70th NACAC is coming to Indianapolis and IUPUI!

The summer is coming to an end, and our attention is turning toward Fall and the annual NACAC conference! We are excited that more than 6,000 admissions professionals will converge in downtown Indianapolis for the 70th NACAC National Conference.

IUPUI has so much in store for our visiting counselors, and we know that many of you have signed up for tours of our campus and are planning to attend our counselor reception at the IUPUI Campus Center on September 18. If you haven’t registered, please go to enroll.iupui.edu/nacac. We have a lively evening of food, music, and special guests planned for you! We truly look forward to spending some relaxing time with you after a long day of conference sessions and events.

One of the most unique qualities of IUPUI is its interconnection to the city of Indianapolis, both in proximity and quality of life. We are within a short walking distance of all of the host hotels and a shorter cab ride. In fact, we will have shuttles running before, during, and after our reception on Thursday. We hope you will enjoy learning more about IUPUI and the many ways our students, faculty, and staff are engaged with initiatives focused on making Indy and downtown a wonderful place to live, learn, and work.

I’m also excited that IUPUI’s annual Regatta race and its weeklong series of events will coincide with NACAC 2014. We hope you will have time to stop by the downtown Canal and enjoy the festivities and spirited competition.

If you want to spend time exploring our friendly city during the conference, our fall IUPUI Connection newsletter offers a wealth of information on entertainment, museums, attractions, shopping, and dining. We hope these tips from our students and staff are helpful to you!

IUPUI and Indianapolis complement each other well. We love working downtown with so much to do and see. Our students live and learn in a world-class city that offers them vast internship and job opportunities, cultural events, sports, and so much more!

Take some time and stroll the Canal, visit the shopping districts downtown, relax in White River State Park, and stop by campus and say hello. We welcome you!

Wishing you a wonderful conference in Indianapolis and a spectacular Fall.

Sincerely,

Chris J. Foley
Director of Undergraduate Admissions
IUPUI to host NACAC Counselor Reception!

We couldn’t be more excited about IUPUI’s Counselor Reception on Thursday, September 18. We have literally been talking about, planning, and even promoting the reception for more than a year (we take our social planning seriously here). The planning committee has been working hard to provide you with the most engaging, exciting, and fun-filled reception you will see at this year’s conference. We will have an array of food and drinks available throughout the night. And because it wouldn’t be a conference reception without music, we have booked one of Indianapolis’ hottest bands; The Flying Toasters, to keep everyone moving on the dance floor. We will also have a photo booth and several Indianapolis sports mascots available for pictures. To RSVP, please visit enroll.iupui.edu/nacac.

IUPUI offers NACAC tours!

While in Indianapolis for NACAC, we invite you to see our campus first-hand. Our student-led tours will take you across our beautiful campus and last approximately 90 minutes.

The best part — our campus is located right downtown — just four blocks from the Indiana Convention Center.

We are offering tours Monday, September 15 – through Thursday, September 18. Individual tour dates and times are listed to the right.

On Thursday, September 18 we are excited to offer a campus tour with a twist. In addition to meeting with our students and seeing the campus, our Thursday tour will provide an in-depth look at an academic unit of your choice. You will be able to choose from: the IU School of Informatics and Computing, IU School of Education, Purdue School of Science, Purdue School of Engineering and Technology, IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, IU School of Liberal Arts, and the IU School of Physical Education and Tourism Management.

Come see why US News & World Report has consistently named IUPUI one of the top “up-and-coming” national universities! To register for a tour visit enroll.iupui.edu/nacac. We can’t wait to show you our campus!
Indianapolis has entertainment!

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Indianapolis entertainment venues? Racing? The Colts? The Pacers? Ask any Indy native and you’ll hear these and many more. Indianapolis is full of exciting and unique entertainment options. There is something for everyone.

**White River State Park is a popular downtown destination and is home to:**

- Indiana State Museum
- IMAX Theater
- Indianapolis Zoo and White River Gardens
- Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art
- NCAA Headquarters and Hall of Champions
- Medal of Honor Memorial
- Victory Field
- Military Park
- Farm Bureau Insurance Lawn Concert Series
- Indiana Cross Country Arena

Another local favorite is the **Fountain Square Neighborhood**, known for its vibrant art and cultural scene. While in Fountain Square, enjoy browsing local artists at one of the many galleries, swing dancing and duck pin bowling at Fountain Square Theater, sampling the local flavor at Fountain Square Brewery, and taking in a concert at Radio Radio.

Sports, art, and music not your thing? How about comedy? Downtown Indy is home to **Crackers Comedy Club** and **ComedySportz**. Crackers is known for bringing in some of the country’s top stand-up comedians and ComedySportz is known for its hilarious improv.

Want to see the City from a unique viewpoint? Check out the downtown **Canal**, which runs through the heart of Downtown Indianapolis. You can find runners and walkers on the Canal throughout the year. You can also rent a kayak or paddle boat. Or let someone else do the work for you: and hop on a gondola and hear an aria or favorite song while you enjoy the view.

While we could write an entire book about the entertainment venues in Indianapolis, we’ll let you get started with the list we had shared with you. If you’ve crossed everything off your list and have time for more — ask any local, and they’ll point you in the right direction. We love talking about and helping others explore our city!
Museums and attractions abound in Indy!

Indianapolis is the racing capital of the world and host to the Indianapolis 500, the largest single-day sporting event in the world. Experience the racing energy by visiting the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum, designated as a National Historic Landmark and within five miles of downtown. This is a great opportunity for IUPUI’s motorsports engineering students.

The Indianapolis Children’s Museum is the world’s largest children’s museum and is a few minutes north of downtown by car. Currently on display are Terra Cotta Warriors from China. This is a great place to be a kid again or bring kids of all ages and have fun while learning. Many IUPUI students complete their internships at this great museum.

Adjacent to IUPUI’s campus is White River State Park, home to the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art. The Eiteljorg highlights both Native Americans and the West and is the only museum with this focus in the Midwest. IUPUI students and staff get free admission with their Jagtag – our campus identification card. Segway tours of the entire White River Park are available and start at the White River State Park Visitors Center.

Along the canal of White River State Park, you will find the Medal of Honor Monument, and further along the canal is the USS Indianapolis Memorial. Indianapolis is only second to Washington, D.C., in the number of monuments within the city. The Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Monument is found in the middle of downtown on Monument Circle. Visitors can get a great view of Indianapolis at the top of the monument by climbing the stairs or taking the elevator for a small fee. North of Monument Circle, is a war memorial district that spans seven blocks and is another National Historic Landmark.

Visitors can use the Pacers Bikeshare program to rent a bicycle and navigate around Indianapolis and the new Cultural Trail. By proximity, IUPUI students have easy access to all these opportunities year round.
Mass Ave.

Massachusetts Avenue or “Mass Ave” is one of six cultural districts in Indianapolis, IN. A couple blocks northeast of Monument Circle is the heart of the city’s art district and offers great galleries, boutiques, and eateries! Below are five must stop shops recommended by IUPUI students and staff:

Silver in the City has been serving up jewelry and home decor on Mass Ave since 2000. There is handmade silver jewelry from studios near and far, as well as home decor with a modern edge. Their thoughtful gifts will bring laughter, smiles, and possibly tears (of joy) to your gift recipients. Looking for some Indy love? They’ve got 317 tees, totes, made from the demolished RCA Dome, and oh so many more Indy-inspired goods.
434 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 955-9925

Global Gifts offers fair trade handicrafts and food items from more than 40 countries. Global Gifts is a nonprofit, volunteer-supported organization dedicated to providing opportunities for disadvantaged artisans by supporting fair wages, gender equality, and ethical treatment.
446 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 423-3148

Help us decide if The Best Chocolate in Town lives up to its name! This chocolate shop specializes in chocolate truffles, turtle-squares, toffee, and many other chocolate covered treats. The chocolates are handmade and hand packed at the commercial kitchen and retail space on Mass Ave.
880 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 636-2800

Stout’s Footwear is the oldest continuously operating shoe store in the United States! Today they focus their energy on top-notch customer service and stylish, comfortable shoes from around the world. Come in and meet the blue and gold macaw, see the Baldwin Flyer baskets whisk across the ceiling and of course get yourself some comfy new shoes!
318 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 632-7818

The Flying Cupcake bakery opened in 2007 as Indiana’s first cupcake bakery. Choose from more than 25 daily varieties, including gluten free and vegan options. Voted as Indy’s Best Cupcakes every year since opening, the Flying Cupcake now has four area locations, including downtown!
423 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 396-2696

Shopping

Whether it’s your first time in Indianapolis or you are a seasoned Indy veteran, you don’t want to miss out on these shopping spots recommended for you personally by IUPUI students and staff.

Circle Centre Mall

Circle Centre Mall offers more than 125 shopping, dining, and entertainment spots in the heart of downtown. A great feature of Circle Centre Mall is the similarity to IUPUI’s skywalk system. You have an easy trek between the Convention Center and Circle Centre Mall without having to step outside. Another great perk is that the mall is connected to 12 surrounding hotels!

Circle Centre Mall offers familiar store names such as Carson Pirie Scott, Coach, Nine West, LOFT and The Limited. If you are looking for a deal, TJ Maxx is conveniently attached to the mall. There is the Francesca’s Collections boutique which has unique one-of-a-kind eclectic fashion. If your shoes have seen better days, then check-out Clark’s shoe store for comfort and durability. Are you looking for timeless pieces and accessories for your wardrobe? Then there is Talbots and Banana Republic to add to your shopping excursion. Need a break from the hustle and bustle? Then the Home Spa is a perfect getaway for whatever your time allows.

Outside of shopping, there is an array of other great things to do at the mall. Catch a current movie release at United Artist Theatres on the top floor. Have you ever golfed in the dark? Check out the glow-in-the dark mini golf on the 4th floor. Maybe the inner child in you wants to come out and play? Then check out the Tiilt Studio on the 4th floor as well. Challenge your colleagues to a friendly competitive racing game!

If all this shopping and entertainment makes you hungry, there are several food options in the food court to curb any craving and not break the bank. You are bound to find something for everyone at the Circle Centre Mall and it’s a great way to get retail therapy fix and enjoy a piece of downtown Indianapolis.
49 W. Maryland St., Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 681-5615
Too many restaurants, too little time!

If you are looking for a few good restaurants to try during your stay in Indianapolis, we’ve got you covered! Indianapolis has great options to choose from whether you are looking for a casual burger joint or wish to go to Indy’s finest upscale steakhouse. Here are some of the top picks from students and staff in the IUPUI Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

If you are intrigued by the thought of peanut butter on a burger, Punch Burger is your place. The Thai burger which has peanut butter, onion, Asian slaw, and sweet chili sauce, can’t be beat! At Punch Burger, you build your own burger by choosing everything from your bun, cheese, meat, and. All burgers are made of only local grass-fed Angus beef that comes from right here in the Hoosier state.

137 E Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 426-5280

Looking for a great brunch café? If so, our students and staff recommend the downtown location of Café Patachou, best known for omelets, broken yolk sandwiches, and the Cuban Breakfast, which is seasoned black beans and white rice served hot with a fried egg and white cheddar, topped with avocado, sour cream and spinach-jalapeño sauce. Patachou serves up the breakfast (or brunch) of champions!

225 W Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 632-0765

If you are in the mood for a good pizza, IUPUI students and staff love Bazbeaux at its downtown location. There is something for everyone here! The Garden pizza is great for vegetarians — loaded with veggies, artichoke hearts, avocado, black olives, and ricotta. Or try the Mexican, which includes chorizo, cheddar, and avocado. The Chilpó has black bean dip, salsa, green pepper, tomato and cheddar. Or if you’re looking for something truly out of this world, try the Neptune, topped with crab, shrimp, snow pea pods, green pepper, and black olives.

333 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 636-7662

If you are looking to splurge during your stay in Indianapolis, St. Elmo’s is what our students and staff recommend. Known as one of Indy’s best steakhouses, St. Elmo’s has top-notch service to go along with their amazing food. We suggest you try the World Famous St. Elmo Shrimp Cocktail™ (which has a spicy kick!) as an appetizer to your mouth-watering steak. We recommend accompanying your steak with the King Crab Mac’n Cheese and finishing your meal off with traditional New York style cheesecake. St. Elmo’s is located near Circle Centre Mall and is a convenient 10-minute walk from the IUPUI campus.

127 S. Illinois St., Indianapolis, IN 46225
(317) 635-0636

We hope you will try these or some of the other 260 downtown restaurants in downtown Indianapolis! Bon appetit!