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USI to observe National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week

University of Southern Indiana sophomore Kelly Craig will be the featured speaker when the Student Government Association celebrates National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week with a variety of activities Monday through Friday, October 22 through 26.

In 1999, Craig was paralyzed in an alcohol-related accident in Colorado. Her brother; former IU basketball player Luke Recker, who was her boyfriend at the time; and other passengers also were injured. The driver of their vehicle was killed.

The driver of the vehicle that struck their car was charged with more than 20 counts – including vehicular homicide, vehicular assault, driving causing injury, and driving under the influence of alcohol. He pleaded guilty to charges of vehicular homicide and vehicular assault and was sentenced to nine years in prison.

An elementary education major, Craig resides in Jasper, Indiana. She will speak, Thursday, October 25, in front of the USI Health Professions Center, following a candlelight walk across campus that will begin at 8 p.m.

Alcohol Awareness Week at USI will include:

- Oksoberfest – 8 to 10 p.m. Monday, October 22, Eicher Barn: Campfire, refreshments, and entertainment by local band, Axis.
- Alcohol Simulation – 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 23, University Conference Center: Dr. Charles Petranek, professor of sociology, will conduct a “drinking game” dealing with the consequences of being under the influence of alcohol.
- Comedian Wendi Fox – 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 23, Mitchell Auditorium.
- Happy Hour – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 24, Rice Plaza: Fraternities and sororities will feature a variety of “mock tails,” and a contest will determine whose are the best. Fatal Vision goggles, simulating drunkenness, will be available to participants attempting to shoot baskets in a portable goal.
- Candlelight Walk and speaker Kelly Craig – 8 p.m. Thursday, October 25, beginning at campus housing and ending at the flagpoles in front of the Health Professions Center: Brown bag luminaries - signed by members of the University community committed to awareness of alcohol and the consequences of drinking - will line the walk’s route. The speaker, USI student Kelly Craig, was paralyzed in an alcohol-related accident.
- “The Bone Collector” – 9 p.m. Thursday, October 25, Forum I: A movie following the Candlelight Walk and featured speaker.
- Alcohol Screenings – 9 a.m. to noon Friday, October 26, rooms 203-204, University Center.

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