Message From the FIN Staff

I hope the spring semester is off to a great start for everyone! We are very excited to have a great group of brand new spring residents. We will continue to celebrate FIN’s 30th Anniversary this semester with a number of activities (including a large event on Friday April 11th). Although it is still cold outside in February, I spend quite a bit of time thinking about warmer times and places. Right now I’m finishing my recruitment for the summer 2014 offering of the Jamaica overseas study program I teach. This program was first offered in 2005 and I’ll take the 7th group of IU students to Jamaica at the end of this May. I’m also beginning to plan for the spring and summer crops I’ll be growing on my urban farm. I’ll host another tour and dinner event at my farm toward the end of the semester for interested FIN residents.

Dr. John Galuska, Director

Gone Native

Upcoming Spring Events:

- **6 March: International Fashion Show and Pageant**
  Show off your cultures and traditions at the International Fashion Show; this fashion show will also comprise of pageant categories based on casual wear and personal style! Let’s celebrate the diversity of FIN! Winner receives a dinner for two downtown!

- **12 March: All LLC Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre Event**
  The Alvin Ailey american Dance Theater will be performing at the IU Auditorium this spring! All LLC’s on campus will be offering discounted tickets to their residents. This will be an event to remember!

- **March: FIN Crossing the Line**
  Think you know all there is to know about the others that live in our community? Think again! Come step into the circle and find out more about those you live with in FIN.

- **30 March: FIN Community Service Project**

- **11 April: FIN 30th Anniversary Party**
  FIN will continue celebrating its 30th anniversary this spring! We will kick things off with appetizers, live music, a showcase of FIN memorabilia, and an open house. Be sure to stay for special remarks and a dinner while you get to know the history of FIN and the diverse community you are a part of!

- **12 April: FIN Outdoor Event**
  FIN will host a half day outdoor event with hiking, food, outdoor games, and many more activities at one of Monroe County’s nearby camp grounds!
GET TO KNOW YOUR FIN TRIOS!

Each FIN student will be a part of a FIN Trio; groups of three from different floors, multi-gender, and include at least one international student. The groups are first and foremost meant to be a way for you make new friends in the community. Trios have the opportunity to explore not only FIN but the larger IUB community, support other students, and contribute to FIN’s overall development. Planning a community event and/or Trio group event is another aspect of Trio group participation this year. We hope you will share your interests and experiences among your Trios, leading to an exploration of your identities in your new communities!

Tres FIN Café- meet with your TRIO over coffee or tea in the lounges; it’s a great way to learn more about what your TRIO members are up to throughout the semester; we will offer this event twice a month in the spring!

Get ‘Em to the Guest Suite

Do you know where the FIN Guest Suite is? Did you even know we had a Guest Suite? Located on the Ground Floor in Room 032, this suite allows for us to host interesting international or internationally focused visitors. So far we have had special visitors from South Africa, Bangladesh, Cuba, and Mongolia in the suite! In March we will host the Latin rock band, Making Movies, who will put on a live show at the Foster Hoosier Den!

Do you have someone you want to invite to FIN? Talk to Dr. Galuska, Camille, or the E-board about planning a visit!
FIN Trip Opportunities

This academic year, our Executive Board planned and organized a two day overnight trip for FIN residents. We took a large group of students to Washington, DC from January 17-20, 2014. The trip included visiting the Smithsonian Museums, the National Monuments, the Martii Luther King Jr. Memorial, and many other sites of exploration in the city!

We also took students to the Exotic Feline Rescue Center in Center Point, IN and Grffy Lake for an outdoor hike in Bloomington, IN this year. These trips were made possible through a combination of E-Board funds and planning as well as outside funding. If you have ideas for potential excursions, whether within or outside Bloomington, feel free to let us know! We are excited for the spring and hope to be able to take more trips like these.

Culture Nights and Community Events

Top To Bottom: Cuban dinner cooked by Jose Antonio Mendez Padron, FIN students eating s’mores during the Foster Shea Fall Fest; FIN students at the 30th Anniversary Fall Kick-off Event
The above charts depict some of the demographic information of our FIN community which added 15 new residents for the spring! This information will change as the make up of our community changes throughout the year. Be sure to look out for more information on our diverse community!