

Parent Relations

The Parent Relations office at the University of Indianapolis is an intentional effort to communicate and engage with parents of UIndy students. As a student retention effort, we take the perspective that informed parents will better support their student, resulting in increased satisfaction and persistence to graduation. Timely information will be provided throughout the year to help keep our UIndy parents involved and interested.

Highlights from 2008-09

Even though we have a lot of activity happening throughout the year, we still periodically hear from our students that "nothing is going on". We thought we would share some of the highlights of the 2008-09 academic year and also provide some event dates for you and your student to look forward to in 2009-10.

Activities Highlights 2008-09 Academic Year

1. Over 200 students participated in the Super Saturday of Service on October 18, 2008. The event is coordinated annually by the Indianapolis Student Government, and was led this year by Katie Stam, UIndy Senior and 2009 Miss America.

2. Pink Week - Student organizations collaborated during a week of fundraising and educational programming during October 2008 in support of breast cancer awareness and the Susan G. Komen Foundation. At the conclusion of the week, a total of \$2,174.00 was donated to Komen Indy.

3. Deck the Doors for Toys for Tots - During the holiday season,

student organizations, as well as, faculty and staff around the UIndy campus participated in a Deck the Doors contest. All toys and proceeds were donated to the Marine Corporation in support of Toys for Tots.

4. Drag Show - Pride and Alpha Psi Omega raised \$710.00 at the annual UIndy Drag Show. All proceeds were donated to Broadway Cares Equity Fights AIDS.

5. Walk for Kids - on March 28, 2009 members from College Mentors for Kids as well as other UIndy students participated in the annual Walk for Kids.

6. Riley Dance Marathon - on March 28th, Circle K hosted the 2nd Riley Dance Marathon on UIndy's campus. During the marathon, Circle K was able to raise \$2297 for Riley Children's Hospital.

7. Race for the Cure - on April 18, UIndy students, faculty, and staff are walked together on the "Hounds" team during Race for the Cure, in support of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Looking forward to 2009-10 Academic Year:

August 19, 2009 - New Students move in to the Residence Halls

August 24, 2009 - Classes Begin

September 19, 2009 - Annual Super Saturday of Service event

September 26, 2009 - Family Day

September 28 - October 2 - Pink Week - in support of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

October 19-24 - Homecoming 2009 - This year's theme is "Hounds go Hollywood." During the week of Homecoming, various fundraisers will be taking place in support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Also of Note—Beginning with the 2009-10 academic year, a coordinated effort is being made to focus different campus lectures, programs and events around one of the four University-wide learning goals. The four goals are Social Responsibility, Creativity, Performance and Critical Thinking. Look for more information to come about the new University Series, which for 2009-10 will focus on Social Responsibility. Events currently being scheduled include the co-founder of Ben & Jerry's, a theatrical performance, an address by a distinguished faculty member, and several other exciting and interesting events.

Important Dates to Remember

- > May 1, 2009
Graduate Programs Commencement
- > May 2, 2009
Undergraduate Commencement
- > May 4, 2009
Spring Term Begins
- > May 11, 2009
First 7-Week Summer Session Begins
- > May 22, 2009
Spring Term Ends
- > May 25, 2009
Memorial Day—No Classes
- > June 26, 2009
First 7-Week Summer Session Ends
- > June 29, 2009
Second 7-Week Summer Session Begins
- > July 5, 2009
Independence Day Observed (No Classes)
- > August 14, 2009
Second 7-Week Summer Session Ends
- > August 19, 2009
Welcome Week Begins
- > August 24, 2009
First Semester Classes Begin
- > September 19, 2009
Super Saturday of Service
- > September 26, 2009
Family Weekend

Life in Residence Life

Greetings from Residence Life! It has been a wonderful year in the Residence Halls at UIndy! We are proud of our staff and the work that they do to create strong communities at UIndy! As the end of the year approaches, here are some important announcements:

- **End-of-Year Closing**—The residence halls will officially close on Saturday, May 2 at 12pm. Those students graduating, having a role in graduation, or who receive special permission from their Residence Director may stay until Sunday, May 3 at 12pm. Spring Term and summer residents will be able to stay in their respective rooms. Summer residents will transition to Central Hall for the summer after Spring Term.
- **Dining Options**—The dining hall will serve its last meal on Saturday, May 2 from 11:30am-1:30pm. After that time, only residents who are signed up for Spring Term will be able to eat without additional cost.
- **Summer Housing**—Students curious about living on campus during the summer should direct their questions to the Residence Life office. Campus housing during the summer is economic and safe options for students, especially for those enrolled in summer courses or are planning to stay in Indy for summer.
- **2009-2010 Room Sign Up**—It is not too late to sign up for residential living

for the upcoming school year! Spots are still available for Cory Bretz, Cravens, Warren, and New (for male students). Visit Residence Life or give us a call for more information.

East Hall Update—Construction on our newest residence hall, East Hall, is still progressing smoothly. All four floors have been created, and workers are currently finishing the roof. East Hall is scheduled for completion by the start of the fall 2009 school year. The building will cater to 153 upperclassmen students.

Do not hesitate to contact the Residence Life office at 317-788-3530 with questions, comments, or concerns. We would like to wish good luck to students on their upcoming finals and congratulations to graduating seniors. Have a relaxing and fun-filled summer break!

YEAR IN REVIEW INFO:

Record numbers of returning Residence Hall students have signed up to stay on campus for next year! Residence Life is excited that more students than ever before have signed contracts to live on campus for the 09-10 year! We look forward to the role modeling of the returning students to help provide leadership and consistency within our Residence Hall system.

Programming initiatives have expanded within the Residence Life system this year and students have been able to enjoy phe-

nomenal programs at the floor, hall, and campus level. This year we have incorporated Health & Wellness programming to the already slated Diversity Lecture Series. We feel that these initiatives are helping us to form communities that value and appreciate diversity of all kinds.

Two Resident Assistants (RAs) were recognized for their hard work at a Student Leadership and Service Banquet on April 5. Residents were encouraged to nominate RAs that demonstrated strong leadership qualities, responsibility, initiative, and ability to affect residents on a variety of educational, cultural, and social levels.

Molly Whitaker received the Outstanding Programmer of the Year award. Molly is a first year RA in Warren Hall, where she supervises 30 freshman girls.

Mary Luisi received the RA of the Year award. Mary is the Assistant Residence Director of Central Hall, where she supervises the Honors and Scholars floor. This themed floor of 60 co-ed residents is exclusive to students who are interested in UIndy's Honors program or are currently within the program.

Congratulations to both Molly and Mary!

If you have any questions or are interested in receiving more information about anything discussed in this newsletter please contact:

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To help you stay connected we have the following resources:

Website: <http://www.uindy.edu/parents/>

Email list: parents-list@uindy.edu, with over 2100 subscribers as of 10/15/08

- Newsletter: 2-3 issues intended per year
- Parent Handbook: Available on campus, or on the Parents website for download