

The Spot - October 10

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Celebrate IU, United Way Cornhole & Tailgate, Jaguar Jamboree

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Transcript

[K. Christopher] Hi. This is October 10th edition of IUPUI's The Spot. October is a busy month on campus, including the first annual Celebrate IU week of events. The focus of the week is the inauguration of IU President Michael McRobbie on October 18th in Bloomington, and there are several events here at IUPUI that focus on what makes this campus great.

On Sunday, the presidents of three universities will be at IUPUI discussing how higher education is involved in international development. The presidents will be joined by our own Dr. Joe Mamlin, who founded the AMPATH program which combats AIDS in Kenya.

On Monday the 15th, five prestigious IUPUI faculty will speak about how their cutting-edge research is applied to the real world. The Spot spoke with assistant professor Elee Wood:

[E. Wood] One of the things that we have to remember is that the university cannot exist on its own. We don't exist without other people to help us. We don't exist without a community to support us. We have a responsibility as part of being a higher education institution of being able to make a difference and bring that back to the people who are supporting us. And we need to be active members in that. What I see as translational research is really understanding what the needs of the community are, using my own knowledge and expertise, and then bringing that together and looking at how that actually makes a difference in terms of the impact that we make and the way we can build the experiences of the community, the strengths of the community, and revitalize that civic life.

[K. Christopher] The discussion begins Monday at noon and includes faculty from Nursing, Engineering & Technology, SPEA, Medicine, Education, and Liberal Arts. Check out more events at celebrate.iu.edu. October is also GLBT History Month and there are several events on campus that promote diversity. Some of the events include a discussion about GLBT rights on Tuesday the 16th, a diversity panel on Thursday the 18th, a Pass the Mic discussion in Democracy Plaza, and a drag show in University College on the 24th. Check out more about these and other events at life.iupui.edu.

IUPUI is in the middle of the annual United Way campaign and this year has a new fundraiser on campus. On October 22nd, the campus will host it's first ever Cornhole Bowl and Colts tailgating party to benefit the United Way of Central Indiana.

Show off your beanbag tossing skills and you could win two tickets to a Colts game. The event will be held in the University College courtyard, and will feature an appearance by the Indianapolis Colts cheerleaders. Traditional tailgating food and drinks will also be available. Sign up your team now as spaces are limited. Finally, October is the traditional start of the basketball season on campus. The Jaguars Jamboree is this Friday the 12th in The Jungle. The Spot spoke with former Jaguars player Angelo Smith who helped plan this year's event:

[S. Vick] We're here with Angelo Smith, former men's basketball player for IUPUI here in The Jungle to talk about the upcoming Jaguars Jamboree.

[A. Smith] I'm really excited about the Jaguars Jamboree, the third annual, October 12th - this Friday. We'll start off at 7:00 with the volleyball team playing archrivals Valpo. Then right after that, we'll start the Jamboree. You'll have the chance to meet the new players, we're going to have a dunk contest, three-point contest, and also the revealing of the new student section. The students submitted their votes and we'll be able to see which name won. We took out all the bleachers, got stadium seats, which is nice, we'll also have all of the banners we've won hanging from the ceiling, and we have a nice Jungle emblem on the floor, so it's lookin real nice.

[K. Christopher] That's the spot for this week. Check out the new episode starting each Wednesday on our podcast at jagtv.iupui.edu. See you later!