

# BLUE IS FAMILY

Sycamore Family Newsletter

- October 2020 -



## A Note from Family Programs

### Greetings Sycamore Families!

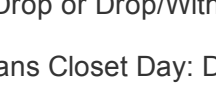
We are now halfway through the semester! Hopefully your student is getting settled into college life - even if that college life looks much different this year. I am sure you have experienced the roller coaster of emotions your student has gone through in the past few months and are there to cheer them on! Remember, we are partners in your student's success, so please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Our office is dedicated to ensuring you have the resources and information needed so that you're able to both support and encourage your student throughout their time at State.

With Sycamore Pride,

Debbie Rea Barber

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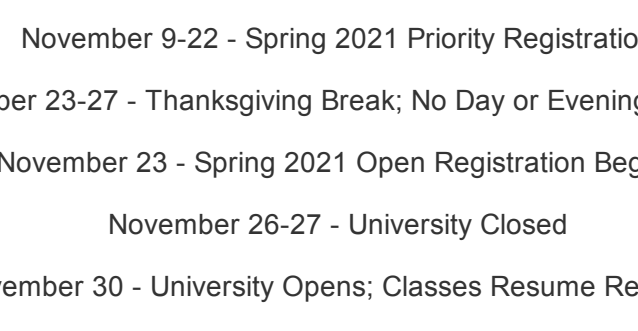
## DATES TO KNOW

### OCTOBER

- October 12 - 2nd 8 Week Classes Start
- October 15 - Last Day to Add/Drop or Drop/Withdraw from 2nd 8 Week Classes
- October 15 - Trans Closet Day: Dress for Success
- October 15 - Debate Night
- October 22 - Careers in Sustainability: Panel of Professionals
- October 22 - Debate Night

### Is your student graduating in December?

Remind them to submit their graduation application!



### NOVEMBER

- November 2 - Last Day to Drop/Withdraw from 16 Week Classes
- November 4 - Election Night Party
- November 9-22 - Spring 2021 Priority Registration
- November 23-27 - Thanksgiving Break; No Day or Evening Classes
- November 23 - Spring 2021 Open Registration Begins
- November 26-27 - University Closed
- November 30 - University Opens; Classes Resume Remotely

[VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)

### ISU Board of Trustees approves changes to Spring 2021 Calendar

Indiana State University's Board of Trustees on Thursday unanimously approved changes to the Spring 2021 calendar, including a one-week delay to the start of the semester and the elimination of spring break.

- The semester will begin Tuesday, January 19, a day after the holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr.
- Spring break, which was scheduled for March 8-12, is eliminated.
- The last day of spring classes remains April 30 with final exams on the previously scheduled dates of May 3-7.

The changes are intended to mitigate potential impact of COVID-19 on in-person instruction and work on campus. Students and faculty will be asked to self-quarantine at least 10 days before returning to campus in January. Eliminating spring break will reduce travel and the likelihood of spreading the virus to the ISU community.

The three shared governance units, Student Government Association, Staff Council and Faculty Senate, supported the changes in a meeting with President Deborah J. Curtis and her cabinet.

## FAFSA TIPS

2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid

### Important Dates

- October 1 - FAFSA opens for submissions
- April 15 - Deadline for state of Indiana aid

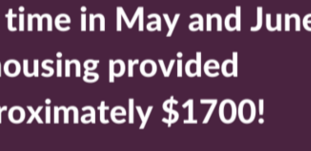
### Helpful Sites

- FAFSA - [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)
- FSA ID - [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov)
- ScholarTrack - [scholartrack.in.gov](https://scholartrack.in.gov)
- Tax Returns - [irs.gov](https://irs.gov)

### Necessary Items

- Computer or Mobile Device
- Indiana State School Code: 001807
- Student and Parent FSA ID
- Student and Parent 2019 Tax Returns and 2019 W2s

Need help filing? Contact Indiana State University's Financial Aid Office.  
812-237-2215 | [indstate.edu/financial-aid](https://indstate.edu/financial-aid)



## Student Leadership Opportunities

# APPLY TODAY

**ORIENTATION LEADER:**  
Work full time in May and June,  
Campus housing provided  
Earn approximately \$1700!

**OFFICE STAFF:**  
Work 20 hours per week in June,  
Campus housing provided  
Flexible with other summer jobs

**TRANSITION MENTOR:**  
Work August 9 - 16 (week before classes begin)  
Earn approximately \$215.

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SCAN THE QR CODE for more info & APPLICATION LINK!

## Timely Issues

October

- Grades.** Interim grades were released earlier this month. If your student was not happy with their grades, there are several options for resources that can assist them:
  - Schedule an appointment with their Academic Advisor to discuss their grades and develop a recovery plan if necessary.
  - Meet with professors of the class(es) they are concerned about. They can email the professor during office hours (listed in their syllabus), or they can they can visit the professor during office hours (listed in their syllabus), or they can email them to schedule a virtual appointment.
  - Form a study group with others in their class.
  - Visit the [Center for Student Success](#).
- Roommate Conflicts.** If your student lives on campus, roommate conflict typically starts to occur in October. If your student is experiencing issues with their roommate, encourage them to discuss the problems with their roommate and to utilize their RA if they need to.
- Registration Holds.** Has your student turned in all of their immunization records? Do they have anything in their Financial Aid file that needs to be completed? Make sure they log into their portal and check the Student Self-Service badge for any holds that may be on their account. They will need to discuss these with their Academic Advisor, as they may prevent registration for next semester.

## Student Experiences:

- Finding a routine; feeling like campus is home
- Questions and concerns about roommates
- Getting their feet on the ground in classes; understanding how much work is required.
- Stretching boundaries and seeking new challenges, such as campus involvement or leadership opportunities.
- For students in their final year, focus on deadlines for graduate school and applications, or job opportunities after graduation.

## Noteworthy at ISU

- [ISU announces lineup for 2020-21 Speakers Series](#)
- [ISU receives \\$2.5 million grant from Lily Endowment](#)
- [ISU alumnus creates a scholarship as a tribute to daughter](#)
- [Scott College of Business honored by U.S. News](#)

## COVID-19 Contact Information

Office of Dean of Students: 812.237.3829 | [ISU-DeanofStudents@indstate.edu](mailto:ISU-DeanofStudents@indstate.edu)  
Office of Residential Life: 812.237.3993  
Disability Services: 812.237.2700  
Student Health Center: 812.237.3883

[COVID Reporting Form](#)  
[COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

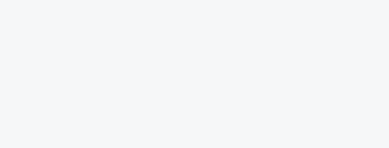
## COVID-19 TESTING AVAILABLE

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY, YOUR FRIENDS, OUR COMMUNITY

# GET TESTED

**On Campus Testing**  
ISU Student Health Center  
(no cost with most insurance, \$55\* without insurance, appointment required, call 812-237-3883 for more information or to schedule an appointment)  
HMSU southeast entrance near Dede II  
Mondays & Thursdays: 1:00-3:00pm (free, no appointment needed, register onsite)  
\*estimated

**Off Campus Testing**  
Union Hospital Curbside Testing  
1606 N. 7th Street  
(free, appointments preferred, scheduling.coronavirus.in.gov)  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00am-4:30pm  
Wednesday: 10:00am-6:30pm  
Saturday & Sunday: 8:00am-2:00pm



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