community School of the Arts Youth Orchestra; Terre Haute Children's Choir; and Rock Band. New this year is a professional Socusen with campers, for children ages 3-6.

The CSA offers scholarships and the programs vary semester to semester as arts and entertainment. This spring, scholarships for youth are available for: The Terre Haute Music Workshop, 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 Bannish 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, ’82, and Barb, ’83, Galyon at a social event in their home. A full history of their recognition will be included in the spring print edition of ISU Magazine. The Sunshine events will begin on Friday, Jan. 20 at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club in Naples, FL. On Saturday, Jan. 21, the Alumni Association will meet in Sarasota to host an event at the Sarasota Yacht Club. The tour will end in Tampa with a reception at the Bucy Museum. Thanks to the generosity of ‘90, ’90, ’93, and ’95, GR, ’95, ’98, ‘98, Schuler and Jay, McGonigle, ’82, these events were made possible. More information on the Sunshine Tour can be found here.

The 2018 Blue Card Giveaway Day is Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Alumni Center. Hearing this event is one more way the Alumni Association can extend appreciation to its members. This year, Barnes and Noble partnered with the Alumni Association to offer us an even larger discount for in-store purchases. Members will enjoy a 20% discount on Jan. 20 and 29 at Barnes and Noble.

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, the Alumni Association will host Founder’s Day at 5:30 p.m., in Heritage Lounge and Ballroom. Dave Brown Smith will be the guest speaker during the program. The Student Alumni Association will celebrate Founder’s Day by encouraging student organizations to participate in a poster contest to commemorate Indiana State’s birthday. Founder’s Day events will feature the poster contest before the program.

The Missoula Valley Conference Basketball Tourneys are right around the corner. Arch Madness will take place Thursday, March 1st through Sunday, March 5th at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis. The MVC Women’s Basketball Tournament will take place on Thursday, March 8th through Sunday, March 11th. All-session tickets in the 80’s Fan Block for both tournaments are available or discounted rates ($55/80 men’s tournament). 80’s women’s tournament when purchased by Jan. 14. To purchase tickets, please contact the Human Center Ticket Office at (812) 237-3771 or (817) 651-1108.

The Community School of the Arts Spring Semester Events

January

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

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

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

The Charles G. Brown Gospel Celebration will feature artists Howard Howard Jr., Moss, and many others! Tickets are on-sale now and are $10 for adults and $11 for all students. Tickets are available from the Human Center Ticket Office. For further information please contact tomash.ulovicki@indstate.edu.

Bisell, Read, & Taylor-February 7th, 7:30PM, Tilson Auditorium

Be Bop, a four-piece American band, currently boasts the band title: “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 Human Center Ticket Office.

Hospice-February 6-12th

Hospice is a working writer celebration that brings ISU and the Terre Haute Community together to generate helpful products. This year’s list of activities includes something for everyone in the family: Women’s & Men’s Basketball games, window decorating, the Sycamore Slide and the Polar Plunge.

Mary Lou Retton-February 5th, 7:00 PM, Tilson Auditorium-University Speaker Series

In 1984, Mary Lou Retton became America’s first female gold medalist in gymnastics. Since then, she’s become a motivational speaker, a corporate spokesperson, and a Times Best Seller. Free admission.

March

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

The Charles E. Brown Gospel Celebration will feature artists Kierra Sheard, J. Moss, and many others! The Charles E. Brown Gospel Celebration will feature artists Kierra Sheard, J. Moss, and many others! This program is free for students. Tickets for the public are available through the Human Center Ticket Office.

April

David Quammen- April 4th, 7:00PM, Tilson Auditorium - University 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 shortlisted for eight national and international awards and have won three. Free admission.

May

Alumni - May 6th, 7:30PM, Tilson Auditorium - Performing Arts Series

Lyle Lovett: The world’s best-loved musical icon in a hosted new production of the iconic original. Amie includes such unforgettable songs as “Ye Olde High Life,” “Easy Street,” “You Don’t Even Know Me Yet,” plus the lightest of rhythm of “Friday Night.” This program is free for students. Tickets for the public are available through the Human Center Ticket Office.

Web Links:

Performing Arts Series: http://hulmancenter.org/performing-arts-events

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

Community Events: http://hulmancenter.org/community-events