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INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND  
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## IU SOUTH BEND CLIMBS IN U.S. NEWS SOCIAL MOBILITY RANKINGS; SCHOOL OF NURSING RANKS HIGHEST IN REGION

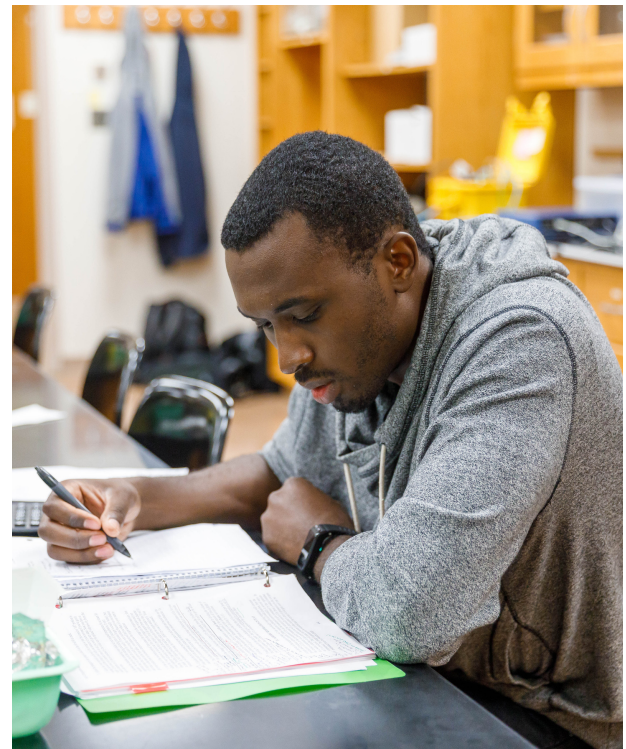
Indiana University South Bend rankings in the 2022 *U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges Report* revealed significant upward movement from its 2021 rankings.

The report ranked IU South Bend 25th in social mobility among regional public universities in the Midwest, recognizing good graduation rates among students who receive Pell Grants. This ranking is a substantial increase over last year's ranking at 50th in social mobility.

In addition, the School of Nursing at IU South Bend ranked 120th for best undergraduate nursing, the highest in the region, recognizing the excellent education nursing students receive. Furthermore, the Indiana State Board of Nursing commended the BSN program because 100 percent of its graduates passed the national licensure exam this year, noting only 10 of 67 programs in the state did so. "The ranking and commendation indicate our BSN program is graduating nurses who are the best prepared in our region with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their profession," said Chancellor Susan Elrod. To read on, please see: <https://www.iusb.edu/news/?p=9546>.

## COLLEGE GO! MONTH

College GO! week is upon us! In celebration, IU South Bend is offering a code to waive the \$35 application fee for the entire month of September. To apply, go to [apply.iu.edu](http://apply.iu.edu) and simply enter the code **SBCOLLGO** when asked for a coupon code. Valid September 1 - 30, 2021.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNSELORS

We invite all high school counselors or those that work closely with them to IU South Bend for a free professional development opportunity on **Wednesday, October 6 from 10 AM – 12 PM**. Please join us for brunch and a presentation by Dr. Yvonne Larrier entitled “**Building Social-Emotional Capacity in School Counselors**.” Dr. Larrier is chair of Counseling and Human Services at the IU South Bend School of Education, and you can read more about her background here: <https://go.iu.edu/43Q7>. To register, please email Caroline at [cebilsky@iu.edu](mailto:cebilsky@iu.edu).



### UPDATED SCHOLARSHIP STRUCTURE

Please be aware that our scholarship structure has been updated to align with our test-optional admissions policy. To view our Admissions scholarship offerings, please see here: <https://go.iu.edu/43Qk>.

We encourage any promising scholars with a 3.0 to 3.49 GPA to attend an On-Site event (or Make-Up On-Site on our campus) in order to receive the maximum amount for which they are eligible, as our scholarship structure now requires students to have at least a 3.5 GPA to be eligible for a Titan Silver or Gold Award.

Questions? Contact Admissions at 574-520-4839

### NOW SCHEDULING ON-SITES!

IU South Bend admission counselors will once again be traveling the Michiana area to make on-the-spot admission decisions for your students! At an On-Site Visit, students can submit their application for free, receive an admission decision during a one-on-one meeting with one of our counselors, and if eligible, receive a \$500 Titan Onsite Scholarship just for attending the On-Site Visit.

If you would like to schedule a date and time for us to come to your school this fall for an On-Site visit or a presentation, please e-mail Kathryn Mathews at [knmathew@iu.edu](mailto:knmathew@iu.edu).

### SHOWCASE DAYS ARE BACK

Aimed at high school seniors, Showcase Days offer a full-day campus visit for prospective and admitted students and their guests. Attendees hear from Admissions, Financial Aid, faculty and staff from their major, and take a campus tour. To register, see <https://admissions.iusb.edu/visit/index.html>.

Due to COVID, events are capped at 45 guests and masks are required in all indoor spaces.

# NEW FACES: ADMISSIONS & OISS



I was born and raised in South Bend and attended Adams High School for my first two years, finishing up my high school career at Marian High School. I went on to earn my bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies at IU Bloomington. During my undergraduate experience, I studied abroad in Antigua, Guatemala on a service trip and had the opportunity to serve as president of the illustrious fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi. I also interned for City Hall in Bloomington, and this is where I discovered my passion for community involvement and truly came to understand the importance of paying it forward. Upon graduating, I was an Office Assistant at the University of Notre Dame in the senior photography department. I am extremely excited to be an Admissions Counselor and Diversity Recruitment Coordinator. I understand the importance of my role and plan to uphold an oath to serve our scholars in every possible way!

## **JULIAN HUBBARD**

**FIRST YEAR COUNSELOR & DIVERSITY RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR**  
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Hello! I am a new First-Year Admissions Counselor here at IU South Bend. I grew up in Granger, Indiana and earned a bachelor degree in Global Studies at St. Mary's College. Afterwards I completed a master's in Higher Education and Student Personnel with a graduate certificate in International Higher Education at Kent State University.

I am excited to serve as an Admissions Counselor and advocate for incoming first year students, as well as international students, permanent residents, DACA, refugee, and asylee students.

Before joining the admissions team, I served as the representative for the Office of International Student Services and International Programs (study abroad) for two years.

I am passionate about international education and working with people from diverse cultural backgrounds. I developed this interest after experiencing life as an international student in Tokyo, Japan and Rome, Italy.



## **KATHRYN HANS**

**FIRST YEAR COUNSELOR**  
**KNMATH@IU.EDU**



Hello, All! My name is Fidel Mireles Jr. I am from Holland, MI, home of the Tulip Time Festival! I now live in Niles, MI with my wonderful wife, Nicole, and our daughter, Juliette. We enjoy spending summer days at the beach, and on fall days visiting a nearby pumpkin patch. Some would say I have fun golfing (except me).

I completed my associate's degree at Grand Rapids Community College. Then returned as an adult learner for a bachelor's degree from Davenport University. Before coming to IUSB, I was a banker for four years, supporting individuals and organizations by listening to their financial needs and connecting them to the appropriate services. For nine years I was a lead program coordinator for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holland, where I helped teens and young adults reach their full potential through targeted initiatives aimed at academic success and workforce readiness. As an Admissions Counselor, I look forward to engaging with both prospective and current students and partnering with campus organizations and area community members. I am excited about showing future Titans the great benefits that IU South Bend offers and helping to make their transition to Indiana University South Bend as smooth as possible.

## **FIDEL MIRELES**

**TRANSFER COUNSELOR**  
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# NEW FACES: ADMISSIONS & OISS

Hello! The beginning of the path that led to IU South Bend encompassed three campuses and universities across the state of Indiana. I began my freshman year at Ball State University in the School of Architecture, took some summer classes at IUSB, developed new life goals, and then I transferred and finished my degree at Purdue University, West Lafayette. And I now find myself back at IUSB, fulfilling a desire to help others in their pursuit of higher education.

Shortly after college, I started a family and became a mother of four daughters. After some time at home enjoying motherhood, I began working for a local K-12 school corporation in various administrative support roles. I became a Credential Analyst for IU South Bend in 2019, focusing on articulating transfer courses and credit for students. This has led me to my current position as an Admissions Counselor who will work closely with transfer students.



## **MELISSA ADN SON**

**T R A N S F E R C O U N S E L O R**  
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I am so excited to return to Indiana University South Bend as a Credential Analyst! No stranger to campus, I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music with a minor in dance here at IU South Bend, and I am familiar with the vibrant learning communities that our university fosters.

After graduating, I worked as a Program Assistant at The LGBTQ Center. During my time there, I supported the Center's primary programming, which included support groups and educational programming, and ensured that it remained accessible to the community at large. I also expanded the Center's educational offerings by designing and facilitating new workshops and diversity training sessions. During this time, I worked closely with students who helped to inform and facilitate these educational offerings.

In my spare time I enjoy doing yoga, having brunch with friends, and exploring new recipes and cooking techniques. I look forward to engaging with students and supporting them throughout their academic journeys here at Indiana University South Bend!

## **MICHAEL MCMILLION**

**C R E D E N T I A L A N A L Y S T**  
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I am a Class of 2020 graduate from Saint Mary's College, where I earned a B.S. in Business Administration with concentrations in International Business and Management. Originally from Elkhart, IN, I call myself a South Bend local or "townie" of South Bend due to having received a South Bend school system education since middle school. I have previously worked for the Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership office where I served as a Peer Advisor and Program Coordinator to help increase the number of underrepresented students studying abroad. I was also a London semester Peer Advisor and worked with a small number of international students. Fun fact: I attended one of the most haunted college campuses in the United States.



## **MIA WASHINGTON**

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