

ATKINS LIVING-LEARNING CENTER NEWSLETTER

Letter From the Media and Communications Committee

The media committee is a new feature of Atkins this year and we are so excited to be releasing a newsletter every month! We aim to inform the community about and discuss topics such as Black Lives Matter, Current/World Events, IU/Bloomington Events, a Song/ Artist Feature, Affirmations and Monthly Goals, and Floor Activities. We hope that you find each newsletter to be an interesting and engaging part of being in Atkins.

Meet the members of the Media Committee!

My name is Keziah Muthama and I am an exploratory major with an interest in music.

My name is Robert Sorsor and I hope to major in nursing or something related to the medical field.

My name is Shiloh Royal-Thomas and I plan on majoring in Law.

My name is LaRiyah Petty and I am a Sports Marketing major. I am the chair of the Media Committee.

My name is Brianna Miller and I am majoring in accounting.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter!

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Meet the Atkins LLC 2020-2021 Eboard

by Keziah Muthama

Sierra Lee (top left) is this year's President. She is from Chesapeake, VA and is studying Human Development and Family Studies as a pre-track for physician assistant. Sierra decided to join Atkins because she wanted to be around a group of likeminded people to help motivate her. She is most excited to hear everyone's ideas and following through each idea to make it a reality.

Fun Fact: Sierra loves to read romance novels.

Favorite Music Artist: Lauryn Hill

Ameriha Renfro (top middle) is this year's Vice President from Chicago, IL. She is a Biology major on the pre-med track. Ameriha joined Atkins because she wanted to be a part of a group that she felt represented her culture. She is most excited to make events for everyone to go to.

Fun Fact: Ameriha can do ten back handsprings at a time (on a good day).

Favorite Movie: Avengers: Age of Ultron

Favorite Artist: Brent Faiyaz & Jhene Aiko

Keziah Muthama (top right) is your Governor from Indianapolis, IN. She is planning on Majoring in Vocal Performance and Musical Theatre. She joined Atkins to be surrounded by a Black community at a PWI. She is most excited to help plan building wide events hosted by Atkins.

Fun Fact: Keziah is the first in her family to be born in America.

Favorite Movie: Burlesque

Favorite Artist: Banks

LaRiyah Petty (second row left) is this year's Secretary and Media Committee Chairperson from South Bend, IN. She is a sports marketing major. LaRiyah joined Atkins cause she wanted to feel comfortable and be around others like her. She is excited to be available to everyone and be a helpful resource.

Fun Fact: Her favorite color is blue.

Favorite Movie: The Hate You Give

Favorite Artist: Drake

Amber Moseley (second row middle) is this year's Historian from Maryland. She is on the pre-law track. Amber decided to join Atkins in order to have a community when she came to campus, and decided to take that a step further and help the community as the Historian.

Fun Fact: Amber helped pick her little sister's name!

Favorite Movie: All marvel movies

Favorite Artist: Bazzi

Brianna Davis (*second row right*) is this year's treasurer from Texas. She moved to Indiana in 2011. She is currently in the exploratory program investigating her interests for a future career. She joined Atkins cause she wanted to be around more diverse people and be able to socialize with the people on her floor: "a home away from home." She is excited to be treasurer because she is a saver not a spender, and if she does anything when it's absolutely necessary and a good deal. She always loved having a budget for herself so to be able to manage other groups' budgets sounds like it's right up her alley.

Fun Fact: Brianna loves to travel and explore different places. She hasn't done much, but when she was younger she went on a cruise and went to places like Cozumel and Belize. She wants to continue by visiting most of the states in the USA and maybe visit the other places she went to when she was younger.

Favorite Movie: Any marvel movies

Favorite Artist: Mary J. Blige

Demetria Doby (*bottom left*) is this year's Hospitality Committee Chairperson from Hammond, IN. She is majoring in Psychology with a Minor in Criminal Justice. Demetria applied to Atkins because as a "first gen" she needed a home away from home and she felt like Atkins would be that for her and then some. As the chairperson for the Hospitality Committee, she is most excited to collaborate with everyone to ensure that the village will always be a place for us to find comfort and culture.

Fun Fact: She loves weird food combinations like pork chops and chocolate ice cream!

Favorite Movie: I Can Do Bad All By Myself (or any Movie with Madea).

Favorite Artist: N/A, but if you ever have a song recommendation, she'd love to hear it!

Desirée Taylor (*bottom middle*) is the Academic Chairperson from Gary, IN. She is majoring in Broadcast Journalism. Desirée joined Atkins to be among people who look like and can relate to her. As Chairperson she is excited to broaden her experience in a leadership position.

Fun Fact: Desirée is 9th in line out of 10 kids.

Favorite Movie: Train to Busan

Favorite Artist: Park Hyo Shin

Taniya Jones (*bottom right*) is the Co-Academic Chairperson from Tennessee. She is majoring in Criminal Justice. Taniya joined Atkins because it was a great opportunity to be in a dorm with Black people and connect with her own people. As Co-Academic Chairperson she is excited to go to executive meetings and organize and take notes for her team.

Fun Fact: She loves sports (Scottie Pippen is her favorite NBA player)

Favorite Movies: Love and Basketball and Juice

Favorite Artist: Brent Faiyaz



Upcoming Events

by Briana Miller

Vote, Vote, Vote!

Election day is close, and early voting has begun! Check your voter registration status at <https://indianavoter.in.gov>. Early voting dates are: October 19th - 23rd 8 am - 6 pm, October 24th 9 am - 4 pm, October 26th - 30th 8 am - 6 pm, October 31st 9 am - 4 pm, and November 2nd 8 am - 12 pm. Vote at 401 W. 7th Street Suite 100.

Sporting Events

- IU versus Penn State at Home - October 24th at 3:30 pm
- IU versus Rutgers at Rutgers - October 31st

Other Events

- Study Sessions - Forest Conference Room, October 27th 8 - 9 pm
- Guess Boo - Atkins Floor, October 30th
- Floor Movie Night, October 30th

National News

by Robert Soror

We are a few weeks from the election and we are seeing the two candidates, Former Vice President Joe Biden and President Donald Trump, campaign in multiple states. Currently, the recent polls have shown Biden ahead of Trump with an average lead of about eight and half points. Though Biden may hold an edge over Trump, it is possible that anything can happen between now and November 3rd.

In other news, as coronavirus is raging across the United States and the rest of the world, we are seeing a race for a vaccine that could be potentially distributed in the spring of 2021. Until we have a vaccine that is safe to be distributed to the public, it is important that you take the necessary precautions to keep yourself and others safe as we head further into the Fall season and eventually into the winter. The total cases in U.S. is currently at 8 million and the total death toll has surged past 220,000 people. Please wear a mask and socially distance yourself from others.

It is crucial that we elect officials that can effectively handle situations that influence our daily lives. It is imperative that you vote on November 3rd, whether it be in person or mail-in voting, so we can have effective leadership that can handle the problems that need to be addressed.



Music Review - Polo G

by Shiloh Royal-Thomas

An artist from Chicago, IL, Polo G has become a very popular rapper. His music portrays the struggles he had to endure until becoming a rapper. He uses his talent to bring himself and his peers out of the atrocities they have faced. Not many people consider why he had the various struggles he discusses in his music, and the people he advocates for. He was a victim of the circumstances he was raised in. Those who associate with his music may relate to his endeavors. Polo G is my favorite rapper because of his wordplay; I am always captivated by his story. It is this ability and how he crafts the narrative, that cements his place within this artist spotlight.