Student Affairs: Week in Review

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Feature: A Great Semester for Professional Development

The Division of Student Affairs Professional Development Committee would like to thank all who presented and participated in the fall semester "Third Thursday" professional development series. The two-hour-long workshops (held in the IUB, Susquehanna Room on the third Thursday of each month) featured discussions, information sharing, and planning activities on topics that focused on positively impacting students' engagement, success, and well-being.

The most recent division gathering on November 21 featured Dr. John Mueller, Professor, Department of Student Affairs in Higher Education, who presented on helping skills, followed by a panel presentation comprised of members from across the university who discussed a variety of resources that are available to assist IUP students.

Planning for next semester's professional development series is already underway, as division workshop events will resume shortly after the spring semester begins.

Updates

Did you know that you can reserve space in Folger Hall for your next on-campus program? Spaces are filling up for next semester, so hurry and contact Debbie Butler at 724-357-2598 in the Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement to reserve your spot! If preferred, click this link to email Debbie directly!

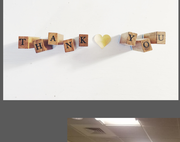
To accommodate students' study needs this week, Folger Hall has extended its hours to 3 pm-1 am, Monday through Thursday. We invite any student or study group to utilize the space to prepare for finals and finish up their end-of-the-semester projects. Please spread the word!

Do you know of a student who has an interest in social media? Maybe they consider themselves an influencer? Well, here is a great way for them to parlay that interest into a paying job! IUP Dining is looking for students who have a large social media following to help promote dining on-campus. Send interested students to Jennifer Braughler via this link!

IUP Dining is offering faculty and staff meal plans that can save you money! If you find yourself eating on-campus, sign up for a meal plan! Some highlights include 50 meals to use anytime and $100 in flex for $400! Follow the link and fill out the form. Your MyIUP account will be charged for the cost of the plan. It's that easy!

The Department of Disability Access and Advising (D2A2) would like to remind everyone that they should not be parking in disability accessible/handicapped parking spaces unless they hold a state handicapped parking placard or a short-term IUP "handicapped parking" placard. They appreciate your compliance, especially during a time of year when students will be leaving for winter break.

Achievements and Recognition



"Thank You" from the Food Pantry and Help Center

Thank you to all of the departments, faculty, and staff who have donated to the IUP Food Pantry and Help Center this semester. Over 1000 items have been donated and are still coming in each day. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of IUP students!

"Pups, Paint, and Pizza" Provides Smiles All Around

Health Awareness Promotion (HWP) held the event, "Pups, Paint, and Pizza," and had a great turnout with 25 people staying to paint their version of a reindeer! It was a great evening to de-stress before finals.

The event also proved to be a good time for students to turn in their pup-bucks for the semester. Pup-bucks are fake currency (featuring the therapy dogs' pictures). Students can earn $1, $5, or $10 for each HWP event they attend. At any point during the semester, they are welcome to cash in their Pup-bucks for a prize. Prizes include pens, cups, t-shirts, fleece blankets, Bluetooth speakers and ear buds, and Keurigs!

Upcoming Events

Office of Housing and Dining to Host "Ugly Sweater Party and Holiday Buffet"

All are invited to the annual Holiday Buffet in North Dining on Wednesday, December 11. The party will be going on throughout dinner time, and those who relish the "ugly" holiday sweater are encouraged to represent!

De-Stress Fest is Back!

This time of year is notorious for being stressful. So, the staff at the Center for Health and Well-Being are holding a campus-wide "De-Stress Fest!" There will be an array of activities to help students cope with their stresses and anxiety, including jewelry making, chair massages, tarot card readings, adult coloring books, snacks, and, of course, a visit from the famous Just Paws Therapy Dogs! The event will be held on Tuesday, December 10, from 11 am-2 pm in Suites on Maple East. All are welcome to attend this free event!

Last Resident Assistant Interest Session

OHRLD's last RA Interest Session is coming up! Do you know of a student who would make a great RA? This is a great leadership opportunity with amazing benefits! Students can learn more on Thursday, January 30, in Wallwork, G-98. It starts at 9 pm. All interested students welcome!

"Breaking Barriers" and "Building Bridges" Series To Continue

Next semester, MCSLE will continue to program for both their "Breaking Barriers" and "Building Bridges" series. "Breaking Barriers" is designed to form connections between students or student groups who may not normally have the opportunity to interact. "Building Bridges" is a discussion-based program developed with the intention of supporting minority students. It gives participants an opportunity to discuss campus climate, diversity, and inclusivity issues. MCSLE encourages any staff or faculty member who is interested in participating to attend. Or, you can choose a more involved role by contacting Theo Turner at 724-357-2598.

Food Pantry and Help Center to Offer Workshops

Next semester, the IUP Food Pantry and Help Center will begin to offer workshops for students. These workshops will center around topics like self-awareness, self-confidence, and improving financial literacy. Stay tuned for more information once the spring semester is underway.

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