Welcome to our New Members and Friends!

Amelia Thoreson        Sara Leiding        Bri Iverson
Isabel Ramos           Hannah Ogren         Emily Kelly
Paul Arnal             Joseph Haggerty      Alexa Scheitler
Mitch O'Meara          Kirsten Lucy         Sully Lown
Kristin DeLeeuw        Madi Holm           Sophia Taggart
Claire Stufflebeam     Carlos Yaque         Rachel Cavett
Mallory Obenauf        Casey Delaney        Brenna Bonewitz
Elizabeth Jackson      Sierra Nolz          Kylie Henkels
Catia Atienza          Kelsey Gruber        Ray Khothisen
Stephanie Tarchala     Gabi Moya            Cal Wagner

First Visit Day (Monday 2/18)

- Shout out to New Members who were able to participate!
- Thank you to our returning members as well.
- Changes to Admitted Student Visit Days:
  - Check-In Processes:
    - If you are the first person at the table, make sure to welcome them to Iowa before asking for name and starting the process.
    - Second person: Every person gets a personalized itinerary and VIP badge. Afternoon options will now be printed on the back of the itinerary.
      - People were not putting the lanyards on the VIP badge, so STAR students could recommend putting it on, or you could put them on yourselves.
    - Third person: They get a packet of handouts that are inserted into the Next Step Brochure. These will now be pre-assembled for everyone to hand out. Please attach a pen at the top when handing this to families
    - The last person has tote bags and laptop stickers! Families can pick up their own buttons.
  - Afternoon: Optional afternoon activities
    - Activities Include
      - Financial Aid Session x 2
      - College Credit while in High School x 2
      - Honors Open House in BHC
      - Student Services Mini Fair includes Financial Aid, Admissions, Orientation, Advising, Housing & Dining, Academic Support and Retention and Student Health
      - Student Involvement Mini-Fair (coordinated by CSIL) There are 6 tables that include the major categories of organizations.
      - Engineering Tour at 2:30 pm - departs from 2045 SC
    - The families have been running around and busy all morning, and now it is time for the STAR members to welcome them back to the IMU and help them go through their schedule. Take this time to mingle and remind them they can accept their admission and get a Yard Sign (seriously they love this)!
      - If have questions about mingling, please reach out to Nick Psihoyos, or Kody Meyer who are our experts at this!
  - Escorting to Academic Session
    - Please arrive to this shift early to check in, get materials, and line up in order of dismissal. Then you will go to the Main Lounge to get the students and help them to their destination.
    - Contact information for the person hosting the session will be included in the Alpha Report for the next Visit Day.
- **Business:** the new plan is for STAR students to escort this group to PBB, then wait until the end of the session/tour of PBB in the West Galleria to then take our visitors to lunch in Catlett.
  - Recommended that we meet groups in the West Galleria

- **Next Admitted Student Visit Day** is Friday March 1st.
  - This Visit Day is full and we have over 800 people coming to campus!
  - There are 28 different academic sessions

- **Any questions for Visit Days on the day of or before,** text Nicole or Alex
  - Alex: 651-269-6369
  - Nicole: 641-330-9959

- **Adopt-a-Class**
  - We need someone to write to a student in one of our classrooms!
  - The student is in fifth grade!
  - Things to write about:
    - Why you love college
    - Why you have to try hard to get into college
    - Favorite things
  - If you would like to join our program and make a pen-pal friend or add another pen-pal friend to who you're already writing to, please email the STAR account!
  - This does count for STAR volunteer hours
    - One letter = one volunteer hour

- **"Hawk Watch" Rave Guardian App**
  - User can designate friend, family, or UIPD as your "Guardian"
    - Enter estimated time to walk home
      - If you get stuck or it is going to take longer, you can change the amount of time
    - If you don’t check in before the estimated time guardian is notified with location of user
    - Recommend using someone that you live with or see frequently
  - Panic Button Feature
    - Can select both on and off campus
    - Call 911 and connect you with Iowa City Police
  - Can send anonymous crime tips
    - May ask for more tips through the app
  - "Blue Pole on the Go"
    - App on the phone
  - Use this as a safety example at Visit Days
    - Good for personal stories with families

- **Honors and Hosting Opportunities**
  - Clara Wertzberger - Honors Program contact for STAR
  - Class/Lunch hosting (NOT just for Honors, friends!)
  - [T_scholar@uiowa.edu](mailto:T_scholar@uiowa.edu) (Top Scholar)
  - **Hosting Request for Monday, 2/25!**
    - Nick Goodell from Williamsburg would love to grab lunch with anyone in Environmental Science or a related field (Biology). He's free 12:00-1:15 for a 45-min lunch.
    - Email the Top Scholar (above) if you are interested!

- **Follow us on Social Media!**
  - Instagram
  - Twitter
  - Snap Chat