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New!

Over **\$30,000** in scholarships already being offered? Opportunities to **meet your future boss**? By popular demand, information that could directly change your future has been added under the "**Opportunity Corner**". Be sure to check it out for information on scholarships and career events coming soon to a place near you!

Upcoming Events!

February

02/11

Cover Bloomington 5-9
 First United Church

02/12

FASE Peer Mentor
 Call-Out 6:30-8:00
 IMU Dogwood

02/21

FAFSA Workshop 6-7
 Eigenmann Game Room

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Black Knowledge Bowl
 6-8

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A Word from the Director

Students, Faculty, and Staff,

I trust that your semester is going well. I am happy to report that the FASE Mentoring Program experienced a successful start to the spring semester. To start with, our FASE peer mentors continued to perform well academically. FASE peer mentors cumulatively achieved a 3.07 fall G.P.A. Their collective cumulative G.P.A. averaged out to 3.31.

Each semester the FASE Mentoring Program acknowledges the peer mentors who have attained the highest fall and cumulative G.P.A. This semester senior FASE Peer Mentor (Elementary and Special Education double major) Sara Empson was recognized as having the highest cumulative G.P.A., having attained a 3.98 average. Social Work major Samantha Karlin and Health Administration major Shelia Hall, both seniors, tied for the highest fall G.P.A. with a 3.92 average. Once again these accomplishments demonstrate that the FASE peer mentors continue to meet the rigors of the classroom while serving as valuable resources to the university community. Keep up the good work!

The FASE and 21st Century Scholars Programs

Eigenmann Game Room

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received grants from the City of Bloomington to coordinate MLK Service Day projects that involved some 78 volunteers. These volunteers consisted of peer mentors, FASE protégés, students of the 21st Century Scholars Program, and other IU students. Some volunteers were from the Bloomington community.



Volunteers worked with First United Church and Interfaith Winter Shelter volunteer coordinator Linda Hunt to assemble community care kits, sleeping pallets to help accommodate some of Bloomington's homeless citizens. 21 st Century Scholar Support Specialist Melissa Wurster was instrumental in recruiting and coordinating IU volunteers.

FASE will have its Peer Mentor Call-out on Tuesday, February 12, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the IMU Dogwood Room. If you are interested in becoming a peer mentor, or learning more about the FASE Mentoring Program, you should definitely plan on attending this orientation. Information pertaining to the application process and other requirements will be provided. Current FASE peer mentors will share their experiences as well.

On Thursday, February 28th, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., FASE will have professionals on hand to speak with students over dinner. If you are looking to learn more about how to prepare oneself for a career in business, law, medicine, non-profit agencies, politics/government, or science, you should attend the FASE Advisory Board (FAB) Career Dinner Symposium. The program will take place at IMU Frangipani Room.

Please review the rest of the Mentor newsletter to learn more about FASE/21 st Century Scholars events taking place this month. In addition, read the Mentor to be aware of other important dates or deadlines.

Patrick D. Smith

Executive Director
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& Leadership Development

Financial Aid Checklist

Jim Gibson, 21st Century Scholars Program

It's that time of year again when students need to be filing their Free Application for Federal Student Aid, most commonly referred to as FAFSA. I call this time of year the "Show Me The Money" time of year, which I know is a movie line from an old movie, but then I'm old too. =)

I've listed below some key dates and dealines you need to be aware of when it comes to filing your FAFSA. Please pay **CLOSE** attention to the deadlines because they are firm deadlines. Miss them, and you are out of luck. I've also included a couple of important educational programs that are available to assist you with the process.

- January 1, 2013: Free Application for FAFSA Available Online
- Thursday, February 21, 2013: FAFSA Workshop Sponsored by OMSLD-6 to 7 PM-Eigenmann Game Room
- Friday, February 15, 2013: "FAFSA Friday" (a state sponsored program) will take place both at 12:00-2:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM. You can join this event by going to this website <http://www.in.gov/activecalendar/EventList.aspx?fromdate=2/15/2013&todate=2/15/2013&view=DateTime&display=Day&type=public>
- Sunday, February 24, 2013: "College Goal Sunday" (starts at 2:00 PM) Financial Aid Professionals will be available at Ivy Tech-Bloomington to provide free advice and assistance with FAFSA.
- **Sunday, March 10, 2013: FAFSA Submission**

Deadline!!!

- Wednesday, May 15, 2013: FAFSA Corrections Submission Deadline

The campus Office of Student Financial Assistance (OFSA) is also a great resource for all kinds of Financial Aid help. Check them out at <http://www.indiana.edu/~sfa/>

Stay Warm!

Jim

Cover Bloomington

Interfaith Winter Shelter

Monday, January 21st



Together the FASE Mentoring program and the 21st Century Scholars program collaborated to host the event "Harbor Bloomington". Together the FASE Mentoring program and 21st Century Scholars Program secured \$2,500 in grant dollars to purchase blankets, socks and hygiene items to create community care kits for the residents for the residents of the Interfaith Winter Shelter at First United Church. These kits consisted of a:

- Tooth brush and tooth paste
- Deodorant
- Hand Sanitizer
- Kleenex
- Protein Bar
- ChapStick

In addition to the FASE students and the 21st Century Scholar Students, there were multiple members of the community there. There was a group of sorority girls that helped with the can collecting, we had a couple from the community that were in their mid-seventies, and we also had a family from the community helping out as well as additional community members. Overall we had 78 volunteers not including the administrators of the event. Throughout the day we assigned volunteers with multiple different tasks. The tasks included:

- Sterilization of bedding equipment
- Setting up the bedding
- Building the care kits (a total of 125 kits were made)
- Cooking Cupcakes and slicing bread
- Cutting up Cheese cubes
- Going door to door to collect cans that were donated to the Community Kitchen of Monroe County (~150 pounds of cans were collected and donated)

What's up With?

La-Tisha Pirtle
FASE Alumni

Since graduating from IU in the Spring of 2012 life has been a pretty fast paced adventure. My husband is an Airman in the United States Air Force and his career has afforded us the opportunity to live in Germany. I have to admit, it was a pretty scary thought when I first found out that I would be moving outside of the country and away from all of my closest friends and family. But once I got over the initial shock of the news I realized that I had been blessed with a golden opportunity. I was going to get a chance to live outside of my comfort zone, and if I learned anything from being a FASE peer mentor I learned that being outside of your comfort zone builds character.

We have been in Germany for six months now. The country is beautiful and the travel opportunities are endless. Another exciting thing that I've since discovered about myself is my love for marketing. I have since gained employment with the 86th Force Support Squadron (the quality of life squadron in the USAF) as a Marketing Representative. I manage the marketing needs of about 15-20 facilities on the air base, including restaurants and recreational facilities.

FASE has been instrumental in my development as a young professional. I have been able to use concepts and skills learned in those bi-weekly in-service sessions to manage situations ranging from co-worker disputes to unhappy customers. FASE taught me that sometimes all people want is a listening ear and a smile and sometimes they need guidance. The most important part of my job as a marketing professional is to listen to the needs of my customers and translate what I heard into concrete results, I am not sure if I would be as confident in my ability to do that if it weren't for this program and the people committed to making it great. Thank you OMSLD and FASE.

2013 MAPS Region V Conference



Last month, our very own Indiana University MAPS Chapter hosted the 2013 MAPS Region V Conference at the Indiana Memorial Union. MAPS, or Minority Association of Premedical Students, is a school organization that helps students to develop the skills and connections necessary to succeed in the medical field. Approximately 150 participants gathered in the IMU from January 11th to the 13th to attend this conference which serves to bring together minority

pre-health students from Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan to network with each other, health professionals, and graduate schools. The theme of this year's conference was Inspiring Each Other. Uniting the Field. Brightening Our Futures. Conference participants were given the opportunity to network, gain interview skills, acquire help with personal statements, and take part in social events. MAPS president Mychael Spencer stated that "...the conference went extremely well and I am very proud of the Indiana University MAPS chapter for their hard-work through the planning process." The IU-MAPS program was also the recipient of the Regional Chapter of the Year award. In case you are interested in future participation, this event does occur annually, however the location of the 2014 conference has yet to be determined. Anyone looking to take part in this great opportunity should be on the lookout for information as it becomes available.

Who's That Mentor?

Brian Fisher
Senior

I am Senior majoring in Astrophysics and Physics, and I am getting a minor in Math. I joined FASE at the beginning of my Senior year.

I really enjoy being a peer mentor. Besides getting to help my proteges, I've been able to attend several events through FASE that have allowed me to grow in new ways. Before I joined FASE I was only focussed on academics, and becoming a peer mentor has allowed me to branch out and give back.

Unfortunately, I haven't decided what I'm going to do when I graduate, but luckily I have several opportunities. My main





goal is to end up by my parents in Texas to either attend law school, work for NASA, or possibly get a full time position at British Petroleum.

Taken during Brian's trip to Korea over winter break.

Opportunity Corner

Scholarships

1. IU Credit Union (**\$20,000**) <https://www.iucu.org/students/scholarships.html#cs>

Career

1. University of Missouri School of Medicine Summer Research Program: For information, please visit: <http://medicine.missouri.edu/internship/>

2. Deloitte Consulting National Undergraduate Case Competition: www.deloitte.com/us/undergradcasecomp

3. 2013 Summer Camp Jobs

When: Wednesday, February 6th from 11:30am-3:00pm

Where: **School of Public Health Room 163**

What: Meet up with representatives from camps located throughout the country for the chance to score a fun and interesting job that will offer a valuable learning experience. <http://www.indiana.edu/~campfair/>

4. Summer Public Health Scholars Program (SPHSP)

-This innovative program is designed for undergraduate students to increase interest in and knowledge of public health and biomedical science

careers.

-To visit our website and apply online, please follow this link: <http://ps.columbia.edu/education/student-life/office-diversity/programs/college-and-post-baccalaureate-students/summer-publ>

5. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) invites high school and under graduate students to submit applications for the 2013 Summer Research Program. Under this program students underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences are paired with NIDA funded scientists at research institutions across the United States for 8-10 weeks during the summer to work in the field of substance abuse and addiction research. Internships may involve a variety of experiences including laboratory experiments, data collection, data analysis, patient interviews, library research and literature reviews. Student interns receive a stipend, and if necessary and eligible, provisions for travel and housing expenses.

Complete program information, including the application form, required student qualifications, research site locations and research project descriptions are available at: www.drugabuse.gov/pdf/sposummer.pdf. The deadline to submit applications for the 2013 program is February 15, 2013.

Need a Job? Looking for an Internship?

Even though the school year is well underway, many students are still in need of a job or





internship. If this sounds like you, be sure to check out Career Development Center Arts and Sciences Career Services at www.iucareers.com.

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