

Take Five

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This Week in Academic Affairs



Something extraordinary is happening at Indiana University Kokomo. We are working together to craft something new and transformative: the

Kokomo Experience. If you were one of the 60 or so people who attended our August retreat, you know that the KE is the set of learning experiences that we will promise to all of our students. Beginning next year, IUK students will be able to look forward to an array of extraordinary opportunities to apply their knowledge and skills, integrate knowledge from different disciplines, collaborate with others, take initiative, and develop a constructive mindset. We're not thinking small here. We're working to craft the kind of out-of-the box experience that will turn heads and, more important, turn out extraordinary students. On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, we will have two opportunities to hear from a nationally recognized professor who was part of a similar process at the University of Montana Western, where faculty and staff collaborated on a revolutionary program called Experience One. I invite you to join Rob Thomas and me at one or both of these events, which I believe will both inform and inspire our own efforts. See the calendar at the right for times and locations. ● Students can find a list of resources, including tutoring services, at <http://www.iuk.edu/academics/academic-support-services.php>. Please refer students who need assistance to this page and use the Faculty Student Success Center Referral Form to notify Megan Cooper (cooper51@iuk.edu) of students who need help with test preparation. ● A new "Backup Care" resource is available to employees with the care.com benefit. See <http://workplace.care.com/iu> for details.



Approximately two dozen students, instructors, and staff members gathered for a "Table Talk" on the cost of college last week.

This Week at IU Kokomo

10/19-20: Fall Break

10/21: First Day of Second Set of Eight-week Classes

10/21: Blood Drive (10 a.m., west entrance of library)

10/21: Socrates in the Marketplace (11 a.m., KC Commons)

10/21: Rob Thomas Lecture 1: The Last Normal School (3 p.m., KC 130B)

10/22: Rob Thomas Lecture 2: Where Have All the Lectures Gone? Experiential Learning and the Need to Know (11 a.m., Kresge Auditorium)

10/22: Dueling Pianos (11 a.m., KC Commons)

10/23: VIP Day (8:15 a.m., Alumni Hall)

10/24: Volleyball Tri-match (noon & 4 p.m., Cougar Gym)

Kudos for Kokomojo

- Paul Cook, Erin Doss, Chris Darr, Jason VanAlstine, and Christina Downey collaborated on an excellent "Table Talk" on the costs of college for a large group of students. Thank you all for providing a great opportunity for faculty and students to talk and learn together.