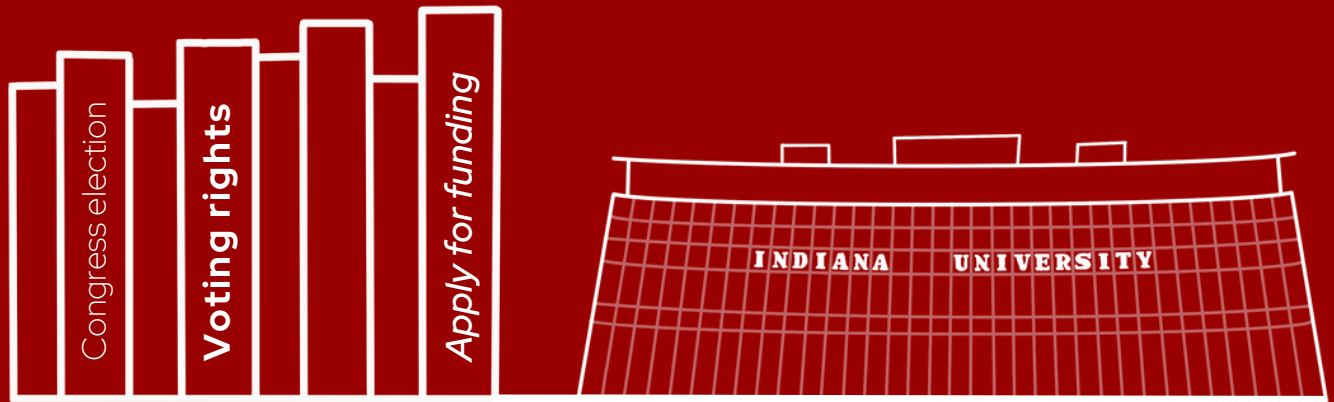




The Informed Student

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Stay Informed and Keep Current

Hold onto your candy stripes – IU football is 5-0! Who knew we'd be kicking off the year with more wins than classes attended? Just like our football team, we're here to keep the momentum going.

Welcome to *The Informed Student*, your monthly newsletter 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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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





Vote for your representatives in the

Student Body Congress!

The Student Body Congress is composed of student representatives who serve on behalf of academic, residential, or multicultural constituencies for one-year terms beginning in early October or April. Congress is responsible for setting official IUSG policy, directing the implementation of IUSG programs and initiatives, and managing \$200,000 in student fee funds.

Shaping IU starts with you! Cast your vote for the voices representing YOU in Congress. Voting closes on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 10:00 p.m. For each district on the ballot, you may vote for as many candidates as you choose or none.

If you have questions about IUSG elections or have problems voting, please email iusgelco@iu.edu



Press the QR code to log into beINvolved to cast your ballot for your representatives

ROAD TO 100

VOTER REGISTRATION CHALLENGE

Road to 100 is an ambitious and empowering voter registration campaign at Indiana University with a bold goal: to achieve 100% voter registration among the student body. This three-week campaign from September 17 to October 4 is more than just an initiative; it's a movement to ensure that every student's voice is heard and represented in the democratic process. Through a series of engaging events, workshops, and outreach efforts, "Road to 100" will educate, inspire, and mobilize students to take the first crucial step in civic engagement—registering to vote.

Through a steep competition between student organizations, we're creating a campus-wide wave of enthusiasm and action. At the end of the three-week campaign, the student organization with the most points will be crowned the winner, receive a trophy, and be awarded a \$2000 grant for their organization. Over the next few weeks, keep an eye out for voter registration booths across campus, where you can easily register and learn more about getting involved.



Student Organizations participating 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





Dear Chair Sanders and members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee,

On behalf of the nearly 50,000 students we represent, we urge your support for the Stop Campus Hazing Act (S. 2901). This bipartisan bill amends the Jeanne Clery Act to enhance accountability, transparency, and prevention efforts around hazing in higher education.

Currently, the Clery Act does not require colleges and universities to report hazing incidents, and state definitions and penalties vary widely across states. This inconsistency leaves students and their families unaware of risks associated with campus organizations. The Stop Campus Hazing Act addresses these gaps by mandating that hazing incidents be included in Annual Security Reports (ASR), promoting transparency, and encouraging accountability within campus communities. It also requires research-based prevention programs to equip students with tools to combat hazing. This legislation is vital to Indiana University students and students nationwide who seek safety and community in their respective student organizations. By establishing a national standard for reporting hazing incidents and promoting prevention initiatives, we take a monumental step towards ending a detrimental hazing culture that threatens the safety of our students.

Since 2000, an estimated 108 college students have tragically lost their lives due to hazing-related or hazing-suspected incidents^[1]. These alarming statistics underscore the urgent need for comprehensive action. Research further shows that 55% of students involved in clubs, teams, and organizations have experienced hazing. Despite the prevalence 95% of instances are not reported to campus officials^[2]. Supporting the Stop Campus Hazing Act honors those who so tragically lost their lives and ensures a safer and more welcoming environment for all students.

As we observe National Hazing Awareness Week, we call on the Committee to prioritize the safety and well-being of students nationwide. Supporting and passing the Stop Campus Hazing Act is crucial to creating a safe environment for all. By acting now, the committee can prevent hazing through promoting transparency, accountability, and providing families with the best information. This act will not only protect current students but also ensure a safer future for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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Student Body President
Indiana University Student Government

Nicole Santiuste
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Indiana University Student Government

Zach Goldberg
Secretary of Federal Relations
Indiana University Student Government

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Undersecretary of Federal Relations
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^[1] "What Is Hazing in College? Facts, Statistics, and Prevention Efforts | BestColleges." *BestColleges.com*, 17 Aug. 2023, www.bestcolleges.com/research/college-hazing-statistics/#:~:text=In%202021%2C%20NBC%20reported%20that%20since%202000%2C%20at.

^[2] "National Hazing Study: Hazing in View | StopHazing | Elizabeth Allan." *Stophazing.org*, 28 Jan. 2023, stophazing.org/research/national-hazing-study-hazing-in-view #:~:text=Ten%20initial%20findings%20are%20described%20in.

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 1st.**

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, October 25.

Student representation on

University Committees

Shared governance is a cornerstone of decision-making at Indiana University, where the collective insights of students, faculty, staff, and administrators guide the direction of our institution. While shared governance at IU is not yet perfected, our commitment is clear: **we strive to ensure that the student voice, along with the voices of faculty and staff, is heard in every decision-making body across the university.**

At IU, we believe that students, faculty, and staff bring valuable perspectives that are essential to creating a vibrant and inclusive academic community. Through active participation in university committees and other governance structures, students advocate for their peers, contribute to policy formation, and work to ensure that their concerns are addressed.

The Indiana University Student Government (IUSG) is dedicated to expanding and strengthening student involvement in these crucial conversations. Serving on university committees is one of the primary ways students can actively contribute to shared governance on campus. While there is always room for improvement, we continue to push for greater student representation in all areas of university governance, alongside faculty and staff.



Press the QR code to find a list of university committees where IUSG members serve, working tirelessly to represent the interests of the student body and ensure our voices are integral to the decision-making process.

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.

VOTING RIGHTS

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS - SEPTEMBER EDITION

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT RIGHTS 2024-2025



Press the QR Code to
check out our September
Edition on Student Rights



IU Student Government's

Student Resource Guide

Indiana University offers a wide range of valuable resources, but many students remain unaware of them. To address this, IU Student Government has compiled an ongoing student resource guide that includes links to various support services both on campus and nationally. This guide aims to ensure students can easily access the help they need throughout their academic journey. Remember, to never be afraid to ask for help—these resources are here to support YOU!

STUDENT RESOURCE GUIDE

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2024-2025



Press the QR Code to
check out IUSG's new
Student Resource Guide



IU Student Government's

Green Dorm Checklist

Usually, we bleed cream and crimson, but this time we're going green! IU Student Government is committed to helping students prioritize sustainability in every aspect of campus life, including at home. Living sustainably doesn't have to be difficult or expensive. Whether you're new to sustainability or a seasoned environmentalist, our Green Dorm Checklist provides practical tips to help you make impactful changes. Every choice and habit you adopt contributes to a more sustainable world.



Press the QR Code to
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Green Dorm Checklist

Join IU Student Government's

Executive Branch

The FUSE administration has opened applications for an Undersecretary of Transportation and Infrastructure and an Undersecretary of Academic Affairs. Whether you have previous experience in IUSG or are eager to contribute your unique perspectives and skills, we encourage you all to apply.



Press the QR code to learn more and submit your application due at 11:59 pm on October 15



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



Have you registered to vote yet?

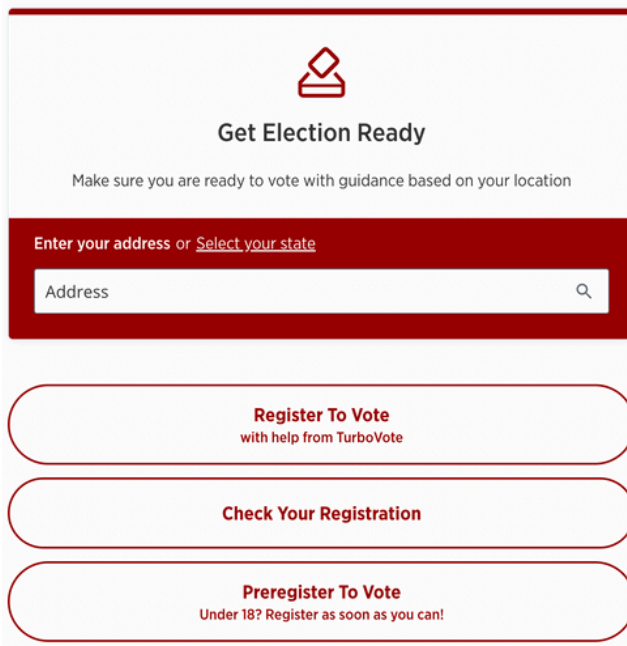
Use Turbo Vote!

We help you vote, no matter what.

Click [here](#) for a free Uber ride to vote and a ride back home. (For Monroe County residents only.)

Not affiliated with IU? You do not have to be an Indiana University student or employee to use this site. It is accessible to voters in all 50 states plus D.C.

[Ver la versión en español de esta página web.](#)



Press the QR code to register to vote using IU Turbo Vote!

In collaboration with the Political and Civic Engagement (PACE) program and the Student Involvement and Leadership Center IUSG helps fund Turbo Vote to support voter registration and engagement.

1. **Information on Voting:** TurboVote offers detailed information on what students need to bring to the polls, where their polling place is, and what to expect on election day.
2. **Election Reminders:** Students can sign up for reminders about upcoming elections, including deadlines for registration, absentee ballots, and election days.
3. **Absentee Ballots:** For students who are studying out-of-state or away from their permanent residence, TurboVote provides information and support for voting by mail, voting early, and requesting absentee ballots.

Registering to vote is the first step in ensuring your voice is heard in shaping the policies and leaders that impact your community and future!



IU Student Government's

Fall Open House

It was wonderful meeting everyone at our Fall Open House on September 6! We hope you got to learn more about IUSG and, of course, enjoy the delicious food. If you couldn't make it, don't worry you can still connect with us! Visit our office at the Indiana Memorial Union, room 250, or you can always reach out via email at iusgexec@iu.edu with any questions or concerns!

Passed Congress Bills *September 2024*

Regular Session of the 2024 IU Student Body Congress

CONGRESS RESOLUTION No. 7

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

On September 23, 2024, Congress passed Resolution No. 7, authored by Representative Elizabeth Conley, to support the **Stop Campus Hazing Act** (S. 2901) and (H.R. 5646).

1. The Student Body Congress supports the Stop Hazing Bill and calls upon the U.S. Congress to pass this critical piece of legislation in both the House of Representatives and the Senate
2. Urges all educational institutions and community organizations to actively work towards creating safe and inclusive environments, free from the threat of hazing, by adopting anti-hazing policies, educating their members about the harms of hazing, and providing channels for the reporting of hazing-related incidents

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 through our OneDrive on our website iustudentgovernment.indiana.edu

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CONGRESS ENROLLED ACT No. 1025

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

On September 23, 2024, Congress passed Bill No. 1025, proposed by Student Body President Cooper Tinsley and sponsored by Representative Elizabeth Conley, to reallocate funds totaling \$19,194.80 into a newly established line item, which will be used **to provide financial support to student organizations** that have lost access to funding through the IU Funding Board.

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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

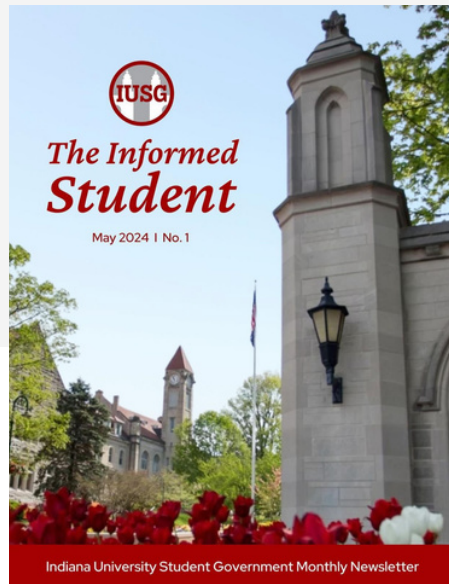
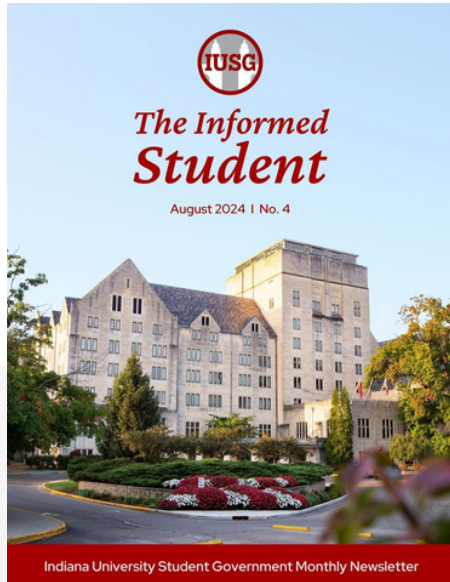
Gifts will be allocated to support the diverse activities, programs, and initiatives of the student government. These contributions will enable high-impact projects such as the Makerspace, Crimson Closet, and the Textbook & Test Prep Library

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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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