

Take Five

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'100 Ways in 100 Days' Initiative



During last week's Fall Convocation, I rolled out our new campaign to improve in "100 Ways in 100 Days." (I exercised a few neurons to come up with that phrase, only to learn that someone else had already coined it. Oh, well, it still works for us, even if it's not original.)

You can submit your ideas by completing a brief [survey](#). Your project should be a modest one, something that you (and perhaps a few colleagues) can complete or at least start in a few days or weeks. The cabinet will review requests each week, and you will receive a response within a week or so. We will track our progress on a giant board in the Kelley Center, as well as a website and digital signs, and cheer one another on as we begin our work to take IU Kokomo to even greater heights. I already have received some excellent ideas, and I look forward to seeing more. ● The Cougar Closet provides access to free professional clothing for IU Kokomo students. The hours for fall 2022 are 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays. For additional information click [here](#).

Academic Affairs Corner

I'm excited to serve IU Kokomo as interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. My top *StrengthsFinder* strength is Input, and boy am I getting what I asked for! ☺ In you I see outstanding teaching, strong advocacy from leadership, and an array of excellent programs. What we need to support all of our priorities is more students—specifically students from our region coming to our campus to gain from all we have built. Therefore, a priority of mine will be taking a pro-college message into our region at every chance I can get – and I will need your help. Our vitality demands that we demonstrate our value, and we have so much to offer. Thank you!
-Christina Downey (downeyca@iuk.edu)



Lina Rifai, associate professor of vertebrate biology, led an immersive KEY experience on ornithology and bird banding near the Kelley House this month. Students participated in the catching of birds to band and release, as the event's goal was to track and monitor the population and health of the birds on campus. Notably, the first documented hummingbird on IUK's campus was banded and released during the experience!

Upcoming Events

- 8/30: [Canvas: Modules & Pages](#) (9 a.m., Zoom)
 - 8/31: [Canvas: Modules & Pages](#) (9 a.m., Zoom)
 - 9/1: [Canvas: Quizzes](#) (3 p.m., Kelly Student Center KA130)
 - 9/6: [Kaltura: Personal Capture & Closed Captions](#) (9 a.m., Zoom)
 - 9/7: [Using VoiceThread to Engage Students](#) (9 a.m., Zoom)
 - 9/8: [Canvas: SpeedGrader & DocViewer](#) (3 p.m., Library KA130)
 - 9/13: [Quick Check](#) (1:30 p.m., Zoom)
 - 9/20: [Using VoiceThread to Engage Students](#) (9 a.m., Zoom)
- Some events may require registration. Click on links for details.

Kudos for Kokomojo

- Please join me in congratulating this year's recipients of Trustees Teaching Awards: Scott Blackwell, Dmitriy Chulkov, Sarrah Grubb, Gin Morgan, and Melinda Stanley.
- Let's hear it for Sarah Health, recipient of this year's Virgil Hunt Distinguished Service Award.
- Congratulations go out to Dmitriy Chulkov, recipient of this year's Senior Faculty Scholarship Award, and Crystal Wang, recipient of this year's Junior Faculty Scholarship Award.