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Financial literacy events planned at IU Kokomo

KOKOMO, Ind. — Learn to be money savvy, at a series of financial literacy events this summer at Indiana University Kokomo.

Vinny Vincent, assistant director of financial aid, invites not only students, but also their families, to attend the events, to learn more about smart money management.

“Money is a tough subject to talk about,” he said. “For many of us, money is a subject our parents talk about behind closed doors. That means many students don’t know how to discuss finances, and didn’t learn how to use it wisely. My goal is to break the cycle of silence and make finances something they aren’t afraid to talk about, and to learn more.”

Topics include making satisfactory academic progress (SAP) in order to qualify for financial aid and graduate on time; investment and retirement planning, and game nights with a financial literacy twist, leading up to a fall kick off block party.

All events are at 5:30 p.m. in the Kelley Student Center, Room 114. They include:

- Wednesday, July 2: SAP — More than just academics
- Thursday, July 14: Trivial Pursuit, financial edition
- Wednesday, July 30: Protecting your future — Investment and retirement planning
- Thursday, August 7: Celebratory financial celebrities
- Wednesday, August 13: Block party and fall kick off

Vincent said his goal is for students to learn how to handle their money early, to avoid making financial mistakes that will follow them into their careers.

“We want students to begin or continue their college careers with smart money decisions,” he said. “I want them to be empowered to talk about money, and to be

able to tell a friend they don't have the money to do something everyone else is doing, rather than building credit card debt. I want them to make good decisions academically, so they graduate on time, with as little student loan debt as possible."

For more information about these events and those offered throughout the year, contact Vincent at (765) 455-9451 or jrvincen@iuk.edu

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