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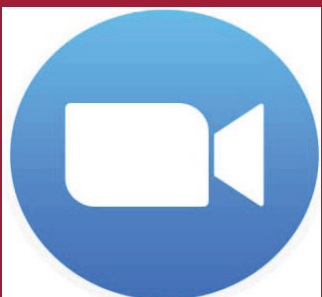
Professors Zoom Into Solutions

With the Coronavirus shutting down across the nation, universities are stepping up to continue to serve their students the best they can. In an email to faculty, staff, and students, University of Indianapolis President Robert Manuel wrote “BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020, all face-to-face coursework will move to an online or alternate delivery method.” In addition to a COVID-19 task force being formed, University of Indianapolis professors also attended a seminar to understand how to use Zoom in the most effective way on March 17th.

Due to all in-person activities being canceled, universities have had to find a way to continue operating that works for students and professors. Zoom Video Communications is a remote conferencing services company. It provides remote conferencing services that combine video conferencing, online meetings, chat, and mobile collaboration. As the University of Indianapolis transitions to alternative teaching methods due to the coronavirus, it is the best way for professors to stay connected to students. With the University of Indianapolis centered around applied learning, many were concerned that students would just be assigned textbook readings. Professors, however, are jumping into action to ensure they can still deliver the same education from hundreds or even thousands of miles away.

Professors have made it clear they are available whenever students need them. When asked about his thoughts about this approach, Director of Undergraduate and Adult Enterprise Engagement Andre Givens said “It is amazing what we can accomplish when UIndy

comes together as a community to aid and support our faculty and students during these unprecedented and challenging times. I am always willing to assist in any capacity to ensure the success



Student Remains Proactive

In the midst of everything that is going on right now, it's easy to lose sight of community needs. Even though our students are no longer on campus, they are presented with the opportunity to help their hometown community. University of Indianapolis students understand that the communal needs are bigger than just themselves and continue to get involved with and serve their communities.

School of Business Student Leader Jenna Whitmore volunteered at the Center for Women & Children with Wheeler Mission on March 18th and had the following to say about her experience. “As soon as I walked in I was greeted by the most friendly faces. I helped out with the lunch service, and it was a really amazing way to connect with the community and give back. I can't wait to go and help out again!” Donations of supplies or your time can help improve many of your neighbors' lives. Many places need non-perishable foods, as well as toilet paper, hygiene items, and even socks and blankets.



National Volunteer Week is April 19th through April 25th. If you are healthy and able to volunteer, reach out to your community to see what you can do! Do you know a healthcare professional? See if they need a home-sewn, reusable mask or a headband with buttons by the ears to prevent their ears from getting sore from the face masks. Not creative, or worried about leaving your home? Consider donating to nonprofits helping with the impact of COVID-19. The most important thing you can do, however, is make sure you're washing your hands and following the Center for Disease Control's Public Health Recommendations.

We've Got Your Back, Future Greyhound!

In this unprecedented time of uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 situation, the University of Indianapolis has provided consistent updates to both students and faculty. Early last week, a statement was released to students notifying them of the decision made by university administration to indefinitely transition all face-to-face courses to online. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution. At the University of Indianapolis, the safety of our community, staff, and students is paramount. We can assure you that we are being proactive as a university and have the best interest of all involved in mind. As many of you are likely missing your spring sport seasons, final moments of the semester, spring break trips, and time with your peers, we feel for you and are committed to minimizing your stress. Rest assured that we have not forgotten about you!

Don't forget that the University of Indianapolis has rolling admission, meaning it is not too late to apply. Deposit season is also upon us, and we would love for you to officially join the Greyhound Family. If there is anything we can do to alleviate some of your anxiety during this time, be it about the School of Business, the University of Indianapolis, or college in general, the BizHound team is here for you. Shoot us an email or DM on Instagram, and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Also, give us a follow on social media and watch for surprise giveaways (we know you are on your phones during quarantine, so there's really no excuse). In the meantime, stay healthy and wash those hands!

From The Eyes of Students

The Corona virus is something that has not only taken the United States, but the world by storm. Many universities, along with the University of Indianapolis, have made the jump to online classes in order to finish the semester. In order to see how this transition is playing out, freshman BizHound, Haley Ulmer, and senior BizHound, Jennifer Ruiz, share their experiences thus far.

Freshman Experience: As a freshman at UIndy, the transition to online courses has been seamless thus far, but it was never something I would have imagined going into my freshman year of college. Moving back home in early March and having campus wide events cancelled was never something I would have expected. My professors have been in constant communication about what we will be doing going forward, which has made this experience much simpler. This outbreak has truly made me appreciate being at a small campus where the professors care about you.

As well, they understand how much our education means to the students and the professors are committed to giving us the quality of learning UIndy provides in a face to face setting. However, I have had a few disappointments due to COVID-19 precautions. I was intending to go on a spring term mission trip which has been postponed due to travel restrictions, however, staff is continually working to find an alternative or another time to attend this mission trip. I also feel as if I was just getting fully adjusted to my spring course load at UIndy and now it is a whole new experience being online. All this being said, students have been treated fairly and have been kept up to date on events going on. UIndy has worked to get solutions and answers out to the students in a timely manner, which is very appreciated. I am grateful I chose UIndy for many reasons, but the way they have treated this situation is in a professional manner and shows they care about me as a student and a person.

Senior Experience: Entering my final semester I felt like I had everything set in place and I was ready to finish strong. That was until the corona virus started flooding the media. I'll be honest, I was worried. As soon as other universities announced online classes for the rest of the semester, I was scared. Thoughts began to flood my mind. How will my applied classes pan out? Will I graduate on time? Will this affect my job search? These were all answers I was searching for. Luckily for me, we had received an email with all of this information. UIndy had an action plan and was ready to implement it. Our classes have moved to online and the transition, from the student perspective, has been pretty seamless. Our professors have worked with us, individually, to make sure we have everything we need to carry out the rest of the semester. Professors have even gone the extra mile of sending us [seniors] direct links to applications corresponding to our major. Having built connections with my professors over the past few years has helped me in hard times like this. For the time being, our classes may not be face to face, but I know the relationships I have built with my professors will hold strong as they always have the best interest for their students in mind.

