

Student Affairs: Weekly Digest

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Feature: A Student Conversation: The Derek Chauvin Trial Verdict

On Tuesday evening, just under two hours after the verdict of the Derek Chauvin trial was announced, about 50 students gathered on Zoom and in-person to receive support. The event was hosted by the Office of Social Equity and the Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement in the Elkin Great Room. The participants heard powerful readings, artistic expressions, and heart-felt speakers from students, alumni, faculty, and staff members. The evening was concluded with a moment of silence for the Floyd family and others whose lives were lost because of brutality and hate.

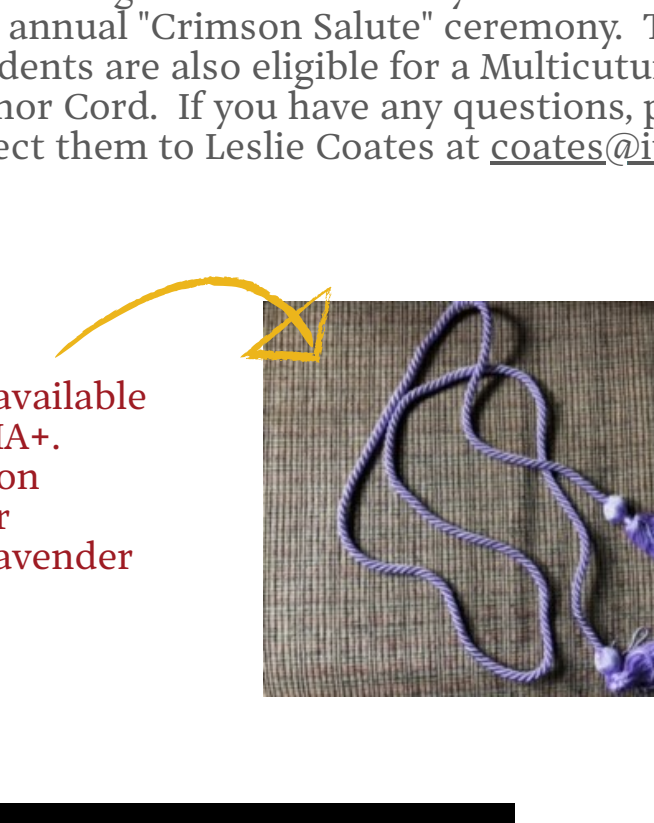
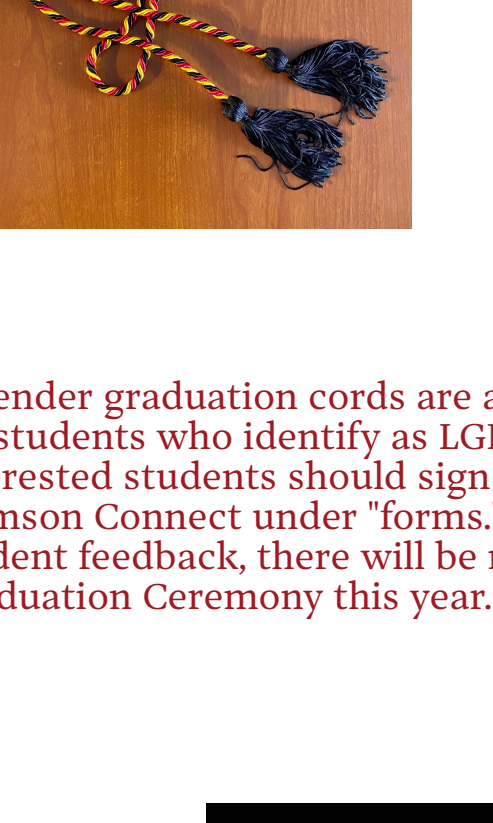


The Office of Social Equity and the Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement would like to thank everyone who participated in the event. A special "thank you" goes out to Dr. Veronica Watson, who MCed the event, and alumna Debra-Evans-Smith, who provided valuable insight regarding her experience during the investigation, trial, and riots associated with Rodney King in Los Angeles in 1992. We would also like to acknowledge our student speakers representing the IUP Chapter of the NAACP, Students Against Racism, and SGA, as well as Dr. Mel Jenkins, who closed the event with a moment of silence.

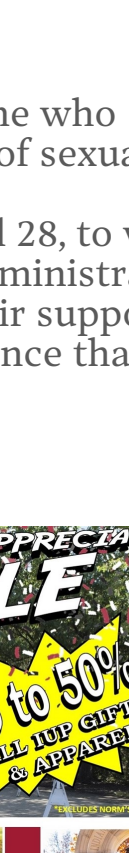
Updates

In the first week of April, Health and Wellness Promotion provided students an opportunity to take a short field trip out in nature to commune with the environment. Promoted on HWP's Instagram page, the trip was planned to help students relax and relieve stress. Sara Dillon, Assistant Director of Health and Wellness Promotion, accompanied students to an ideal location. Off they went to Blue Spruce Park and found a perfect spot; wild birds were in abundance and even ate seed right from students' hands.

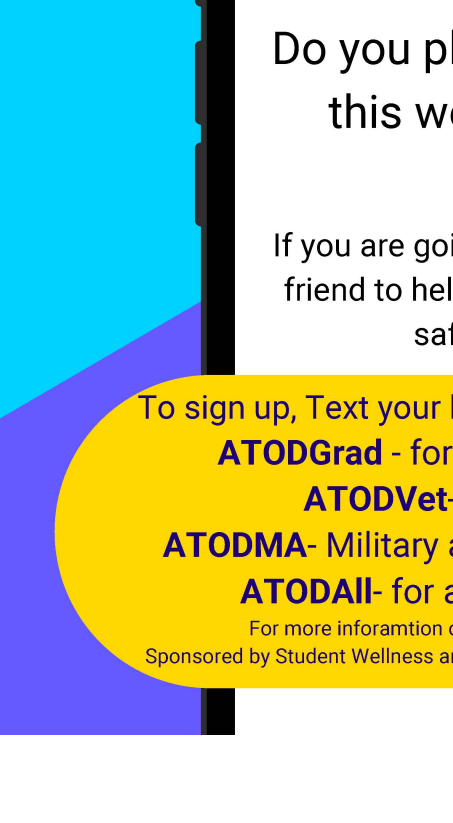
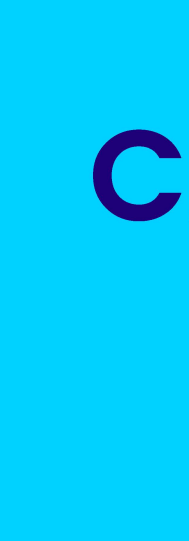
If any students are interested in taking part in an experience like this, they should contact Sara Dillon at sdillon@iup.edu. Ms. Dillon will happily show students the location and will even provide birdseed. Breathing in the fresh air, enjoying the peaceful surroundings of nature, and a one-on-one experience with wild birds can do wonders for easing students' stress and may even bring a smile to their faces.



On Tuesday, April 13, MCSLE presented "Drippin' or Slippin': What's Your Money Status?" Twenty student participants joined Ms. Leslie Coates (Assistant Director of Multicultural Affairs and Student Success), Ms. Alisa DeStefano (Associate Director of Financial Aid), and Ms. Jean Schnatterly (Vice President for University Banking at PNC Bank) in a discussion about realistic earnings, student loan repayment options, and real talk about credit. Through Q & A, the panel addressed students' financial concerns after college and handling loan debt in a timely manner.

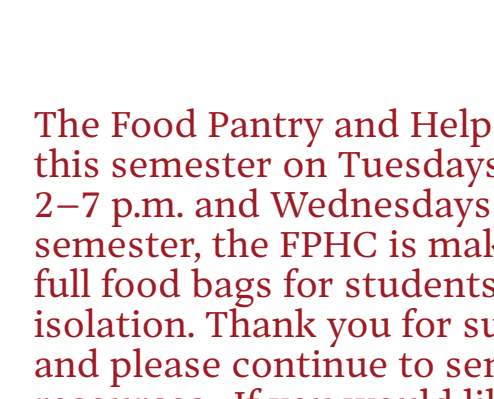


On Wednesday, April 14, MCSLE hosted "AAUW (American Association of University Women) Smart Start Lunch & Learn." Dr. Melissa Swagert shared strategies needed for successful salary negotiations. The session reviewed how students can create a file of accomplishments, establishing their budget so they know their target salary, and reviewing non-monetary compensation. Each student was encouraged to download the Smart Start Workbook to use as their personal guide.



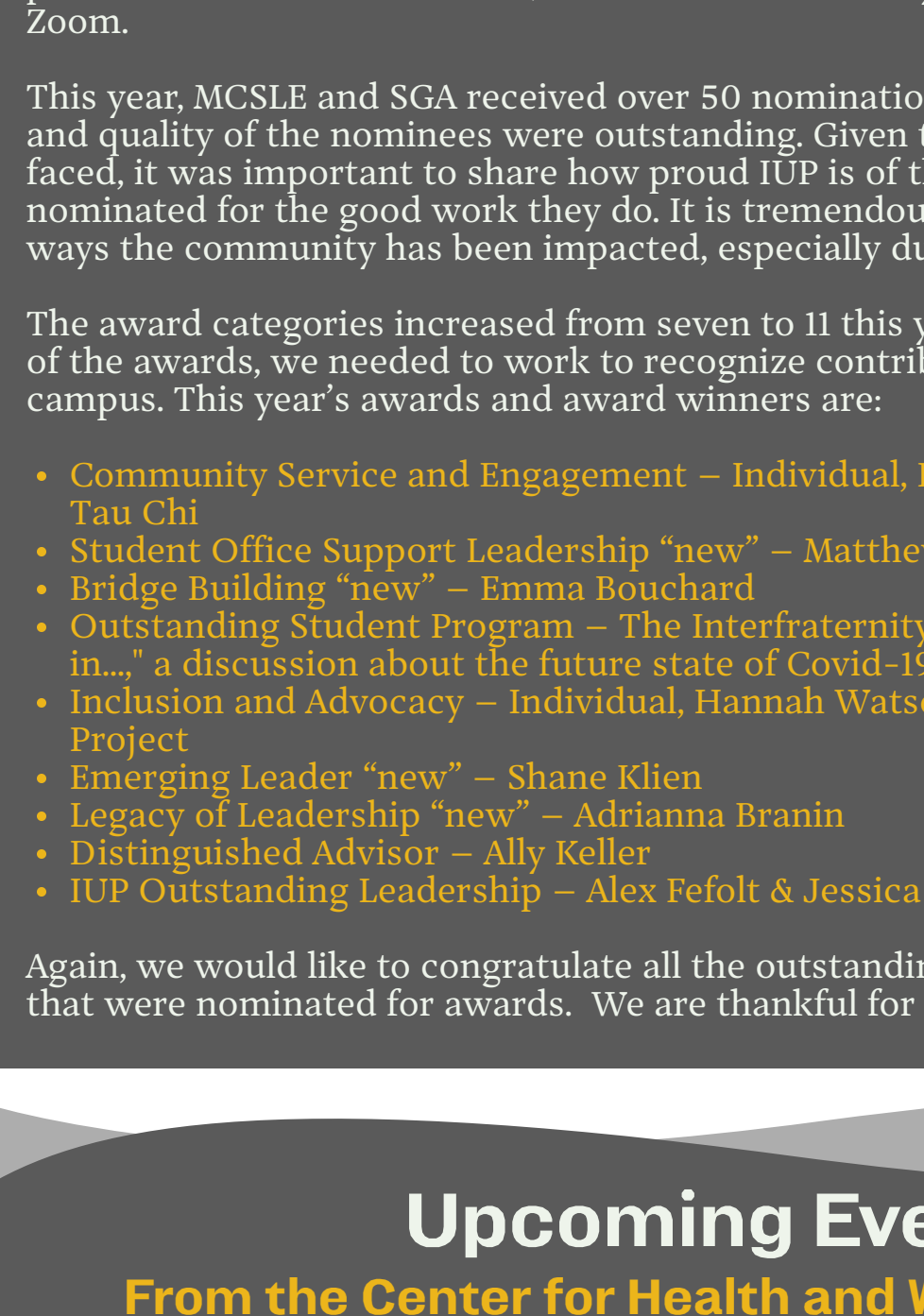
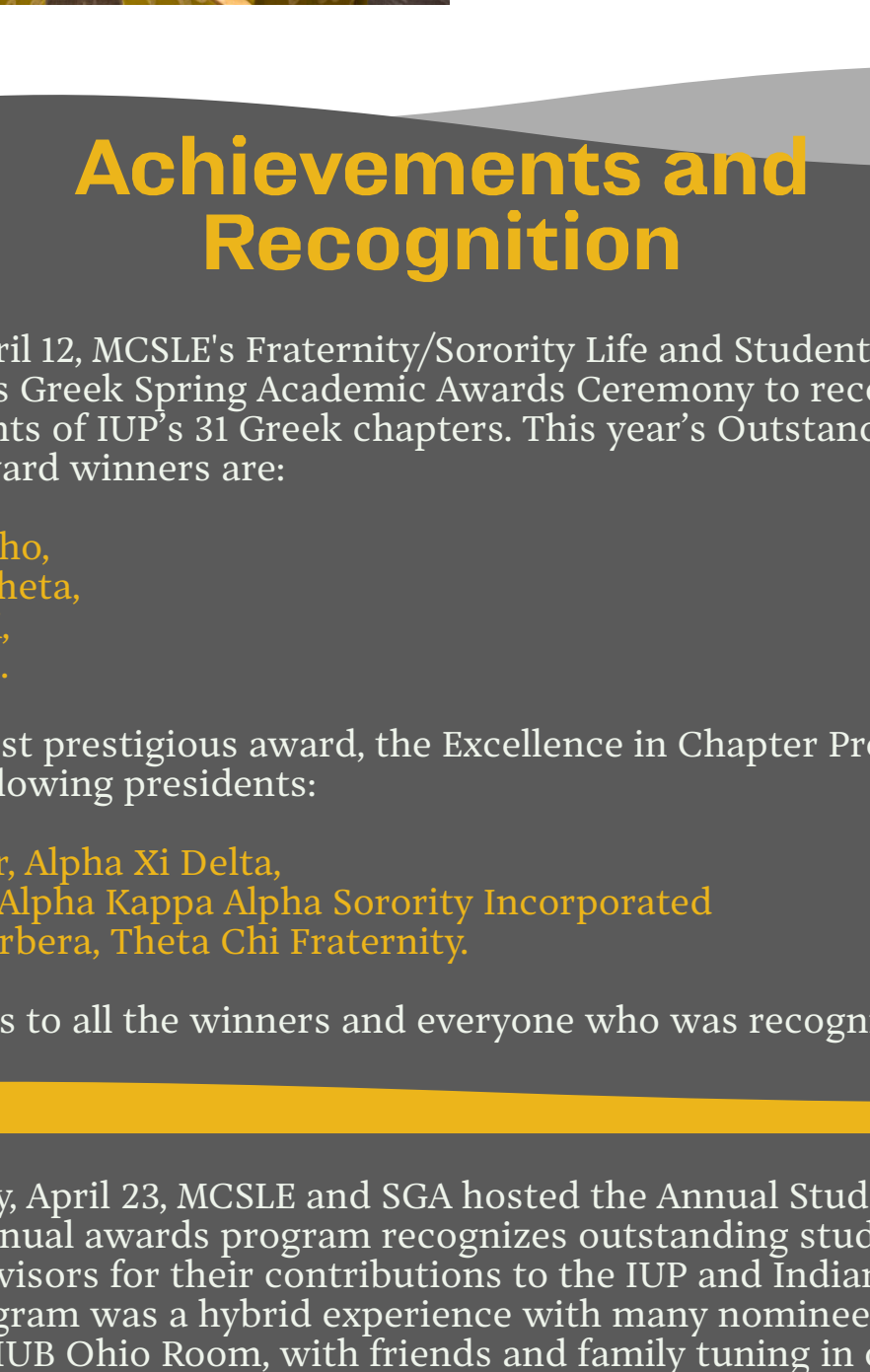
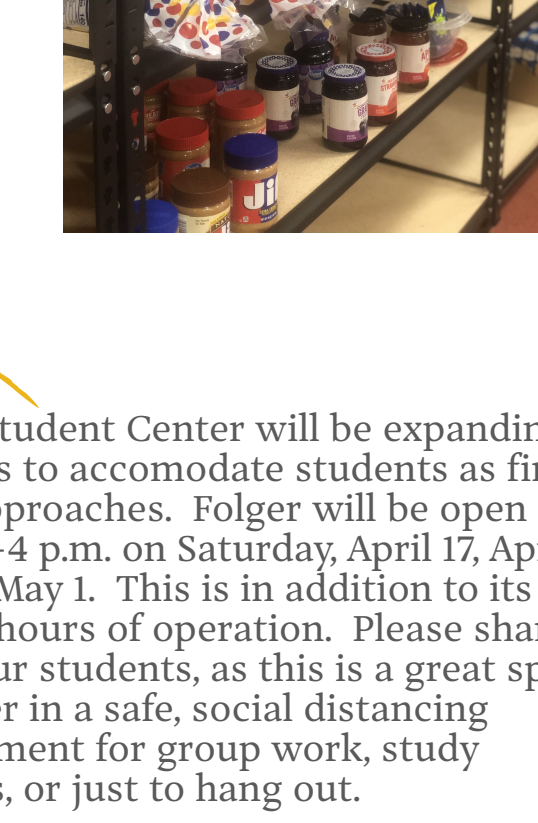
The Haven Project wants to thank everyone who submitted a sign of support for survivors of sexual assault. Visit the Haven Project website (www.iup.edu/haven) On Wednesday, April 28, to view the video of IUP students, faculty, staff, administrators, and our community partners showing their support. We want to show survivors of sexual violence that they are heard and supported.

The Co-op Store's annual end-of-the-semester sale begins Thursday, April 22. The Customer Appreciation Sale will include 25 - 50% off savings on most IUP gear and gifts. The store will offer the opportunity for students to sell their books back, once they are done using them, beginning Thursday, April 29, and ending on Friday, May 7. The Co-op Store hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The store will have special Saturday hours on Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Congratulations to our Class of 2021 graduates and their families!



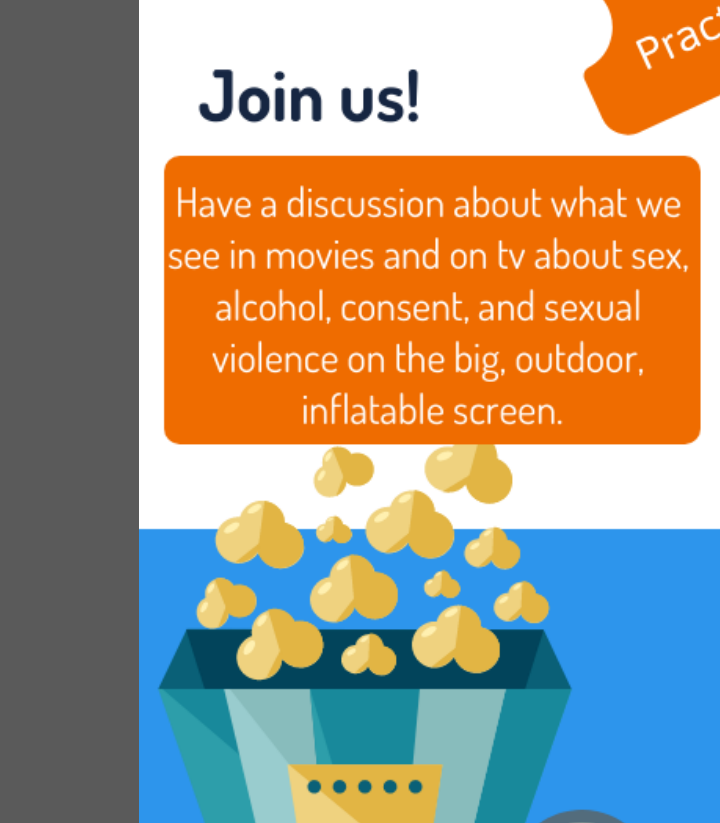
Graduation is quickly approaching. The Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement has reached out via email to eligible graduating students who may like to take part in the annual "Crimson Salute" ceremony. Those students are also eligible for a Multicultural Honor Cord. If you have any questions, please direct them to Leslie Coates at coates@iup.edu.

Lavender graduation cords are also available for students who identify as LGBTQIA+. Interested students should sign-up on Crimson Connect under "forms." Per student feedback, there will be no Lavender Graduation Ceremony this year.



ATOD is launching Caring TXT - a text-based program that assists students in setting weekly drinking goals. Caring TXT is funded through the PLCB grant. Please feel free to encourage students to sign up. For more information, contact atod-oasis@iup.edu.

The Food Pantry and Help Center (FPHC) is open this semester on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. This semester, the FPHC is making snack bags and full food bags for students who are living in isolation. Thank you for supporting The Pantry, and please continue to send students down for resources. If you would like to make a donation to The Pantry, you may do so via this link: <https://www.iup.edu/fund.aspx?id=252222>.



Folger Student Center will be expanding its hours to accommodate students as finals week approaches. Folger will be open from 12-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, April 24, and May 1. This is in addition to its normal hours of operation. Please share with your students, as this is a great space to gather in a safe, social distancing environment for group work, study sessions, or just to hang out.

Achievements and Recognition

On Monday, April 12, MCSLE's Fraternity/Sorority Life and Student Engagement Office (FSL) hosted its Greek Spring Academic Awards Ceremony to recognize the academic accomplishments of IUP's 31 Greek chapters. This year's Outstanding Chapter Scholarship Award winners are:

- Kappa Delta Rho
- Delta Sigma Theta
- Omega Psi Phi
- Alpha Xi Delta

Lastly, FSL's most prestigious award, the Excellence in Chapter Presidency Award was given to the following presidents:

- Sierra Pletcher, Alpha Xi Delta
- Kamryn Gill, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated
- Matthew LaBarbera, Theta Chi Fraternity

Congratulations to all the winners and everyone who was recognized!

This past Friday, April 23, MCSLE and SGA hosted the Annual Student Leadership Awards. The annual awards program recognizes outstanding student organizations, leaders, and advisors for their contributions to the IUP and Indiana communities. This year's program was a hybrid experience with many nominees gathering in-person at the HUB Ohio Room, with friends and family tuning in online through Zoom.

This year, MCSLE and SGA received over 50 nominations for 11 awards. The amount and quality of the nominees were outstanding. Given the challenges that we all have faced, it was important to share how proud IUP is of the award winners and all those nominated for the good work they do. It is tremendously uplifting seeing the positive ways the community has been impacted, especially during a pandemic.

The award categories increased from seven to 11 this year. During the planning phase of the awards, we needed to work to recognize contributions from all corners of the campus. This year's awards and award winners are:

- Community Service and Engagement – Individual, Katarin Noll; Organization Rho Tau Chi
- Student Office Support Leadership "new" – Matthew Van Etten
- Bridge Building "new" – Emma Bouchard
- Outstanding Student Program – The Interfraternity Council for "The Doctor is in..." a discussion about the future state of Covid-19
- Inclusion and Advocacy – Individual, Hannah Watson; Organization, The Haven Project
- Emerging Leader "new" – Shane Kliem
- Legacy of Leadership "new" – Adrianna Brannin
- Distinguished Advisor – Ally Keller
- IUP Outstanding Leadership – Alex Fefolt & Jessica Poley

Again, we would like to congratulate all the outstanding students and organizations that were nominated for awards. We are thankful for the amazing work you all do.

Upcoming Events

From the Center for Health and Well-Being (CHWB)

Health and Wellness Promotion, The Haven Project, & ATOD

Sex On the Big Screen

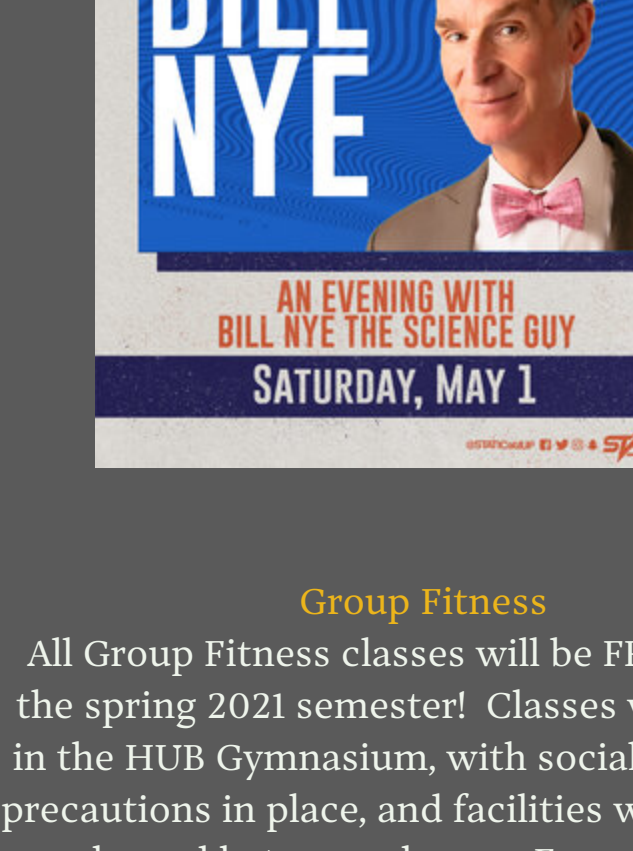
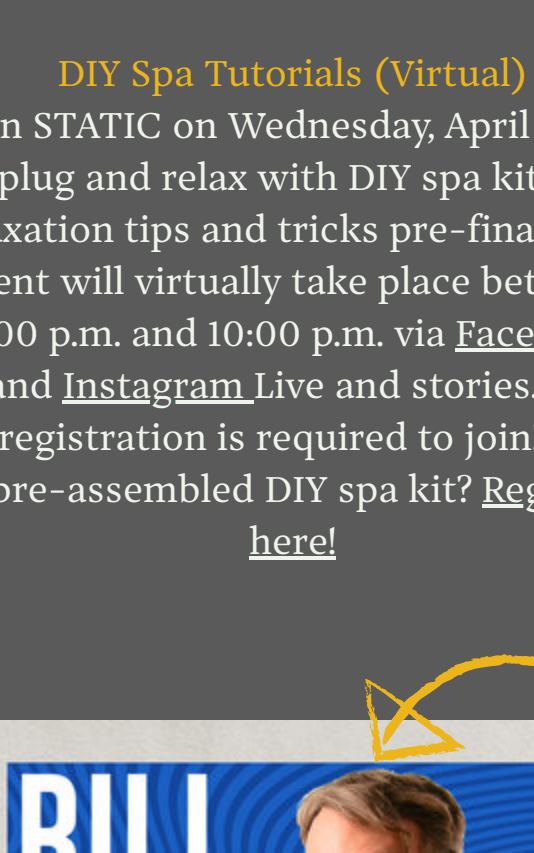
Wednesday, April 28th

8:30pm-9:30pm on the Practice Field

Join us!

Have a discussion about what we see in movies and on tv about sex, alcohol, consent, and sexual violence on the big, outdoor, inflatable screen.

T-shirts and free stuff for attendees!

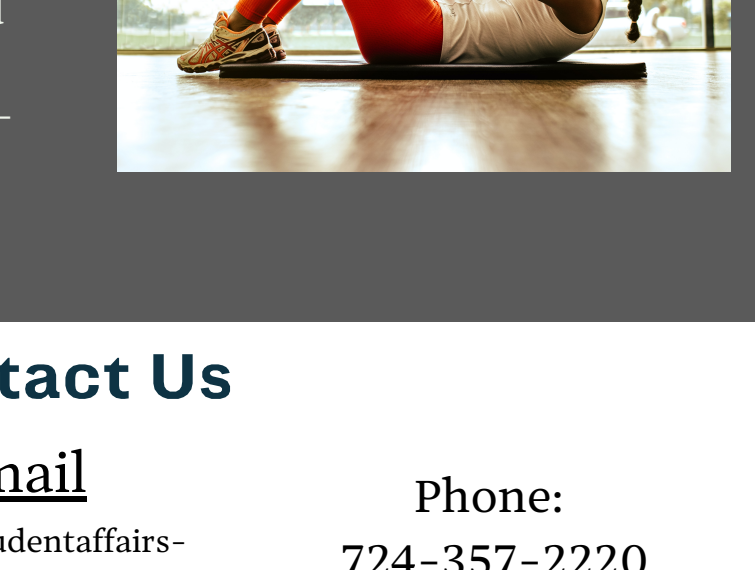


Kahoot Trivia

Every Thursday at 7 p.m., HWP will host Kahoot Trivia with Peer Educator Charles Coleman via Zoom (ID: 990 4005 0169). Enjoy a night of fun every week with chances to win prizes! Email Sara Dillon at sdillon@iup.edu for details.

Just Paws with the Therapy Dogs
Every Monday from 6-7:30 p.m., the Therapy Dogs will be in the Folger Student Center. For students who are missing home, feeling low, or want to give scratches, stop by and see Ranger and his pals! Did you know that therapy dogs actually absorb the stress of humans? This is a great opportunity to reduce stress and anxiety.

Students can also set up a personal visit with Ranger by emailing Sara Dillon at sdillon@iup.edu. You can also follow Ranger on twitter @IUPRANGER. You can follow Health and Wellness Promotion @IUPAWARE, too!

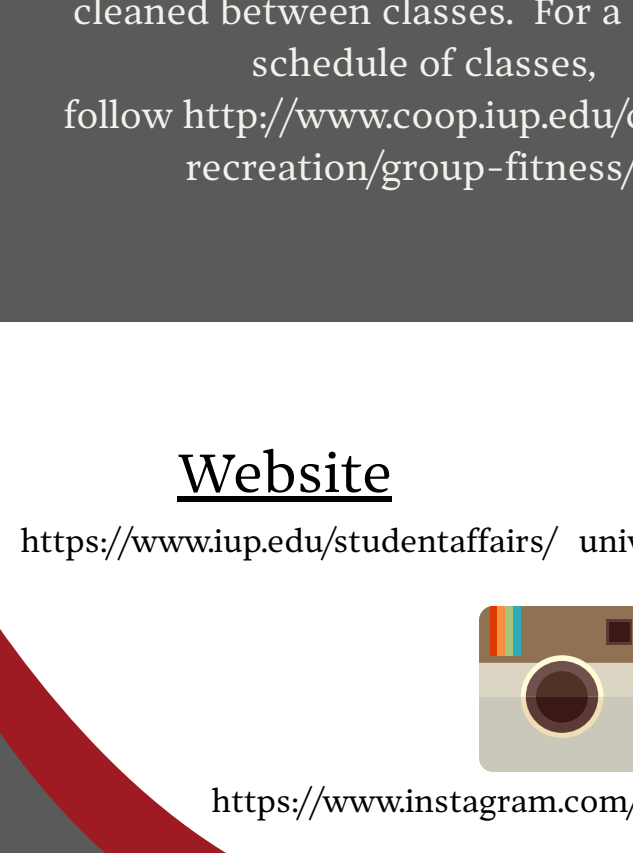


From the Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement (MCSLE)

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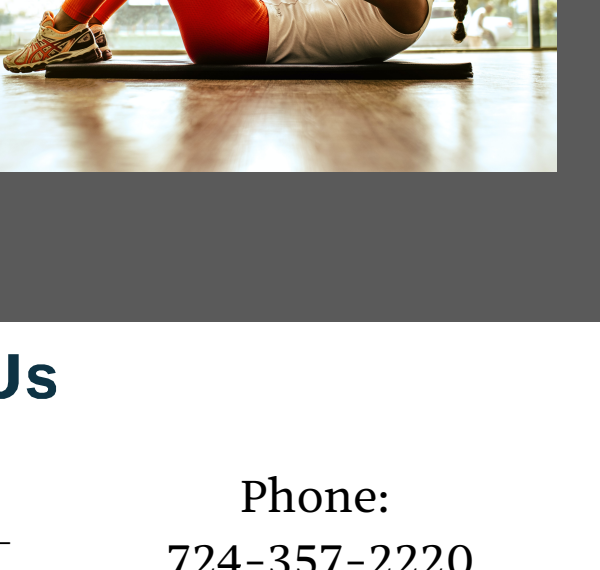
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November 3-5, 2021



Red Cross Blood Drive

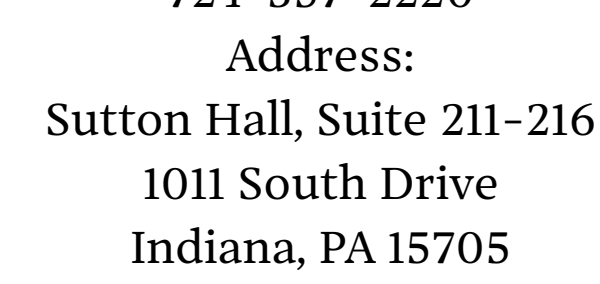
There will be a Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 27, from 12-5 p.m. in Folger Student Center. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments can also be made via the Red Cross website.



Establishing a Life and Career After Graduation
Join us on Tuesday, April 27, from 6-7 p.m. via Zoom (<https://iupvideo.zoom.us/j/99074025294>) with guest speaker, Cam Brown. Cam is a graduate of Western Illinois University and started his career in the real estate and finance industry in Chicago. His motto is educating, motivating, and inspiring while helping people create ownership and generational wealth. Brown has spoken to dozens of graduating classes about taking charge and running yourself like a business to reach success. He also preaches the importance of monetizing your degree in the corporate world and how to get your foot in the door, while creating your own brand.



Meet BEAC: The Black Experience Alumni Committee Wants to Hear from You
Join this online session via Zoom (<https://iupvideo.zoom.us/j/95901864079>) on Wednesday, April 28, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. with the Black Experience Alumni Committee and share your Black student experience at IUP. The Black Experience Alumni Committee is a new alumni committee that advocates for improvements IUP can make to improve Black students' academic success and social experience. Help BEAC understand the needs of Black IUP students and how to best communicate with them.

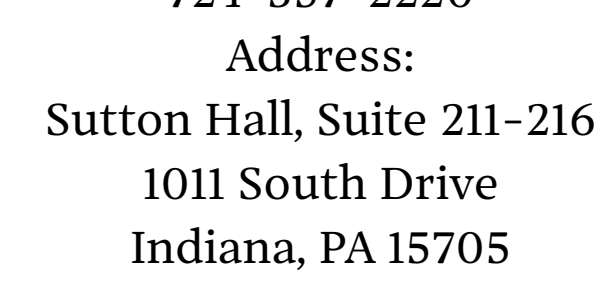


3rd Annual Multicultural Festival
Join SGA and RHA on Friday, April 30, from 2-4 p.m. in the Wallwork Courtyard. We will showcase clubs and organizations that celebrate and highlight multicultural contributions toward the IUP community. All are invited.



End-of-Year Meet-Up

This will be our last Meet-Up of the semester. We will offer free food and games, and we welcome DJ L.A.! All students are invited to attend on Friday, April 30, from 8-11 p.m. in the Folger Student Center.



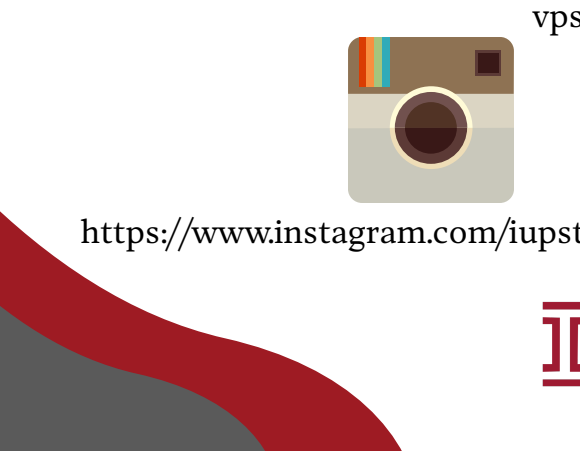
A Time of Expression: George Floyd and the #BLM Movement
Everyone is invited to join us on Tuesday, April 27, from 2-5 p.m. at Waller Hall in the Oak Grove. The IUP Community will have an opportunity to come together for a time of expression. Two large Canvases will be set up for students to write/paint to demonstrate their thoughts and/or feelings after the Chauvin trial verdict. During the program, from 3-4 p.m., special readings will take place on the steps of Waller Hall.



Forum Theatre and Difficult Dialogues
On Tuesday, April 27, from 4-5 p.m., join professor Rachel DeSoto-Jackson and the student SPATE ensemble virtually as they lead our IUP community in dialogue surrounding the verdict of the Chauvin trial. Using Forum Theatre as a rehearsal for action, they will explore where we go from here. Is this the first step to "Justice"? Does the outcome of the trial change the system of inequity? How do we create systemic change? Zoom Link: <https://iupvideo.zoom.us/j/93584804649>



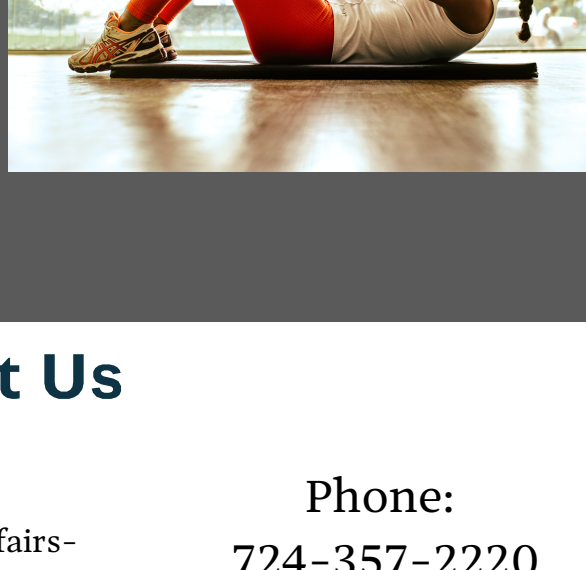
From the Student Cooperative Association (Co-op)



Cookout 2021: Food Trucks, Yard Games, & Tie-Dye (In-Person and Virtual)
Join STATC as we continue to ease back into live events and present the 33rd Annual End-of-the-Year Cookout on Friday, April 30, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on the HUB Front Patio and via Zoom. The event is completely free, and is first-come, first-served only (no preregistration).



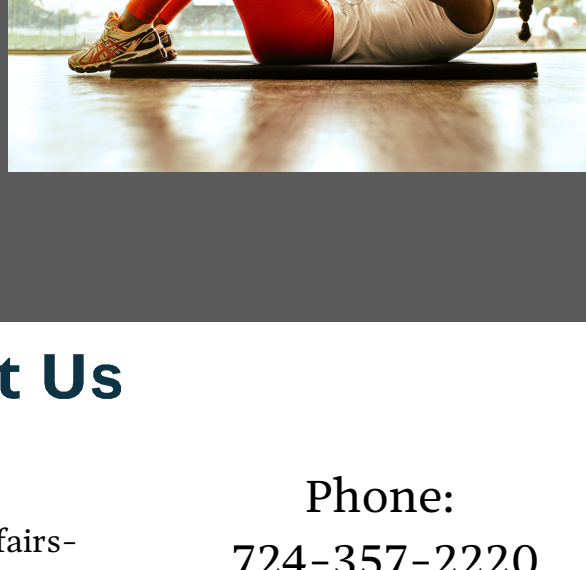
DIY Spa Tutorials (Virtual)
Join STATC on Wednesday, April 28, to unplug and relax with DIY spa kits and relaxation tips and tricks pre-final! The event will virtually take place between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. via Facebook and Instagram Live and stories. No preregistration is required to join! Want a pre-assembled DIY spa kit? Register [here!](#)



Live at IUP: An Evening with Bill Nye the Science Guy
Join STATC as we present science educator, engineer, comedian, television presenter, author, inventor, and everyone's favorite school-aged memory, Bill Nye the Science Guy, live via Zoom, on Saturday, May 1. The Zoom waiting room will open at 7:45 p.m., with the event beginning promptly at 8:00 p.m. THIS EVENT IS COMPLETELY FREE and OPEN TO THE ENTIRE IUP COMMUNITY. No preregistration is required. Join [here!](#)



Group Fitness
All Group Fitness classes will be FREE during the spring 2021 semester! Classes will be held in the HUB Gymnasium, with social distancing precautions in place, and facilities will be deep-cleaned between classes. For a detailed schedule of classes, follow <http://www.coop.iup.edu/campus-recreation/group-fitness/>.



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