

Take Five

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This Summer in Academic Affairs



This *Take Five* newsletter went on hiatus for the summer, but our work for students did not—far from it. In fact, there's too much on that front to summarize in a single column. I will save some news for future issues and focus this week on the Kokomo Experience—that is, the new array of transformative learning activities we will be integrating into our students' experiences at IU Kokomo, beginning this fall. As many of you IUK veterans know—and as you incoming faculty and staff will quickly learn—these curricular and co-curricular activities will help our students to achieve five outcomes important to employers and educators alike: application, integration, collaboration, initiative, and mindset. Over the summer, faculty have been planning specific activities for students in their majors. Several of them came together for an introductory meeting in May, a retreat in July, and a meeting with Student Affairs staff in August. In the weeks ahead, they will submit their plans showing activities for the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior years. Meanwhile, with input from these coordinators, some of us in administration and Media and Marketing have been working on publicity we can use to roll out this new program to our students and the community. We now have a catchy name for these activities: we're calling them the KEY, as in the "Kokomo Experience and You." Tom Wise in Media and Marketing has come up with a sharp logo (shown at the right). I have provided M&M with some language for printed materials and drafted a column for the media. All of you can help us spread the word by talking up the KEY with students. You will have a chance to learn more at some campus sessions in September ● Check out this space in future issues for news from the Office of Student Success and Advising about our efforts to help students succeed.



Thanks to Tom Wise and the input of faculty, we have this logo to help us promote the KEY to our students and the community.

This Week at IU Kokomo

Please check this space for events involving faculty, staff, and students. We invite faculty and staff to attend student events to show support and build connections.

All are welcome to attend any of the events below, but please RSVP to Marsha McKinley (ext. 9227) by August 15 for the Faculty and Staff Retreat and to Lisa Frank (ext. 9221) by August 17 for the Diversity Retreat.

- 8/15: Faculty and Staff Brown Bag (noon, KC 132)
- 8/16: Faculty and Staff Convocation (9 a.m., KC 130AC)
- 8/16: Student Convocation (2 p.m., Hunt Hall Lawn; rain location: Havens Auditorium)
- 8/17: Nursing Induction Ceremony (6 p.m., Havens Auditorium)
- 8/18: Diversity Retreat (9 a.m., KC 130)
- 8/19: Faculty and Staff Retreat (9 a.m.-2 p.m., Inventrek)

Kudos for Kokomojo

- Dozens of faculty members in academic units have been crafting transformative learning activities for the KEY. Thanks to their work, our students will have experiences they could not have had elsewhere.
- Tom Wise gave us an attractive—and clever—logo to use to promote the KEY. Thanks for the great work, Tom!