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INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Ideas worth learning to do well in college.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014; 4-8pm; Tilson Auditorium

Success Talks

Seven faculty, staff, and alumni, nominated by students and the Alumni Office, were competitively selected to each give seven minutes of quick hitting advice on how to maximize college in a **TED** talk format. Click on session titles for link to presentation video.



Rukiya Campbell, Director, Communications 21

Five Barrier Busters to Success in College

Rukiya Campbell is the director for an interactive, marketing and PR agency in Atlanta, Georgia. She has communications experience in the sports, television, hospitality and nonprofit sectors. Among other positions, she has been the director of marketing at the Center for the Visually Impaired and worked for WISH-TV 8 in Indianapolis. Campbell has a BA in communications from ISU, an MS in integrated marketing communications from West Virginia University and is accredited in public relations (APR).



Jeff Carr, Instructor, Department of English

How to Survive (and Thrive) as a First Generation College Student

Jeff Carr joined the faculty at ISU in the fall of 2011 after previously teaching at Western Kentucky University where he earned his MA in English. His primary area of specialization is American literature and film from 1914-45 with an emphasis on the works of William Faulkner, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and Charles Chaplin, but he also has a great interest in Mark Twain and cultural studies. Carr was a first generation student in college.



Cory Graham, Assistant Principal for Culture, Tindley Collegiate Academy, Indianapolis, Indiana.

*A Future is not Something You Enter,
It is Something You Create*

Cory Graham was born and raised on the East side of Indianapolis attending Warren Township schools. He graduated from ISU with a B.S. in education and has teaching licenses in both elementary and special education. He has a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Indianapolis. Graham thrives on inspiring youth to overcome their obstacles while placing heavy emphasis on the value of education and the importance of knowledge and

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Valerie Hart-Craig, Assistant Director, Charles E. Brown African American Cultural Center

*There Are No Accidents Here: Embracing
Your Destiny as a Scholar*

Valerie Hart-Craig provides leadership for activities and programs within the Charles E. Brown African American Cultural Center including the ISUcced and MAPS Mentoring Programs as well as cultural events through the Center. Hart-

Craig is active with numerous University and community committees and organizations including as President of the Greater Terre Haute N.A.A.C.P. Craig has a bachelor's degree in sociology and a masters degree in student affairs and higher education, both from ISU.



Kyle Newnum, Residence Manager, Indiana University-Bloomington

It's Called College

Kyle Newnum is a member of the residential life staff at Indiana University-Bloomington with leadership responsibility for a residence hall that houses 800 upper-classmen. He is a big believer in the value of student involvement and how it creates extraordinary opportunities for students not only in college, but after graduation. Newnum has a B.S. in Automotive Technology Management and a M.S. in Student Affairs and Higher Education from ISU.



Della Thacker, Associate Professor, Bayh College of Education
[Super Successful Sycamores](#)

Della Thacker is a faculty member in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction, and Media Technology where she teaches numerous courses in the teacher preparation curriculum. She is a Caleb Mills Distinguished Teaching Award winner, ISU's highest recognition for teaching. She has served on numerous University committees, many with linkages to student success and impact the quality of the ISU student experience. Thacker's undergraduate and graduate degrees are in mathematics from ISU, and she has additional educational endorsements.



Kitrina Wright, Certified Public Accountant, Indiana and Texas
[Success is a Choice](#)

Kitrina Wright is a CPA specializing in tax preparation, bookkeeping, small business consulting, and audit. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Accounting from ISU. She began her career as a governmental auditor before moving into public accounting. Prior to forming Wright Accounting Group, LLC, Wright worked at Crowe Horwath LLC (formerly Crowe Chizek LLC) specializing in small business consulting and tax preparation. She formed Wright Accounting Group, LLC to offer more personal service to clients.