

Take Five

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The News in Academic Affairs



Each year, we take a “fall census” count of our students, and this number becomes the official one for the books. This year, the number of our full-time and part-time students, including both undergraduate and graduate students, is 2,995. That’s a healthy number, but it’s down 7.2% percent from last year’s total. That fall 2020 was a record number, so it was a high bar. Still, we are down a bit even from the fall 2019 total. Enrollment contributes to the health of an institution, so we definitely want to keep it strong. Our Admissions team energetically recruits for us, the Office of Student Success and Advising works hard to keep our students on track to graduation, Media & Marketing spreads the word about the terrific educational experience we deliver, and of course we all work together to deliver this experience. There’s one more thing that all of us can do, and it does not involve wearing a sandwich board. We are the faces (and voices) of IU Kokomo in our neighborhoods, parks, churches, and communities. If you know me, you know I’m not shy when it comes to talking about IU Kokomo (and, yes, I may have mentioned the KEY once or twice). We don’t have to be ham-fisted; just a brief remark about our commitment to students, our excellent facilities, etc. can go a long way, especially for people who do not know much about us. To know IU Kokomo is to love it!

Student Success Corner

CircleIn has been launched on our campus! When students at IU regional campuses access it via Canvas, they can view feeds for each of their courses, ask questions, share notes, create quizzes/flashcards, and join study groups. Check out the introductory video (<https://vimeo.com/496768470>) so you can encourage student engagement. Thank you!
-Christina Downey (downeyca@iuk.edu)



Mara Fivecoate, junior at IU Kokomo, designed the new mural on display at Kokomo’s Markland Mall. Numerous New Media, Art, and Technology students helped with the project under the supervision of Aaron Pickens. Pictured is the ribbon-cutting ceremony that took place Aug. 25 following the completion of the project.

Upcoming Events

- 9/7: [UDOIT: Checking Course Accessibility](#) (9:30—10:30 a.m., Zoom)
- 9/7: [Using VoiceThread to Engage Students](#) (1—3 p.m., Zoom)
- 9/8: [DIY Bonsai Tree Giveaway](#) (10 a.m.—2 p.m., Quad)
- 9/8: [Kaltura: Personal Capture & Closed Captions](#) (1—3 p.m., Zoom)
- 9/15: [Let’s Talk About the Constitution Table Talk](#) (11:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m., Library Gathering Place)
- 9/15: [Benjamin Franklin: A Force for the Constitution \(and More\)](#) (6:30 p.m., Zoom)
- 9/16: [Canvas: Quizzes](#) (10 a.m.—12 p.m., Zoom)
- 9/20: [Cougar Career Readiness Workshop: Communication](#) (12:30—1:30 p.m., Zoom)
- 9/21: [Hispanic Heritage Month Table Talk](#) (11:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m., KC 130AC)

Some events may require registration. Click on links for details.

Kudos for Kokomojo

- Thanks go out to Audra Dowling, Mallory Maris, Christian O’Donnell, and Tara Scott for organizing both the Welcome Back Carnival Day on campus on Aug. 26 and the Activities Fair last week. Kudos also to Kelly Brown, Beau Shine, Kelly Fisher, and Chris Felts, whose welcome picnic for Criminal Justice and Homeland Security students was a huge success, attracting more than 70 students. Such efforts help our students start making connections and developing a sense of belonging on campus. Bravo!