

Students with a Message

One of the most important goals that the advisors in University Division have is to present the encouragement and tools needed for student success. In this issue of The Pathfinder we would like to highlight two current University Division students who have been able to earn a Grade Point Average (GPA) of

4.0. The message that these students have may provide some useful suggestions and insight into the struggles that other students may be facing every day. Tara Carlile states that it is important to attend every scheduled class period and do every assignment. One of the most important things to get into the habit of is to schedule at least 2–3 hours of study time outside of the class for each credit hour that you are enrolled in, and if you know that you don't have that much time to study then you should limit the number or credit hours that you register for. Thomas Buffum reports that he is learning the importance of being on time for class and class assignments, as well as spread-

ing the work load out over a period of time so not to become overwhelmed by pending assignments. The most important resource in Tara and Thomas' opinion is the instructors. Letting your teachers know that you need some assistance will let them know that you want to learn and they will be more than happy to make time for students who want to learn. Tara's best test taking tip is "study, study, study!" Thomas states that understanding the course material and studying, not only a few days ahead of an exam, but also right before an exam will allow the material to be fresh in a student's



Tara Carlile



Thomas Buffum

mind. Tara would like to point out to other students that IU Kokomo offers classes that are smaller in size, which allows instructors to give students more individualized attention. And, Thomas claims that IU Kokomo offers an environment that he is use to and "you can't beat the price compared to other schools." Remember, the best advice is to communicate at the earliest possible opportunity when you are seeking assistance.

nizations and campus events for you to have the opportunity to connect with IU Kokomo. Christal and Rikk will be presenting a couple of workshops during the semester that you might find beneficial to your academic success. Look for more information in upcoming flyers and *The Pathfinder*. And, if you ever need any advice or assistance in any issue you are faced with please know that you can always talk to either of us. Best of luck for the semester.

Welcome Students

Well, the holidays and the academic break is over, and Brrr! I am sure that is what all of you are saying when you hear that it is the Spring 2006 semester. But, here it is and your Academic Counselors, Christal Atkins and Rikk Terhune, want to take this opportunity to wish you a welcome to the campus whether you are a new student or if you are a returning student. As the new semester begins be sure to look for any opportunity to get involved. There are many student orga-

Tips for Succeeding in the New Year . . .

TEST TAKING TIP

Arrive early to the test taking location. Get settled, relax, and give yourself time to organize yourself and your thoughts. Listen carefully to the instructions. Read the directions thoroughly and make sure you understand exactly what you are supposed to do during the exam. Glance through the entire test before starting. Plan the amount of time you have for each question.

ORGANIZATIONAL TIP

Successful people use a calendar to accomplish things. Remember that as soon as you receive the syllabi for your courses to put on your calendar the class times, assignments, time to study, test dates, and the final exam date for all of your courses. And, look at the calendar every day.

Did you Know . . . Each student receives 650 free copies per semester; 4 cents per copy thereafter.

Student Activities

Spring 2006

Snacktivities

January 9 & 10, 8-10 a.m.

Breakfast Giveaway, Alumni Hall

January 11, 11:30 a.m.

Pizza Giveaway, Alumni Hall

January 12, 5 p.m.

Pizza Giveaway, Alumni Hall

Activity Fair

January 11, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. & 4–6 p.m. . Alumni

Hall, sponsored by the Office of Student

Activities

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon

January 12, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Kelley Student

Center, Room 130. Sponsored by Umoja &

the Office of Campus Climate

Last Lecture Series

January 19, 6 p.m., IU Kokomo Art Gallery,

Dr. Herbert Miller will present "The Flat Earth."

Sponsored by 60th Anniversary Committee

Recycled Percussion

January 27, 8 p.m. Havens Auditorium

"Ghandi" Movie Screening

February 2 & 3, 7 p.m. Kelley Student Center,

Room 130

Super Bowl Party

February 5, TBA, Kelley Student Center,

Room 130

Raise Your Voice Week

February 21, Hoosiers for Higher Education Day, Indiana Statehouse

February 22, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Community Service & Internship Fair, Alumni Hall

February 23, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive, Kelley Student Center, Room 130B

Health Fair

February 28, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Alumni Hall.

Sponsored by Umoja & Office of Campus Climate

Personal Counseling

Are you finding it difficult to adjust to the college experience or to daily life on a university campus? Would it be nice to be able to talk with someone who will listen? If you are having any personal issues, IU Kokomo offers six FREE counseling sessions to currently registered Indiana University Kokomo students. For more information or a referral to the counseling service, contact Diana Goodnight, Office of Student Services, (765) 455-9214 or e-mail digoodni@iuk.edu

Helpful Web sites

<http://www.iuk.edu>

<http://www.iuk.edu/udiv>

<https://onestart.iu.edu>

<http://www.iuk.edu/bulletin>

Library Hours

Mon.–Thurs..... 8 a.m.–9 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Saturday Noon–5 p.m.

Sunday..... 1–5 p.m.

Important Upcoming Dates

Registration

Open registration continues through January 8. You can register for courses or make course schedule adjustments with no penalties up until January 13. Course fees are due February 7 for courses registered after December 20, 2005.

Classes

The Spring 2006 semester classes begin January 9, 2006. The last day to withdraw with the course deleted from your transcript is January 13, 2006. Withdrawing from a course between January 14 and March 3,

2006 will have an automatic "W" on your transcript. The last day to withdraw from any course is April 14, 2006. Finals are the week of May 1-5, 2006. Commencement is May 9, 2006.

Holidays

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is January 16, 2006 and there are no classes.

Spring Recess is March 12-19, 2006 and there are no classes.

Congratulations!

On December 3, 2005, three of our very own were inducted into the campus' chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society. Christal Atkins, Master of Liberal Studies, Melissa Dwight, Elementary Education, and Melissa Heffernan, English were the recipients. Faculty members nominate students in their disciplines for Alpha Chi membership and nominees must place in the top 10 percent of their class academically.

Congratulations on a job well done!



UDIV Workshops offer opportunity to learn

It is the intention of University Division and the advisors within the division to provide as many opportunities as possible for the students of IU Kokomo to learn. To that end, there will be two workshops facilitated by Christal Atkins and Rikk Terhune in the Spring 2006 semester. The first is a "Question and Answer" Workshop in which you can bring any questions you may have regarding the university policies, and procedures as well as any questions you may have regarding your progression toward a program plan (major) decision. Julie Diesman, Career Services Director, will be available for questions regarding the trends and the job market. The "Question and Answer" Workshop will be held January 26, from 12:30–1:30 p.m. located in the Kelley Student Center, Room 130B.

The second workshop presented by

University Division is "Test Strategies and Organizational Skills." This workshop is an excellent opportunity to learn about some of the different tactics available to utilize in test-taking. As well, we present some of the ideas at your disposal for studying and preparing for exams. Some of these ideas will include the many ways that you can organize your study area, materials, time and backpack. The "Test Strategies and Organizational Skills" Workshop will be presented on February 16 from 12:30–1:30 p.m. located in the Kelley Student Center, Room 130B.

There is no need for any student to register ahead of time for either of these important workshops, and look for our free giveaways. It is our goal to provide students with as many tools for success as possible, so we hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities.

Learning Enhancement Center (LEC)

Students may drop-in or make appointments for tutoring in any math or writing course. Writing support for other courses is also available. Computers are available for word processing and math tutorials. Student IDs are required for computer use. The LEC is located in the Main Building, Room 280.

Fall & Spring Semester LEC Hours are

Mon–Thur 8 a.m.–7 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Summer Session LEC Hours are

Mon–Fri 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Call (765) 455-9425 for more information.

Students with Disabilities

Those students who feel they may qualify for special modifications in the classroom, based upon the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, must produce documentation.

This documentation must be from one of the following:

- Family Physician

- Psychologist
- Psychiatrist
- Psychometrist
- Other Medical Professional

To schedule an assessment, contact Rikk Terhune at the University Division office, East Building, Room 120, or call 455-9309 to schedule an appointment.

Visit us online at
www.iuk.edu/udiv

What Year Am I???

Freshman..... 1–25 Credit Hours
Sophomore 26–55 Credit Hours
Junior..... 56–85 Credit Hours
Senior 86+ Credit Hours

When are Advising Hours ???

University Division advising is available Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

How do I Contact

University Division ???

Christal & Rikk are your Academic Counselors. Get to know them!

University Division is located in the East Building, Room 120.

Phone: 455-9309

e-mail: catkins@iuk.edu

rmterhun@iuk.edu

What will I Find at the Office of Career Services???

- Career Counseling
- Interest Assessment (SIGI Plus, MBTI)
- Interview Techniques
- Job Shadowing Placement
- Internship Placement
- Job Placement
- Career Library Resources

Open Mon.–Fri., 8 a.m.–5 p.m. *Appointment required.* Call 455-9301 today to schedule an appointment.

E-mail is
Indiana University's
Official form of
communication with
students.

Have you checked your
IU Kokomo e-mail today?

Extended X Policy

Have you taken a course that you did not do as well in as you had hoped?

According to Indiana University policy, any undergraduate student may retake an IU course for which he/she received a grade below an "A."

Students may exercise this option up to three (3) times, affecting up to ten (10) credit hours throughout their Freshman to Senior academic years. Contact your advisor for further information or if you wish to utilize this policy for one or more of your courses.