Getting Involved

With a campus of over 40,000 students it is easy to feel as though you could slip through the cracks unnoticed, but getting involved is the perfect way to stand out and make a difference on our diverse campus. Whether you are a homesick freshman, or a senior looking to leave a final mark on campus, getting involved can be very beneficial and help to create memories that you will take with you on all of your adventures beyond Indiana University.

Why Should I get Involved?

Getting involved is important because it gives you an opportunity to make friends and interact with fellow students and community members in a different setting than a classroom or weekend party. For new students it will help tremendously with adapting to a new environment where nothing is familiar. Getting involved gives you the opportunity to expand your social network and build a strong resume that will support you in your future endeavors.

Where Do I Start?

Getting involved on and off campus can be an overwhelming task if you are not familiar with all of the available resources through Indiana University. Here are a few suggestions:

- Student Involvement Fair
  (9/3/2013 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Dunn Meadow)
- Jobs Fair
- Join Greek Life
- Work on Campus
- myINvolvement https://myinvolvement.indiana.edu/sissastd-prd/p/profile.do?methodToCall=home&go=home&nav=events

For more information and suggestions visit: http://www.iub.edu/student/activities/index.shtml

What Program/Club is Right for Me?

Remember:

Getting involved is so important, BUT getting over-involved can be detrimental. Many freshmen find themselves signed up for too many clubs and groups and are not able to fully commit to them while staying on top of school work as well. If you are able to pick a couple groups and really commit to making a difference it will be much more beneficial than being a member in 10 groups and not participating.
With over 750 clubs to choose from on campus it can be hard to know which one will fit you best.

- It is best to start with your general interests and passions;
- Consider what energizes you and gets you motivated;
- Consider options that will be tied to your major or to a major you are considering
- Seek assistance from your advisor or the SPH Engage staff (phengage@indiana.edu – Room 394 SPH Building) they know a lot about many student organizations and other ways to get involved on the IUB campus.

The myINvolvement website ([https://myinvolvement.indiana.edu/sissastd-prd/p/profile.do?methodToCall=home&go=home&nav=events](https://myinvolvement.indiana.edu/sissastd-prd/p/profile.do?methodToCall=home&go=home&nav=events)) allows you to search based on key words and interests to help narrow your search. It is also important to remember how much time is going to be required to be involved. Leaving time for studying, work, sleep, and social life are key parts of being a successful student, and ultimately a successful employee so be sure to truly account for these tasks.

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