

# Titan Newsletter

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## Happy New Year!

### Onsite Admission Visits Continue

We are excited to continue our tradition of waiving application fees, making on-the-spot admission decisions, and awarding the \$500 Titan Scholarship to eligible students during our spring school visits.

If you'd like to schedule a date and time for us to come to your school for an **Onsite Admission Visit** or a presentation, please e-mail Sharquida Markham at [smarkham@iusb.edu](mailto:smarkham@iusb.edu).

In addition to coming to schools, Admissions will be offering a number of Onsite Make-Up Days for those who missed us in the fall and may miss us again this spring. Students can drop by the Office of Admissions on the last Friday of every month through July between 9 am–4 pm EST (January 31, February 28, March 27, April 24, May 29, June 26, and July 31, 2020).

If students bring a copy of their official high school transcript and SAT or ACT scores, we can review their application for admission. Students are still eligible for the Titan Onsite Award if they apply at an Onsite Make-Up Day, have a 3.0 GPA, and are admitted before March 1st.



### Upcoming Events

- ⇒ **Spring Open House** : We are offering one open house this year at our main campus in South Bend. Students can meet with faculty members, staff, advisors, and admission counselors to learn more about our programs and campus resources. Students can apply for admission to IU; and admitted students can take steps toward preparing for Orientation. The open house will feature campus tours and a special reception for underrepresented students.
- ⇒ **Michiana Spring College Fair** : St. Mary's College is this year's host site for the regional college fair that focuses on providing higher education information to area high school students.
- ⇒ **Graduation Picnic for High School Seniors** : This event will celebrate those who graduated high school in 2020. Students and their families will be invited to campus to mix and mingle with faculty, staff, and current students. The celebration will include food, games, photo opportunities, and giveaways!

### UPCOMING EVENT DATES

⇒ February 22, 2020  
**Spring Open House**

⇒ March 5, 2020  
**Michiana Spring College Fair**

⇒ June 26, 2020  
**2020 Graduation Picnic for High School Seniors**

## Coffee with a Counselor

Admissions is introducing a new initiative this spring, **Coffee with a Counselor**.

We will be traveling across Michiana to meet with students and their families in a more relaxed setting—coffee shops—to talk about opportunities at IU South Bend or college, in general.

We have scheduled times at cafés near you in South Bend, Goshen, Elkhart, and Buchanan. We will be at a different location each month between March and August from 9 am—11 am!

A list of locations and dates will soon be available on our Special Events page:

<http://go.iu.edu/2h9M>.

We are looking forward to grabbing a cup of coffee and talking all things college and IU South Bend with your students!



## Black Collegians Day 2019

IU South Bend's first **Black Collegians Day** was held on November 23, 2019 at the Civil Rights Heritage Center. We welcomed current and prospective students to the event to join our faculty and staff in an open dialogue about overcoming obstacles related to succeeding in higher education.

Attendees heard from a number of faculty and staff members, in addition to the president of our Black Student Union.

As we worked to celebrate and empower black collegians, a key topic of the day was the importance of an African-American presence on campuses and in the college classroom and administration. Many discussed the struggles and adversity they faced in transitioning and succeeding in college and how it led them to where they are today, whether that be a faculty member, a vice chancellor, a dean, or president of a student-lead club.

Students also learned about the college application process and financial aid opportunities, as well as the campus and community resources that support underrepresented students. The event received positive feedback from attendees and campus affiliates who participated. The goal for 2020 is to build Black Collegians Day into a larger event, providing additional resources to future college-goers. Look for more to come in the months ahead on Black Collegians Day 2020 from our diversity coordinator, Ali Mahamat.

## International Education Week 2019

Each year IU South Bend's Office of International Student Services, International Student Organization, and International Programs participate in the nation-wide Department of State **International Education Week** campaign.

International Education Week is a time for our campus and community to come together to celebrate and recognize international traditions, talents, perspectives, and contributions.

The week of November 18-22, 2019 started with an international fair trade gift sale and ended with our annual International Thanksgiving Lunch. Other events included study abroad presentations; a photo contest; a luncheon for international, asylee, refugee, and DACA students; an international café; pop-up performances; and more! For a complete list of this year's events, visit <http://go.iu.edu/2dGH>.

This year IU South Bend and our international students were featured on the internationally acclaimed broadcasting platform, **Voice of America**. To read the article, visit <http://go.iu.edu/2dHA>.

More to come in the months ahead on International Education Week 2020 from our assistant director, Caroline Bilsky.





## Guided Pathways Academy

*Formerly Early Start Summer Academy (ESSA)*

Starting in fall 2020, the **Guided Pathways Academy** will replace the ESSA program. The Guided Pathways Academy is designed to benefit new first-year students entering with a high school GPA of 2.4 and below, a TASC score below 669, or a GED score below 620. Summer 2019 was the final year for the ESSA program.

Students will have the opportunity to enroll in between 6 and 12 credit hours of general education coursework each semester. Program participants will benefit from ongoing academic and social support, as well as critical skill-building to help them be successful throughout their college studies.

Guided Pathway Academy students must regularly attend class throughout the 2-semester program, participate in specially designed co-curricular activities, and earn a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 each semester.

IU South Bend will offer information sessions in late spring for students and their parents. Questions and concerns may be directed

to the Titan Success Center (574-520-5005) or Admissions (574-520-4839). Additional information and FAQs can also be found here: <http://go.iu.edu/2dEJ>.

## Confirming One's Admission

Admitted students can **confirm their admission** with IU South Bend beginning March 1, 2020.

To confirm admission, students will sign up for New Student Orientation. New Student Orientation sessions will begin in April and run through August. Students will register for their fall 2020 courses at New Student Orientation.

We ask that students confirm their admission on or before National College Decision Day, May 1st, in order to secure any IU South Bend scholarships they may have been offered (these include the Selective Student Scholarships, Titan Awards and those for which the student applied through the Online Scholarship Application).

Students will still be urged to confirm admission after May 1 and throughout the summer to arrange for New Student Orientation.

All admitted students will receive communications by post, email, and text outlining how to confirm their admission, which links to the New Student Orientation registration site.



## 2020 RaiseMe Deadline Near

As a reminder, IU South Bend has partnered with **RaiseMe** to help students visualize their progress towards earning IU South Bend scholarships.

There are certain deadlines that students enrolled with RaiseMe need to keep in mind.

- **February 1st** : Students must complete their RaiseMe profile by this date of their senior year.
- **March 1st** : Students must be admitted to IU South Bend as a beginning freshman by this date.
- **May 1st** : Students must confirm their admission with IU South Bend by this date to secure their RaiseMe scholarship.

More information on our partnership with RaiseMe can be found here: <http://go.iu.edu/2hg5>.



## Important 2020 Financial Aid Dates

**March 1st**

Online Scholarship Application deadline

Titan Scholarship Award deadline: Students **MUST** be admitted by this date to be eligible for the Titan Scholarship Award.

21st Century Scholar Housing Award: Students in good standing as 21st Century Scholars **MUST** be admitted before the March 1st deadline.

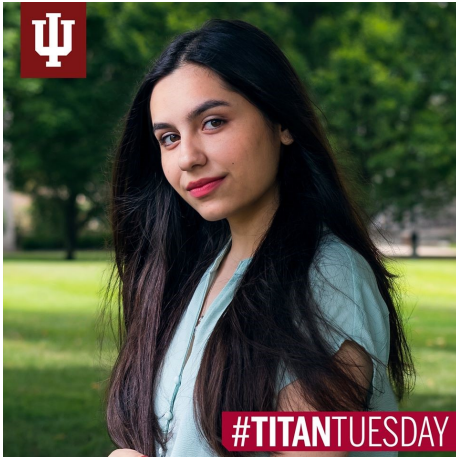
**April 15th**

FAFSA deadline for FULL consideration (state and federal)

\*IUSB FAFSA code is 001816

**May 1st**

Students **MUST** confirm their admission by this date in order to receive all awarded university scholarships.



## College Goal Sunday

The date has been set for **College Goal Sunday**! On February 23, 2020, students and families all across the state of Indiana can receive free help filing the FAFSA!

IU South Bend is one of many host sites. We will be open from 2 pm—4 pm EST on Sunday, February 23rd to assist students. Participating students may come to either the Education & Arts Building on our main campus or the Elkhart Center.

There is also a chance to win one of five \$1,000 scholarships.

Additional information on College Goal Sunday can be found at

<http://www.collegegoalsunday.org/>.



## Financial Aid Workshops

Do you have students who need help filing the FAFSA or who have general questions about understanding state awards and scholarships?

Financial Aid and Scholarships is available to assist your students at any **financial aid workshops**, presentations, or FAFSA completion events you plan!

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships can be contacted at either 574-520-4357 or sbfinaid@iusb.edu.

## Online Scholarship Application

The **Online Scholarship Application** provides students the opportunity to be considered for more than 200 IU South Bend and IU Foundation scholarship opportunities.

Students must be admitted and have completed the scholarship application by **March 1st** each year. Students must then confirm their admission by **May 1st** to be awarded all institutional scholarships.



## Midwest Student Exchange Program

The **Midwest Student Exchange Program** (MSEP) was established to increase interstate educational opportunities for students in its member states. The program enables legal residents of Illinois, Kansas, Michigan\*\*, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin who are admitted as non-resident students to enroll at IU South Bend at a reduced cost.

\*\*Although it was thought that Michigan would no longer be participating in MSEP as of last fall, the MSEP Council has determined that Michigan will continue participating in MSEP through spring 2021 to allow for a transition.



## Teacher Quality Program Begins

The South Bend Community School Corporation (SBCSC) has received a \$5.5 million 5-year grant that will help educate, recruit, and retain teachers. The grant was announced at the SBCSC board meeting November 4, 2019. Indiana University South Bend was named in the grant as partner and subcontractor.

The IU South Bend School of Education will work with the SBCSC on a year-long teacher residency program with an embedded, accelerated master's degree and placement as a teacher in the SBCSC for three years. Coursework in the graduate program will emphasize science, technology, mathematics, urban populations, and literacy. Up to 20 teachers a year can participate in the program.

The **Teacher Quality Program** launches at IU South Bend in spring 2020 as students in the School of Education begin their student teaching. Qualified students will earn their bachelor's degree, be hired by SBCSC for continued professional development and classroom experience, and have their master's degree paid for in exchange for a three-year commitment to teach in the South Bend Community School Corporation.

Participants for the program will initially be recruited within the IU South Bend School of Education; however, if spots are available, student teachers from other area universities will also be eligible to apply.

For more information contact Jason Zook at [jzook@sb.school](mailto:jzook@sb.school) or Terry Hebert at [thebert@iusb.edu](mailto:thebert@iusb.edu).

## IU Bicentennial Exhibit at the History Museum

As part of the celebration of **Indiana University's Bicentennial Year**, the exhibit *Indiana University: 200 Years in the Making* has opened at The History Museum in South Bend. The exhibit was curated by IU South Bend Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, James VanderVeen, and will run through April 19, 2020.

Indiana University was founded by the Indiana General Assembly on January 20, 1820 as Indiana Seminary. The university now comprises eight campuses, including IU South Bend.

Dr. VanderVeen received a Bicentennial grant to develop a course that included an archeological dig on campus which led to the discovery of artifacts that are included in the exhibit. In addition, VanderVeen worked closely with the University Archives in Bloomington and the archives at IU South Bend. His exhibit showcases the history and impact of IU across the state and in St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties.

The History Museum is located at 808 W. Washington Street in South Bend and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm EST and Sunday noon to 5 pm EST. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8.50 for those over the age of 60, and \$6 for youth ages 6 through 17.



## IU South Bend to Purchase Engman Natatorium

IU South Bend announced they will be purchasing the former **Engman Public Natatorium** at 1040 West Washington Street in South Bend where the home of the Civil Rights Heritage Center (CRHC) will remain. The University is exercising the option to buy what was included in the lease agreement with the South Bend Heritage Foundation, which saved and presently owns the historic property.



IU South Bend has been leasing the facility since it was renovated and re-opened in 2010. Completion of the purchase of the Natatorium is expected by the end of January. "This purchase allows us to expand programs that advance our educational mission in this region while solidifying our commitment to deep engagement with the entire South Bend community regarding civil rights and social justice issues," said Dr. Susan Elrod, Chancellor of Indiana University South Bend.

The Engman Natatorium is one of the last remaining symbols of the civil rights struggle in South Bend. In a unique partnership between the City of South Bend, the South Bend Heritage Foundation, IU South Bend, and local benefactors, the facility was renovated and re-opened in May of 2010 as the home of the CRHC.

The purchase of the Natatorium coincides with the announcement that Dr. Darryl Heller will return as director of the CRHC in January. Dr. Heller previously served as the director from 2015 to 2018.

# Admissions Late Hours

Admissions will host **late hours** once a week starting in March as we also kick off our confirmation season. We hope to accommodate extracurricular activity schedules and parents who are assisting their students in visiting and applying to college. The exact day and time for the late hours will be announced mid-February.

During these late hours, students and their parents may stop by Admissions to ask any questions they have, apply, learn about the status of their application or admission, and take next steps toward enrollment.

Admissions is located in the Administration Building, first floor, at 1700 Mishawaka Avenue / South Bend, IN / 46615.



## Parent and Family Resources

We know that families are an important part of a college student's life. We want them to stay connected and up-to-date with important information and resources to help support their student from their first visit to campus through graduation. The following link houses a resource page designed specifically for parents and families: <http://go.iu.edu/2dKA>.

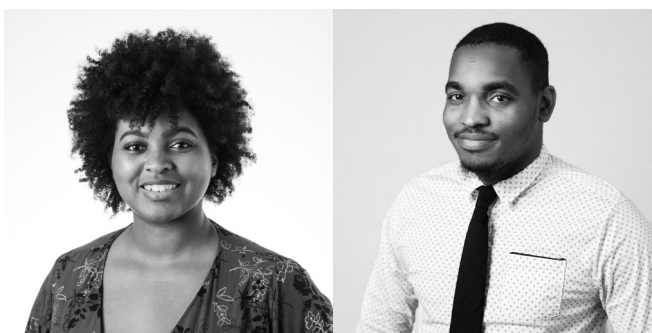
Viewers can easily navigate to other pages that house information on visiting and living on campus, identifying sources for financial aid and scholarships, and addressing safety and wellness concerns.

**Counselors**, if your students and their families have frequent questions about particular topics, please let Admissions know. We will incorporate the answers in our **Parent and Family Resources** page.

## First-Year Student Counselors

As a reminder, Ali Mahamat and Sharquida Markham serve as our two **first-year student counselors**. Sharquida has been with Admissions since November 2018, and Ali has been with our office since May 2019. Both are graduates of IU South Bend and were active in student organizations and other initiatives throughout their college careers.

Sharquida is the primary contact for scheduling Onsite visits, campus tours, and other event participation. Ali Mahamat coordinates diversity recruitment efforts together with Sharquida Markham and our campus and community colleagues.



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