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 e newsletter is emailed to current residents monthly.

From the Director...

Hello River Crossing!

We are approaching the half-way point! When we come back from Spring Break, the weather steadily improves (well, we’ll at least have a lot more day light). For some of you, it will be the final few weeks before graduation and all of the new adventures and excitement that come with having earned your bachelor’s or master’s degrees. But for most of you, it will be the close of another semester in the journey towards graduating. You will be scheduling classes. Please talk to your academic advisor about your plans, if you can.

I want to let you know something that maybe you didn’t know: People who get done with college quickly are more likely to graduate. The longer it takes to get your degree, the chances of stopping out increase. If you can, take 15 credits a semester. Everyone’s circumstances are different, so it may not be possible for you to take 15 credits a semester. If it isn’t, at least take 12 credits in the fall and spring and pick up credits over the summer.

Here’s why – opportunity costs. This means you might be saving money now, but you’re losing the opportunity to make even more money or security in the long run. The sooner you graduate, the sooner your odds improve of getting a good job that comes with health insurance and retirement benefits. The longer you work nearly full-time while going to school part-time, the less you save for retirement and/or the greater the odds of you having a medical problem that sets you so far back financially that it becomes difficult to recover. You’re in school for a reason. Stay focused, get your degree, and be another IU South Bend success story!

Have a great break, y’all. We’ll see you on the flip side!

Paul

Important Dates in March

- Spring Break Signup Deadline.................3/6
- Rolling Resumes................................3/6
- Spring Break......................................3/9-3/17
- Zumba in the Lodge..............................3/7
- Hot Cocoa Thursdays............................3/7,3/21,3/28
- Bystander Awareness Program...............3/21
- 80’s Night.........................................3/21
- 21st Century Scholars Game Night..........3/27

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The Ideal Break!

RA Lawrence Mitchell-Matthews plans an exceptional Spring Break

Some people might find it very strange, but I have an obsession for the great things of the past especially the 1920’s, 30’s, and 60’s including music, literature, fashion, and culture.

As far as we know, our American roots began in Meridian, MS where the great musical legacy started, which I am trying to continue. There is significant evidence that this region is the place where my forefathers were first brought as slaves and lived.

We plan to travel to Mississippi to trace not only his steps but also his father’s roots and so on. I am excited about the knowledge I will gain and be able to share with my generation, and the generations to come!

For Spring Break, I’ve decided to do something quite different. I am going back to my roots with my grandfather, who has been one of my greatest inspirations.

Expecting a Guest?

Guests are always welcome, just please be sure to do the following:

- Check for your roommate’s approval beforehand.
- It’s also required that you accompany your guest – guests are not permitted to be in suites without the host/hostess. Unescorted guests will be asked to leave the premises.
- Guests must be registered at the front desk before 10:00 pm; otherwise unregistered guests must leave before 1:00 am.
- IU students and guests must present a photo ID upon registration.
- Each resident is allowed three overnight visits a month. These nights may be used separately or consecutively, and only two overnight guests are permitted at a time.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding guests please contact the front desk for more information!

~Tearanie Fisher, Student Desk worker

Business and Social Etiquette Dinner

Everyone knows manners are important, but what if dinner etiquette could jump-start your career? Are job interviews in your future? Not sure which fork to use? IU South Bend Scholars can join fellow classmates, local employers, and IU South Bend staff for a fabulous meal and networking opportunities all while learning the do’s and don’ts of dining etiquette.

This event is FREE to all IU South Bend students! Just a $10 deposit will reserve your seat. When you check into the event, you’ll be refunded your deposit. It’s a simple way to invest in your future. Sign up today!! RSVP with your $10 deposit method to the Career Services Office in the Administration Building, Rm 116 by Monday March 11, 2013.

Facilities would like you to know...

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