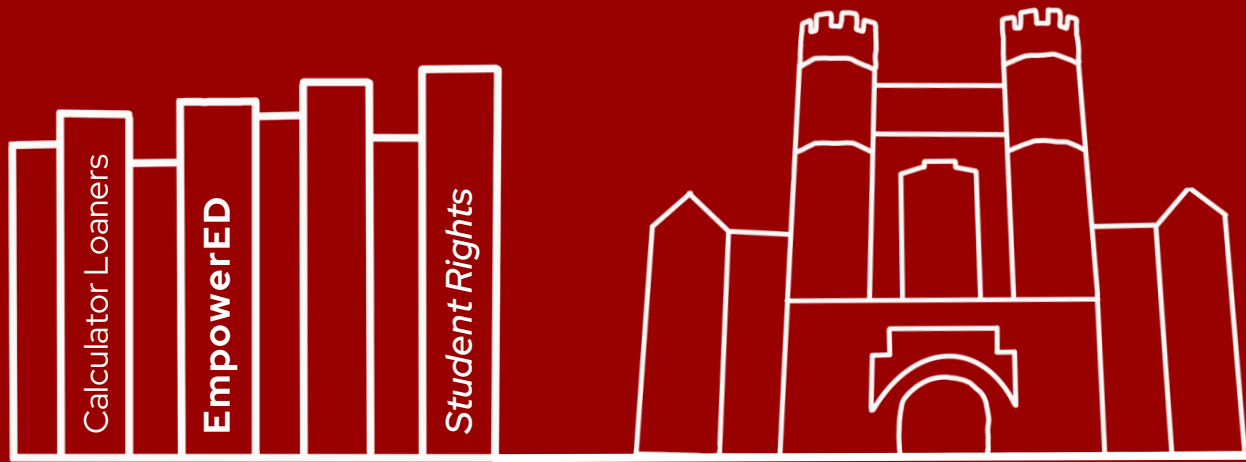




The Informed Student

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Stay Informed and Keep Current

Hey Hoosiers! We hope you had a restful and refreshing break. As we jump into a new semester, we're excited to bring you 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 is thrilled to

Welcome YOU home!

Whether you're a new Hoosier or a returning one, **welcome home!** We're thrilled to have you at IU this spring. As your Student Government, we're here to support, advocate for, and empower you throughout your college journey.



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IU Student Body Vice President



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IU Student Body President



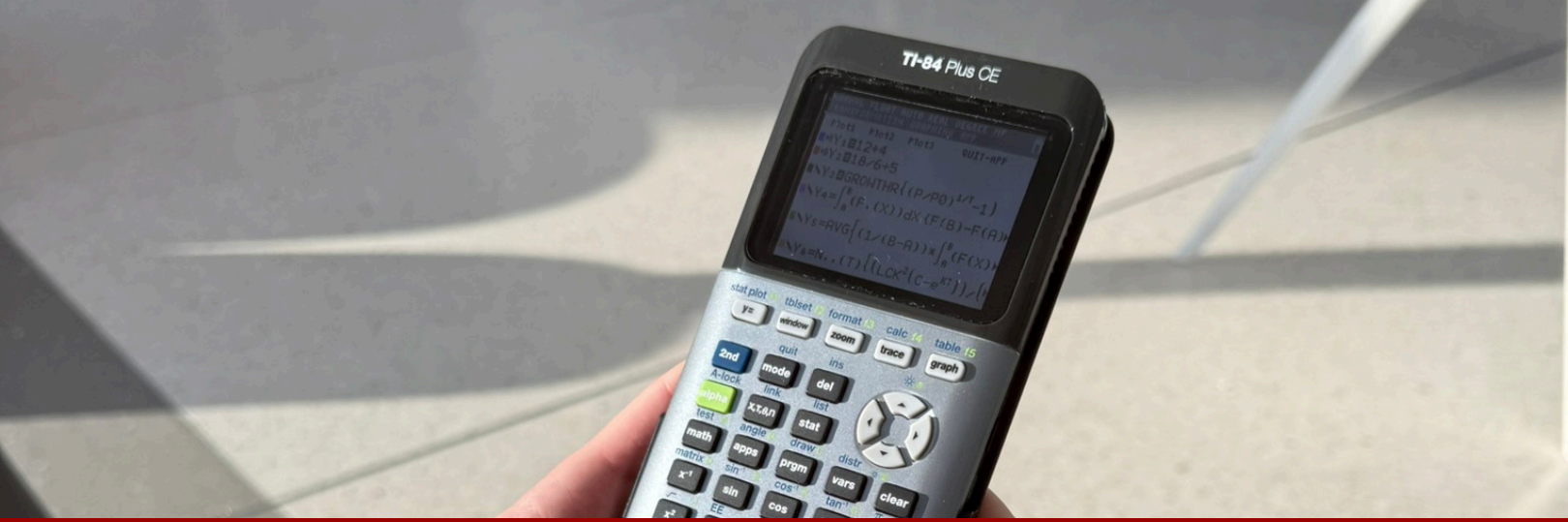
Tap the QR code to watch IU Student Government's spring welcome video!

FUSE Administration Mid-Year Report

The FUSE Administration Mid-Year Report provides an in-depth overview of the achievements and ongoing initiatives of the Indiana University Student Government (IUSG) under the leadership of Student Body President Cooper Tinsley and Student Body Vice President Nicole Santiuste. Since the FUSE administration took office on April 25, 2024, it has focused on fostering a sense of belonging, unifying the campus, and empowering and supporting students. With a mission to build bridges and break barriers, the administration has worked diligently to fulfill campaign promises while addressing the evolving needs of the IU student body. This report highlights key progress made across various initiatives, showcasing a commitment to resilience, inclusion, and the creation of a thriving university environment.



Press the QR Code for
the FUSE Administration
Mid-Year Report



IU Student Government introduces the

Calculator Loaner Program

The FUSE administration established the Calculator Loaner Program to ensure every student has access to the tools they need for success. This initiative allows students to borrow a calculator at no cost for an entire semester. Whether you're tackling tough equations or acing exams, we've got you covered—completely free of charge. Simply check one out and return it when the semester ends. It's that easy!

- TI-84 Plus CE Color Graphing Calculator
- TI-30X IIS Scientific Calculator
- 10-Digit Basic Calculator



Tap the QR code to learn more about IU Student Government's Calculator Loaner Program!



IU Student Government introduces the

Empowered Scholarship

Have you ever registered for a class, only to find out a \$300 textbook was required? Or skipped essential course materials because they were too expensive—impacting your success? At IU Student Government, we believe financial barriers should never stand between you and academic success. The FUSE administration created the EmpowerED Scholarship to help students cover out-of-pocket costs for required course materials, including but not limited to:

- Lab Equipment
- Textbooks
- Office Supplies
- Online Learning Materials/Software
- Technology/Hardware



Tap the QR code to learn more about IU Student Government's Empowered Scholarship!



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



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

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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. Being an international student, your rights and way of life can be quite different from that of a national-based student. This January, we're excited to introduce a guide to provide international students with a better understanding of the resources and opportunities they have on Indiana University's campus.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS - JANUARY EDITION

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT RIGHTS 2024-2025



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check out our January
Edition on Student Rights



 INDIANA UNIVERSITY
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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



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

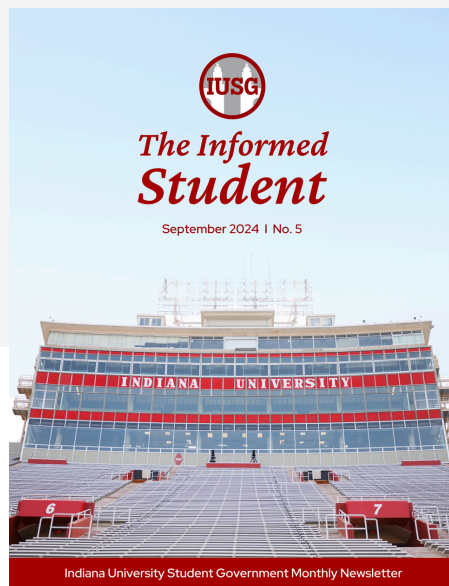
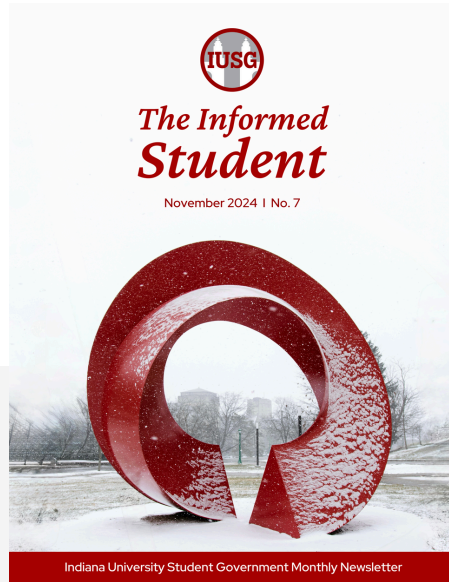
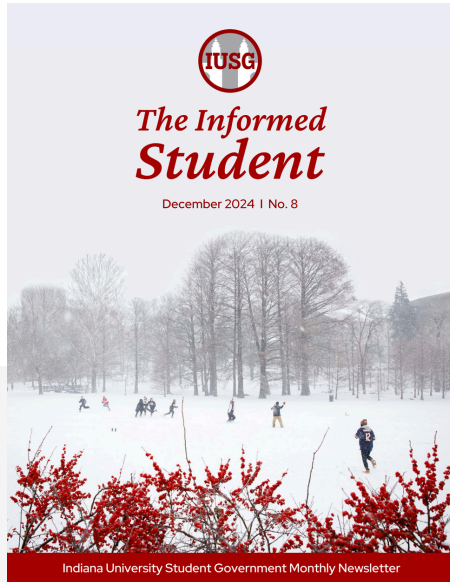
Gifts will be allocated to support the diverse activities, programs, and initiatives of the student government. These contributions will enable high-impact projects such as the Makerspace, Crimson Closet, and the Textbook & Test Prep Library

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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.

Check out the past editions of the

Informed Student!



Press the QR code to explore all our past editions of the Informed Student!



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Established as a federal holiday in 1983 and observed annually on the third Monday of January, Martin Luther King Jr. Day honors the life and enduring legacy of Dr. King, a visionary leader who dedicated his life to the fight for justice, equality, and the dignity of all people. Dr. King's words, "**Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,**" encapsulate his unwavering commitment to nonviolence and his belief in the power of collective action. They remind us of our **shared responsibility to confront injustice wherever it exists and the role we all play in building a more equitable and just society.** The FUSE administration is committed to fostering an inclusive campus where all students feel empowered, valued, and heard. As we reflect on Dr. King's enduring impact, we recognize the work still to be done and reaffirm our dedication to advancing equity and opportunity at IU. MLK Day is the only federal holiday recognized as a National Day of Service, inspiring communities to come together through volunteerism and civic engagement. Today, we encourage all students to reflect on Dr. King's vision and honor his legacy by **engaging in acts of service, meaningful reflection, and collective action.** Together, we can continue his work to create a more just, inclusive, and equitable world.



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INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Holocaust Remembrance Day is an annual day of commemoration for the six million Jewish individuals who were murdered during the Holocaust, along with millions of others, including Roma, disabled individuals, LGBTQ+ individuals, and political dissidents, who were persecuted by the Nazi regime. It is a time to honor the memories of those who died and reflect on the resilience of survivors. The day serves as a reminder of the catastrophic consequences of hatred, bigotry, and antisemitism. Across the world, communities light candles, recite prayers and hold educational programs to remember the victims and explore the lessons of the Holocaust. Holocaust Remembrance Day is not only about remembering the past but also about standing against antisemitism, prejudice, and genocide in all forms in the present. It calls on individuals and societies to reflect on the importance of human dignity, justice, and solidarity, empowering a collective commitment to build a future free from hate and violence. The FUSE administration reaffirms its commitment to work tirelessly to represent all students and to stand against hatred and discrimination. We encourage our community to engage in thoughtful discussions, educate themselves, and challenge prejudice wherever it may exist. As a student body, we are responsible for fostering an environment where respect and empathy prevail, ensuring that history is never forgotten and that we continue to fight for a future rooted in equity.



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LUNAR NEW YEAR

Rooted in traditions spanning thousands of years, Lunar New Year marks the transition from winter to spring on the lunar calendar. Celebrated across East and Southeast Asia, it is widely observed in Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and many other cultural communities. This festival is a time for family reunions, feasts, honoring ancestors, and welcoming prosperity, health, and happiness for the year ahead. Each year is represented by one of the 12 zodiac animals, each embodying unique traits. 2024 was the Year of the Dragon, a symbol of strength and ambition, while 2025 welcomes the Year of the Snake, representing wisdom, transformation, and resilience. In many cultures, the zodiac is believed to influence a person's character and destiny based on their birth year. As we celebrate, we encourage everyone to take this opportunity to learn more about the history and significance of Lunar New Year, support local festivities, and uplift the voices of those who cherish this holiday. The FUSE administration wishes a Happy Lunar Year to all who celebrate!



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