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THE BAYH EDUCATOR



Welcome to the official Bayh College of Education Newsletter! The goal of this newsletter is to foster a sense of community between faculty, staff, students, alumni, and our community. This newsletter is for you, so we want it to be relevant and interesting. We welcome and encourage any feedback and suggestions for the next edition.

How to Reach Us

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Welcome to a new semester! I am pleased and honored to be serving you in a new capacity. My first few weeks have assured me that, despite the chilly weather, our college remains a warm and welcoming community in which we actively care for our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community partners. Each spring offers renewed opportunities to celebrate the remarkable work happening across our college and to strengthen our shared commitments to student success, faculty excellence, career-connected learning, and meaningful engagement with the communities we serve.

Our students continue to distinguish themselves through hands-on experiences that prepare them for impactful careers in education. From early classroom immersion to participation in organizations like C.H.I.L.L. and the Student Council for Exceptional Children, our future educators demonstrate a deep commitment to service and leadership. Their involvement in school-based outreach, professional conferences, and community events reflects the strength of our preparation programs and the dedication of the faculty who mentor them.

Our community partnerships bring our students and faculty together with teachers, families, and local and regional organizations. Our partnership with the Chicago Korean Education Center, for example, unites local and global learning opportunities for our students and our partner schools. We are also eagerly anticipating our upcoming Education Extravaganza, which will connect our students to hundreds of career opportunities throughout our region.

Our faculty and staff exemplify the expertise and innovation that define the Bayh College of Education. Whether leading state and national professional learning, facilitating community engagement activities, or advancing teaching, research, and partnership opportunities through external funding, our faculty continually elevate the academic and professional experiences of our students. Their scholarship and service directly contribute to our mission of preparing educators who are ready to meet the evolving needs of schools and communities.

Thank you for the energy, compassion, and expertise you bring to our collective investment in student success. Together, we continue to build a college where learners thrive and educators make a lasting impact.

Warm regards,
Carrie Ball
Interim Dean, Bayh College of Education



Dr. Lynn Scott presented “Centering Family and Self-Advocate Voices: Postsecondary Transition for Students with ID” at the 27th Annual DADD Conference in Long Beach, California. The conference highlights evidence-based practices, offering sessions on improving education, behavior management, transition planning, and technology-based interventions for individuals with Autism, Intellectual, and Other Developmental Disabilities.

Dr. Scott will be presenting in Salt Lake City, UT (March 11-14, 2026) at the CEC Convention & Expo; the premier international gathering for special education professionals focused on improving outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities across the lifespan. Dr. Scott’s presentation “Student Well-Being Through Co-Regulation, Executive Function Coaching, and Trauma-Informed Practices” explores educators’ intentionality to foster student regulation, resilience, and emotional security through integrated executive function strategies, trauma-informed neuroscience, and co-regulation practices. Dr. Scott’s presentation at the CIDDL Technology Blitz; within the CEC Tech Playground, “Can They Do That? Making Applied Reasoning Visible, is a session foreground in technology-supported instructional design approaches revealing learner reasoning and strengthening performance-based assessment.

Indiana State University has signed an official Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Chicago Korean Education Center, a branch of the Korean Consulate General in Chicago and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea, establishing a new international partnership that enhances cultural engagement and global learning opportunities for students. Through the agreement, the university will receive funding to host cultural programming, including an annual Korean Culture Festival open to the Terre Haute community and audiences across Indiana (See some pictures of the 2026 Korean Culture Festival at University Hall on January 23rd, 2026), while also expanding academic pathways by creating new opportunities for students to study at colleges and universities in South Korea. Students will gain access to information about short-term study abroad programs and long-term degree options and may apply for scholarships or tuition reduction programs offered by the Government of the Republic of Korea.





Abigail Crane knew that teaching kindergarten was for her from the moment she stepped into a classroom of youngsters ready to learn and grow. From day one at Indiana State, the Elementary Education major found herself gaining experience in real classrooms, learning from knowledgeable teachers, and discovering her passion for enriching young minds. Now, Abigail is preparing for her own classroom, ready to join generations of Sycamore educators whose dedication and influence have uplifted Indiana students, families, and communities for generations.

Learn more about Abigail's Sycamore experience in the Bayh College of Education.

<https://indianastate.edu/articles/people-indiana-state/abigail-crane>

The Blumberg Center at Bayh College of Education is offering low-cost professional development this spring! Choose from in-person trainings at the White Oak Professional Development Center in Avon or join their monthly virtual series via Zoom (February-May).

Topics include Writing Skill Based Goals, Explicit Instruction, Functional Behavior Assessments, and Essentials for New Teachers. Registration is now open.



Register For Trainings



Register for Virtual Series

In need of customized support? Scan this QR code.



Student Council For Exceptional Children (SCEC) Upcoming Events

JAM Sessions-February & March

Gigi's Indy Gala Event-2/28/26

Down Syndrome Indiana: Stepping Stones to Success Workshop Volunteers-3/14/26

Grace Gala 4/17/ & 4/18/26

Down Syndrome Indiana: Buddy Walk-4/25/26

See student officer Joy Brooks or Dr. Scott, Faculty Sponsor for details.

November C.H.I.L.L

During the November C.H.I.L.L. monthly meeting, members engaged in a professional development session focused on effectively using campus resources to better prepare for student teaching. Both new and returning members explored various Indiana State University resources that can support and enhance their future teaching experiences. The meeting also marked the induction of two new Board of Directors members, Logan Nicoson and R.J. Martinez. In addition to professional development, C.H.I.L.L. completed multiple service projects, including assembling hygiene kits for the Decatur Gold Elementary in Indianapolis. Members added handwritten notes of encouragement to each kit to support students. The organization also created appreciation bags for school resource officers at Quabache Elementary, Ben Franklin Elementary, Terre Haute North Vigo High School, Terre Haute South Vigo High School, and West Vigo High School to recognize their continued dedication and service. Members further showed their gratitude by creating thank-you packages for featured secretaries in the College of Education who go above and beyond in supporting the organization.

In November, C.H.I.L.L., in partnership with the College of Education, hosted a Teacher Appreciation event at an Indiana State men's basketball game. Teachers and their families were invited to attend a pre-game gathering before enjoying the game.

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December C.H.I.L.L

During December's Finals Week, C.H.I.L.L. hosted a Service Meeting that combined community outreach with stress relief for members. Participants delivered goodie bags for local Resource Officers, including snacks and thoughtful notes to show appreciation for their continued service and support.

The meeting also featured a guest representative from the Union Board, who shared information about Spring Week and ways C.H.I.L.L. members could help promote upcoming events to the campus community. To help students unwind during finals, the meeting included stress-relieving activities such as Christmas Charades, decorating



December C.H.I.L.L



January C.H.I.L.L Updates

At our January C.H.I.L.L. meeting, members reconnected with familiar faces and welcomed new participants through a fun icebreaker inspired by a popular TikTok word game. Following the activity, attendees took part in a professional development presentation focused on strategies for motivating students after a long break. The session highlighted the importance of establishing consistent routines, fostering a positive classroom environment, and helping students find meaningful reasons to engage in school.

For this month's community service project, members wrote encouraging notes to high school students in the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) in Newburgh, Indiana, after a teacher reached out requesting support for these students. The meeting concluded with members enjoying pizza and snacks while connecting with one another.

During winter break, students cleaned out their closets to collect gently used clothing for students in need at Terre Haute North Vigo High School. The donated items were delivered on January 20, helping support local students in the community.

January C.H.I.L.L Updates



On January 16, 2026, C.H.I.L.L. greeted attendees at the College of Education table during College Night sponsored by the Terre Haute North and South Basketball game. We had fun seeing our public school teachers and students on campus at this event.

College educators who are passionate about hands-on, minds-on learning are invited to apply for the Pitsco Educator Grant. This \$350 grant, awarded as a Pitsco voucher, is open to preK – college educators. The grant is designed to support innovative, experiential instruction, whether you're enhancing STEM coursework, building project-based learning experiences, or expanding access to high-quality instructional materials for your students. Applications are accepted monthly, with one educator selected each month. If you're looking for a simple way to fund engaging learning experiences this is an opportunity worth pursuing.

**Apply by the last day of each month to be considered.
Scan the QR code to learn more & apply.**

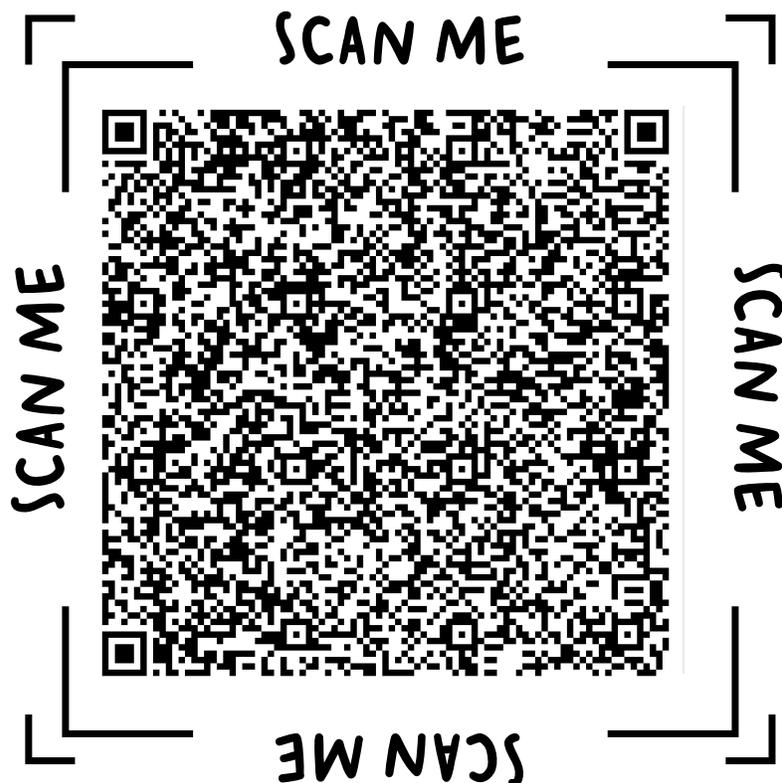
(Please note: unlike most grants, applying for the Pitsco Educator Grant does not have to go through the Office of Sponsored Programs.)

For any questions contact Oakley Byrne at:
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Stuck or sparked? Grant support available!

Oakley Byrne, grant writer for the BCOE, is available to meet one-on-one to brainstorm, talk through questions, and map out next steps at whatever stage you're at: shaping an early idea, stuck on a grant proposal, or figuring out what comes next. These conversations are meant to be informal, practical, and supportive. Book a time to think out loud and move your work forward.





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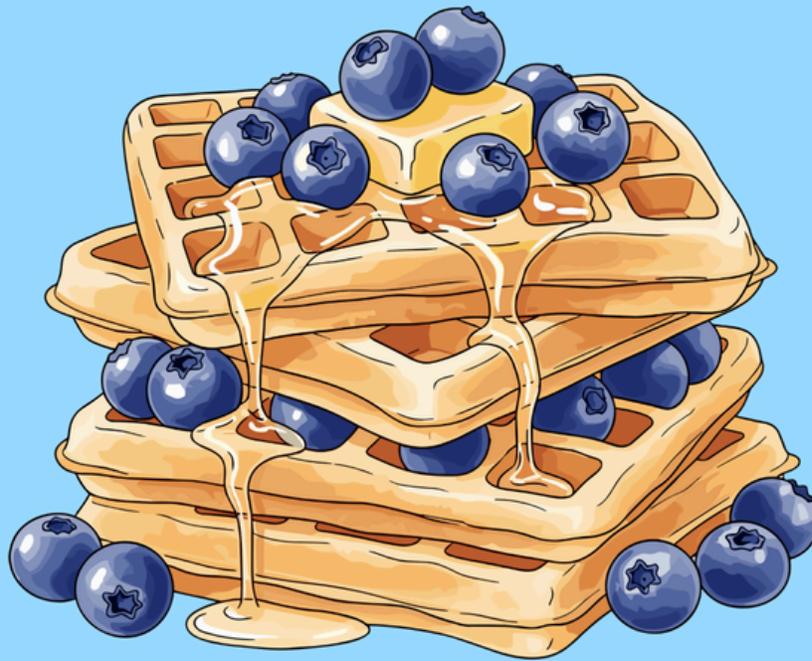
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WAFFLE BREAKFAST BAR

APRIL 15TH

8-10AM

LOCATION: 110G

MINIMUM \$5 DONATION.
ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS GIVE TO BLUE DAY!

March 1st | The Branch Scholarship Application Deadline

March 18th | 10AM-1PM | Education Extravaganza Career Fair

March 20th | 9-11AM | BCOE Preview Day

Register here: ~~<https://apply.indstate.edu/portal/recruitmentevents?cmd=event>~~

April 15th | Give To Blue Day

BCOE Waffle Breakfast | 8-10AM

April 29th | 4-5:30PM | Senior Send Off

Circle Drive (South Entrance of University Hall)

May 9th | 3PM | Commencement

More information: <https://indianastate.edu/about/leadership/provost/commencement>