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'Kingston' takes most votes; Cougar gets new name

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KOKOMO, Ind. – Just call him Kingston.



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Kingston Cougar thanks the contestants with some cool prizes!

The Cougar mascot is no longer nameless after “Kingston” received the most votes by the student body at Indiana University Kokomo. The winning name was announced at Thursday night’s women’s volleyball match, following a month-long contest.

Kourtney Cox, a senior elementary education major, submitted the winning moniker and took home the top prize of an iPad2.

“I wanted a name that started with a ‘K’ or a ‘C’ to go with the word ‘cougar,’ and I really wanted our mascot to be about Kokomo specifically,” she said after being announced the winner. “I’m an orientation leader, so I knew a lot of IU Kokomo facts from giving tours around campus.”

The name Kingston has historical significance for both the Kokomo community and the university. George Kingston invented the carburetor in Kokomo in 1902, and later purchased the Seiberling Mansion. In 1947, the Seiberling Mansion, also known as the Kingston Home, became the home of IU Kokomo until it was moved to its present site in 1965.



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Four runner-ups were also named at the game. They were:

Sara Stevens submitted the second-place name, "Cosmo"; Nikita Mattingly's entry, "Klawz," took third place; Jennifer Simmons came in fourth with "K.C."; and Steve Geiselman rounded out the five finalists with "Ike."

This is Cougar Country: Meet Kingston Cougar



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