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International Student Services Newsletter

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From the Director's Desk

August has arrived, and it is (back to) school month at UIS. This means making sure that you have enrolled for a [full course load](#) for the semester that begins on August 25 or have received authorization for a [Reduced Course Load](#) (if this is your final semester at UIS and you need less than a full course load to complete your program this semester.) Check [our website](#) for more information about these.

August also means that we will be welcoming another big group of new international students. They will be participating in their orientation on August 23 and will be arriving during the 30 days prior to that date. Many will be living on campus and will be checking in with Residence Life just before orientation. Others have chosen to make their own off-campus housing arrangements and may be contacting continuing students for assistance in getting in touch with property managers where those continuing students now live. Of course, valuable information can also be found at [Apartments.com](#) and other online sites.

This year's new international student orientation will be held in Sangamon Auditorium in the UIS Performing Arts Center. This is the only venue on campus capable of holding such a large group of new students. We are looking forward to trying out this new option and are hopeful that everyone will be on time to hear words of

welcome from our Chancellor and our new Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs.

If you do come early, you will want to pay a visit to the [Illinois State Fair](#). This year's fair runs from August 10 through August 20. There is a lot to see and a different show every night. Check it out. Or, just get out and about in Springfield. There is [a lot going on](#).

As far as that goes, the days prior to your arrival (or return) are also a great time to catch up on everything that has been going on at UIS. See [the UIS News page](#) for anything that you may have missed.

I should draw your attention to one more change coming soon to UIS: Offices are moving. Ours (ISS) will be coming a little later in the fall, but Health Services, The Career Development Center, part of Human Resources, Disability Services, and others are all in the process of moving this summer. Be sure to check out their websites before visiting those offices, as they may not be where you visited them last.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer. We look forward to seeing you (back) on campus soon.

Rick

UIS Fall 2023 Welcome

From the [Office of Student Life](#)

August 25

Service-a-thon Sign up for opportunities on
UISConnection | Volunteer and Civic Engagement Center

Pollinator Pallooza

10 a.m. Student Union North Patio | Biology Department

Crafts, Paths, and

Lunch F23 Noon–2 p.m. Student Union

Student Leadership Center | Career Development Center

Water Splash

4–7 p.m. TRAC South Field | RSO: University Bible Fellowship

M. Soccer vs Illinois College

6 p.m. Kiwanis | Athletics

August 26

Service-a-thon Sign up for opportunities on
UISConnection | Volunteer and Civic Engagement Center

First Come First Serve

2 p.m. Rec Park | RSO: Exercise Science Organization

August 27

Jello Olympics

7:30 p.m. Rec Park | RSO: Christian Student Fellowship

August 28

Treasure Hunt 1 p.m. Student Union North
Entrance | RSO: Writers Guild

Welcome Picnic

4–6 p.m. Student Union North Patio | Student Life

15,000 Water Balloons

8:30 p.m. Rec Park | RSO: Campus Movement

August 29

Comedy Magician:

Trent James

8:30 p.m. Student Union Full Ballroom | Student Life

August 30

Money Matters Pop Up

2–3:30 p.m. UHB First Floor Lounge |
Financial Aid and University Bursar

Involvement Expo 4–6 p.m.

Quad | Student Life

Come Hangout with SGA!!!

6:30 p.m. Student Union Student Leadership Center | Student
Government Association

August 31

Foot in the Door Fair 3–5 p.m.

Student Union Full Ballroom | Career Development Center, Volunteer
and Civic Engagement Center, Office of Engaged Learning

Nacho Night 6:30 p.m.

Student Union North Patio | RSO: Christian Student Fellowship

SAC Presents Wild n' Out 7 p.m.

Student Union Full Ballroom | Student Activities Committee

Solve a Murder with Mock

Trial 7:30 p.m. LHR Great Room | RSO: Mock Trial Team

Online Student Q&A Session

8:30 p.m. Online | Student Life

September 1

DEI Fair 3–5 p.m.

Student Life Building | Diversity Center, Women's Center & GSSS

Backyard Bonanza 3–6 p.m.

Student Union North Patio | RSO: Phi Kappa Tau

Welcome Party 5–7 p.m.

Rec Park | International Student Services

Just Dance 5–7 p.m. TBD – Check UISConnection
for updates | RSO: Asian Pop Culture Club

Trivia Night 7 p.m. Student Union North Ballroom
| RSO: Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity

UISConnection

For more events throughout the year:
uisconnection.uis.edu

International Student Spotlight

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My pronouns are she/her. I am from Ekiti state in Nigeria and can speak English and some Yoruba (my native language). Nigeria is a country abundant in opportunities. One thing I like about my country is that there is room for your ideas to flourish. If you have the right connections with an innovative idea, you can succeed. My favorite food in my home country is Pounded yam and Egusi soup. In the US, I have developed a love for spaghetti Alfredo. I enjoy reading novels, watching Japanese animations, going to new and fun places with friends and family, listening to music, etc. I also find interesting the unusual ways math is applied. The hashtag that best describe me is #Jesus. I am double majoring in Mathematics and Computer Science and hope to be an actuarial scientist in the future. I chose UIS because I was accepted into the CAP honors program and also UIS gave me an scholarship. I am currently a member and leader of the Christian Student Fellowship (CSF) on campus and will begin working as a member of Residence Life next month. One tip I would give to new students is to ask questions. Most people are eager to help you in any way they can, so ask questions! After UIS, I plan to get certified as an associate Actuarial Scientist. This would mean taking some professional exams. I also hope to get a master's degree a few years after graduation.



Springfield, IL: Best things to do

Eat and Drink: Relax and unwind in Springfield, over a cup of java at one of the local coffee houses or indulge in a glass of wine or craft beer at the wineries or breweries. Springfield's restaurant scene is a dream come true for foodies with flavors for all taste buds. Try their Horseshoes, Chili, Sandwiches, and Corn Dogs!



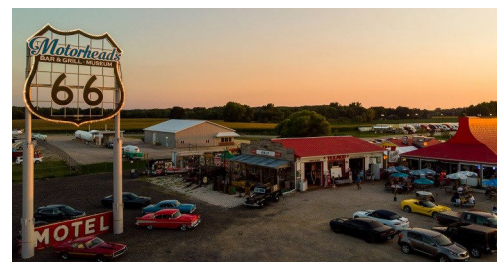
Go Shopping: Springfield has all your shopping needs. From the White Oaks Malls, to the Gables Shopping Plaza, and all of the locally owned small businesses in-between!

Catch a Performance: Springfield has no shortage of amazing theaters, which feature year-round, local, and national talent. Events include concerts, recitals, musicals, theater plays, and much more!



Visit the Lincoln Sites: Explore the largest collection of Abraham Lincoln historic attractions, letting you step back in time to walk in the footsteps of our legendary 16th President.

Get your kicks: The mother road is alive in Springfield, with iconic Route 66 attractions, that have been popular for generations, and new attractions opened by visionaries with a passion for the road.



Illinois State Fair



The Illinois State Fair is an annual festival, centering on the theme of agriculture, hosted by the state of Illinois in Springfield. The state fair has been celebrated almost every year since 1853. Currently, the fair is held annually at the Illinois State Fairgrounds over an 11-day period in mid-August of each year.

This family fun event is great for people of all ages and has plenty of activities that everyone can enjoy. It is one of the most attended events of the year in Springfield. You will find performances by world renowned concert artists, food, carnival rides, livestock shows, agricultural exhibits, contests, educational displays, free entertainment, harness racing, auto racing and much more.

This year, the Illinois State fair runs from August 10-20th and will be open from 7am to Midnight for the duration of the Fair. For more information visit the Illinois State Fair website [here](#). Don't miss it!!

Grandstand concerts this year will be the following:

Friday August 11	Old Dominion with Alexandra Kay
Saturday August 12	An Evening with The Doobie Brothers
Sunday August 13	Alanis Morissette with Tenille Townes
Tuesday August 15	REO Speedwagon with Edwin McCain
Wednesday August 16	Alter Bridge with Mammoth WVH
Thursday August 17	Tim McGraw with Landon Parker
Saturday August 19	Maren Morris with TBA
Sunday August 20	Nelly with Ashanti + Ja Rule

World Celebrations

August 01—International Childfree Day: This day is to show support and honor those who willingly choose to live a child-free life. Also, this day reminds us having children should be a choice, not an expectation. This day send a card to your childfree friend(s) and let them know how much you admire them!



August 01—World Lung Cancer Day: The day brings awareness about lung cancer causes and prevention since this type of cancer is the leading cause of death among cancer patients. Prevention is necessary in order to detect and treat lung cancer before it spreads.



August 08—International Cat Day: Cats provide companionship and comfort to many. Studies show having a cat can help to lower stress, anxiety, depression, fight mental illness, and also help reduce the risk of heart disease in high-risk people.



August 09—International Day of the World's Indigenous People: This day serves to bring awareness to world issues concerning indigenous people, and also recognizes the achievements and contributions of indigenous people in our society.



August 12—International Youth Day: On this day, we celebrate youth across the globe to honor the promising future in today's society. Also, this day brings worldwide awareness to issues that youth face in their lives on a daily basis.



August 13—International Left Handers Day: This day recognizes all those individuals who have mastered using their left hand in a right-handed world. Scientists don't know why a person develops left-handedness, but it's more likely a child will be left-handed if one parent is a lefty, too.



Source: National Day Calendar

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WALK-IN HOURS

If you need to speak directly with an immigration specialist, you can come during walk-in hours, or email ISS@uis.edu to make an appointment.

Monday-Thursday 2:00-4:00pm

Upcoming Events

- ◇ New International Student Orientation: August 23, 8am-2pm @ Sangamon Auditorium.
- ◇ New International Student Welcome Party: September 1, 5-7pm @ REC Park.

New International Student Orientation Fall 2023

Date: August 23

Time: 9 AM

@ Sangamon Auditorium

