Student Affairs: Week in Review

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Updates

SGA recently sponsored a university-wide majors fair on Friday, January 23, in the HUB. Ninety-five students attended the fair, resulting in quite a few students changing their majors. Even now, more than a week after the event, students who attended the fair are reconsidering their courses of study. So far, 10 students have added a minor and six people have changed their major, and the number is growing! A special shout out goes to SGA for all of the hard work they put into the event.

Folger Hall is filling up fast! Hurry to reserve free programming space before it's gone! The space is now equipped with presentation technology, printing options, and a pool table! Food is still served in the evenings. Interested? Call the Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement (MCSLE) at 724-357-2598 to find out how Folger can accomodate your next program.

Due to its extreme popularity, the Adopt a Game Program has been filled to capacity. Please look to next year's season to have your department, club, or organization take part in this endeavor.

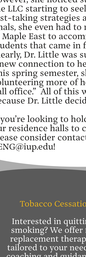
Health and Wellness Promotion is building on the Bandana Project today (February 3)! The Bandana Project was first designed by the University of Wisconsin to spread awareness of resources for those with mental illness. The green bandanas, which represent mental health awareness, are attached to students' backpacks. This indicates that the person is a safe individual to approach about mental health-related issues and can be a point of contact about resources. At IUP, each participant will be given resource cards to pass out. Student participants will be allies for suicide prevention and mental health awareness. The first student groups to be trained will be the RAs (Resident Assistants) and RHA (the Residence Hall Association).

Entries are now being accepted for the Emerging Student Leader Grant Award. If you know of a student who has a great idea that makes a positive impact at IUP, please encourage them to apply for this award. The grant, sponsored by the Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement (MCSLE) is for $250. Interested students have until April 3 to submit their applications. Questions can be directed to Kevin Foster at kfoster@iup.edu.

Achievements and Recognition

Dr. Thomas Segar, IUP Vice President for Student Affairs, presented at the 2020 NASPA AVP Symposium held January 25-27, 2020. Segar's presentation, "Next Stop – The Vice Presidency: How to Successfully Engage with Executive Search Firms," provided attendees with guidance on a variety of areas related to executive searches.

LCs (Living-Learning Communities) with Li



Last week, I revealed multiple ways that faculty and staff can be involved in Living-Learning Communities at IUP. This week, I will go in-depth and discuss how faculty and staff have held office hour(s) in the residence halls. In the fall, we had four faculty members hold part of their office hours in a residence hall: Dr. Erin Conlin from History, Dr. Dawn Smith-Sherwood from Foreign Languages, Dr. Colin Ashe from Chemistry, and Dr. Elaine Little from Nursing. Their interactions have helped students further connect with their departments, ease the college transition, and feel part of their residence hall and IUP community.

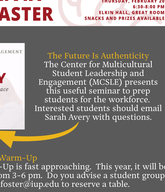
One of these positive interactions came out of the Nursing & Allied Health LLC (located in Suites on Maple East) with Dr. Little. The first and second-year students Little was encountering had not had many nursing courses, as they were newer to the program, so they didn't have a strong connection to faculty. However, after time, Dr. Little began to connect with the students within the LLC. Soon, however, she noticed students from outside of the LLC starting to seek her assistance with test-taking strategies and study sessions. Near finals, she even had to relocate to a study room in Maple East to accommodate the numerous students that came in for a study session! Clearly, Dr. Little was successful in establishing a new connection to her students (and others). This spring semester, she has gone even further; volunteering more of her time in her "residence hall office." All of this was made possible because Dr. Little decided to be an LLC partner.

If you're looking to hold office hour(s) in one of our residence halls to connect with students, please consider contacting me at TENG@iup.edu!

Upcoming Events

Tobacco Cessation Meeting

Interested in quitting vaping or smoking? We offer free nicotine replacement therapy, a quit plan tailored to your needs, supportive coaching and guidance, and stress management tips. Classes start Friday, February 7, at 12:15 pm in G57 in Suites on Maple East. Register by emailing atod-oasis@iup.edu. Free and open to all.



Kahoot Trivia Nights

Health and Wellness Promotion will be beginning weekly Kahoot Trivia nights in the residence halls across campus. Stay tuned for more details.

Koru Mindfulness is Back

Koru Mindfulness Classes are back! The popular class will take place over the course of four sessions: 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, and 3/4 from 3:30-4:45 pm in Suites on Maple East. Register here before spaces fill up!

Trivia Master

Here is another fun evening event from the folks in MCSLE! Individuals and groups are all welcome to participate. Look for some great prizes and free snacks!

The Future Is Authenticity

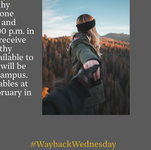
The Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement (MCSLE) presents this useful seminar to prep students for the workforce. Interested students should email Sarah Avery with questions.

Winter Warm-Up

It's that time of year again! Winter Warm-Up is fast approaching. This year, it will be held on Friday, February 14, in the KCAC from 3-6 pm. Do you advise a student group? Direct them to Kevin Foster at kfoster@iup.edu to reserve a table.

STI Tabling

Health and Wellness Promotion will be tabling in Health Services on February 5th to cross-promote their their walk-in STI testing, which will take place on the first Wednesday of each month.



Respect: The Aretha Franklin Journey through the Civil Rights Movement

MCSLE is sponsoring this exciting multimedia event! The life and music of Franklin will be showcased, as well as the civil rights movement. The event is free for all and will take place on Monday, February 17, at 6 pm in Fisher Auditorium. Questions? Call the Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement (MCSLE) at 724-357-2598.

Healthy Relationships with the Haven Project

The Haven Project will conduct a Healthy Relationships volunteer training for anyone interested (faculty, staff, administrators, and students) on February 4 from 5:00 pm. to 6:00 pm. in Suites on Maple East, G-60. Attendees will receive training on how to recognize an unhealthy relationship and learn what resources are available to offer support. Upon completion, attendees will be eligible to staff information tables around campus. Haven peers and volunteers will also staff tables at different times throughout the month of February in the HUB, HSS, and the Library.

#WaybackWednesday

MCSLE is hosting an 80s/90s theme night. Please encourage all students to attend this free event. The late-night event will feature laser tag, DIY slime, snacks, and so much more! It is taking place in Folger Hall from 8 pm-12 am on Wednesday, February 5. Questions? Call the Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement (MCSLE) at 724-357-2598. A special shout out goes to co-sponsors, CCOF Oh, and bring a friend!

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