

Take Five

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This Week in Academic Affairs



Please join me and other colleagues this week at the sessions on our RFY and KEY projects. (See the schedule at the right for times and locations.) I will

begin by summarizing our plan for the RFY (“Re-Imagining the First Year”) project. Part of a nationwide initiative sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, our RFY project will feature a Student Success Academy, a Personal Development minor, strategic interventions for at-risk students, and more. In the portion dedicated to the KEY, I will provide brief updates on our work in the areas of publicity, funding, and tracking, and several faculty members will discuss their units’ plans. I think you will enjoy hearing about the impressive array of rich experiential learning opportunities, which include retreats, conferences, service-learning, Sophomore Sojourns, co-curricular components, presentations by guest speakers, professional-development workshops, peer mentoring, undergraduate research, and more. See my [recent column about the KEY](#) for an overview. ● Other big campus events scheduled for this week include a webinar called “The Psychology of College Persistence” on Wednesday afternoon, James Pellerite’s flute recital on Wednesday evening, the Culture Bash (a regular highlight of the campus year) on Thursday afternoon, and a Zumbathon on Saturday (with a \$10 donation requested for tornado relief). See the calendar for details.

Student Success Corner

Students with a *purpose mindset* tend to learn more and achieve higher grades. They embrace the purpose for their learning—that is, they know their *why!* Instructors who help students to articulate a purpose mindset are likely to see motivation and performance increase.”
-Christina Downey (downeyca@iuk.edu)



Biology instructor Gage Koehler found the perfect place for her botany class last week: the great outdoors.

This Week at IU Kokomo

- 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: Psychology of College Persistence (2 p.m., KC 130B)
- 9/14: [Native American Flute Recital](#) (7 p.m., Kresge Auditorium)
- 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)
- 9/17: Zumbathon (6-8 p.m., Cougar Gym)

Kudos for Kokomojo

- Paul Cook, Leda Casey, Rosalyn Davis, Minda Douglas, Kayla Miller, April Mouser, Stephanie Pratt, Karla Stouse, and Michelle Westervelt delivered Summer Bridge classes to scores of incoming students. Last week, several of these same instructors met and discussed ways to make this program—already a successful one praised by students—even better. Kelli Keener, Karen Shaw, Angela Smith, and Stacey Thomas met with Christina Downey to discuss support for faculty and students. Tara Scott and Marsha McKinley played key roles in planning and coordinating meals and more for Summer Bridge. Now, *that’s* Kokomojo!