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Summer Notes from the Director of New Student Orientation & Parent Relations

By: Lisa McGuire

We are so excited to start our 2018 orientation season!

The Office of New Student Orientation & Parent Relations hopes you will join us at our annual Family Weekend Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13. Registration information will be available in July.

I encourage you to get involved in our new Prairie Stars Family Association.

Have a wonderful summer.
Lisa McGuire

Parent Volunteers Needed

Orientation Parent Panels
The Office of New Student Orientation is looking for parents to participate in the KickStart Orientation parent panel to answer questions from first-year parents. Our office will cover an overnight stay in a

local hotel. If you are interested, [send Lisa McGuire an email](#) with your name, phone number, and the dates you would be available. Lisa will follow-up with a phone call.

2018 KickStart Dates:

- F1: Monday, June 11 – Tuesday, June 12
- F2: Friday, June 15 – Saturday, June 16
- F3: Monday, June 18 – Tuesday, June 19
- F4: Thursday, June 21 – Friday, June 22
- F5: Monday, July 16 – Tuesday, July 17
- F7: Monday, August 20 – Tuesday, August 20

Help Send Our O-Team Members to the Regional NODA Conference

Each year, NSOPR Director Lisa McGuire takes orientation team members to the National





Orientation Directors Association (NODA) regional conference to learn more about leadership and orientation. We are still feeling the effects of the state budget crises and need to raise money in order to take our team.



We are selling an updated version of our blue O-Team Football shirts celebrating the founding of our university in 1970.

They are v. neck, short sleeved, 50/50 cotton-poly shirts. Sizes available: Adult/Unisex S, M, L, XL, [\$20] 2XL [\$24] 3XL [\$30 special order]. We currently have several of each size (except 3XL) in stock. Your student can bring cash or personal check or money order (drawn on US bank) to pick

up the ones in stock. If we run out, we have to wait until we get 50 additional orders to request another shipment (which we get locally from Miles T-shirt). You can also print and mail an [order form](#) in with your personal check or money order.

Prairie Star Family Association

Welcome from UIS Prairie Star Family Association!

By: Angela Kneer

Meet the Executive Board:

- Angela Kneer – President (re-elected)
- DeAnna Shane – Vice -President (re-elected to new position)
- Joyce L. Nelson – Secretary (new to the board)
- Ellin Lotspeich – Treasurer (re-elected)

For family weekend we held our first ever Parent Social & fundraiser! We also sent out a mass email for fundraising to be gathered together to help us raise money to establish a non-exempt status and invest in future fundraising items to help with our goal of establishing scholarships in the future. Our new t-shirts and cozies are available to purchase, watch for upcoming email with purchasing info, or reach out to us on [Facebook](#), or email janck94@comcast.net for more information.

We are currently establishing subcommittees to help with social events, fundraising, and future scholarships. We are still in need of several people to help with these committees. We do all our meeting by phone conference, so you won't

have to do any traveling. Please consider helping in any way you can and we look forward to meeting you at the next campus function. Feel free to look for us and say "HI"!

We are looking forward to a GREAT year!

Go Prairie Stars and again welcome from UIS PSFA!

Angela Kneer
President 2017-2018



UIS News

By: Blake Wood, UIS Assistant Director of Public Relations

Hundreds of students graduate during the 47th annual UIS commencement ceremonies

The University of Illinois Springfield held two commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 12, 2018, at the Bank of Springfield Center in downtown Springfield. Out of the 1,520 UIS students who were eligible to graduate, 978 participated in the ceremonies.

UIS Chancellor Susan J. Koch presided over the ceremonies, welcoming thousands of guests. She offered the graduates some advice and reflected on the importance of earning a college degree from a University of Illinois campus.

"The promise that we make to our students can be summed up in two words: Leadership lived. Leadership is lived on the UIS campus every day and I trust that each of you has your own Leadership lived story as a result of your UIS experience," said Koch. "I am supremely confident that you will indeed make a difference in the world with your leadership."

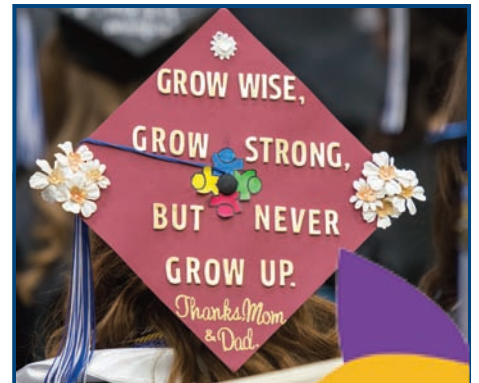
Koch also congratulated first generation college graduates and thanked family and friends for supporting their students and encouraging them to succeed.

The student commencement address was delivered by Christopher Vemagiri Marbaniang. He told the audience how his UIS experience changed his life and the lives of his friends for the better.

However, he also addressed the "adversity, pain, confusion, uphill climbs, and battles" that some students faced in order to earn their college degree.

"I think today we have all become leaders in our own right and are ready to face obstacles," he said. "The thing about leaders that lead by example is that they do not lead from the front, dominating and forcing their way, but lead from behind and watch the next leaders rise. That is the essence of true leadership."

He ended his speech with some words of advice for the graduating class "be bold, be kind, and be respectful. Congratulations and welcome to the professional world!"





UIS students spend Alternative Spring Break helping with Hurricane Harvey relief in Texas

A group of students from the University of Illinois Springfield spent their spring break helping to rebuild Texas following Hurricane Harvey.

A total of 21 students left Springfield on Sunday, March 11, at 3 a.m. and returned to campus on Saturday, March 17, as part of the Alternative Spring Break (ASB) trip.

The group traveled to Beaumont, Texas where they partnered with Community Collaborations International (CCI). The students gutted/mucked homes, cleared debris and helped with reconstruction projects. The students stayed at a church in Beaumont while they volunteered.

"ASB decided to go to Texas because at the time we started planning this year's trip Hurricane Harvey and other natural disasters were happening in the United States," said Hailey Hawkins, a UIS senior and president of Alternative Spring Break. "We knew ASB would be a great opportunity for students at UIS to help with the emergency relief projects and serve those affected by the natural disaster."

This trip marks the 10th anniversary of Alternative Spring Break at UIS. Students first traveled to South Dakota in 2008 to help Habitat for Humanity with a building project. Since then, they've traveled to the Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas helping with disaster relief, eco-restoration efforts and early childhood education programs. Students have also helped to feed the homeless at soup kitchens in Washington, D.C. and New York City.



UIS students win the outstanding large delegation award at the Model Illinois Government simulation

University of Illinois Springfield students were honored with the outstanding large delegation award during the annual Model Illinois Government (MIG) simulation at the Illinois State Capitol on March 2-4, 2018.

Four UIS students were elected to statewide office within the Model Illinois Government organization. Payton Raso of North Liberty, Iowa was elected speaker of the house, Chloe Compton of Troy president of the senate, Cale Bergschneider of Springfield comptroller and Collin Cisco of Springfield treasurer.

Six students were named to caucus leadership spots within the house and senate. Payton Raso was named majority leader in the house (Democrats), Noah Danner of Springfield was named assistant minority leader in the house (Republicans), Conor McKenzie of Oak Park was named majority whip in the house (Democrats), and Joseph Partain of Iuka was named minority whip in the house (Republicans), Chloe Compton was named majority leader in the senate (Democrats) and Cale Bergschneider majority whip in the senate (Democrats).

UIS students honored with individual awards include Payton Raso (outstanding member of the house), Chloe Compton (outstanding member of the senate), Joseph Partain (outstanding first year delegate in the house) and Collin Cisco (outstanding OMB analyst). UIS alum Garrie Allen of Peoria won the award for outstanding staff member.

Outgoing UIS leadership on the MIG executive board includes Zachary Sullivan of East Moline, who served as president of the senate; Caitlin Osborn of Edwardsville, who served as treasurer; and Donnie Lewis of Decatur, who served as comptroller.

Each year, students from more than 20 colleges and universities around the state gather at the Illinois State Capitol to serve as legislators, staffers, lobbyists, journalists, and officials of the executive branch. Through committee actions, a regular legislative session and a veto session, participants learn the legislative process by doing it.

MIG members get started in the fall term preparing legislation, polishing up parliamentary skills, and organizing the membership into a delegation for the spring conference.



UIS students win the outstanding delegation award at the international Model United Nations simulation

A group of University of Illinois Springfield students won the outstanding delegation award during the international Model United Nations simulation held March 26-30, 2018, in New York City. This is the second year in a row that UIS students have won the award.

Model United Nations is a conference that simulates an actual United Nations meeting. The UIS delegation consisted of 18 students and one faculty member. Hundreds of international colleges and universities competed during the event.

Three UIS students were also honored with individual awards. Munashe Ariwamwari of

Naperville won the best delegate award for his committee, while Rosie Dawoud of Bolingbrook and Heba Qazi of Bartlett won the best position paper award for the paper they wrote together. This is the first time in UIS history that students received awards in all three categories.

Students worked for close to two semesters learning about their assigned country, drafting resolutions, working on diplomacy and consensus building, and writing position papers on specific issues. This year, UIS represented the country of Zimbabwe, which is located in Africa.

Other UIS students who participated in this year's simulation include Head Delegate Erik Motyll of New Lenox, Brandon Kuhl of Springfield, Beto Flores of Waukegan, Halie Edwards of Joliet, Chloe Compton of Troy, Edwin Robles of Cicero, Maame Aggrey of Elgin, Gavin Hunt of Peoria, Crystal Terrazas of Berwyn, Briana Rodriguez of Hoffman Estates, Brandon Klages of Algonquin, Luke D'Elia of Springfield, Paul Cunningham of Homer, Conor McKenzie of Lindenhurst and Payton Raso of Iowa City, Iowa.



UIS Clinical Laboratory Science students and faculty honored with statewide awards

Several University of Illinois Springfield students and faculty were honored with statewide awards during the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science – Illinois (ASCLS-IL) meeting held in Naperville April 18-20, 2018.

Jessica Sheffield, a senior clinical laboratory science major from Maroa, was named the ASCLS-IL Student of the Year. Sheffield recently completed her term as student forum chair and was also admitted to the state level of the





Clinical Laboratory Science professional honor society, Omicron Sigma.

UIS junior Jessica Sullens, a clinical laboratory science major from Vandalia, was elected student forum chair for the 2018-2019 academic year.

UIS Assistant Professor of Clinical Laboratory Science Bill Wilson was honored for his service to the southern region. Former UIS Clinical Laboratory Science program director Paula Garrott was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to the profession and ASCLS-IL.

UIS students also competed in the Student Bowl, which tested their knowledge of clinical laboratory science topics. Team members included captain Holly Chaffee of Springfield, Taylor Cooperider of Springfield, Dayana Valero of Springfield, Sam Vogel of Illiopolis and Nisha Faizal of Springfield. ASCLS-IL is an affiliate society of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS).

According to their website, "ASCLS is preeminent voice of all clinical laboratory professionals, creating a vision for the advancement of the clinical laboratory practice field, and advocating the value and the role of the profession ensuring safe, effective, efficient, equitable, and patient-centered health care."

Office of Disability Services **STOP—LOOK—AND LISTEN—HERE—I—COME!**

By: Sarah Weaver

If we stop and think about the day we decided to go to college; we will remember it as a happy day or a day filled with doubt and concern. Perhaps that decision was made our Freshman year of high school or maybe the last semester of our Senior year. At some point it became a goal and we shared with our family and friends our decision. Some of the parents may have been very happy and some may have been hesitant about the decision. For a parent of a student with a disability, there is more to think about regarding this decision.

If you have a Learning Disability, the decision to attend college probably wasn't made lightly. Why? Because there are many more obstacles to face and challenges to overcome as a student with a disability. Even the choice of the college/university is important due to the support and academic accommodations you will need. Thinking about the cost of this choice is also a consideration of parents.

So you begin the process of elimination of the colleges/universities you have in mind. You now begin visiting the top 5 schools, setting up appointments with the Admissions Office and the Office of Disability Services (ODS). You have your questions ready to ask each office and are excited about your visit.

When you visit the ODS, you want to meet the staff and spend time with them. The helpfulness and understanding of the ODS staff is what will help you make your decision. Most students with a disability make their choice based upon the ODS staff. Your first question, may be, "What do I need to do to receive academic accommodations for my disability?" You will be given the answer to your question, and now you are ready to get the documentation you need to justify the requested academic accommodations. You may have received accommodations in high school that aren't justified with the current documentation. Keep in mind, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) protects your rights as an individual with a disability and the college/university ODS is trained and knows the ADA and will ensure you receive by law what your documentation justifies.

After the decision has been made as to what college/university you will attend, you are ready to prepare yourself for this transition. For some the transition from high school to college may be easier for reasons of personality, opportunities to travel and moving to various places and support from family and friends. But, none the less, there will always be a transition to make.

In high school, you probably knew the students in your class and the teachers on a first name basis;

however, in college this may not be true. The first semester will be hard, but not impossible to transition. The transition needs your commitment and utmost attention. It isn't going to just happen, it requires the effort of your parents, your disability specialist, your professor and most importantly you. You know your strengths and weaknesses and the academic accommodations you had in high school. You also know how to study but not as a college student. Be sure to go to the Learning Center, where they have tutors to help with all of your courses, time management and study skills. Don't be hesitant to do this, remember to focus on you and what you need, your goal is to graduate.

Be sure you have a big wipe board somewhere in your room, put your class schedule for the week and mark dates of papers due, quizzes, exams and study groups. Each week erase it and put the new week up to keep you accountable and on top of each course.

The evaluation you provided to the ODS, will be the official document for the requested academic accommodations, if you think you need others that aren't in the evaluation, be sure to tell your disability specialist. Your disability specialist will contact the evaluator about the academic accommodation you are requesting. If the evaluator believes the results of your evaluation supports the request, an addendum will be sent to the ODS. Now is the time to be honest with yourself and be sure you have what you need to be successful in the classroom.

Set up a time to meet with all of your professors, for a half hour, if possible. You will have with you the accommodation letter from the ODS, with the requested academic accommodations listed on the letter. When you give the professor your letter, discuss it with your professor. Ask and

answer questions to ensure there is agreement and understanding of your requested academic accommodations.

Be sure to sit as close to the front as you feel comfortable. Try not to miss any classes and if you do, visit your professors as soon as possible to tell them why you missed your class and ask for any notes you may have missed. You may also get a note taker from the ODS if justified with your documentation. Attend all of the study groups possible and take your homework seriously. Keep up with your reading, because if you can't keep up, you'll never catch up!

If you have questions about the lecture, be sure to talk with someone about it. If you have friend/s in the same class, ask your friend/s about your question; however, if they can't help you, schedule a meeting with your professor.

If you have a paper due that you still need to work on, but you are asked to help on a project for a dance or event, don't hesitate to say 'No', you will have many more projects to work on. If you are asked to go shopping or to a movie with friends, again, say "No" if you have to study or write a paper.

Transition is something made by everyone! Every staff and faculty member made a transition when they chose to work at the University of Illinois Springfield. It happens every day and you will continue to make transitions your entire life. You transitioned from high school to college; you will transition from college to your new job; from job to job; from single to being partnered or married; from no children to having children; from working to retired. Our entire life is one transition after another. This is one of the big ones, prepare yourself and give it all you've got!

Information Technology Services

By: Kara McElwrath

Support

ITS has added a new way to request tech support,



SMS / MMS
(217)206-6000

TEXTING. Simply enter (217) 206-6000 in to your texting app on your phone and send us the problem. When words aren't enough, no problem! Take a



picture and add it to the message.

This service is only available during the times that the [ITS Client Services Help Desk](#) is open. If you send us a text after hours, you will receive an automated response and we will follow up with you the next day during regular business hours.



We are available to you in a variety of other ways as well:

Email – techsupport@uis.edu

Phone – 217/206-6000 or (877) 847-0443

Live chat – click the Live Help box in the lower right-hand corner of our [ITS home page](#); click Support in green bar across the top of the page to see all our contact information and hours of operation

In person – lower level of Brookens Library

We also have a Suggestion Box at the Help Desk, so feel free to offer suggestions while you are here getting support. We love hearing feedback from the campus!

ITS boasts a wide variety of resources, including:



Office 365 – UIS students and employees can take advantage of [Office 365](#) to download Office applications on their personally-owned devices, free for use while they are enrolled in courses/employed at UIS. Office 365 also includes use of the Office mobile apps, allowing you to create and edit Office documents on your mobile devices. Students and employees may go to <http://go.uis.edu/office365> to start taking advantage of this great resource. And be sure to take advantage of [other software available](#), including new site-licensing for Qualtrics.



Printing Allowance – Each calendar year, students get a \$25 printing allowance added to their iCard to be used at any Pharos printing station on campus. [Wireless printing](#) is also available.

Equipment Checkout – Laptops, digital cameras, video cameras, microphones, voice recorders, and other equipment are [available for checkout](#), free of charge.



Box – Box provides unlimited cloud storage for files. You can easily share files, collaborate with others, access your files on mobile devices, and sync files to your desktop. Box now includes a great feature to edit Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files online in the browser!

lynda.com hosts tens of thousands of video tutorials on over 100 different software applications, providing you with the training you need when you need it.



Skype for Business (previously called Lync) – is our campus solution for communicating and collaborating with others in real-time via different communications, including instant message chat, audio and/or video chat, and desktop sharing.



Citrix Virtual Desktop – In an effort to improve ease of access of instructional software, you may take advantage of Citrix Virtual Desktop, which allows users (whether on or off campus) to access a virtual computer that runs all software for which UIS has licensing.

Campus Recreation

By: Caitlin Osborn, Campus Recreation Graduate Student Assistant

The 2017-18 school year was one to remember in the Campus Recreation department! From REC-A-Palooza in the fall to Rec Madness this spring, it was a busy year full of great new events.



The semester started out on the ski slopes as we took a trip north to Ski Snowstar in the Quad Cities. This day trip included transportation, equipment rental, and a lesson. It's a great trip we take each January as it's perfect for beginners who want to try something new and a great price for those that don't need a lesson. For the second year in a row, the interest in the trip was extremely high. We filled a charter bus and two vans, which ended up being just shy of 100 students!

We also took a weekend trip to Mammoth Cave, Kentucky for a weekend in April. For this weekend trip, students camped and were able to explore the world's largest cave system. While we had a cold April, it was not enough to scare away nearly 20 students who had a wonderful trip.

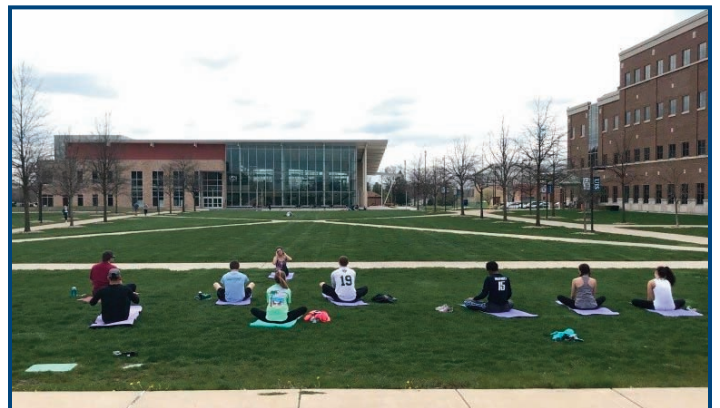
Finally, once the weather warmed up, we used our department canoes and kayaks to go on a day trip to Sugar Creek just south of campus. Students learned how to canoe and kayak while enjoying the peaceful scenery of Sugar Creek. If your student is interested in camping or kayaking, Campus Recreation rents out the equipment for a very low fee. We will even help them strap the canoe or kayak to the top of their vehicle. Have them give us a call at 217-206-7103 or stop into TRAC if they are interested.

While some students were having fun travelling, others were having fun staying on campus, playing intramural sports. Our basketball, volleyball, and futsal numbers were all the largest in several years! We also had our first

slow pitch softball tournament in four years which was held under our new lights. Our largest event of the semester was Rec Madness, which was a fun night of basketball themed events, cumulated with both the men's and coed championship games. Like the Outdoor trips, we will be having some summer intramurals, so make sure to watch for the schedule on our website.



On the group fitness side of our department, we introduced kickboxing for the first time at UIS. This follows our trend of offering new and exciting classes each semester. As you can see in the picture, we took advantage of the great end of the semester weather to move our yoga class



to the quad! As the schedule is always being updated, we want student feedback on times and suggestions for classes, so make sure to have your students contact us if they have some ideas!

Our summer Group Fitness class schedule is up on www.uis.edu/campusrec/, so make sure to check it out to see if your students would be interested if they are in the area!

It was another great year in Campus Recreation. We hope to see your students at one of our many programs next semester!





Student Life

By: Marie L. Watson, Associate Director of Student Life & Mary Umbarger, Program Assistant

The division of Student Affairs at the University of Illinois Springfield recently hosted a Student Affairs Leadership Reception that recognized students and registered student organizations for academic excellence, and their commitment to leadership and service to the university and surrounding community. There were 14 different departments and organizations who took the time to share accounts of how the students they worked with exemplified the meaning of Leadership Lived.

One of the awards featured that afternoon, included the Student Life Office presenting awards to student organizations for their amazing events and services that they provided to the campus community throughout the academic year. Organization of the Year was awarded to University Bible Fellowship for their programming and support towards international students and students far from their families; Diversity Event of the Year was awarded to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc for their event "The Color Purple," a program geared towards raising awareness about

sexual assault; and the Event of the Year was awarded to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc for their implementation of Powder Puff Football, which was an activity that brought the excitement of football to UIS. Each of these organizations were unique in their efforts to build the UIS campus community.

It is not every day that we get to showcase all of our students who work tirelessly to engage their peers on this campus and so the Student Affairs Leadership Reception is a great opportunity to celebrate the amazing work our students do every day throughout the year.

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International Student Services

Outstanding International Cultural Organization Award

Madhuri Podipireddy (Org. President) – Indian Student Organization
Zehra Ozkan (Org. President) – International Student Association
Judy Zhu (Org. President) – Asian Student Organization
Benita Ekwonwa (Org. President) – African Student Association

Innovative Intercultural Leadership Award

Suparna Banerjee

Outstanding Contributor to Intercultural Understanding and International Friendship Award

Lauren McPherson

Volunteer & Civic Engagement Center Leadership for Life

Maureen McCue
Katie Simpson
Maegan Flight
Brittany Willis
Abbe Stevenson
Pawel Kadzielawa
Eric Loera
Rebecca Stein
Jonathon Nimmo
Nick Zambito
Yuli Salgado

Office of Disability Services Student Panelist Recognition

Raven Wilson
Jhaliyah Anderson
Holly Hahn
Karthik Ramalingam

Campus Recreation Campus Recreation Leadership Award

Danielle Gibbs

SAC Coordinator of the Year

Isabela Silvano Fonseca

Pace Award
Daniel Rodriguez

SGA Outstanding Committee Person of the Year

Rosie Dawoud

Outstanding Student Senator Award

Ben Paoletti
Oluseyi Elliott

Outstanding AP Member Award

Kathyy Battee-Freeman

SOFA SOFA Member of the Year

Christopher Vemagiri
Marbaniang

Greek Affairs Highest Greek GPA – Fraternity

Phi Kappa Tau

Highest Greek GPA – Sorority

Gamma Phi Omega

Student Life Organization of the Year

University Bible Fellowship

Event of the Year

Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. – Powder Puff Football

Diversity Event of the Year
Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. – “The Color Purple”

Residence Life & RHA Desk Attendant Of the Year

Maria Zavala

Community Council Of the Year

FRH Community Council

Residence Life Event Of the Year

Immigration Simulation (Ciara Koepke, Vanesa Salinas-Perea, Sonia Hernandez)

First Year Resident Assistant Of the Year

Abbie Varble

Veteran Resident Assistant Of the Year

Sonia Hernandez

Diversity Center It Takes A Village Award

Anthony Boyd

Vanguard Of Diversity Award

Vanesa Salinas-Perea

Teamwork Makes The Dreamwork Award

Legacy Dance Team

Freshman Ford Fairness Award

Ivonne Jimenez

Admissions Student Ambassador Award

Nathan Schlindwein
Garrad Straube
Miranda Swope
Jessica Villegas

Career Development Career Development Achievement Award

Zem Mitchell
Abhishek Singh
Thakur





Career Development Center

By: Angela Evans, Assistant Director

The Career Development Center staff is ready to partner in helping new students begin and navigate the process of making their career plans a reality. Career planning begins long before graduation, so encourage your student to visit our office and talk to our counselors early and often! Here are some important upcoming dates, events, and information to note.

CareerConnect – a one stop shop for all of a student’s career needs.

New UIS students beginning in the fall 2018 semester will have access to CareerConnect and the other online career systems beginning **July 1, 2018**. Students can:

- Utilize online systems including OptimalResume and Going Global.
- Search for and apply to jobs and internships on and off campus.
- Schedule a career counseling appointment.
- View and sign up for events hosted the Career Development Center.

And much more.

Registered UIS students have an account that they can log in to update their profile, and upload a resume which is required before they can apply for UIS student worker positions and other opportunities posted in [CareerConnect](#). All first time resumes are reviewed to ensure they meet basic minimum requirements. See [CareerConnect](#) for full details.

Resume Mania

Aug. 27 & 28, 2018, 2 – 4 PM, Student Affairs Bldg (SAB), Room 50

Two action packed days of targeted resume development and critiques provided by Career Development Center staff.

Foot in the Door (FITD) Fair

Aug. 30, 2018, 3 – 5:30 PM, Student Union Ball Room

More than 50 organizations with on-campus and off-campus job, internship, and volunteer opportunities will be participating in the FITD Fair. Nearly 300 students attended and made professional connections at the 2017 event. The FITD Fair is co-sponsored by the Career Development Center, Internship and Prior Learning Office, Office of Student Life, Volunteer & Civic Engagement Center, Student Employment, and International Student Services.

Visit the [Career Development Center](#) website for additional details and supportive career resources and services.

Residence Life

By: Haley House



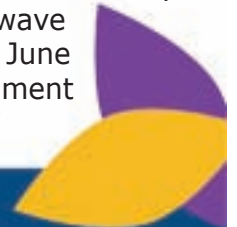
Greetings from the Department of Residence Life! We are at the end of our Spring 2018 semester and heading into Summer 2018. With that being said, there are a couple of reminders your student should keep in mind. All returning students should have submitted their housing application for the 2018- 2019 Academic school year. All returning students are able to check their housing assignments on their Student Housing Portal account by logging in with their student NetID and password. Any returning student who has completed a check out, but did not submit a housing application for the 2018-2019 Academic school year before May 15th and decides to return for the fall will need to submit a new deposit. Please be sure to remind your student to check their email regularly during the Summer, as we provide assignment updates, check-out damage summaries and department updates for the Fall throughout the summer!

While some students were able to select a space for the Fall semester during our Room Selection Process in March, they may still wish to change their assignment or live with different roommates. If your student wishes to be reassigned or wants to switch their roommate, we have a Reassignment Request Form they can submit during the summer. This is a Google Form for any current/ incoming student who wish to switch roommates, or request a space change. All incoming Freshmen and returning Second-Year

Sophomores will be assigned to the Residence Halls. All incoming Transfer students, Returning students and Graduate students will be assigned to our Townhouses and Apartments.

Additionally, if your student is a Second-Year returning Sophomore, you may have heard them talking about possibly living in our West Campus Townhouses. All Second-Year returning Sophomores are part of our Second Year Residential Initiative (SYRI) living learning community. The goal for SYRI residents is to help them continue the development of their identity and remain involved members of the UIS community. We also help our residents identify a major and/ or strengthen their commitment to a major, and explore career interests and opportunities. All SYRI residents will be placed in Founders Residence Hall, and are able to fill out the SYRI Reassignment Request Form if they would like to be considered to live in a townhouse. We will only extend an invitation to SYRI students to live in a townhouse if there is an overflow of freshmen from Lincoln Residence Hall. This is only a request, and not a guarantee. Those who requested to be moved to our SYRI townhouse community will be offered the opportunity to be reassigned based on the following criteria: the resident needs to be in good academic standing, along with no disciplinary probations and be a good citizen within the community.

While we have many returning students, we are also excited about our incoming students for the 2018-2019 Academic Year! If your student will be attending UIS in the Fall and has not yet submitted a housing application, they will need to do so soon! We do not have a mandatory deadline for housing application/contract submissions, but we do urge for students to apply as soon as possible. If your application/contract is submitted before June 10th, you will receive your room assignment within the first wave of notifications. If you apply after June 10th, you will be sent your assignment notification in our second wave of





notifications. New incoming students need to fill out the [Deposit Information Form](#).

After our department processes the housing deposit, an email with the online housing application/contract will be sent to their UIS email address. Once they have completed the online housing application/contract, we will send them a link to our roommate match program. They will then receive a link for "RoomSync" which is an app on Facebook that allows students to find a roommate. If two students match and decide they would like to room together we will need an email from each of them letting us know they are mutually requesting each other. Our department will do our best to honor all request, but it is not a guarantee. Roommates will be assigned based on the Living Learning Community or themed community they have chosen. Your students will be able to connect with their roommate before they even move in, making that transition from home that much easier!

room. All upperclassmen move in will begin August 24th and continues through the weekend. All times and location of campus move in can be found on our [Upper class, Transfer, & Graduate student move-in](#). Again, their RA will be in their check-in area, ready to hand them their keys and get them settled for the fun and exciting school year.



Please be sure to have your student check which items they should and should not bring when moving to campus. We have compiled [a check-list](#) for residents to reference on our website.

Additionally, the [UIS Residence Life Community Handbook](#) can be used to find more information on our policies and procedures, and other items that we may not allow on campus.

We look forwards to seeing all new incoming Freshman, Transfer students, and Graduate students in August! Remember, Freshman move-in is August 22nd, and Upperclassman and Graduate student move-in is August 24th. The Department of Residence Life and UIS are excited to welcome you for the new academic school year. You can find more important dates for the Fall 2018 semester by visiting the [Important Dates and Deadlines](#) page on [our website](#).

Remind your student to keep an eye on their UIS student email for further updates and announcements! You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) to keep up with any updates.

Have a great Summer! See you in August!



Fall 2018 move-in for all incoming Freshman will be Wednesday, August 22, 2018. Further information can be found by clicking on our [Move in Guide](#) and [First Year Student Move-In](#). New incoming students will check into their assigned residence halls based on room number. When they arrived on campus, they will be greeted by our student volunteers who will help your student move in. As soon as they walk into the residence hall, a Resident Assistant (RA) will be ready to hand your student the keys to their

Important Dates to Remember: Looking Ahead

Academic Calendars are available online.

June 4	Full-Term and First-Half Classes Begin
June 30	Mid-Point
July 2	Last-Half Classes Begin
July 4	Independence Day, Campus Closed
July 28	Semester Ends
August 1	Final Grading Deadline

Some Important Numbers

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Career Development Center careerservices@uis.edu	217/206-6508
Counseling Center counseling@uis.edu	217/206-7122
Disability Services ods@uis.edu	217/206-6666
Financial Assistance finaid@uis.edu	217/206-6724
Health Services uishealthservice@uis.edu	217/206-6676
Records registrar@uis.edu	217/206-6709
Residence Life reslife@uis.edu	217/206-6190
New Student Orientation & Parent Relations UISOrientation@uis.edu	217/206-8181
USFSCO (Student Billing) usfscohelp@uillinois.edu	217/206-6727