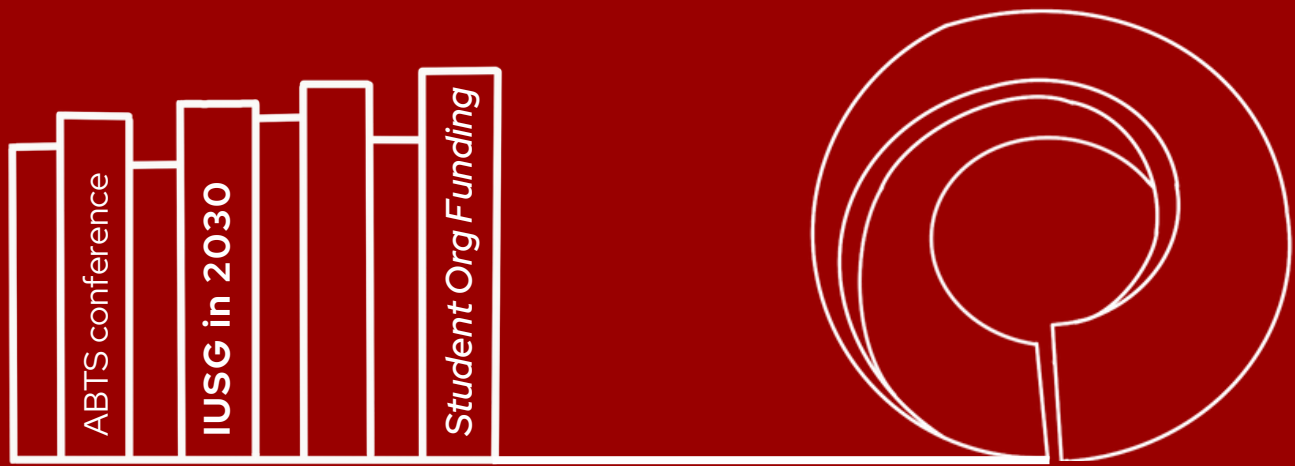




# *The Informed Student*

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## *Stay Informed and Keep Current*

Hey Hoosiers! There's now better feeling than celebrating another IU football victory! We hope you had a relaxing break and are ready for the latest edition of *The Informed Student*, the monthly newsletter from your Indiana University Student Government (IUSG).

We are dedicated to keeping you connected and informed with everything you need to know about IUSG, right at your fingertips. On the last day of every month, you can dive into detailed updates on our initiatives, discover our upcoming events, learn how to access essential campus resources, and so much more!

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IU Student Government

## *2030 Strategic Planning Committee*

The FUSE administration is pleased to announce the creation of the 2030 Strategic Planning Committee. This committee will develop a comprehensive five-year strategic plan to guide IUSG's mission and initiatives from 2025 through 2030, ensuring continued excellence in serving the IU student body.

The committee's charge includes setting clear objectives, defining actionable goals, and establishing metrics to track progress. This forward-looking plan will honor IUSG's legacy of advocacy and leadership while building a student government that reflects the principles of respect, justice, sustainable progress, and meaningful engagement with both constituents and governing partners.

Membership will include representatives from all branches of IUSG, encompassing varying levels of involvement, along with student leaders from outside the organization to ensure a diversity of perspectives. The committee will be chaired by Student Body Vice President Nicole Santiuste, whose leadership will guide the group's critical work.

Student Body President Cooper Tinsley is confident this team will "create a roadmap that empowers a more inclusive, impactful, and forward-thinking student government." He believes that the formation of this committee "marks an exciting step forward for IUSG as we prepare to meet the evolving needs of our university community."



## *Association of Big 10 Students*

During November 15-17, IU Student Government participated in the Association of Big Ten Students Fall Conference hosted by the University of Iowa. The conference brought together student governments from across the Big Ten to collaborate, share ideas, and discuss key issues affecting students, with plans to bring these discussions to the Hill next spring. The platform this event provides is a great way for building connections among Big Ten universities and learning from the diverse experiences of other student governments.

Throughout the weekend, IU Student Government representatives engaged in a variety of networking opportunities with their peers and panel discussions, gaining valuable insights on leadership and advocacy.

The IU delegation left the conference confident and motivated to bring ideas back to Bloomington, ensuring that IU Student Government continues to represent and support the needs of all IU students.



IU Student Government's

# *Know Your Rights*

The Department of Student Rights within IUSG has been revitalized and is excited to launch the Know Your Rights campaign! This initiative aims to educate students about the various rights and resources they have on and off campus. Understanding your rights is essential to amplifying your voice and making an impact. This November, we're excited to introduce the Freedom of Expression Guide, a comprehensive resource designed to help students, staff, and faculty navigate First Amendment rights and Indiana University policies effectively. Discover how to empower your voice and express yourself responsibly.

## **FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION GUIDE**

**IU BLOOMINGTON**

2024-2025



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Edition on Student Rights



# *Apply for Student Organization Funding*

Is your student organization in need of funding? Due to recent challenges faced by student organizations in securing funding, the IU Student Government has stepped up to offer financial support.

While we aim to assist as many organizations as possible, **funding is allocated based on the scope and impact of the proposed material needs or events**. All funding applications must be submitted at least 15 business days (approximately three weeks) before the requested date of funding. If you have any questions, please email [iusgexec@iu.edu](mailto:iusgexec@iu.edu)



Press the QR code for the application, step-by-step instructions and answers to frequently asked questions



Join an IU Student Government

# *Executive Committte*

As an executive committee member, you'll have the opportunity to contribute your ideas, develop leadership skills, and collaborate closely with our executive officers to help execute campus-wide initiatives that enhance student life on campus. We are currently accepting applications for the following executive departments:

- City and Local Relations
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Environmental Affairs
- Federal Relations
- Graduate Affairs
- Health and Wellbeing
- Sexual Violence Prevention
- State Relations
- Student Rights
- Transportation and Infrastructure



Press the QR code to learn more and submit your application reviewed on a rolling basis



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## **CONGRESS ENROLLED ACT No. 1006**

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*Be it enacted by the students of Indiana University in Congress assembled:*

On November 11, 2024, Congress passed Bill No. 1006, authored by Representatives Elizabeth Conley and Drew Yeager, which establishes and coordinates regular campus **safety walks to identify and address safety concerns on Indiana University's campus.**

- The safety and security of students, faculty, and staff on campus is of utmost importance and is essential for maintaining a positive and productive learning environment.
- Campus safety walks shall be conducted at least once per semester, with additional walks scheduled as necessary based on student feedback or safety incidents.
- After each walk, IU Student Government shall compile a report detailing the issues identified and recommended actions.

In each newsletter, we will highlight student-focused Congress bills that have passed during the month. However, you can access IUSG records and full versions of all Congress bills at any time on our website [iustudentgovernment.indiana.edu](https://iustudentgovernment.indiana.edu)



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## **CONGRESS RESOLUTION No. 7**

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*Be it enacted by the students of Indiana University in Congress assembled:*

On November 4, 2024, Congress passed Resolution No. 7, authored by Representative Louis Gallegos, formally recognizing and honoring the Miami (Myaamiaki), Delaware (Lënape), Potawatomi (Bodwéwadmik), and Shawnee (Saawanwa) peoples as the **original caretakers of the land on which Indiana University Bloomington is built**. The resolution acknowledges these Indigenous communities' enduring connection with the land and their historical and ongoing contributions as its stewards and commits to raising awareness of their cultural heritage. It also calls on the university administration to develop educational initiatives that highlight the history and resilience of Indigenous communities and foster engagement with Indigenous leaders to promote mutual respect and understanding.

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Support students by donating to

# *IUSG's Funds!*



## **IUSG Student Healthcare Fund**

Gifts will support student-led healthcare prevention efforts on the Bloomington campus. These initiatives, developed in consultation with the Division of Student Affairs, address pressing student health issues.

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## **IUSG Fund**

Gifts will be allocated to support the diverse activities, programs, and initiatives of the student government. These contributions will enable high-impact projects such as the Makerspace, Crimson Closet, and the Textbook & Test Prep Library

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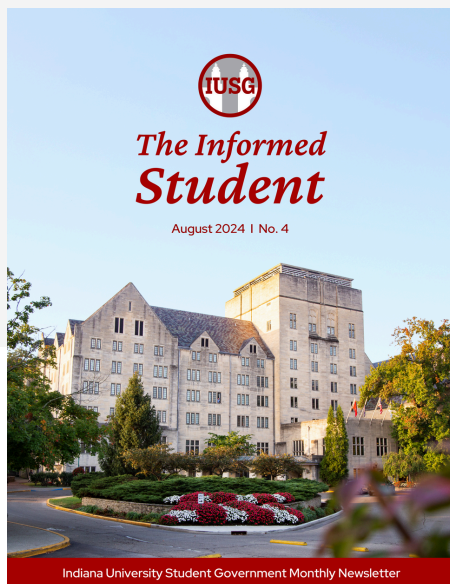
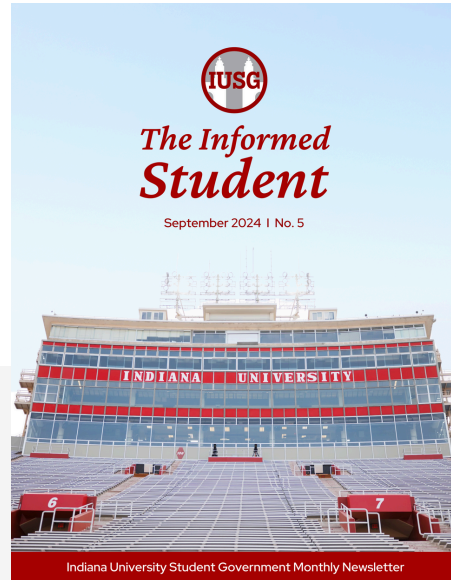
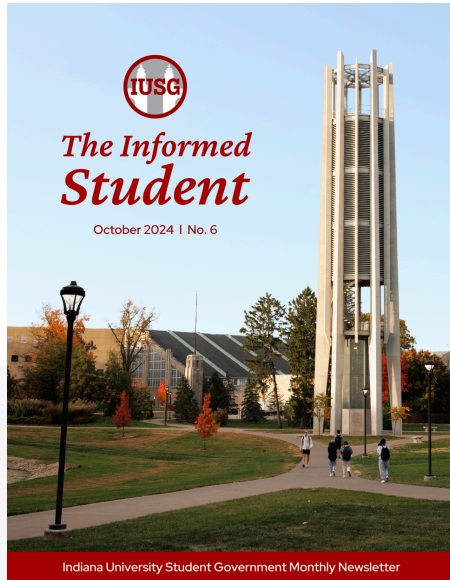
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For more information on our student support funds or if you're interested in financing one of our high-impact projects, please contact us at [iusgexec@iu.edu](mailto:iusgexec@iu.edu).



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# *Informed Student!*



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# NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Native American Heritage Month is a dedicated time to recognize and celebrate the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of Native American and Indigenous communities. By acknowledging this heritage, we also confront the longstanding history of resilience, strength, and knowledge that Indigenous communities have shared and preserved despite centuries of hardship. The origins of Native American Heritage Month date back to the early 20th century, with advocates like Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who championed the recognition of Native American contributions. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November as "National American Heritage Month," a tradition that continues today. Throughout this month, we encourage all students to participate in events, attend educational sessions, and engage with resources that deepen our understanding and appreciation of Native American history and culture. By doing so, we take meaningful steps toward building an inclusive and supportive environment that respects and uplifts the voices, traditions, and histories of all students.



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# DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a vibrant and meaningful celebration with deep historical and cultural roots in Mexico and other Latin American countries. Observed from November 1 to November 2, it is a time for family and friends to come together to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed. During Día de los Muertos, families create altars, or ofrendas, filled with photos, flowers, candles, and favorite foods to invite the spirits of their loved ones back to the world of the living for a joyful reunion. This celebration is a reminder of the love and connection that transcend death and is a testament to the resilience of cultural traditions that hold a special place within Latinx and Hispanic communities. The FUSE administration wishes a feliz Día de los Muertos to those who celebrate.



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# VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I on November 11, 1918, when the war ceased on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as a day to honor peace and those who served in "the war to end all wars." In 1954, following World War II and the Korean War, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially renamed the day Veterans Day, broadening its significance to honor all U.S. veterans, living and deceased, who have served in war or peacetime. The FUSE administration invites all students to reflect on the sacrifices and bravery made by our veterans, which are the foundation of the freedoms we cherish, and to express gratitude for their service.

If you are a past or present service member or a spouse or dependent of a service member, we are here to support you. Indiana University Bloomington offers resources to help you understand your military education benefits and process the paperwork necessary to use them on [studentlife.indiana.edu](https://studentlife.indiana.edu). Additionally, you can be connected to other campus and community resources to ensure you feel best supported during your time at IU.



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# TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Transgender Day of Remembrance is observed annually on November 20th to **honor and remember transgender people whose lives have been lost to anti-transgender violence.** This day was established in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith to commemorate the murder of Rita Hester, a transgender woman killed in 1998 in Massachusetts. Her death highlighted the prevalence of violence against transgender individuals and the lack of public acknowledgment or justice for them. This day sheds light on the disproportionately high rates of violence and discrimination that transgender individuals face. It emphasizes the need for societal acceptance and the elimination of transphobia. The day is not only about mourning but also a call to action for equality and justice. The FUSE administration strives to foster a community where everyone feels welcome, supported, and safe. On this day, and every day, we stand in solidarity with transgender and nonbinary individuals. IU is here for you—together, we can build a future rooted in inclusion and compassion.



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# THANKSGIVING

This Thanksgiving, we hope you're surrounded by love, laughter, and the warmth of family and friends. Whether you're enjoying a delicious feast, reflecting on what you're grateful for, or simply taking a well-deserved break, we hope you have a good holiday weekend. We are grateful to have you as part of the IU community and can't wait to welcome you back after the break, refreshed and ready to take on the rest of the semester! However, as we celebrate, it's also an important time to recognize and honor the people whose histories shape this holiday. Thanksgiving is deeply connected to the experiences of Indigenous peoples and their resilience in the face of colonialism. Let us take this time to reflect on their enduring strength and contributions, acknowledge the complexities of this history, and appreciate the rich cultures and traditions of Native communities that continue to thrive today. May this Thanksgiving inspire gratitude, reflection, and a deeper connection to the stories that define us all. Enjoy the holiday, and we look forward to seeing you soon!







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