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Eagle Leaders* will help freshmen at University of Southern Indiana get involved

Twenty-nine student leaders at the University of Southern Indiana are welcoming freshman students and promoting student involvement on campus. They are called Eagle Leaders and they will be at work during the fall semester helping the new students adjust to college and encouraging them to become student leaders. Classes begin on Monday, August 27 at USI.

The Eagle Leaders were in contact with freshmen over the summer inviting them to fall events on campus. The student leaders will maintain weekly contact with the freshmen, plan social activities, and encourage freshmen to bring three or four other freshmen to events with them.

Eagle Leaders are proponents of campus involvement. Erin Smith of Logansport, Indiana, said, "I believe campus involvement is an important part of your freshman year! Becoming involved has helped me gain good leadership skills and meet some of my best friends at USI."

Megan Zachary of Middletown, Indiana, said, "College is more than just classes; it is about what you learn about yourself through activities and involvement. These are lessons that cannot be taught in the classroom."

John Runions of Chesterton, Indiana, said, "Getting involved with campus groups has helped my grades and has helped me become more confident."

Students named Eagle Leaders and their hometowns follow:

Lance Buecher	Wadesville, Indiana
Tanna Carmen	Richland, Indiana
Kelly Certain	Mt. Vernon, Indiana
Paula Dalton	Jasper, Indiana
Anna Hastings	Elnora, Indiana
Nazli Karaagac	Istanbul, Turkey
Adriane Kiszka	Dyer, Indiana
Kelly Lemon	Crown Point, Indiana
Dana Loy	Valparaiso, Indiana
Kendall Martin	Merrillville, Indiana
Valerie Mendenhall	Fishers, Indiana
Rachel Miller	Delphi, Indiana

Natalie Pryor	Franklin, Indiana
Nicole Rea	Indianapolis, Indiana
Natasha Rea	Indianapolis, Indiana
John Runions	Burns Harbor, Indiana
Joanna Scott	Williams, Indiana
Sean Selby	Newburgh, Indiana
Ashley Shipe	Zionsville, Indiana
Lindsay Smith	Coal City, Indiana
Debra Smith	Winchester, Indiana
Erin Smith	Logansport, Indiana
Ryan Sweatt	Indianapolis, Indiana
Mike Synowiec	Evansville, Indiana
Lindsay Tingley	Winchester, Indiana
Ashley Weisheit	Jasper, Indiana
Kelly Wepsic	Evansville, Indiana
Zac Wood	Granger, Indiana
Megan Zachary	Middletown, Indiana

*The USI athletics mascot is Archibald Eagle and the athletic teams are the Screaming Eagles. The student leaders chose to continue the tradition and labeled themselves Eagle Leaders.

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