Happy New Year and welcome back to USI! The new semester is a time for reflection and goal setting. I often ask students to take the time to assess a number of factors that may have affected their academic success at the University of Southern Indiana last fall. “What factors most affected your academic success or lack thereof in the fall?” “What will you resolve to do better this year?” Each of you has a unique situation to draw upon from the fall semester. Be honest with yourself when answering these questions and thoughtful in your responses to draw the appropriate conclusions. These are important questions for every student to answer and require students to begin taking responsibility for their personal and academic behaviors.

For those of you who performed well this past semester, how will you keep the momentum going? What majors/careers do you want to learn about this semester? How might you get more involved on campus? What plans do you have for the summer?

For those of you who would like to do better, how can you achieve a higher level of academic success? What will you do differently this semester? What are the academic implications of another poor semester?

One of the great things about University Division is that you don’t have to answer these questions alone. Your advisors and academic skills staff can help. Stop by early in the semester if you want to set up a set time to meet with a study skills or subject-based tutor or would like to explore major and career possibilities. Remember, the staff of University Division is here to help you achieve academic success!!!

Brody Broshears
WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBER TO THE USI TEAM

Andrew “Andy” Wright is one of the newest members of the USI team as the new Vice President of Enrollment Management. Mr. Wright says, “I am excited to begin this new adventure here at USI. It’s easy to see that there are many positive things happening here, and I’m looking forward to working with the UD, the rest of the Enrollment Management team, and others at the University.”

He said that starting somewhere is always interesting. He is looking forward to his new role and the challenges that it will bring. Part of his role will be bringing people together to help create a strategic enrollment plan here at USI. This plan will involve shaping the plan for USI in the ongoing process of improving recruitment and retention of future students.

A few of his favorite quotes:

- “They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel.” – Carol Buehner
- “If everyone likes what you’re going to do, you’re not pushing hard enough.” – Unknown
- “Never let success go to your head, and never let failure get to your heart.” – Phil Jackson

Student Success Week

On February 3, 4, and 5, University Division will be hosting Student Success Week, dedicated to students’ academic success and retention. This event offers students the opportunity to connect with university services, colleges, and support offices under one roof in the University Center.

Throughout the week, presenters from throughout the USI community explore topics related to the student’s mind, self, and world view. Topics covered will include study skills, academic advising, counseling services, student organizations, stress management, fitness, recreation and nutrition, career services, and others.

Student Success week is open to the entire student community at USI, and all sessions are free!

Here is a link to the complete schedule found on the UD website: http://www.usi.edu/media/3875540/2015-Student-Success-Week-brochure.pdf
Where Are They Now?

Kristina Groves

Kristina Groves worked as a front desk worker starting in 1998 and as a writing tutor in 2000 for Academic Skills until she graduated with her undergraduate degree in 2001. When she became a graduate student, she continued to work as a writing tutor from 2005-2006 as well as being an ESL instructor for University Division. She earned a Master of Arts in English from the University of Louisville. Currently she teaches classes at the University of Evansville and Intro. to Public Speaking here at the University of Southern Indiana.

About her time spent working in Academic Skills, Kristina says: “I learned a lot during my time in Academic Skills and University Division. One of the biggest things I learned was flexibility. As a writing tutor, the needs of the students changed each hour, as did the students themselves. Being exposed to myriad writing styles, learning styles, and personalities has helped mold my teaching. I believe that the hands-on instruction of being a writing tutor makes me more aware of the needs of the students I’m teaching. Another thing I use in my everyday teaching life is the ability to help students find their own mistakes rather than just correcting them. I think this guided approach helps my students to be better writers and speakers, and in part I have my time with Academic Skills to thank.”

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

KYLE KEMPF

-Majoring in Finance
-Tutors economics for Academic Skills
-From Evansville, IN where he attended Bosse High School
-A member of the University of Southern Indiana 2014 National Championship Baseball team
-During the past 3 summers, Kyle has spent his summers playing baseball. He spent 2 summers playing for the Terre Haute Rex and this past summer in Virginia playing for the Peninsula Pilots. During all three years he made the All-Star teams for the summer leagues.
-Last season Kyle was named first-team ABCA Gold Glove, All-GLVC East Division, and NCAA II Baseball National Finals All-Tournament teams and was named Academic All-GLVC.
-Come out this spring and support Kyle Kempf and the rest of the Screaming Eagles Baseball as they look to defend their national title from last season!