

## Issue Highlights:

Civil Rights and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Awareness:


- ◆ DEI Funding
- ◆ Foreign Language Diversity and Inclusion Series (FOLDIS)
- ◆ Haven Project and Green Dot
- ◆ India Student Association
- ◆ IUP Libraries
- ◆ Latino Student Organization (LaSO)
- ◆ Office of International Education
- ◆ PASSHE DEI Summit: Student Presenters
- ◆ President's Commission on the Status of Women at IUP (Women's Commission)
- ◆ Pride Alliance
- ◆ Volleyball
- ◆ Weekly Digest—IUP Values Me!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**End-of-Semester Performance, Music, and Museum Exhibits:**



Check out the online *Lively Arts Calendar of Events!*

 **Vitalant Blood Drive:**  
Wednesday,  
December 4th, 12:00-5:00 p.m. in the Folger Student Center. Give the gift of life this holiday season.

**Congrats, Graduates!**



"The horizon leans forward, offering you space to place new steps of change."

~ Maya Angelou

## Students Present at PASSHE DEI Summit

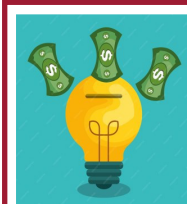
Students Erika Jackson and Monserrat Lopez Villagomez presented at the **2024 PASSHE DEI Summit** in October. Their talk was titled, "Uniting Through Culture: How Student-Led Programming Led to 200+ Attendees" and focused on the highly successful **Global Met Gala (Unity Ball)** held last spring.

The gala was hosted by the **DEI Alliance**, a unified cohort of student organizations, each with a mission to support minority students by developing community, collaboration, and the creation of cultural visibility programs.



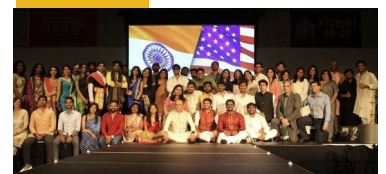
The formal-attire evening featured a red carpet, a dinner comprised of ethnic and local food, and dancing and student performances.

Jackson completed her undergraduate degree in psychology from IUP in May and is currently a student in the psychology graduate program. Lopez Villagomez is a senior political science major in the Cook Honors College and serves as the president of the Latino Student Organization (LaSO).



Does your department or group have a great idea for DEI programming but need

help with funding? Through a generous donation by two alumni, support is available for DEI efforts on our campus. Examples of fundable initiatives include speaker fees, Aramark event catering, printing services, group apparel and miscellaneous items for recognized student organizations, student attendance fees at approved events, and more! Contact social-equity@iup.edu for further information and to submit a funding proposal.



Hosted by the **India Student Association**, **India Day 2024** was held on November 2nd. A perfect blend of culture, celebration, and community, the day was filled with food, music, and dancing!

## IUP Libraries: Banned Books and Beyond

In addition to the many services and resources provided, the **IUP Libraries** have also become known for noteworthy programming. This semester saw the **STEAMSHOP Satellite at Stapleton**, an **artist-in-residency** event, a Six O'Clock Series program featuring the **Special Collections and University Archives**, and the annual

**Scholastic Book Fair**, to name a few. **Banned Books Week** was held in September with the theme of "Freed Between the Lines." Elise was pleased to participate in the annual **Read Out** and book giveaways.



The **President's Commission on the Status of Women at IUP (Women's Commission)** offered multiple programs this semester, including an **Empowering Women Series**, lunch and learns, and their fall gathering.



## Social Equity & Title IX News

The Social Equity and Title IX Office assists in fostering a campus environment that values individual differences and promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion. Reaching this goal is best accomplished if all are involved—and each member of the campus community can contribute to the mission.

The office oversees the reporting of issues or problems, programming to support the message that moves us forward, and education and training to equip us all with the tools to contribute to positive change.

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The office was proud to sponsor the **IUP Volleyball team** during their annual **Diversity and Inclusion night** on October 15th. We thank the players and coaches Lorelle and Pete Hoyer!



Our student workers, Ciara Diaz and Jenelis Roman, had a great time assisting with **Norm's Sweet 16 Birthday Party** on October 25th.



The **Social Equity & Title IX Digest** is emailed every Monday morning and will return in February! Email social-equity@iup.edu with details of your event.

## Notable Programming and Events

Our office collaborates on campus-wide programs, celebrations, dialogues, and trainings. We thank the many student groups, offices, and departments for their efforts on all of the programming done this semester!

Multiple events were held in celebration of **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH** (September 15–October 15), which were hosted by the **Latino Student Organization (LaSO)**.



The student groups under the **Pride Alliance** include the **Cro-Gay Club**, **Trans & Ally Group**, and **Colors in Unity**. All of these students were very involved in programming surrounding **LGBTQIA+ HISTORY MONTH** (October).



Valuable programming was again offered this semester through the **Foreign Language Diversity and Inclusion Series (FOLDIS)**. Each workshop, lecture, and activity focused on enhancing cultural awareness and creating a more inclusive future for participants, both on and off campus.



**FOLDIS**  
 Foreign Languages  
 Diversity and Inclusion Series

**WELL DONE**  
 Recognizing Students and Staff: IUP Values Me!  
 This popular section of the weekly **Social Equity & Title IX Digest** highlights stu-

dents and staff who exemplify leadership, involvement, and great work assisting our campus community with DEI and civil rights awareness.

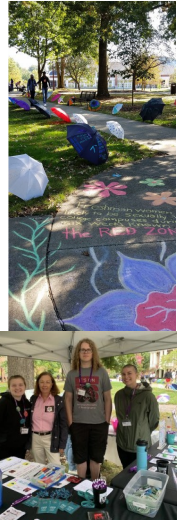
Those highlighted this semester include: **Roger Briscoe**, **Symia Taimuty-Loomis**, **Mimi Benjamin**, **Marisol Gonzalez-Flores**, **Michele Petrucci**, **Ivy Slope**, **Dave Berberich**, **Shagufta Haque**, **Bryant Pinder**, **Jasmine Bishnoi**, **Eisha Holliday**, **Isaiah Perdue**, **Vicky Ortiz**, **Kelli Sheehan**, **Dawn Smith-Sherwood**, and **Eric Crawford**.



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The IUP **Haven Project** and **Green Dot** hold events and volunteer trainings regarding bystander intervention, consent, healthy relationships, domestic/dating violence awareness, and the **It's On Us** campaign.

**RAINN Day** was held on September 25th.



Always a wonderful event, the **Office of International Education** hosted their annual **Unity Day** celebration on October 25th. The OIE enriches the campus community in many ways, including **International Education Week** activities, and regular programming such as Conversation Partners and Culture Café.

