



# *The Informed Student*

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## *Stay Informed and Keep Current*

Hey Hoosiers! As the school year winds down and we look ahead to finals and graduation season, 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 hosting a

# *Mock Exam Day*

IU Student Government is partnering with The Princeton Review to host a Mock Exam Day on **Saturday, April 12, at 9 AM** in Ballantine Hall.

Take a free, full-length, proctored mock exam, in a setting designed to simulate the real thing as closely as possible.

- LSAT (Law School Admission Test)
- MCAT (Medical College Admission Test)
- DAT (Dental Admission Test)
- GRE (Graduate Record Examination)



Tap the QR code to register and learn more about **Mock Exam Day**



# *Navigating your Journey to Professional School*

Thinking about law school, medical school, dental school, or graduate school? Join IU Student Government and The Princeton Review for a student panel discussion on **Wednesday, April 9, from 6-7 PM** in Whittenberger Auditorium. The panel will feature peers who have navigated test prep, entrance exams, and the admissions process.

Attendees will **receive a free Princeton Review test prep book** (while supplies last). Don't miss this opportunity to learn from those who've been in your shoes!



Tap the QR code to register for the **student panel** and learn more





# ***IU Women's March***

During Women's History Month, IU Student Government, alongside Women in Government, Theta Nu Xi, and Girl Up at IU, was proud to host the IU Women's March on March 9. More than 70 participants gathered at Showalter Fountain for an inspiring event centered on building community and uplifting the spirit of solidarity.

The powerful turnout was a testament to the progress we've made and a reminder of the important work that still lies ahead. Thank you to everyone who showed up, stood with us, and helped amplify women's voices on our campus and beyond.



IU Student Government at the spring

# *ABTS Conference*

IUSG is proud to be a member of the Association of Big Ten Students (ABTS) to advocate for policies that impact students across the Big Ten Conference. Founded in 1996, ABTS serves as a network for student governments, fostering collaboration and amplifying the collective voice of over 810,000 students on issues that matter most.

From March 1-4, IUSG traveled to Washington, D.C., with ABTS to advocate for IU students in meetings with lawmakers. IUSG met with members of the Indiana congressional delegation to discuss critical issues such as higher education policy, financial aid, Pell Grants, and the importance of research funding. By directly engaging with policymakers, IUSG amplified student concerns at the federal level, emphasizing the vital role of student voices in shaping policies that impact college campuses.





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# ***ABTS Legislation***

Each year, ABTS hosts a legislative session where student governments propose and pass resolutions on critical topics affecting college students, ranging from higher education policy and student well-being to financial aid and Title IX protections. These resolutions serve as a unified stance by Big Ten students, informing advocacy efforts at both the federal and institutional levels.

As an active member of ABTS, IUSG has sponsored and co-sponsored several pieces of legislation to advance student interests. Below, you will find the legislation we have championed, reflecting our commitment to advocacy and collaboration across the Big Ten.



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**ABTS and view legislation**



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# *Know Your Rights*

Navigating student housing can be overwhelming, especially when leases, fees, ordinances, and rights come into play. Whether you're signing your first lease or searching for a new place to live in Bloomington, understanding your responsibilities and your protections is essential. This guide is designed to help you feel confident and informed throughout the housing process. From learning what to expect on move-in day to recognizing signs of predatory leasing, the Department of Student Rights is here to educate students about the various rights and resources they have on and off campus.

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DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT RIGHTS 2024-2025



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# ***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

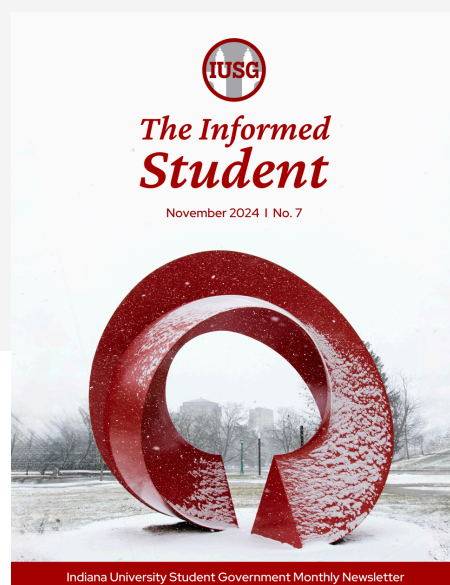
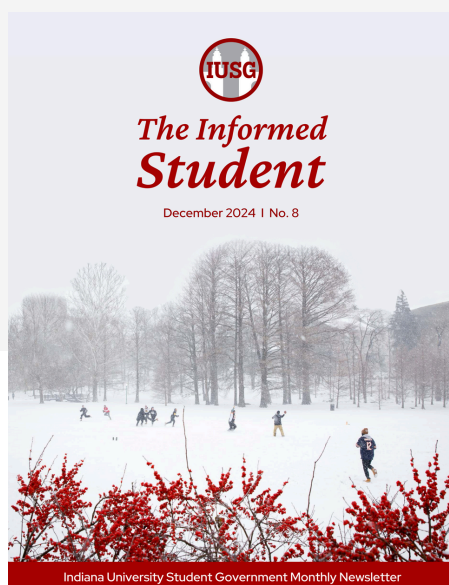
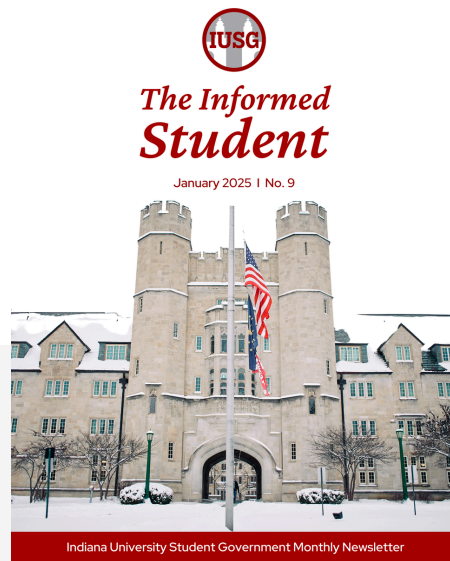
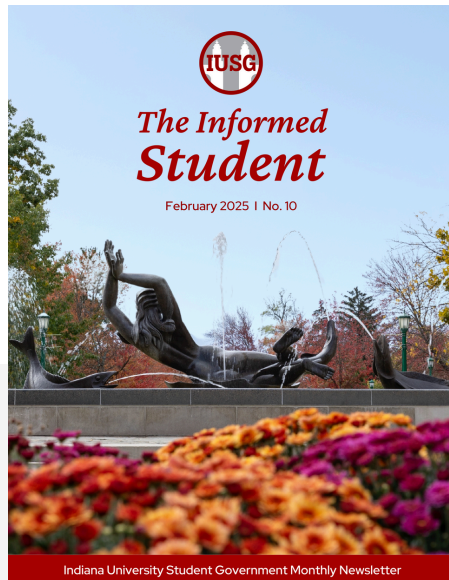
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# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Month, celebrated every March in the United States, honors the achievements, contributions, and history of women across various fields. It originated from International Women's Day on March 8 and later expanded into Women's History Week in 1980 before becoming a month-long celebration in 1987. This month highlights the vital role women have played in shaping history, from activism and politics to science, arts, and business. It also serves as a time to recognize the struggles women have faced in gaining rights and equality. Schools, organizations, and institutions hold events, discussions, and educational programs to celebrate influential women and promote gender equality. By celebrating Women's History Month, society recognizes the resilience, strength, and achievements of women, inspiring future generations to continue breaking barriers and advocating for equality in all areas of life. **The FUSE Administration recognizes the importance of uplifting women and fostering an inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.**



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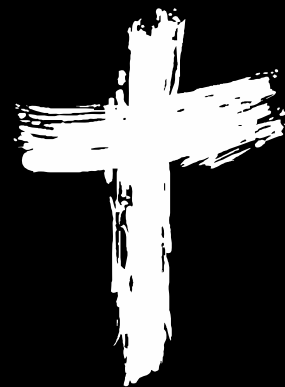


# ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent in the Western Christian church, a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and repentance leading up to Easter. Observed primarily by Catholics and some Protestant denominations, the day emphasizes human mortality and the need for spiritual renewal. Worshippers attend church services where priests or ministers apply ashes in the shape of a cross on their foreheads while saying, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The ashes, typically made from burned palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday, symbolize repentance, humility, and a commitment to turning away from sin. Many believers fast or give up certain luxuries as an act of self-discipline and devotion. Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation in the Catholic Church, but it is widely observed as a solemn day of reflection, encouraging acts of charity, reconciliation, and deeper spiritual growth in preparation for Easter. **The FUSE administration extends its best wishes to all who observe, hoping this season brings peace, reflection, and renewal.**



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# HOLI FESTIVAL

Holi, the Festival of Colors, is a Hindu celebration marking the arrival of spring, the triumph of good over evil, and a time of joy and renewal. While primarily observed in India and Nepal, its cultural significance has made it a global celebration. Rooted in Hindu mythology, Holi is linked to the legend of Prahlada and Holika, symbolizing the victory of devotion over tyranny. Prahlada, a devout follower of Lord Vishnu, was targeted by his father, King Hiranyakashipu. Holika, the king's sister, attempted to burn Prahlada, but through divine intervention, she perished instead. This event gave rise to Holika Dahan, a bonfire held the night before Holi, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil and the burning away of negativity. Another tradition stems from Lord Krishna and Radha. Krishna, self-conscious about his dark complexion, playfully applied colors to Radha's face, inspiring the festival's most famous ritual, joyfully throwing colored powders (gulal). Holi is a time of forgiveness, unity, and celebration, where social barriers fade as people come together in music, dance, and shared festivities. The FUSE administration wishes a Happy Holi to all who celebrate!



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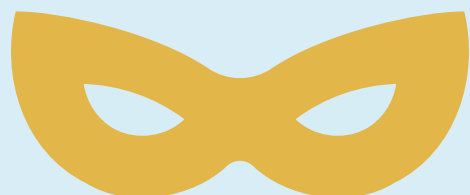


# HAPPY PURIM

Purim is a Jewish festival commemorating the survival of the Jewish people in ancient Persia. It is a time of celebration and gratitude marked by feasting, gift-giving, and acts of charity. The story of Purim, recorded in the Book of Esther (Megillat Esther), tells the story of Queen Esther and Mordechai, who courageously saved the Jewish people from destruction at the hands of Haman, an advisor to King Ahasuerus. Enraged by Mordechai's refusal to bow to him, Haman plotted to annihilate the Jewish people. Esther bravely revealed her identity to the king and exposed Haman's scheme, leading to his downfall. During Purim, the Book of Esther is read aloud, and listeners drown out Haman's name with noise to symbolically erase his memory. Families and friends exchange gifts of food, known as mishloach manot, and give to those in need through matanot la'evyonim, embracing the holiday's spirit of generosity. The celebrations culminate in a festive meal, or seudah, where people gather to share food and joy. Many also wear costumes symbolizing the hidden miracles of the Purim story and enjoy hamantaschen, a triangular pastry associated with Haman. **The FUSE administration wishes a Happy Purim to all who celebrate!**



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# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day, celebrated on March 17, honors St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who brought Christianity to Ireland in the 5th century. His teachings shaped Irish religious and cultural traditions. Since the holiday falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon, marking a brief break from Lenten restrictions. Beyond its religious origins, St. Patrick's Day has become a global celebration of Irish heritage, honoring the Irish people's resilience and perseverance through centuries of hardship, including colonization, famine, and emigration. Many traditions, both in Ireland and across the world, mark the holiday. One of the most recognizable symbols of St. Patrick's Day is the shamrock, which St. Patrick is said to have used to explain the Christian concept of the Holy Trinity. The color green, associated with Ireland and its nickname, the Emerald Isle, is worn by many. Festivities often include traditional Irish meals like corned beef and cabbage, shepherd's pie, and Irish soda bread, while pubs worldwide serve Guinness and Irish whiskey in celebration. We encourage students to explore Irish heritage and its lasting contributions to music, literature, labor movements, public service, and more in the U.S. and beyond. **The FUSE administration wishes a Happy St. Patrick's Day to all who celebrate!**



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# EID AL-FITR

In Islam, Eid-al-Fitr, meaning “Festival of Breaking the Fast,” marks the end of the Holy Month of Ramadan, a period of fasting, prayer, self-reflection, and community observed by Muslims worldwide. According to Islamic tradition, the celebration was established by the Prophet Muhammad after his migration to Medina, where he saw people observing two days of festivity. He shared that Allah had prescribed two better days for celebration: Eid-al-Fitr and Eid-al-Adha. Eid-al-Fitr begins with a special congregational prayer known as the Eid Salaah, typically held in mosques or large open spaces. The prayer is followed by a sermon and the giving of Zakat al-Fitr, a form of charitable donation intended to purify the fast and ensure that all members of the community can take part in the celebration. The rest of the day is often spent visiting loved ones, sharing meals, and expressing gratitude, with many wearing their finest attire to mark the occasion. We encourage all students to take a moment to learn about Islamic traditions as we strive to build a campus rooted in understanding, respect, and inclusivity. **The FUSE administration wishes a joyful and peaceful Eid-al-Fitr to all who celebrate. Eid Mubarak!**



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# TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

Each year on March 31, the world observes Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) to celebrate the lives, leadership, and contributions of transgender people while also acknowledging the systemic barriers and discrimination they continue to face. TDOV was established in 2010 by transgender advocate Rachel Crandall, head of Transgender Michigan. She created the day in response to the overwhelming majority of media stories about transgender people being focused on violence. She hoped to create a day where people could celebrate the lives of transgender people while simultaneously acknowledging that due to discrimination, not every transgender person can or wants to be visible. That reality is especially urgent in 2025, as transgender rights face growing attacks from both state and federal lawmakers. In the face of this hostile climate, it is more important than ever to uplift authentic, diverse, and accurate stories that reflect the real lived experiences of transgender people, not stereotypes or scare tactics. The FUSE administration recognizes the invaluable presence of transgender students at Indiana University and reaffirms its commitment to advocating for gender-inclusive policies, accessible healthcare, safe housing, and inclusive learning environments. **We encourage all students to learn how to become stronger allies because visibility is just the beginning of meaningful support and lasting change.**



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