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Don’t miss out on the annual Design Interaction Day where you attend seminars about the latest trends and topics while seeing the latest from vendors of all kinds. This is a great way to network and see what’s going on in the industry as some represent IU’s design program more info coming soon.

Design Interaction Day ’11
When: February 25th, 9am-5pm
Where: Columbus, Indiana
Points: 8

CIDA Visit
As our Interior Design program continues to grow and prosper, it’s almost time to renew our CIDA accreditation again! The Design Studies program has been continually accredited since 1991, which makes us the longest accredited programs in the state, something we are very proud of! Beginning April 9th, CIDA visitors will spend 4 days, until April 12th, evaluating our program. During this time, student work that has been completed over the past 4 years, will be displayed in studio 163 for site visitors to evaluate. So how do they determine if we get accredited or not, you ask? Well, CIDA focuses on 14 standards some of which include: Space and Form, History, Global Concepts, Color and Light, FFE (furniture, fixtures and equipment), Finish Materials, Environmental Systems and Controls, and so much more! Our program must meet the intent of each of the 14 standards in order to be accredited and each standard has specific indicators that they will look for in our projects. We are excited about their visit to IU and look forward to being in each building.

Resume Event
When: February 2nd @ 4:15 PM
Where: Studio 163
Points: 4

Mike Loebel will be sharing his knowledge and providing all who attend with professional tips on how to format a resume and cover letter, bettering your chances of finding a job or an internship. There will be examples of current senior’s employment packages and you will get the chance to see their portfolios. This will be especially helpful for making yourself more marketable to possible employers while coming up with your design identity to complete your “total package”. Come enjoy refreshments at this extremely beneficial event!

Recap of Last Semester
Thanks to everyone who made last semester a success! Here’s a quick look at some of our activities:

• Collected 246 cans for Hoosier Hills Food Drive
• Helped the Innovation Center come up with design solutions for their space
• Started a sketch club
• Learned to manage the stresses of Interior Design at the Stress Relief Event!

Calendar
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Design for Humanity Build
When: Saturday, March 26th
Points: 6
RSPV: to arjobe@indiana.edu

After more than 20 years and 100 homes built, all of which are still being lived in today, Monroe County’s Habitat for Humanity is allowing DSSO to have their own build. We have gone to great measures to make this exciting opportunity available to us as a program, but due to the overall popularity of the habitat builds, we only have 20 available spots for the design students. So save the date and sign up fast because it’s first come, first serve! We will be going on sight to a habitat home to help with the siding, insulating, landscaping, and touching up of any work needed for the completion of this project. This wonderful opportunity not only allows us to help out the community and give recognition to our program, but it helps increase our design knowledge for the future. It is imperative that if you are one of the 20 people to sign up, you MUST attend this event in order to be able to participate in future builds. Let’s make it a success, and show them what Indiana’s interior design program is all about!

Mark your Calendars for the next DSSO Meeting: Feb 15th @ 8pm

Congratulations to the new DSSO members!

Active Member: Kaitlin Keeling & Katy Harryman

* You can find your membership status on the website coming out next week!