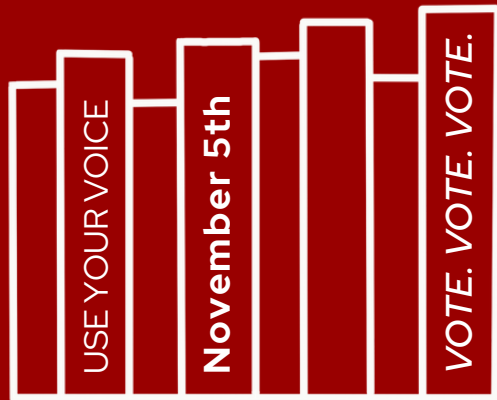




The Informed Student

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Stay Informed and Keep Current

Hey Hoosiers! Welcome to the spook-tacular October edition of our monthly newsletter, *The Informed Student*, from the 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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The Indiana Student Government Coalition

Student advocacy statewide

We're excited to announce the creation of the Indiana Student Government Coalition (ISGC), a student-led organization dedicated to championing the voices of students across Indiana. On October 25, 2024, IU Student Government hosted the inaugural ISGC Conference, where we formally established the ISGC by signing its founding charter. This coalition has been a long-awaited initiative in progress for over five years, and we are proud that the FUSE administration successfully made it a reality. This coalition represents a unified front, bringing together student leaders to drive meaningful change in higher education across the state. Founding members include Indiana University, Butler University, DePauw University, Grace College, Purdue University, and Valparaiso University. This collaborative effort was crucial in defining the coalition's goals and laying the foundation for its future impact. By strengthening communication and collaboration among collegiate student governments across Indiana, the ISGC will foster a coordinated and influential approach to statewide issues that impact students.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION 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 won't be able to provide all organizations with the full amount of funding they need, we are confident that this initiative will offer meaningful relief. IUSG typically collaborates directly with student organizations, but in response to the current funding gap, we have reallocated resources to ensure these groups can continue to operate and thrive. This solution reflects our commitment to supporting students and maintaining a vibrant campus experience at IU Bloomington. **At this time, funds from this account may only be for event/materials purchases and may not be for student organization-associated travel expenses.** If you have any questions, please email iusgexec@iu.edu



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



ROAD TO 100: VOTER REGISTRATION

The IU Student Government's three-week **Road to 100** campaign engaged student organizations across campus to educate, inspire, and mobilize students to **register to vote**. At the end of the campaign, the organization with the most points won a \$2,000 grant for their efforts.

16 Student Organizations Participated

6,134 Students Involved

3,465 Voter Registrations, with 1,107 Registered during Road to 100

1,928 Active TurboVote users this Election Cycle, a 70% Increase from Last Cycle

60+ Hours Collectively Tabled



ROAD TO 100: VOTER REGISTRATION

Student Organizations that participated in **ROAD TO 100**

- 180 Degrees Consulting
- American Student Radio
- College Democrats at IU
- Kelley Office of Access and Community Enhancement
Student Advisory Board (KSAB)
- Middle Eastern Student Association
- Minority Association of Premedical Students
- Panhellenic Association
- Pre-Black Law Student Association
- Residence Hall Association
- Student Alumni Association
- Students Demand Action
- Union Board
- Woman in Government at IU
- Women in Business
- Women of Color Leadership Institution
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated



ROAD TO 100: VOTER REGISTRATION



Women in Business

1st Place
399 points



Women in Government

2nd Place
307 points



College Democrats

3rd Place
270 points





Executive Order on Establishing State and Federal Legislative Priorities

By the authority vested in me as the Student Body President of Indiana University Bloomington and the Chief Executive Officer of Indiana University Student Government, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of the Indiana University Student Government to advocate for state and federal legislative priorities that enhance the student experience in key areas. These priorities are designed to promote equitable access to resources and opportunities that foster student success.

Section 2. State Legislative Priorities.

- (a) Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (protection of academic programs and scholarships, etc.)
- (b) Collegiate financial accessibility (tuition and fee transparency, exploring new tuition models (frozen, fixed, differential, et al.), etc.)
- (c) Campus Safety (Anti-hazing, Sexual Violence Prevention, etc.)

Section 3. Federal Legislative Priorities.

- (d) Collegiate financial accessibility (Protection of Pell Grants, FAFSA, etc.)
- (e) Food insecurity (expansion of SNAP benefits for students, etc.)
- (f) Campus safety (Title IX, security infrastructure, etc.)

Section 4. Implementation.

- (a) This Executive Order shall be implemented by the IUSG Departments of State and Federal Relations, respectively. The departments will work in coordination with the Student Body President, relevant committees, and external advocacy networks to ensure the successful advancement of the priorities outlined herein.

Section 5. General Provisions.

- (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof, or that of any IUSG entity.
- (b) This order shall be implemented in a manner consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.
- (c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against Indiana University, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

Section 6. Effective Date and Expiration Date. This order is effective immediately upon signature and a concurring simple majority vote by the executive cabinet and will remain in force until the conclusion of the current Student Body President's term, unless extended by the succeeding president.

Cooper Tinsley
Student Body President
Indiana University Student Government
10 October 2024

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. In addition to educational efforts, the department focuses on assisting students in navigating the campus conduct system and analyses of IU policies to ensure that they are fair and equitable for all students. With the national election approaching, it's crucial to know your voting rights. Our first Know Your Rights campaign edition covers everything you need to know at the polls. This month's edition covers your rights to freedom from discrimination.

VOTING RIGHTS

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS - SEPTEMBER EDITION

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT RIGHTS 2024-2025



FREEDOM AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS - OCTOBER EDITION

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT RIGHTS 2024-2025



Press the QR code to access this month's Know Your Rights edition

Fee Review Committee

Every two years, Indiana University reviews the allocation of mandatory student fees, and this is your chance to serve on the committee! The Mandatory Fee Review process allows IU Bloomington departments and student organizations to request funding for the next two academic years. The committee, co-chaired by the Student Body President and the Graduate and Professional Student Government President, includes 7-9 students and operates under the Office of the Vice Provost for Student Life. They submit funding recommendations to the Vice Provost for Student Life regarding the distribution of mandatory student fees. Serving on this committee is a great way to represent the student body and contribute to enhancing the student experience. **The application deadline is Friday, November 1.**

Questions regarding the fee review process may be directed to one of the Committee co-chairs, Cooper Tinsley (Student Body President, iusgexec@iu.edu) or Anjali Gottipaty (President of the Graduate and Professional Student Government, potgpsg@iu.edu).



Press the QR code for the application and more information on the committee

Organizations that would like to request consideration for funding for the first time can submit a one-page proposal to OVPSL Senior Advisor Brian Richardson (br36@iu.edu) by Friday, November 1.



Missed the Campus-Wide Congressional Election?

Fill a Vacancy!

When a seat in the Student Body Congress becomes vacant before the end of its one-year term, Congress can appoint a replacement representative. Any interested IU Bloomington student who is a constituent of a vacant district is encouraged to apply!

The following Congressional districts currently have one or more vacancies and are eligible for vacancy appointments:

- Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering
- Schools of Nursing, Public Health, & Social Work (Undergrad)
- School of Education
- Off-Campus Housing

Email iusgcong@iu.edu with any questions.



Press the QR code to learn more about Congress vacancy appointments and apply!

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





IU Student Government

Homecoming

IU Student Government's Homecoming event, Taste of Bloomington, was a success! Shout out to our amazing sponsors who made this event possible: Baked Cookies, Bloomington Bagel Company, BuffaLouie's, Chocolate Moose, Parlor Doughnuts, Pizza X, and Taste of India. Thank you for helping us introduce some local Bloomington favorites to students.



IU Student Government's First-Year

Internship Program

Last week, IU Student Government welcomed 21 first-year students, the largest group yet, into their First-Year Internship Program! While paired with an IUSG executive branch officer, this program gives students a hands-on opportunity to work on impactful initiatives, develop leadership skills, and gain valuable experience that prepares them to make meaningful changes throughout their time at IU!

Passed Congress Bills *October 2024*

Regular Session of the 2024 IU Student Body Congress

CONGRESS RESOLUTION No. 8

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

On October 7, 2024, Congress passed Resolution No. 8, sponsored by Representative Elizabeth Conley, which opposes the IU administration's decision to discontinue the IFS program in its current form. The resolution urges the administration to reconsider, recognizing the program's crucial role in supporting first-year students' academic and social success, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented backgrounds. It acknowledges that while the proposed replacement may offer some value, it cannot replace the unique experience the IFS program provides. Additionally, the resolution calls for immediate transparency and meaningful collaboration between IU administration, faculty, staff, and students in any efforts to reimagine or transform the first-year experience. Finally, it advocates for creating a campus-wide committee to work on preserving the IFS program while exploring funding options to ensure its continued accessibility.

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CONGRESS ENROLLED ACT No. 1001

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

On October 7, 2024, Congress passed Bill No. 1001, authored by Representatives Leo Cavinder, Shane Sanders, and Maddi Sponsel, to **amend IUSG's Election Code** (Title 3).

Find some of the major changes simplified on the next slide.

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Passed Congress Bills *October 2024*

Major Changes in Bill No. 1001

Title Changes: The Election Manager was renamed to Director for consistency in leadership terminology.

Appointment Process: Instead of nomination by the Supreme Court, a new committee with representatives from all three branches will recommend a candidate for the position of Election Director. The President nominates, and Congress confirms.

Multicultural Seat Statutes: These statutes are now in a separate section for clarity and ease of access. The re-admittance process is removed for simplicity.

Declaration and Filing Deadlines: Separate deadlines are introduced for declaring candidacy and filing required signatures, making the initial declaration process easier.

Director's New Role: The Director can now adjust the schedule for election events like debates and town halls beyond just the election dates.

Ballot Notices for Violations: Ballots will now warn against voter manipulation, and a link for reporting violations will be provided.

Financial Reporting: The intermediate financial statement requirement for candidates was removed.

Election Violations: Updates include refined classifications for violations, new guidelines on campaign communications, and relaxed penalties for certain branding and finance violations.

Complaint Adjudication: Responsibility for adjudicating election complaints shifts from the Election Director to a Supreme Court panel, which will streamline the process and enhance impartiality.

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

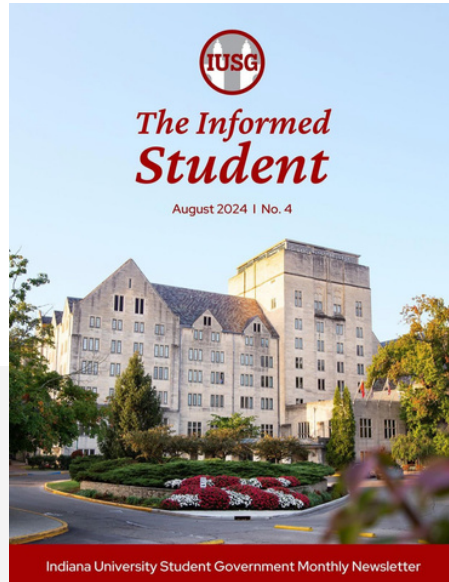
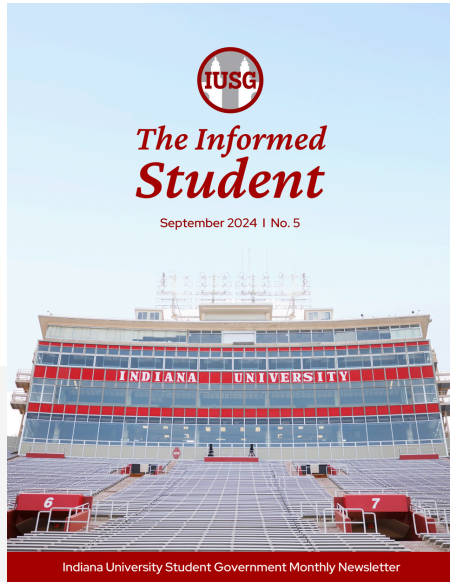
Gifts will be allocated to support the diverse activities, programs, and initiatives of the student government. These contributions will enable high-impact projects such as the Makerspace, Crimson Closet, and the Textbook & Test Prep Library

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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.

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FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

The first Filipinos arrived in the continental United States at what is now Morro Bay, California, on October 18, 1587. After years of advocacy by individuals and organizations, the United States Congress recognized October as Filipino American History Month in 2009. This month honors Filipinos' history, pursuits, accomplishments, and legacy while also linking Filipinos in the U.S. and Filipinos in the Philippines by showcasing their shared culture and heritage. "Struggle, Resistance, Solidarity and Resilience" is the 2024 national theme for Filipino American History Month. Dr. Angelica Cortez, Founder, and Executive Director of the Filipino American National Historical Society, said, "This theme not only captures our presence but our essence. FAHM is just as much about understanding the historical contributions, stories, and experiences of Filipina/x/o Americans as it is about advancing our community's future, and that's what we do on a daily basis." From veterans to Tony award winners, from labor movement leaders to gold medalists, the FUSE administration encourages everyone to take time this month to learn more about the significant contributions of Filipino Americans, engage in dialogue, and celebrate the diverse cultures that make up our vibrant campus.



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LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH

Established in 1994 by Missouri high school teacher Rodney Wilson, LGBTQ+ History Month was created to recognize and celebrate the often overlooked contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals throughout history. October was chosen because of its alignment with the public school year, National Coming Out Day on October 11, and the anniversary of the first march for LGBTQ+ rights in Washington, D.C., on October 14, 1979. This month offers an opportunity to reflect on the trailblazers who have fought for equality, justice, and inclusion while also acknowledging the ongoing challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ community. At IU, we are committed to fostering a campus where every student feels valued and respected, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The FUSE administration encourages everyone to engage in events and educational opportunities that highlight LGBTQ+ history and achievements, such as Queer Comedy Night, Speaking of Excellence with Jesse Tyler Ferguson, the Grand Re-opening of the LGBTQ+ Cultural Center, and their Annual Halloween Party.



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ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah, meaning "Head of the Year," is a religious and cultural celebration that marks the beginning of the Jewish High Holy Days. With roots going back over 2,500 years, the holiday is first referenced in the Torah, the Jewish sacred text, as "Yom Teruah," or the Day of Shofar Blowing. The shofar, a ram's horn, is blown during synagogue services to awaken the soul and call for self-reflection, renewal, and hope for the future. In the days leading up to and during Rosh Hashanah, Jewish communities gather to share meals, pray, and partake in symbolic rituals, including eating apples dipped in honey, which signifies the wish for a sweet and prosperous new year. Observed over two days, Rosh Hashanah leads into the ten Days of Awe, culminating in Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. As we acknowledge the challenges Jewish students in our community continue to face, we encourage all students to take this opportunity to learn more about Jewish culture and traditions. The FUSE administration wishes all who observe Rosh Hashanah a peaceful and joyful New Year, or Shanah Tovah!



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COMING OUT DAY

First celebrated in 1988, National Coming Out Day marks the anniversary of the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Now, it is dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of coming out, challenging stereotypes, and celebrating LGBTQ+ individuals as they share their authentic selves with the world. Coming out is not always easy or safe, nor is it confined to a single day—but when possible, it is a powerful step toward breaking down the barriers faced by the LGBTQ+ community. Despite immense progress, LGBTQ+ individuals still face significant challenges, such as societal stigma, discrimination, and even personal safety risks to live truthfully. We encourage all students to take this day as an opportunity to learn and reflect on how you can show support for LGBTQ+ individuals. To everyone who is on their journey—whether they are out or not—please know you are not alone. We see and support you, and the FUSE administration remains committed to creating a campus where everyone feels safe, respected and has a true sense of belonging.



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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

Indigenous Peoples Day originated as a way to refocus the narrative around Columbus Day, bringing attention to the stories and cultures of the Indigenous communities who have been here for millennia. Additionally, we reflect on the resilience of Native nations and acknowledge the historical injustices that they have faced, including displacement and cultural erasure. Indiana University's Bloomington campus resides on the traditional homelands of the Miami, Delaware, Potawatomi, and Shawnee people. Recognizing this, we reaffirm our commitment to creating a campus environment that honors and celebrates Indigenous heritage and fosters awareness and understanding. The FUSE administration encourages all students to engage with contemporary communities and examine their own place, abilities, and obligations within the reparative work process necessary to promote a more equitable and socially just campus.



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