

# Take Five

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## This Week in Academic Affairs



As I announced a few weeks ago, we will have a campus-wide meeting on the IU Kokomo Experience this week. Thanks to the valuable

input of many faculty and staff members over the past several months, we now have numerous suggestions for transformative educational experiences, along with other ideas for the KE. In this week's meeting, everyone will have an opportunity to consider various frameworks for the experiences. See the calendar at the right for day, time, and location. ● In the fall, the chancellor and I met with several randomly selected faculty members for the first of the informal faculty chats that we are having at the Kelley House. One idea that emerged was opening up the Chancellor's Dining Room (KC 132) for informal lunch gatherings. We will launch these gatherings this Thursday, January 21, when the CDR will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for any faculty and staff members who wish to join some colleagues for enlightening and enjoyable conversation around our classes, scholarly projects, families, or anything else that's on our minds. I look forward to seeing many of you there. ● Too often, college athletes get a bad rap when it comes to academics.

As you may already know—even seen firsthand—some of them are outstanding students. Earlier this month, I had the chance to hear one of them speak at a conference: former Senator Bill Bradley, who rose to prominence as a star basketball player at Princeton and later played in the NBA. Here at IU Kokomo, we have our own stories of athletes who excel in the classroom. This past fall, our student athletes had an average GPA of—are you ready for this?—3.18, the highest average GPA of IU Kokomo student athletes of any semester. On behalf of Athletic Director Greg Cooper and myself, I thank you all for supporting our student athletes inside and outside the classroom.



Bridget Whitmore congratulates a student at the recent Nursing Induction.

“Vision without execution is hallucination.”

-Thomas Edison

## This Week at IU Kokomo

1/20: Campus-wide Meeting on the Kokomo Experience (10 a.m.-noon, KC 130B)

1/20: Activities Fair (11 a.m.-1 p.m., Alumni Hall)

1/21: Activities Fair (2-4 p.m., Alumni Hall)

## Kudos for Kokomojo

- Sarah Heath facilitated a discussion of the film *Boycott* on Friday after a showing of the film. We had a great turnout from the community. Thanks, Sarah.
- Ligaya McGovern and Leda Casey coordinated the visit of Bill Brown, IU's Director of Sustainability, to campus last week. Leda and Ligaya, we appreciate your efforts in taking IU Kokomo to the next level when it comes to work on sustainability.