

# 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.

We will be offering both in-person and virtual formats.

#### In-person Onsite Format

Students will sign up for a time slot and fill out a paper application (we'll send these to you ahead of time). An admissions counselor will review each student's application and transcript during the Onsite Visit.

**Virtual Onsite Format**—Can be done from home or a designated spot at the school.

Students will need to submit an online application using the fee waiver code we provide in advance. Students must then submit an official transcript to our office, ideally through Parchment or another electronic transcript service. Three days before the scheduled event, Admissions will reach out to your school's contact to secure any transcripts that were not yet received. We will then review the materials to provide our on-the-spot admission decision over Zoom.

#### Titan Onsite Scholarships

Students who attend an in-person or virtual Onsite Visit and have a 3.0+ GPA are eligible for our Titan Onsite Award if admitted before March 1. Therefore, it will be important to schedule your visit as soon as possible.

#### Scheduling an Onsite Visit

If you'd like to schedule an Onsite Visit for your school, please email Sharquida Markham at [smarkham@iusb.edu](mailto:smarkham@iusb.edu) or Ali Mahamat at [almahama@iusb.edu](mailto:almahama@iusb.edu).

### Upcoming Virtual Fairs

- ⇒ **Which IU are you?** : All 9 IU campuses are coming together to host a virtual fair where students can attend up to 5 campus-specific presentations. Each presentation will have a Q&A session as well.  
More information about this event will be sent directly to students this month.
- ⇒ **INACAC Virtual College Fair** : Students can attend two 45 minute sessions that have presentations from 6 different schools in each.  
Students will be able to ask questions via the chat function during the presentations.  
Registration will open for this free event in mid-February, allowing students to choose which group sessions they would like to attend:  
<https://go.iu.edu/3ANK>.



#### UPCOMING FAIR DATES

⇒ February 25, 2021

**Which IU are you?**

⇒ March 10, 2021

**INACAC Virtual College Fair**

⇒ April 12, 2021

**INACAC Virtual College Fair**

# 2021 Enrollment and Confirmation Process

IU South Bend will launch its confirmation campaign on March 1st, urging students to confirm their admission by May 1st in order to secure Titan and other IU South Bend scholarships.

Admitted students will receive emails inviting them to confirm by choosing a registration session from the schedule. The schedule will be published by March 1st on our website, and we'll send you an update at that time. These registration sessions will be offered at least once a week beginning in April when open registration begins for the fall.

Students will have the opportunity to work through our online orientation modules throughout the summer, but beginning in March, we'll encourage students to drive in and pick up a bundle of IU South Bend giveaways and an info pack.



## Spring Visit Opportunities

We saw great interest and success with our fall visit opportunities, so we will be continuing many of them into the spring semester, keeping all safety protocols and practices in place.

Most of the events outlined require registration: <https://go.iu.edu/3iSM>.

**Weekday Tours** — We will continue to offer our Weekday Tours with a slightly different schedule this semester. Weekday Tours are available on the following dates and times:

- Mondays at 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm EST
- Wednesdays at 10:00 am and 11:00 am EST
- Fridays at 2:00 pm EST

**Registration is required** as each tour is capped at 8 participants.

**Saturday Tours** — For those who cannot make our weekday tours, we will be offering select Saturday Tours during the spring semester and into early summer. This tour option includes a short presentation about the application process.

**Registration is required** as each tour is capped at 24 participants.

Upcoming Saturday Tours include:

- March 6, 2021
- April 10, 2021
- May 1, 2021
- June 5, 2021

**Self-Guided Tours** — If students want to experience campus in-person but can't make one of the above guided tours or prefer to not be in a group at this time, they can take a self-guided tour of the University.

Participants will use a mobile device to access the tour guide and follow along with the text as they make their way around campus. We will also have printed versions of the self-guided tour available for pick up during office hours for those that need them.

**Starting this spring, we are offering the Self-Guided Tour in Spanish as well!**

**Virtual 360° Campus Tour** — New this spring is our Virtual 360° Campus Tour!

While learning about campus and our offerings, students can interact with the panoramas by using their mouse to click and drag around the scene. The mouse's scroll wheel can be used to zoom in and out as well.

The 360° Tour can be accessed 24/7 on our Visit page: <https://go.iu.edu/3iSM>.





## Important 2021 Financial Aid Dates

- March 1st** Online Scholarship Application deadline  
Titan Scholarship Award deadline: Students **MUST** be admitted by this date to be eligible for a 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

**College Goal Sunday**, Indiana's largest FAFSA filing event, will be held virtually on March 7th, 2021 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EST.

FAFSA filing experts from all across Indiana will be available during the event to help all attendees with filing a FAFSA. There is also a chance to win one of five \$1,000 scholarships for attending the event.

Anyone wanting to file their FAFSA with free expert help on College Goal Sunday should go to [CollegeGoalSunday.org](https://CollegeGoalSunday.org) and click the virtual event link that will be posted the day of the event.



## 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.

## Michigan Student Enrollment Award

The **Michigan Student Enrollment Award (MSEA)** was established to provide *Michigan residents* enrolling at IU South Bend the same tuition benefit that was offered through the *Midwest Student Exchange Program* before Michigan withdrew their partnership.

MSEA recipients will still pay 150% of the in-state tuition rate—approximately \$10,600/academic year. This is the in-state tuition rate plus 50% of the in-state rate.

Students do not have to apply for this award separately. The reduction will automatically be posted for eligible students. Eligibility is based on the student's address at the time of admission. Furthermore, only those seeking a credential (degree, certificate, or diploma) are eligible for the award.

Those in one of the following immigration statuses may be eligible for this award: A-1, A-2, A-3, E-1, E-2, E-3, G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, H-1B, H-4, I, L-1, L-2, O-1, O-3, V-1, V-2, V-3, or pending 1-485 beneficiary.

More information on this award and our other out-of-state scholarships can be found here: <https://go.iu.edu/3qTD>.



# Multicultural Student Virtual Info Sessions

Do you have students who identify as Black, African American, or American Latinx? Or, do you have students who are a permanent resident, asylee, or refugee? Are some of your students 21st Century Scholars?

If so, we would be happy to set up a **Multicultural Student Virtual Information Session** for your students!

At the event, students will hear from the Office of Admissions, Financial Aid and Scholarships as well as our 21st Century Scholar and Latinx Success Coaches about making the transition to college.

Parents are welcome to attend.

If you would like to schedule an Info Session for February or March, reach out to admissions counselor, Ali Mahamat, to discuss available dates and times. Ali can be best reached at [almahama@iusb.edu](mailto:almahama@iusb.edu).



## Continued 21st Century Scholar Support

Indiana University South Bend will enhance **support for 21st Century Scholars** thanks to its partnership with the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County on a recently-awarded \$4 million Lilly Endowment Inc. grant. The funding provides staffing for a second success coach to provide outreach and support services to all IUSB 21st Century Scholars.



IU South Bend currently enrolls over 350 21st Century Scholars, and we know there are more we can serve. The two success coaches will provide dedicated advising for IUSB 21st Century Scholars and implement new program components and coordinate other aspects of a comprehensive 21st Century Scholar program, including the Summer Jump Start Bridge Program and First Year Seminars.

Additionally, scholars will take part in IU's *MoneySmarts U* financial literacy program, special career assessment counseling and services, peer and alumni/community mentoring, and distinct cultural, social, and academic activities. Scholars will also be able to take advantage of existing IU South Bend programs such as living in River Crossing residence halls and access to summer On-Track scholarships to support scholars during summer school.

At present, we have one 21st Century Scholar success coach, Kathy Miller. If you or your students have any 21st Century Scholar

questions, Kathy can be at either 574-520-4277 or [kssnyder@iusb.edu](mailto:kssnyder@iusb.edu).

Resources for 21st Century Scholars can be found here: <https://go.iu.edu/3ANM>.

## Increase in Enrollment Diversity for Fall 2020

Indiana University South Bend reports an **increase in diversity** in their fall 2020 census count. The total number of students at IU South Bend is 4,942, which exceeds the enrollment goal despite the challenges and uncertainty of today's environment.

Enrollment of African American students in the incoming class increased 16 percent over last year, while continuing African American graduate students rose by 21 percent.

Over 20 percent of new freshmen are Latinx, and overall the campus continues its upward trend in Latinx enrollment, now at 14.5 percent. The campus also saw increases in new and continuing Latinx graduate students, up 53 percent and 40 percent, respectively.

The majority of incoming students are female (65%) and are taking courses full-time (92%). Nearly 60 percent of them have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher.



# Additional Admissions Event Opportunities

Just as with our visits, we are continuing some of our virtual **event opportunities** into the spring semester and early summer.

**Virtual Coffee with a Counselor** — This is a drop-in event held every Friday via Zoom from 9:00 am–12:00 pm EST. During this event, students can drop in to ask any questions they may have about the application process, campus, student life, financial aid basics, etc.

**IUSB 101 Virtual Information Session** — This event is on select dates as part of our Virtual Coffee with a Counselor event. If students prefer a structured presentation format, they can attend a 101 Virtual Information Session held via Zoom to watch an Admissions and Financial Aid presentation. Admissions will begin their presentation at 10:00 am EST and Financial Aid will begin theirs at 10:30 am EST.

During each presentation, students will be able to use the chat feature in Zoom to ask any questions they may have. The presenter will then answer their questions in real time.

If there are additional questions or more student-specific questions, our counselors will be available during the remaining Virtual Coffee with a Counselor time from 11:00 am–12:00 pm EST to answer questions by video conferencing with students individually.

Upcoming 101 Virtual Information Session dates include:

- March 5, 2021
- April 9, 2021
- April 30, 2021
- June 4, 2021



**As always, we look forward to working with you this semester!**

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