

Take Five

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This Week in Academic Affairs



At our Fall Convocation, many of you heard Paul Wesselmann preview his talk to students. Perfectly in line with much of what we are trying to do with our

KEY and Re-Imagining the First Year initiatives, Paul spoke to them about making connections with others on campus, challenging themselves, persevering, and trying new things. The students listened and responded in very encouraging ways. In a survey that asked them to identify one takeaway from Paul's presentation, student after student wrote comments such as these: "It's okay to be nervous, but connect with other people and focus on my education," "Balance comfort and challenge," "It's okay to be both excited and scared about starting college," and "It's okay to ask questions." As we interact with freshmen over the year ahead, let's keep in mind these messages and reinforce them with occasional reminders. By doing so, we can increase the chances the messages will stick while showing our support for them. (If you would like to see all of the students' comments about Paul's talk, please email Cheryl Schlemmer at caschlem@iuk.edu.) ● Please encourage students to submit their work to our undergraduate magazine, *Field* (fieldpub@iuk.edu), by September 30.

Student Success Corner

As instructors work to help students stay on track after a hectic first week, technology can be a great tool; however, new students are still learning Canvas, IU email, One.IU, etc. Students who struggle with technology too often conclude they are not cut out for college. This thought may sound irrational, but some students are primed to interpret everyday struggles as indicators that they don't belong here. Let's be patient—it will pay off!
-Christina Downey (downeyca@iuk.edu)



Last week's Activities Fair connected students with academic units, student organizations, and more.

This Week at IU Kokomo

9/7: [Kingston's Coffeehouse](#) (5:30-8:30 p.m., Alumni Hall)
9/8: [Outdoor Movie](#) (8-10 p.m., Earth Stage)

Next Week at IU Kokomo

9/11: Skywatching (8 p.m., Observatory)
9/12: KEY and RFY presentation (10 a.m., KC 130B)
9/13: Accessibility Talk for Faculty (10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m., KO 170)
9/13: [DiversiTEA](#) (noon, KC 130B)
9/14: [IUK Annual Golf Outing](#) (11 a.m., Wildcat Creek Golf Course)
9/14: [IUK Faculty Exhibition Opening](#) (4-7 p.m., Campus Art Gallery)
9/15: Downtown Shuttle (10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., KC parking lot)
9/15: KEY and RFY presentation (1:30 p.m., KO 127)
9/15: [Culture Bash](#) (4-7 p.m., Pavilion)

Kudos for Kokomojo

- Thanks go out to all the staff and faculty who staffed booths at the Activities Fair and encouraged their students to attend it.
- Minda and Douglas and Lori Brubaker staged a successful reception at the IU Kokomo Union Street Gallery during last week's First Friday event downtown. Thanks, Minda and Lori, for maintaining a very positive presence downtown.