



GROUPS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

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Special Summer Newsletter Edition

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Greetings from the Director!

Welcome Scholars of G17!!! The staff and I are so excited that you are finally here on campus and officially a member of the family. You have completed a packed week of orientation sessions. We are here to help you every step of the way. Do not hesitate to lean on us. Stay focused, get involved and good luck as you begin your academic career this week.



Mary Stephenson, Director

Meet the Advisors

Hello Class of 2017! Here is a little something about your advisors! Remember stay connected.

Jana Cox Room 200F:

Graduated from Indiana University in the year of 1993. She received a Bachelors of Associates in Public Affairs with a concentration in Financial Management. Later, she returned to Indiana University to receive her Masters Degree in Public Affairs. Jana is from Bedford, Indiana, but has lived in St. Louis through most of her childhood. Married with two kids who are attending college. She enjoys camping and being with her family.

Kim Jenkins Room 200E:

Graduated from Indiana University with the class of 1993 Groups Scholars with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Secondary Science Education. Recently in May she finished her Masters Degree from Indiana University from the School of Public Health in Nutrition Science. She is married with four children. Kim has received the 2017 Center of Excellence for Women in Technology Outstanding Staff Mentor Award for dedication, advocacy of, and commitment to the advancement of technical women at Indiana University. Kim's goal for The Groups Scholars Program is to guide students as they strive to achieve their goals and fulfill their purpose in life.

Maqubé Reese Room 210B:

Graduated as part of the class of 2010 Groups Scholars Program with a Bachelors of Sciences Degree in Human Development and Family Studies. Also, graduated with a certification in Non-Profit Management. Maqubé is the youngest of 13 children, and is from Fort Wayne, Indiana. In her free time she is the Commissioner of Status of Women and Chair of Black History Month. Maqubé's goal for the Groups Scholar Program is developing conscious leaders of today and tomorrow.

Burhan Elturan Room 210E:

Graduated with a Bachelors of Sciences degree in Psychology and Anthropology at Indiana University. After, he received a Masters in Anthropology and Education. He gained his PhD in the School of Education. Burhan has worked for the Groups Scholars Program for over 30 years. His hobbies include learning languages and gardening. The languages he speaks include these various cultures such as Kurdish, Turkish, Persian, English, Armenian, and Azeri. Burhan's goal for The Groups Scholars Program is to help students in their critical research, reading and writing.

Kathy Essex Room 210F:

Graduated in the year of 1986 with a Bachelors of Associates Degree in Elementary Education and Middle School Math and Science at Indiana University. She earned her PhD in Mathematics Education as well at Indiana University. Kathy likes to garden, travel, read, and be out doors. She is married with two sons, and one of her sons is currently studying at I.U. . . . Kathy's goal for the Groups Scholars Program is that students get to know themselves better.

Zilia Balkansky-- Selles Room 210G:

Attended her under-graduate career at Queens College of C.U.N.Y, and received a Bachelors of Associates in English and a minor in Environmental Science. She is currently waiting to receive her PhD in Folklore, and has written her dissertation on sustainability. The research was on the subject of urban gardens. She is heavily involved in animal advocacy and dance. She currently attends the Hula School, and dances with a Hip-Hop performance group. Although she was born in the United States she feels apart of many other cultures.

Kathleen Nussbaum Room 210F:

Attended her under-graduate at Wheaton College, and received her Bachelors of Associates in Interpersonal Communications. She received her Masters at Indiana University in Higher Education and Student Affairs. Although she is from Ohio she has lived in Bloomington for over 25 years, and is married with 4 kids. In her spare time she likes to read, and go on long walks. Her favorite age group are college students. She currently teaches at Ivy Tech courses on student success and life skills. This is Kathleen's first year with the Groups Scholars Program, and she looks forward to meeting with students.

Juan Cano Room 210J:

Graduated as part of the class of 2009 Groups Scholars Program with a Bachelors of Associates Degree in Journalism in 2014. Juan has been involved with student life since first arriving at Indiana University. He is one of 11 kids in his family, and loves to be around people. His interests are fitness, basketball, and keeping up with the latest music. Juan's goal for the Groups Scholars Program is to keep sharing accomplishments, but continue to allow room for innovation.

Events and Class Announcements

Join Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center for Mid-Day House Party. Free Soul Food Lunch



Academic Excellence, Community Service, Leadership, and African American History and Culture...

You Can Find it All in the Atkins Village.
Come learn about the Thomas I. Atkins Living Learning Center
Wednesday, June 21 from 5:30-6:30pm (Food & Beverages Provided)
Read Classroom C110
African American and African Diaspora Studies
College of Arts and Sciences
Indiana University Bloomington

Learn more about Atkins Living and learning Center.
Free Food . Meeting in Read Hall Classroom C110

***Maintenance is scheduled for AC units in Read Hall during this Week. The maintenance staff will be entering your rooms

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