

The Spot - February 27

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Campus Safety & Security, Congressional Debate, Collegiate Job Fair, Jagathon, Student Voices, Women's History Month

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Hi. I'm Kaitlyn Christopher and this is the February 27th edition of IUPUI's The Spot.

This week, the campus hosted a town hall meeting about campus safety and security. The Spot spoke with Tralicia Powell-Lewis, director of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct about what was covered at the event:

[T. Powell-Lewis] The program held this week, "What if that were to happen here?", was essentially a collaborative effort between a number of offices on campus: police, CAPS, Dean of Students office, undergraduate student assembly, Democracy Plaza. And, the purpose was really to come together and address any concerns by individuals as it related to the campus shooting at NIU a few weeks ago. But, our plan was to also share with the campus community the emergency plan in place at IUPUI if something were to occur like that here on this campus. So, we really just wanted to answer questions, and to certainly engage the campus community in what they need to do, and what we need to do to address if something like that were to occur on campus.

As the director of the Office of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct, my role is to investigate and adjudicate reports of alleged misconduct on the part of undergraduate students. It's really important that students are aware that they are held responsible and accountable for reading and understanding the student code. So, the first part of our meeting is to discuss what the alleged violations are, and how that impacts them as a student. And, most importantly, what the consequences of their alleged behavior might be as it relates to the code and to the campus.

[K. Christopher] Students, faculty and staff: remember to update your personal information into the IU-Notify system which will allow the University to get a hold of you in case of an emergency. You can do this on Onestart.

IUPUI is hosting what may be the final debate among three candidates vying to fill the 7th Congressional District seat that was held by the late Julia Carson. The congressional debate is on March 6th at 7:30 in University Place Auditorium and is open to the public. Portions of the debate will also be broadcast live on 24-Hour News 8. You can submit questions for the candidates by visiting the website.

The Indiana Collegiate Job Fair will take place on April 4th from 10am to 3pm in the Indiana Convention Center. Students, if you are looking for a job or internship be sure to start working on your resume! You will need to submit it before the event into a database for employers to see. By attending the Job Fair you will have an opportunity to meet face-to-face with employers from across the state and discuss with them openings within their company. Visit the website for more details.

Last weekend, one of the largest philanthropic student events happened on campus is the annual Jagathon. It's an all-night fundraiser for Riley Hospital for Children and is packed with games, activities, bands, food, and testimonials. The Spot spoke with Una Dragic about the event.

[U. Dragic] Jagathon is a Student Foundation-sponsored 12-hour standing marathon where participants raise \$100 each and come and party with a purpose for Riley Hospital for Children. Jagathon benefits Riley Hospital and Riley research facilities, so that kids can be treated for free, and research can advance in treating some of the most common and deadly childhood diseases. Everything we raise, we give to the Riley Foundation which has a fund separated for Riley Hospital for Dance Marathons to donate into. So, all the money we raise we give to Riley Foundation, and they give that money to Riley Hospital for research and patient care.

[K. Christopher] In the Student Voices segment this week we asked you: How do you make a difference in the community? Who does your service benefit? And why do you enjoy doing serving others?

[M. Barb] I do community service to basically stay involved around the community, know what's going on, help others. It gets you to know a lot of people in the community, it gets you to be involved with teachers, professors, other students on campus that you may not normally be able to interact with. And, it gives you a sense of giving back to the community, helping out people who may be less fortunate than us.

[D. Nibert] Community Service is just a way to give back. I especially came to IUPUI because it's a really great place to come, because IUPUI is centered around community service. I've gotten a lot of scholarships, and stuff like that, just to do community service in the area of Indianapolis and IUPUI.

[R. Roberts] Jagathon was a great opportunity to raise a little money to help out Riley. Riley is just across the street from us, very close proximity to us. We get to see the direct benefit from that right here. I'm also here as part of an on-campus organization, Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Our motto is "The great joy of serving others", and it's a great opportunity to give back to the community.

[C. Griffin] I do community service because I really believe it's important to give back. Something like this for Riley is really dear to my heart. My brother actually was saved by Riley. When he was 6-months old, he was diagnosed with meningitis and so they rushed him down to Riley, and he spent a month here. My family was in the Ronald McDonald House for that month. And, so, Riley is extremely important to me, and it's just a great cause.

[K. Christopher] March is Women's History Month and IUPUI will have a variety of events to celebrate! On Wednesday March 19th the 3rd annual "Hazelett Women in Leadership Forum" featuring Purdue University's President, France Cordova, will take place in the Campus Center. The event is free and open to the public with the reception starting at 5pm and the lecture at 6pm. Check out more Women's History Month events at life.iupui.edu.

That's the Spot for this week. Check us out each Wednesday on our podcast at jagtv.iupui.edu.
See you later!