



Family Connections

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WELCOME!!

Welcome to the first issue of Family Connections, our parent and family newsletter. We hope that you will find the information useful and hopefully submit your own stories, questions and tips to share with everyone.

We have tried to put together some information and tips to help with the start of the year. Each issue will have a different focus and highlight a different campus resource. This issue we are focusing on getting prepared for move-in day and the first few weeks of classes.

To go along with our newsletter we will also have a Family Connections website which will hopefully provide additional resources for you and your students. The website can be found at: www.ius.edu/housing/article/Family_Connections



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Move-in Day Fun

Move-in day is fast approaching and we would like to provide some tips on making move-in day fun and exciting for everyone. First things first make sure that your student has been in contact with their roommates so you know what items you can leave at home.

TIP #1 Be Patient
Move in can be very stressful for everyone so pack a little patience with that pan you are bringing. You may have to wait in line to get checked in or for a ride on one of our golf carts and the more patient you are the smoother the process will be. We will have plenty of staff on hand to

answer questions and deal with issues that arise so don't be afraid to ask for a little help if you need it.

TIP #2 Be Prepared
Check out our website for move-in tips and a list of what to bring or leave at home. The website is www.ius.edu/housing/article/Moving_In_Checklist. You can also check out our webpage for resources on living with roommates at www.ius.edu/housing/article/Roommates.

TIP #3 Keep an Open Mind
When your student meets their roommates for the first time things can happen that might cause



you to develop a negative opinion about that roommate. Just remember that this is the first time you are meeting that person and that there's always more than meets the eye. Encourage your student to get to know their roommates before they make any judgments about them you never know this person could turn out to be your student's best friend down the road.

Resource Spotlight—Center for Mentoring

Get your student off on the right foot by encouraging them to be a part of the Center for Mentoring. When students sign up for the program they will be paired with a faculty, staff member or student who will help them get

connected to campus and assist them throughout their IU Southeast career. Any student is welcome to join the program. Students can go to University Center South room 205 and pick up an application when they arrive on campus.

Students can also check out the program during the Mentoring kick-off celebration 9/14 @ 11:30am in Hoosier West. You can also visit them online at

www.ius.edu/mentoring/

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Do you have any suggestions for story topics?

Send any ideas, questions or comments to:

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Crompton's Corner

Each issue of the Newsletter will feature comments and advice from it's readers. If you have a question or tips that you would like to have featured in our newsletter please send them in by replying to the email when you receive your newsletter. Questions will be answered by our editor or other campus resource. If we don't have any questions look for fun tips to help you and your student succeed here at IU Southeast.

Top 10 ways to prevent roommate conflicts

10. Be honest with your roommate
9. Don't let things fester, confront issues when they happen
8. Be patient
7. Remember your roommate can't read your mind
6. Be kind when confronting your roommates
5. Try to avoid gossiping about your roommates
4. Set ground rules before any conflict arises
3. Set up a cleaning schedule as soon as possible
2. Don't make assumptions...ask questions
1. Complete a roommate agreement with your CA

Upcoming Events

For more housing event and important date information check us out at [http://www.ius.edu/housing/article/Activities Entertainment](http://www.ius.edu/housing/article/Activities%20Entertainment)

Last day to cancel before \$500 cancelation fee assessed	August 1st
Move-in Day	August 25th
First Lodge Meeting (starting at 2pm in lodge great rooms)	August 25th
New Student Induction Day	August 26th
First payment of the semester due	August 26th
Midnight Madness (starting at 7pm)	August 26th
Movie on the Green (starting at dusk ~ 9pm)	August 27th
First day of classes	August 29th
Regular lodge programming schedule begins (see lodge board)	August 29th
Week of Welcome Activities (see posters in lodge for full listing)	August 29th