Help Make River Crossing Better

Hey River Crossing!

We know that our students who live on campus tend to perform better academically, and we also have noticed that we have some of the most engaged students on campus as well.

Here in housing, we have the National Residence Hall Honorary that inducts the top 1% of on campus student leaders every spring, and we also have the Residence Hall Association that is the voice for residents when it comes to programming and improvements.

RHA is also a great group to join for development! On October 31, six members of RHA left for a two day RHA Leadership conference at Indiana State University. If you frequent our Facebook page, you know that these six students managed to show so much spirit, that they took home the Most Spirited Small School award for our region. Out of 50 schools, only two received most spirited, and we were one of those schools! Here in housing, we take pride in being Titans and want to tell whoever is listening, that we have a lot to offer!

If you want to make housing a better place, come to RHA on Tuesdays at 7:15. Whether you think parking needs to changed, the board games should be updated, or you want to see a specific program happen here, let us know! RHA is the place to go to make your housing experience matter. If you can’t make it to RHA, talk to your house representative, or one of our executive members who can look into your concerns.

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Welcome to the RCC! This is an electronic publication of Housing and Residence Life at IU South Bend, providing all on-campus residents with brief information on HRL services, policies, and promotions. The newsletter is emailed to current residents monthly.

Important Dates Coming Up

The T Factor..............................11/21
Winter Break Housing  Sign Ups
Begin..............................11/26
Thanksgiving............................11/27
Thanksgiving Holiday (main campus closed)............................11/28
60 Seconds to Success...........12/1
Midnight Breakfast.....................12/4
Teddy Bear Concert .................12/5

Health & Safety Inspections ...

During the week of 11/17-11/21 we will again be doing room inspections. Please prepare by:

- Removing Trash
- Checking Outlets for overloads or incorrect cable runs
- Vacuuming
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- Cleaning surfaces
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Thanksgiving is Coming….

If you leave for the long weekend, make sure you…

- Take out your trash! Do not leave anything behind that might attract bugs or leave a smell.
- Turn off all lights and unplug small appliances.
- Lock all windows — including the sliding glass door.
- Close your blinds.
- Secure your valuables.

How about some unorthodox study tips for Final Exams?

Cram effectively by reading upside down:

“If you need to cram, read upside down and aloud. As in, turn the paper upside down, not yourself lol. It’s slow, but it’s time efficient. You’ll focus more on what you’re actually reading/saying. It better than mindlessly staring at your books and repeating yourself quickly.” — bread_czar

Use all of your senses while studying:

“Engage as many senses as you can while studying: touch the paper if you’re writing on it, smell peppermint (keeps you alert — but try to smell it right before your exams as well), say your notes out loud, write your notes in different colors — the more senses you can engage, the more likely it will stick with you.” — nomorexternanospiez

Drink water and eat fruits:

“Instead of energy drinks, drink plenty of water — and the occasional cup of coffee — while studying to help you stay hydrated and maintain a high level of cognitive function and energy. Eat plenty of fruits like blueberries and apples, which reduce the level of toxins in your bloodstream and improve memory function.” — Joel Delgado, Florida International University student

Create mental associations with the material:

“Relate things you learn to what you know. If it’s not relatable make things up. This is a powerful trick. It is really useful for vocab memorization. For example you learned ‘rojo’ is Spanish for red. Draw a connection between them. They both start with R. They are both short words. Imagine something red labled rojo in your mind.” — zara

Partner up with someone in your class:

“Find a classmate to study with and agree to the following policy: when either of you don’t understand a part of the notes, ask the other person. This will force you to verbally communicate what you’re studying to someone else in a way that they will understand it. Have them repeat their understanding of it after you explain it to them, and talk about it until you both have the idea down solid.” — TheTrueGentleman

Wear a watch:

“Even if you don’t usually wear a watch, take one with you to the final. It’s unlikely you will be able to look at your cell phone to check the time during the final.” — Wisconsin Lutheran College

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Locked Out?

You’re not alone… and that’s the problem. With over 300 residents, it’s not hard to imagine how much time our staff would spend keying residents into their rooms if there was no charge.

So just remember:

The first time is free (1 per semester)
2nd and subsequent lockouts: $10
Nighttime lockouts: $20

Also remember:
These charges are billed to your bursar account; you do not pay the staff during key-in.

Winter Break Sign Ups

Winter Break Stay Sign Up: There is no charge to stay over the Winter Break. Beginning Monday, December 1st there will be sign-up sheets at the Community Building front desk for anyone staying over the Winter Break.

ANY resident planning to stay on campus for ANY part of the break will need to complete the form. Those residents that do not sign up to stay over the break will have their card access suspended.

Residents staying over the break will be emailed a list of rules and expectations for staying over the break. Please note that there are no guests allowed at any time during the break.

Please be aware of the alternate Community Building hours during Thanksgiving Weekend:
11/27 Closed
11/28 Closed
11/29 Open Noon-5:00 p.m.
11/30 Normal hours resume, Open Noon-Midnight