



# The Parent Connection

Student Affairs Parent Newsletter

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Greetings! I can't be sure what the weather has been like at your home, but at mine it is has been unusual, even for Indiana! Cold, warm, rain, thunderstorms, wind, sunshine, a dusting of snow - all in 24 hours. Winter term, regardless of the weather, moves forward and soon spring semester will arrive on February 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be an active semester.

I want to point to one event that you, as a parent of a Franklin College student, and other members of your family should attend! Come to Family Weekend. I know some may be thinking, "Isn't that really just for parents of freshmen?" It is for students, parents and family of students of all class levels, all ages, and all majors. Details are contained on page six of this newsletter. Mark the weekend on your calendar and make it a point to sign up and attend.

I also want to encourage you to think about how you might assist Franklin College students with securing internships while in college and securing employment upon graduation. As we all know, these are challenging times for people seeking employment, including recent college graduates. Let Kirk Bixler, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Career Services, know about positions that come open at your place on employment. He can get the word out to students who are about to graduate. When possible, promote the idea of internships at your business when short-term projects or unique challenges are at hand. College students can be very creative and able to focus on specific task in ways that can be very beneficial to a business. In return, students gain valuable experience and hone skills that make them more marketable upon graduation. Kirk Bixler will be happy to discuss ideas and assist you or a representative from your business on connecting students to internship and employment opportunities.

Best wishes in the New Year! Keep in touch.

*Ellis Hall, Dean of Students*



## Franklin College Welcomes New Students

As classes begin on Wednesday, February 1st, we welcome many new students to campus who have chosen to become part of the FC family for spring. Please welcome:

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## *Residence Life:* *"Building Strong Communities, One Resident at a Time"*

### **RA Selection (2012-2013)**

The Department of Residence Life is moving into the second phase of our Resident Assistant selection process. Current students involved in the RA selection process complete several activities as a part of the process. Students will be required to complete "A Night in the Life" (ANIL), when they get the opportunity to have a one-on-one experience with a member of the RA Staff. Candidates also participate in a series of group process activities and individual interviews. All RA candidates will be notified if they were selected to be a member of the 2012-2013 RA staff in mid March. Good luck to all of our RA candidates!

### **Room Lottery and Selection Process**

The room lottery and selection process is set to begin in a few months. All residential students will receive a packet outlining the room selection process. This information will be placed in student unit boxes prior to spring break closing. Packets will also be available in Student Affairs for any other students who may be interested in living on campus that are currently commuting, living in a fraternity or living off-campus. All students and parents should make sure they are familiar with Franklin College's residency requirements. Residency requirements can be found online at <http://www.franklincollege.edu/student-life/residence-life>. Any students or parents who have questions about the room lottery and selection process or Franklin College residency policies should contact LaTika Webster, Director of Residence Life, in Student Affairs at (317) 738-8080.

### **Residency Requirement Updates**

The residency requirement regarding students who commute to campus has been clarified. Beginning in December, For students commuting to campus, their parents must reside in Marion County, Johnson County or within a 30 minute driving distance. Students who wish to request an exemption from this policy must submit an exemption form to the Dean of Students for review.

### **Spring Break Closing**

All residence halls will close on March 30, at 5 p.m. for spring break. Any student that needs to remain on campus during spring break needs to submit a request to stay on campus by March 16. Students must have prior approval to remain on campus during any break period and will be charged a \$10 per day fee. The residence halls will re-open at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 8.

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## *Updates from Greek Life*

ΔΔΔ ΠΒΦ ΖΤΑ ΚΔΡ ΛΧΑ ΦΔΘ ΤΚΕ ΣΑΕ

Greek Life starts off the spring semester with new officers for the Interfraternity (IFC) and Panhellenic Councils. For IFC, the new officers are: Aaron Blair (ΛΧΑ), president; Joey Green (ΛΧΑ), VP social; Chris Wilham (ΚΔΡ), VP recruitment; Will Reno (ΤΚΕ), VP fraternal relations; and Coen Weiler (ΦΔΘ), secretary/treasurer. For Panhellenic, the new officers are: Stephanie Beasley (ΠΒΦ), president; Kayla Dragstrem (ΠΒΦ), vice president; Corrine Beyer (ΖΤΑ), secretary/treasurer; and Jill Baum (ΔΔΔ), VP social.

The fall semester was filled with philanthropic events as the Greek organizations gave their time, talents and money to both the local community and their national philanthropic organizations. In October, the women of Zeta Tau Alpha held their annual *Big Man on Campus* competition at which they raised nearly \$950 for the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation which provides monies to breast cancer research organizations. Pi Beta Phi hosted a corn-hole tournament for students and Delta Delta Delta and Tau Kappa Epsilon teamed up to raise funds for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital by hosting a Lounging for Life event on Dame Mall. Kappa Delta Rho held their annual pancake breakfast on the Saturday of Homecoming, raising money for the Boys and Girls Club of Franklin. The Phi Delta Theta chapter hosted a date auction, raising \$600 to benefit A.L.S. research. In November, the men of Lambda Chi Alpha participated in the North American Food Drive collecting canned food and cash donations to benefit the Wheeler Mission of Indianapolis.



## *News from the Health Center*



### **Student Health 101**

Has your student told you about the on-line student health and wellness magazine, *Student Health 101*? It is being distributed to them monthly September through May via their FC e-mail account. Feel free to check out the parent version by visiting <http://readsh101.com/franklincollege-pp.html> .

Encourage your student to take advantage of this publication sponsored by several departments within the Student Services Division! It has a wealth of information that is timely and well researched by experts in the health field.

### **As Flu Season Approaches**

To help your student stay well this winter and be informed in case of illness, remind them of the following tips:

1. **Avoid close contact.** Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too. Keep your living quarters clean and disinfect surfaces that are touched with your hands when possible. Don't forget door knobs, sink and toilet handles, phones, keyboards, etc.
2. **Stay home when you are sick.** If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick until you are 24 hours past the time you last ran a temperature of 100 degrees or more. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
3. **Cover your mouth and nose.** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. Dispose of tissues properly so that they are not lying around your living area. If you don't have a tissue, try coughing or sneezing into your shoulder or elbow instead of your hands. Our **hands** spread most of the illnesses we encounter.
4. **Wash your hands.** Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. Use **warm** water and **soap, and** either count to 15 or silently say your ABC's while you are washing. Most people don't wash long enough to really clean their hands. Using an alcohol based hand sanitizer also helps.
5. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
6. **Practice other good health habits.** Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.
7. **Visit the Student Health Center** if you do become ill and need assistance from medical personnel.

### **Will you have a student attending FC next school year?**

Franklin College wants to make their experience meaningful and successful. Their health and wellness is a key component of that experience. To ensure that students get the care they need to stay in class and avoid potential financial hardships because of medical costs, Franklin College requires all full-time students to have adequate health insurance coverage.

Beginning on or about April 1, all full-time students will *once again* be required to either **decline or enroll in** a low-cost health coverage plan offered through Franklin College. **Those who neither decline nor enroll in the insurance plan by the deadline date will be billed for the insurance and enrolled in the plan!**



## ***Security Gives Winter Driving Tips***

Greetings from the Franklin College Security Department! With winter upon us, it's a good time to remind everyone about vehicle services offered by the security department. We provide free lock out services and jump starts 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. These services can be utilized by calling the security officer on duty at (317)738-8888.

With winter in full swing it is a good idea to refresh ourselves on some winter driving tips. Please pass these suggestions along to your students:

### **Check your vehicle each time you drive**

- Clean your vehicle of ice and snow before you drive. This includes front, rear and side windows, roof, hood, and trunk. Debris left on a vehicle can impede your vision or strike another car when your vehicle is put into operation.
- Let your windows fully defrost before you drive. If you warm up your car before you drive, make sure it is in a well-ventilated area to avoid carbon monoxide build-up.
- Keep towels in the car to wipe off headlights or light covers when they become dirty and covered in snow.

### **Maintenance checks**

- Make sure your coolant is properly mixed according to the manufacturer's specifications.
- Use lighter-weight engine oil, such as 10W40, to ensure easier starts.
- Make sure washer fluid has an antifreeze agent in it, and keep extra fluid stored in your trunk.
- Have your battery tested and replaced if it is not at peak performance. Cold weather wreaks havoc on batteries.

### **Driving tips**

- Remain vigilant even if your car has ABS brakes and traction control. This does not change the fact that it takes a much longer distance to stop on snow or ice.
- Pumping the brakes on vehicles equipped with ABS will reduce the effectiveness of the brakes. Refer to your owner's manual for specific instructions on your vehicle's braking system.
- Steering into the direction of a skid while modulating the brake pressure can help you recover more quickly.
- Leaving a greater following distance allows you to anticipate stops better. Be aware of your surroundings. Children love to play in snow, and they too require a greater stopping distance with sleds and winter toys.
- Remove snow and ice that become packed in the wheels. This can cause the wheels to become out of balance and make the steering wheel shake.
- Wear safety belts at all times. The proper use of safety restraints may reduce injury should an accident occur.
- Don't drive in inclement weather unless necessary. Don't place yourself at risk when it is easily avoidable.

If there are ever any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact Director of Security Steve Leonard at 317-738-8888.

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## ***Counseling Center Offers Spring Semester Suggestions***

The spring semester can be a difficult term for college students. If they have not done as well as they expected during the previous semester, they can feel a lot of pressure to get their grades up to a higher level. This academic stress can be overwhelming especially for first year students.

In addition to the academic stress, some students experience physical and mental fatigue. When the weather begins to get warmer, students want to spend more time outside and that can affect their study time. For some students, getting outside in the sun can help with the stress of the winter blues. Moderation is the key in balancing academics with a social life.

As a parent, you can be helpful by gently encouraging your son or daughter to stay focused on their academics and to understand that college students need to have fun to have a well-rounded experience. Keep in mind that while your daughter or son is a legal adult, they may still need a nurturing parent to encourage them to keep their academic, social, and emotional life in a moderate balance.

## The Career Corner:

### 2010-2011 Graduate Survey Results



The results of the 2010-2011 graduate survey are in. They show that this year, Franklin graduates were in-line with the state economy in terms of finding employment or transitioning to graduate/professional school.

This year, fewer students were employed full-time and more are attending graduate school than in the past few years. More graduates took part time employment than in the past. In fact, many graduates are stringing together several part-time jobs to maximize income. The percentage of graduates still seeking employment after eight months is lower than last year and is in line with percentages of the past. With the unemployment rate in the state hovering around eight percent, Franklin graduates are doing well.

As is the norm, a large percentage of graduates stay in the state after graduation. However, a majority of those attending graduate or professional school went out of state. This is very different than in past years.

Although the economy seems to be turning around and more employers state they will be recruiting more during 2011/2012, soon-to-be-graduates need to be proactive with their job search. As parents, here are some things you can encourage your students to do:

- ◆ Start the job search **NOW**. It typically takes six-eight months to complete a job search.
- ◆ Take advantage of networking and other events geared to help seniors be successful in the job search:
  - Attend Collegiate Career Expo on February 22, 2012
  - Attend Senior Dis-Orientation and network with alumni on February 25, 2012
  - Attend Alumni Networking Events sponsored by the college
  - Visit career services for résumé, cover letter and interviewing assistance
  - Participate in a mock interview in late March
- ◆ Look for jobs out of state or out of central Indiana. It is very important to go where the jobs are. Graduates can always return to live close to home after they get a couple of years of experience.

### Encourage use of Social Networking Tools

One of the most important thing a student can do is to set up a LinkedIn account at [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com). Students should develop their LinkedIn profile and join networking groups such as the Franklin College Alumni Network. Also, encourage students to visit the new Alumni Networking page at [alumni.franklincollege.edu](http://alumni.franklincollege.edu). This web page, sponsored by Alumni Services, offers powerful tools for current students to connect with Franklin College alumni.

### Hire an FC graduate!!!

If you are in a position to hire a Franklin College graduate or student intern, please e-mail a job posting to [kbixler@franklincollege.edu](mailto:kbixler@franklincollege.edu). Students will be made aware of those openings and arrangements can be made for companies and organizations to interview candidates on campus.

Status	Number (227228 – 99.6% Responded)	Percent
Employed Full-time	134	59.0%
Graduate/Professional School	37	16.3%
Part Time Employment	34	15.0%
Other	9	4.0%
Still Seeking	13	5.7%

#### Where the 189 graduates who responded to the survey are living:

191	84%	Indiana
31	14%	Out of Indiana
5	2%	Overseas

#### Where the 26 students in graduate / professional school attend:

14 (38%)	studying at an Indiana institution
21 (57%)	studying at out-of-state institutions
2 ( 5%)	studying overseas

# Family Weekend 2012

## March 16-17

The whole family is invited to participate in this special weekend on campus. An informational brochure was mailed home in January and included a detailed schedule of all the events. You may also visit our webpage to see schedule details, hotel recommendations and parking instructions. Hurry, registration is due by Friday, March 2, 2012.

For more information on Family Weekend or to register online visit us at [www.franklincollege.edu/familyweekend](http://www.franklincollege.edu/familyweekend).

### Family Weekend Schedule At-a-Glance

#### Friday, March 16

7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Jazzman's Café Open  
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Bookstore Open  
5 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Check In  
6:30 p.m. - Welcome & Magician John Cassidy  
7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. - Family Weekend Festival  
8 p.m. - *The Visit* Theatre Production

#### Saturday, March 17

9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Jazzman's Café Open  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Bookstore Open  
10 a.m. - Noon - Check In  
10 a.m. - Family Worship Service

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Family Weekend Brunch  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Grizzly Park Play  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Paint Your Own Pottery  
2:30 p.m. - *Hoosiers* @ the Artcraft Theatre  
4 p.m. - Movin' and Groovin' Celebration  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Flavor of Franklin  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m. - Photo Booth  
8 p.m. - 11 p.m. - Casino Night  
8 p.m. - *The Visit* Theatre Production

### Pre-Order your Family Weekend T-Shirts



This is a great, economical way to expand your family's Franklin College wardrobe! Adult sizes S-XL \$5, XXL \$6 (sorry, no child sizes are available).

Register before March 2 to guarantee we have the sizes you want!

T-shirts will also be available in limited quantity throughout the weekend.



## *Religious Life Promotes a Variety of Programmatic and Service Events During Spring Semester*

In January, David Weatherspoon, the campus minister, took three students to an interfaith conference in Atlanta. The students learned ways to effectively lead interfaith service initiatives on the Franklin College campus. These students will continue to educate the campus community on faith issues and help prevent religious ignorance from leading to conflict.

Convocations for the spring semester include a diverse and very interesting lineup. On Monday, January 16, Rev. Charles Rice shared about his experience meeting Martin Luther King Jr. as a child and the impact that moment had on him and his commitment to issues social justice and education. Thursday, February 16, the play, "The Fannie Lou Hamer Story," will be presented at 7 p.m. in the Branigin room. During the week of March 18-23, Kevin Quigley, president of the National Peace Corps Association will be on campus. His main address will be on Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Over the course of the week, Mr. Quigley will meet with a myriad of classes and organizations as he discusses the work of the Peace Corps. Finally, on April 19, Linda Carli will be speaking at 7 p.m. in the Branigin room on the challenge of the glass ceiling that many women who aspire to leadership have to endure and how this is overcome. Please feel free to attend any of these lectures.

Religious Emphasis Week will be held March 5-8. The theme for the week will be, "The Faith Perspective." A series of events centered around the theme will be occurring throughout the week.

March 31-April 7 will be the annual Spring Break Mission trip. Students will travel to Joplin, Missouri, to participate in a mission experience. Students will assist in the rebuilding process that is ongoing in the wake of the devastating tornado that ripped through Joplin last May. These are several of the highlights of the upcoming semester in campus ministry.

### *New Student Programs Seeks Mentors for 2012-13*

The New Student Programs office is beginning the search for the next group of new student mentors. This program offers students a leadership opportunity on campus. The role of a mentor is to provide new students with a personal connection to Franklin College by modeling academic excellence and civic responsibility, facilitating group dynamics in the freshman seminar classroom and making a personal connection with each student in the classroom. If you believe your student could assist New Student Programs in creating the means for a successful transition of new students to Franklin College, then please encourage your student to apply to become a New Student Mentor!!

*A liberally educated person meets new ideas with curiosity and fascination.  
An illiberally educated person meets new ideas with fear.*

*James B. Stockdale*

### **Upcoming Campus Spring Events**



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|--------------|---|
| Jan. 27      | Last Day of Winter Term Classes                 |
| Jan. 28 - 31 | Winter Break                                    |
| Feb. 1       | Spring Semester Classes Begin                   |
| Feb. 5       | Super Bowl Sunday                               |
| Feb. 16      | Convocation: Fannie Lou Hamer Stage Play        |
| Feb. 18      | Parent Advisory Council Meeting                 |
| Feb. 22      | Collegiate Career Expo                          |
| Feb. 23      | Destination Graduation                          |
| Feb. 25      | Senior Dis-Orientation                          |
| Feb. 29      | Greek Networking Event                          |
| Mar. 5 - 8   | Religious Emphasis Week                         |
| Mar. 11      | Daylight Savings Time Begins                    |
| Mar. 19      | Registration for Summer and Fall Classes Begins |
| Mar 14-18    | Theatre Production - <i>The Visit</i>           |
| Mar. 16-17   | Family Weekend                                  |
| Mar. 20      | Mid-term Grades posted                          |

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