

# THE MENTOR

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## Hello FASE Nation,

I hope that you are keeping safe and warm during these cold winter days. So far the beginning of spring has been rather cold and blistery. The good news is that Spring Break is right around the corner!

As a quick update, the FASE mentors have once again done an outstanding job of balancing co-curricular activities amidst rigorous classroom expectations. In doing so, they have been absolutely unselfish in supporting their protégés with their academic transition and connecting them to campus resources. As a cohort, FASE protégés collectively averaged a 2.76 fall semester G.P.A., while FASE mentors averaged a 3.22 G.P.A. for the fall term. This is great news given the students' classroom demands and co-curricular activities these current and future leaders are involved in. Keep up the good work!

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### UPDATE your Calendar!

1st Eight Weeks End  
03/03/14 - 03/07/14

Spring Break  
03/15/14 - 03/23/14

On Thursday, February 27th, the FASE Advisory Board (FAB) hosted a highly successful event that brought career professionals together with students who reflected similar professional interests. The Career Dinner Symposium allowed students the opportunity to network with professionals to ask questions about their career experiences, as well as, the possibility of obtaining valuable mentoring, job shadowing, or internship opportunities with them later on. The event was well attended and received positive feedback from students and professionals.

FASE is open to all students who are interested in being part of a unique community. It helps facilitate academic success while encouraging positive social relationships. If you are interested in joining FASE contact the Office of Mentoring Services and leadership development via email [omsld@indiana.edu](mailto:omsld@indiana.edu) or by visiting the [website](#).

Director Patrick Smith



## Who's That Mentor?

Haleigh Eppler

Major: Biotechnology and Informatics

What has been your most memorable FASE moment so far? -*The career symposium that we held last week. It was a fun night, and the professional at my table had a lot of interesting stories to tell about Bloomington as well as his career.*

Favorite color: Aqua

If you could rid this world of one thing, what would it be? -*I would rid the world of bad drivers. Driving is hard enough without wondering if the person driving in the center lane is going to side-swipe you.*

Favorite book: -*Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo

**FAB Birthday Bowl**  
IMU Back Alley  
03/27/14  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Easter**  
04/20/14

**Little 500**  
04/25/14 - 04/26/14

**Finals Week**  
05/05/14 - 05/09/14

### Quick Links

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Favorite hobbies: *-I like to write when I have time.*

How has FASE changed your outlook on your college career? *-FASE has changed my outlook on IU by exposing me to a lot of the unique opportunities here. I have heard about more speakers and programs that I would have ever discovered without FASE.*

Suppose you could take two classes simply for the fun of it, what would they be? *-The Harry Potter Linguistics class and Molecular Biology of Cancer: Cell Signaling and Fate.*

## **What's Up With?**

**Jorge J. Wellmann**

As a first generation college student arriving at a beautiful and large campus of Indiana University in the summer of 2004 I found myself feeling lost, overwhelmed and at times wondering did I belong at such a prestigious institution. These feelings did not last very long as I was blessed with an opportunity of a lifetime to join the FASE Mentoring Program as a protégée, then to become a FASE Peer Mentor.

I began working on my M.A. in Education in Higher Education Student Affairs part time on June 2009 while working as a full time professional for the Department for Housing and Residence Life. My goal and passion had become to work in Housing and Residence Life as it allowed for my passion to mentor first generation college students and be mentored by other professionals in the field allowing both the students and I to continue to develop as individuals and professionals.

I am currently employed by Sullivan University System in Louisville, KY as a Residence Life Coordinator for the Department of Housing and Residence Life. As a Residence Life Coordinator I am responsible for the following in our residence hall: Student Life Events, Student Conduct Violations, and in my opinion the most important Student Retention and Student Support Initiatives for our residential students.

My ten year plan is to see my younger brother Christian Wellmann become a FASE Alumni this May, further my

education by pursuing a dual degree of Juris Doctor and Masters of Business Administration and one day be able to work at Indiana University as a University Attorney or Dean of Students.

## Sound Advice

By Walker Fiederlein

### Dropping a Class: An Inner Conflict

Around this time of the semester it is common for students to be faced with a difficult decision: should they drop a class they are currently struggling to pass? Or try to tough it out and risk failing it? Many students view having a withdraw on their record as a demerit, however this is not true! Most students will withdraw from a class at some point in their academic career, and having one or two W's on a transcript is certainly not a major problem. If you are worried about a class and not sure what to do, consult your advisor. And remember, a withdrawal from a class is not necessarily a bad thing!

## Opportunity Corner

By Alexis Artis

### Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Scholarship

Since 1976, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) has been the premier research and educational institution dedicated to advancing the global black community. Each year, CBCF undertakes significant scholarship/internship, public health, and economic empowerment programs that benefit thousands of people both across the U.S. and throughout the globe. The CBCF offers a few different scholarships on their [website](#).

### Won-Joon Yoon Scholarship

Two scholarships of \$1500 each will be awarded to students whose academic, professional, and personal accomplishments and goals exhibit tolerance, understanding, and commitment to service.

**Eligibility:** Must be enrolled as a full-time student and continuing as a student in the Fall 2014 semester. US citizenship is not required.

**Deadline:** March 21, 2014, at 5PM

For more information please visit their [website](#).

### Curtis R. Simic Scholarship for Leaders

The IU Foundation will be accepting nominations now

through **March 14, 2014**. This very prestigious scholarship covers the cost of in-state tuition for one year at IU-Bloomington. Minimum of a 3.0 GPA is required; current sophomores and juniors should be the nominees.

For more information please visit their [website](#).

### **Sony Scholarship Program**

This scholarship rewards the efforts of five current IU students who have achieved academically as well as demonstrated financial need. Selected recipients of the Sony Scholarship will receive a Sony equipment package including a **VAIO PC Notebook** and related equipment, valued at over \$1200. The application **deadline is March 21, 2014**. For more information please visit their [website](#).

### **Online Resources for Scholarship Searches**

A free scholarship matching service for students with a database of over 2.4 million scholarships. This site helps students look for scholarships with online tools and customized lists. For more information please visit their [website](#).

**"Never cut a tree down in the wintertime. Never make a negative decision in the low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst moods. Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. The spring will come." - Robert H. Schuller**

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