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SYCAMORES STAYING SAFE

- COMPLETE THE SYCAMORE SYMPTOM ASSESSMENT
- WEAR A FACE COVERING
- WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY
- MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE
- DISINFECT SURFACES
- STAY HOME WHEN ILL

Sycamores IN THE MEDIA

Lilly Endowment gives ISU \$6.5M grant to improve student retention

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Indiana State University has received a \$6.5 million grant from Lilly Endowment for "Sycamores Achieve," a new program to improve retention and graduation rates of first-generation students, students of color,

Disability Awareness Month Events

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

ISU strategic plan survey closing today

Members of the Indiana State University community have until today to [provide feedback](#) on the first draft of the new strategic plan, "Focusing on Our Future Together: A Strategic Plan for Indiana State University, 2021-2025."

and students who qualify for federal Pell Grants.

The funding was part of the competitive third phase of a Lilly Endowment initiative, Charting the Future of Indiana's Colleges and Universities.

The initiative is designed to help Indiana colleges and universities assess and prioritize the most significant challenges and opportunities they face as higher education institutions and develop strategies to address them.

"In a year with so many rough waters to navigate, this affirmation of our aspirations from Lilly Endowment means a great deal to this campus," ISU President Deborah J. Curtis said. "I'm so grateful for this generous grant and I appreciate Lilly Endowment's foresight in supporting solutions to the challenges facing higher education. This investment in ISU and its students will pay off for years to come."

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CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

[University Engagement Awards: Now accepting nominations](#)

[Latina Month](#)

[Depression screening day](#)

[Sycamore Pantry donation list](#)

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The plan was presented to the Board of Trustees and campus at large during the Board's February 19 meetings. For more information about the plan and to access the survey, follow this [link](#).

More News

A Conversation with the authors of *Sexual Citizens: A Landmark Study of Sex, Power, and Assault On Campus*

Authors Jennifer Hirsch and Shamus Khan will be the keynote speakers of this year's [Sexual Assault Awareness Month event](#) at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2021. The event will be virtual with an in-person participation option available in Dede I (with social distancing overflow room available in Dede II and III).

Hirsch, a professor of socio-medical sciences at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, and Khan, a professor of Sociology and American Studies at Princeton University, will discuss their book, [Sexual Citizens: A Landmark Study of Sex, Power, and Assault on Campus](#).

Named one of NPR's best books of 2020, Hirsch and Khan lay out an expansive, empirically-grounded vision for campus sexual assault prevention. [MORE](#)

[SGA in search of Student Trustee nominees](#)

FACULTY/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Canvas 101 March 29-30](#)


[Canvas 101 March 31 - April 2](#)

[Free Firewood to ISU faculty and staff from the men of Pi Kappa Alpha](#)


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TESTING**

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**SYCAMORE
SYMPTOM
ASSESSMENT**



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