

Take Five

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This Week in Academic Affairs



A few weeks ago, I included an item here on [“Re-Imagining the First Year,”](#) the AASCU project for which IU Kokomo has been selected. This week,

our Campus Innovation Team will meet and discuss numerous promising ideas for promoting the success of our first-year students. Among the strategies we will be considering in this meeting and future meetings are scheduling blocks of courses for first-year students, redesigning courses with high numbers of grades lower than B, integrating lessons on non-cognitive factors such as growth mindset into coursework, scheduling 30-credit reviews for some degrees (and re-directing students who may not have the grade-point averages to enter these programs), establishing teams of FLC faculty, expanding Summer Bridge, developing resources to help students clear registration holds related to bills, and incorporating a lesson on belonging into the orientation process. If you have ideas for other strategies we ought to be considering, please notify me or one of the other members of the Campus Innovation Team (Kristen Snoddy, Sarah Heath, Christina Downey, Tara Kingsley, Joshua Gottemoller, Angela Smith, Julie Saam, Scott Jones, and Todd Gambill.

Faculty invited to pitch presentations

By Rachel Blumenthal

The Research Support Group is sponsoring the second annual Faculty Research Symposium on the afternoon of April 7 (exact time TBA). We seek 15-minute research presentations in all fields. Presenters will join a panel of four speakers. A brief Q&A session and light refreshments will follow. Please send a title and brief abstract to Rachel A. Blumenthal (rablumen@iuk.edu) or Stephanie Medley-Rath (smedleyr@iuk.edu) by March 1 for consideration.



Many Nursing students and faculty recently assisted with lead testing at Eastern Elementary School.

This Week at IU Kokomo

- 2/23: Barriers and Access for Students with Disabilities: How Faculty and Staff Can Help (10 a.m., Cole Room)
- 2/23: Workshop on Teaching with Clickers (2:30 p.m., Havens Room)
- 2/24: Using VoiceThread to Engage Students (1 p.m., KA 120)
- 2/24: Annual All-IU Distinguished Teaching Awards Workshop (12:30 & 2:30 p.m., Havens Room)
- 2/25: Barriers and Access for Students with Disabilities: How Faculty and Staff Can Help (1 p.m., KC 114)
- 2/25: Monthly Movie Night: *Selma* (7 p.m., Kresge Auditorium)
- 2/26: Transfer Visit Day (10 a.m., Kelley Center)

Kudos for Kokomojo

- Several faculty and staff members turned out for last Friday's VIP Day. Thank you for welcoming our prospective students and showing them what a terrific team of caring people we have here at IU Kokomo.