

# BLUE IS FAMILY

Sycamore Family Newsletter

- October 2019 -



## Fall is Here!

Greetings!

We had a great time celebrating Family Weekend last month with so many of our Sycamore Families! Seeing so many parents, grandparents, siblings, and other family members reconnect with their student was both encouraging and heartwarming to see. If you had your picture taken with Sycamore Sam during check-in, be sure and check out those photos on our [Family Facebook](#) page!

These moments are a huge part of the mission of the Office of New Student Transition Programs and Family Programs. Our office works to ensure you're able to both support and encourage your student throughout their time at State. We know how important family is to the success of our students, so please do not hesitate to reach out to us should you or your student have any questions.

The next few weeks are sure to be busy with Homecoming, midterms, and holiday breaks on the horizon. During these days, encourage your student to get plenty of rest, eat well, and seek out help from the many resources on campus, such as the [Center for Student Success](#) or the [ISU Writing Center](#).

Here's to another exciting month at State!

With Sycamore Pride,

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## SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY WEEKEND 2020

Family Weekend 2019 has come and gone. Our team enjoyed planning and hosting this annual event and we're already looking forward to **Family Weekend 2020**, which will be held September 18-20. Remember to save the date and mark your calendars!

## DATES TO KNOW

### OCTOBER

- October 12 - Homecoming
- October 15 - Study Abroad Fair
- October 22 - ISU Speaker Series: Mandy Harvey
- October 31st - Majors Fair

### NOVEMBER

- November 11-24 - Spring 2020 Priority Registration
- November 25 - Spring 2020 Open Registration begins
- November 25-29 - Thanksgiving Break; no Day or Evening Classes
- November 28-29 - University Closed

[VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)

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# Transfer Student WEEK

OCTOBER 21 - 25, 2019

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**STUDENT SOCIAL & T-SHIRT EXCHANGE**  
Monday, 10/21 4:30 - 5:30PM, Dede III

**T-SHIRT EXCHANGE**  
Tuesday, 10/22 12:00 - 1:00PM, HMSU Commons

**STOP & SERVE**  
Wednesday, 10/23 12:00 - 2:00PM, HMSU Commons

**TRANSFER'S GUIDE TO GETTING AN INTERNSHIP**  
Thursday, 10/24 1:00 PM, Career Center Classroom

Discover your dreams...

# MAJORS FAIR

Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
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Majors Fair is an opportunity for ISU freshman, transfer, and other students who may be undecided upon their future to see all departments and programs in one place.

Sponsored by the Career Center and University College

## Timely Issues

*October*

- 1 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 the professors of the class(es) they are concerned about. They can visit the professor during office hours (listed in their syllabus), or they can email them to schedule an appointment.
  - Form a study group with others in their class
  - Visit The Center for Student Success!
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

## Office Spotlight

*Center for Student Success*

[The Center for Student Success](#) is dedicated to providing many kinds of help for students at Indiana State University! The Center for Student Success is located on the first floor of Normal Hall and strives to help students strengthen their study skills, and become independent learners. Some of the services they offer include tutoring and supplemental instruction.

**Tutoring Services** are free of charge and open to any enrolled ISU student. The program is staffed by trained peer tutors and is designed based on the need of the student. To sign-up for a tutor, your student should go to the first floor of Normal Hall.

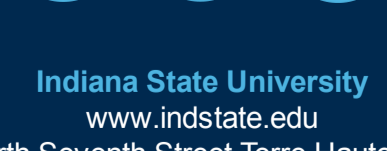
**Supplemental Instruction (SI)** is an academic support program for historically difficult courses. SI sessions are informal and conducted in a seminar-style setting where students can compare notes, discuss readings, and develop tools and skills that will benefit them in the classroom. Sessions are facilitated by SI Leaders, students who have demonstrated proficiency in that specific course, and act as a model student by attending class and taking notes. Make sure your student checks their course schedule to see if their class offers this resource!

**If your student needs assistance in a math course**, they can find support in the Math Lab— Root Hall A009.

**If your student needs assistance with writing**, they can find support in the Writing Center— 2nd Floor of the Cunningham Memorial Library.

**Free online help for many subjects:** [KhanAcademy.org](#)

- Math, chemistry, biology, physics, computer science, history, economics, finance, and more!
- LSAT, Praxis, MCAT, GMAT, NCLEX test prep



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