

The Mentor

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A Word from the Director



Hello FASE Nation!

Happy New Year and welcome back for another exciting semester! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday break and that your spring semester has gotten off to a great start.

The FASE Mentoring Program has had much to be thankful for, as we had a very successful 2011. Academically, our FASE peer mentors continue to maintain high standards as they maintained a cumulative 3.20 G.P.A.! Our mentors represent some of IU's brightest and most talented students. As a matter of fact, the average cumulative G.P.A. of all mentors combined rose from 2.96 to 3.26 from Fall 2009 to Fall 2010. This is great news because it demonstrates that the FASE peer mentors continue to meet and exceed classroom expectations while holding their FASE responsibilities in high regard.

A recent survey administered to FASE protégés last Fall strongly supports that their mentors were able to help them with their transition to college and were also able to provide good advice on enhancing their academic performance. Protégés also mentioned that their mentors were able to help them identify and address challenges that may have arisen during their first semester. The Protégé's performances in the classrooms support their comments given that they cumulatively attained a 2.91 G.P.A.

The spring semester promises to be just as promising. There will be some outstanding programs that FASE will be offering its students this semester. As bowling seems to be a popular hit with everyone, the mentors will be hosting another "Spring Bowl" event. In addition, there will be another professional etiquette dinner planned for March. FASE will also acknowledge students who have been a part of our program at our Spring Recognition. These are all popular events that you do not want to miss. For dates and times of all FASE activities check with your peer mentor or access the FASE calendar at www.iub.edu/~omsl.

Have a wonderful and successful semester.
-Patrick Smith

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

New 1-credit hour course for the FASE Mentoring Program U495: "Mentoring in the Twenty-first Century"

The FASE Mentoring Program has developed a 1 credit hour course for current and future mentors. The course will be listed as U495: "Mentoring in the Twenty-first Century" and will be offered as a 2nd 8 weeks course. The course will be offered on Mondays from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. This is a great class for students who

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Important Dates and Deadlines



FASE Peer Mentor Application deadline
February 13, 2012

FAFSA Deadline
March 10, 2012 by midnight, Central Time

Spring recess
March 10, 2012

classes resume
March 19, 2012

Free Week (see Final Examination Policies)
April 23, 2012 - April 29, 2012

Final examination period
April 30, 2012- May 4, 2012

Last day of classes
April 28, 2012

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would like to serve as leaders on campus!

Interested in becoming a FASE Mentor?

FASE is currently accepting applications from students who would like to work as a FASE peer mentor. If you enjoyed your experience in FASE and/or would like to serve as a resource for first-year students, you should consider submitting your application now and schedule a date for an interview. Applications will be accepted up until Monday, February 13, 2012. Candidates will interview for positions that will begin Fall semester 2012. Interviews will take place on Thursday, February 23, - Friday, February 24. Contact FASE Director Patrick Smith at: ph. 812-855-8850, or e-mail, omsld@indiana.edu, if you have any questions.

January is Mentoring Month



January is National Mentoring month. Since its creation in 2002 by the Harvard School of Public Health and MENTOR (National Mentoring Partnership), the NMM Partnership has focused its efforts on the need for mentors. The goals of National Mentoring Month are to raise awareness of mentoring, recruit individuals to mentor, and to promote rapid growth of mentoring by recruiting organizations to engage their constituents in mentoring. The campaign's local partners and MENTOR enlist to help organize NMM events in various communities in order to foster the need for mentors. So mentors, as January comes to end remember to continue to reach out to your protégé's and continue developing those valued relationships.

-Christine Bestman

FASE Alumni Reflections

What's up With...?

La-Tisha Pirtle

Since graduating from IUB things have been moving very quickly for me. When starting my search for employment I was not sure exactly what I was looking for. It's very true that, in this economy, the job market is fairly difficult to navigate. After submitting to about 20 or so applications I decided to submit my application to a staffing agency. Much to my delight one week after I submitted it I was employed!



I am now enjoying full-time employment with the Indianapolis Housing Agency's Section 8 Program. Currently I

am a Customer Service Technician dealing with a multitude of client issues and paper work intake. I enjoy my job because I get to meet new people every single day. I also get to utilize my education in Public Affairs because the Section 8 Program is a federally funded program that provides payment assistance to families who, other wise, could not afford quality, safe housing. I must help our clients understand the processes and rules that go along with being a part of a program of this sort.

If I had to give you all one piece of advice it would be this: NO JOB IS TOO SMALL. When you're entering the work force, fresh out of college, you're going to spend a little while proving yourself to the more seasoned individuals in your environment. So the best way to enter is with an open mind and a willingness to do the jobs that no one else wants to do ;).

I want to encourage you all to continue pursuing your goals in what ever you are studying. Also, I urge you develop solid leadership skills and the ability to communicate with a diverse range of people as they will be of EXTREME importance in the job market.

I wish you all well and I hope to give you guys more amazing updates very soon! I miss you all and I hope FASE is flourishing!

-La-Tisha Pirtle

Mentor/Protégé of the Month January

Alejandro Argüello

January's Mentor of the Month is Alejandro Argüello. Alejandro is a junior here at Indiana University majoring in Economic Consulting. Alejandro has truly stepped up to the plate and has taken a big leadership role in the F.A.S.E. program. His efforts have been especially recognized and appreciated in his leadership of our most recent project, Cover Bloomington. Cover Bloomington was made possible by a grant that F.A.S.E. received in order to get needed materials and help those less fortunate this winter by providing blankets and food. In addition to being a mentor, Alejandro is involved in IU's Association for Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) and is a regular intramural soccer player with co-mentors Jose Delgado, and Oscar Rivas. Alejandro has shown dedication and leadership, and F.A.S.E. is proud to name him January's Mentor of the Month.

-Christine Bestman





Cover Bloomington Service Project

Monday January 30, 2012

5:30pm-9pm

First United Church: 2420 East Third Street.

In honor of MLK the City of Bloomington held a service project competition to fund those ideas that promote the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King. Through the initiative of La-Tisha Pirtle, Cover Bloomington was selected to aid the disadvantaged men, women, and children of Bloomington. With the collaboration of the Interfaith Winter Shelter at First United Church, Cover Bloomington was able to donate blankets, socks, and food that contributed to a betterment of the cause. On January 30th FASE members will volunteer at First United Church to help with the necessary preparations to host the shelter's guests.

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday February 4, 2012

8am-10am

O'Charley's Restaurant (360 N. Jacob Dr., Bloomington)

Sponsor: Bloomington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The Bloomington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host its third annual fundraising pancake breakfast. The event focuses on community by commemorating more than 35 years of Black History Month celebrations in the United States. All proceeds raised support scholarship, public service, and community programming.

Ticket Information: Tickets cost \$5. Children age 5 and under eat free. Members of the community can obtain tickets from any Bloomington Alumnae Chapter member and tickets must be purchased prior to the event.

Black Knowledge Bowl

Wednesday February 22, 2012 at 6:30pm

Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center Grand Hall (275 N.

Jordan Ave., Bloomington)

Sponsor: Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center

The annual Black Knowledge Bowl is an academically competitive program which will test student knowledge regarding the history, geography, science, philosophy, and politics of African Americans in the United States and around the world. The Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center invites any IU student team to test its knowledge of black history and culture in this jeopardy-style, fun event. To register your team, contact Sachiko Higgins-Kante at sghiggin@indiana.edu. For more information about registration, please call (812) 855-9271.

Making History at IU: A Program for High School Students

Friday February 24, 2012

9am-1pm

Indiana Memorial Union

Sponsor: IU Office of Admissions

In celebration of Black History Month, Indiana University invites

high schools to the Bloomington campus for a day of activities including an admissions presentation. High school students will meet and greet representatives from various IU departments, schools, colleges, and student organizations. They will also gather information about other cultural resources available at Indiana University. Lunch will be provided. The purpose of the event is to honor the spirit of excellence in education that is annually highlighted in Black History Month celebrations around the United States each year.

To learn how you can volunteer, please contact MORE@indiana.edu. For more information, to volunteer, or to register high school students-contact mtourner@indiana.edu at the IU Office of Admissions.

African American Dance Company 14th Annual Dance Workshop

**1pm on Friday Feb. 24 to 10pm on Saturday Feb. 25
Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center (275 N. Jordan Ave.,
Bloomington)**

Sponsor: African American Dance Company, African American and African Diaspora Studies, African American Arts Institute, Community and School Partnerships

The mission of the workshop is to expose students and community members to a diverse range of dance experiences from the perspective of the African American and African diaspora including West Indian Folk, Afro-Cuban traditional, and Contemporary Modern dance classes.

A panel discussion will take place on Friday evening at 7pm in the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center Grand Hall with the artists, and a dance showcase will be held on Saturday evening.

Ticket Information:

Full registration:

Friday & Saturday-\$120.

Saturday only-\$70.

Single Class-\$25.

You must register online at the Indiana University Conference Bureau site tinyurl.com/aadcddance where you will find the registration form with class selections and payment instructions!

-Shelia Hall

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