

**The Spot- February 11, 2009**

Spring Involvement Expo, Jagathon, International Festival, Jaguars Athletics

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[J. Wade] Hi. I'm Jennifer Wade, your host for the February 11th edition of IUPUI's The Spot. The Spring Involvement Expo is free and open to everyone! No registration is required at this one-stop shop for all your involvement needs. Local non-profit organizations and IUPUI student organizations will be present to answer any questions regarding how you can become involved. Be sure to check it out on Monday, February 16 from 11-1pm in the Campus Center Multipurpose Room.

Homecoming is over and Jagathon weekend is right around the corner! We talked with Justin Cranfill to learn more about this overnight fundraiser for Riley Hospital.

[J. Cranfill] Jagathon is a 13-hour event that we're doing this year on this coming Friday, February 13th, going into the morning of February 14th. It's from 7pm to 8am. It's in support of Riley Children's Hospital. We raise money and our goal this year is \$20,000, and all the participants who come to the event are asked to raise \$100. Jagathon will be on the 4th floor of the Campus Center in the main ballroom there. Anyone can join. They don't have to be a part of a student organization. They can just come with themselves or bring some friends.

We have different theme hours. There's Hawaiian hour and a love-hate hour since it's Friday 13th going into Valentine's Day the next morning. We have different theme hours and different activities going into each theme hour to keep students active and involved. We've got a live band there as well. IBC's giving free massages.

You can go to our web site and sign up. It's [iupui.edu/~sf](http://iupui.edu/~sf). There's our events tab at the top and if you click on that, it'll bring you right to Jagathon and you can just sign up on there really quick.

[J. Wade] The international presence at IUPUI is soaring! With students representing over 120 countries, it's time to celebrate! At IUPUI's 5th Annual International Festival, experience food, dance, and education. The International Festival takes place from 10-2pm on the first and lower levels of Taylor Hall on Tuesday, February 17th.

SOLD, the Student Organization Leadership Development program, has been a hit. So far, seven student organizations have been recognized as three-star programs! Diana Sims-Harris discussed how SOLD works in an interview with The Spot.

[D. Sims-Harris] SOLD stands for Student Organization Leadership Development. It's a leadership development program we have here for student organizations and their members at IUPUI. It started in the fall, so it's a brand new program. We offer about 38 workshops throughout the year for student organizations to participate in. It gives organizations a chance to learn about important topics that will help them lead and manage their organization as well as explore their own personal, leadership identity and explore how to become better leaders themselves.

Organizations that participate in SOLD, the more they participate, the more benefits they get. We have a three-star recognition program. So as students attend sessions, they move up in terms of getting one, two and three stars. And they get benefits for that like extra free copies, a pizza party for their organization, VIP table at the involvement expo, so all sorts of great benefits they get.

Anyone can get involved in the SOLD program. You can find all of our workshops on [lead.iupui.edu](http://lead.iupui.edu). You just click on SOLD. Any student can participate and we usually have snacks or pizza or cookies there. It's a great program to participate in.

[J. Wade] Last year IUPUI contributed almost 75,000 hours of community service! Do you want to be a part of the cause? IUPUI's Spring Alternative Break program is offering trips to Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri, and Pennsylvania. Hurry and get your applications in by 5pm on Monday, February 16. For applications visit the news link at [csl.iupui.edu/ocs](http://csl.iupui.edu/ocs).

On homecoming night the IUPUI women's basketball team took a bite out of the Bison as they defeated North Dakota State 63-41 Saturday night at the Jungle. The same night the men's basketball team found themselves at a 91-69 loss.

On Monday, February 16, the women's basketball team plays Centenary at 7pm. On Thursday, February 19th the men's basketball team meets IPFW at 7pm in the Jungle. You can follow the Jags at [iupuijags.com](http://iupuijags.com).

That's it for The Spot this week! Check us out next Wednesday for the latest campus news and student activities at [jagtv.iupui.edu](http://jagtv.iupui.edu).

I'm Jennifer Wade, and thanks for Spotting us!