



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

HONORS PROGRAM IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

for Indiana high school students

WAYS THAT IUHPFL STUDENTS MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

Congratulations to the new IUHPFL Alums! In this document you will find various ways that alums can give back to their school and community. You will also find ideas for keeping your language skills active and remain connected to IUHPFL and other IUHPFL alums.

Ways you can contribute to your school:

- Promote the program by encouraging other eligible students to apply. Former students make the best IUHPFL ambassadors!
- Talk about your IUHPFL experience to as many different groups as possible. Examples include school-wide presentations, PTA meetings, or school board meetings. Emphasize the most positive aspects of your experience.
- Ask world language teachers if you can talk about IUHPFL in their class in the fall after you return.
- Tutor individual students or assist in lower-grade classrooms:
 - Share stories and show videos, photos, souvenirs, foreign currency, etc.
 - Encourage classmates to speak the target language outside of class.
 - Teach songs, skits, dances, or poems that you learned abroad.
- Write articles for your school's newspaper about your experience in your specific country or about IUHPFL in general.
- Use social media to raise awareness about IUHPFL

Ways to retain what you have learned and deepen your knowledge of the language:

- Be as active as possible in language clubs and classes.
- Continue to speak the language as much as possible: in class, tutoring others, teaching classes to younger kids, attending a language conversation hour.
- Read books and listen to music in the target language.
- Communicate in the target language with your host family.
- Organize reunions with fellow IUHPFL participants.
- Get a subscription to a magazine in the target language; larger bookstores tend to stock foreign periodicals as well.
- Watch news broadcasts or look for websites and videos in your target language.

- In college, ask an academic advisor for information on employment possibilities abroad or with foreign-owned companies in the US.
- Study abroad at the college you plan to attend!

Ways you can contribute to language clubs at your school:

- Start a language club if one does not exist.
- Serve as an officer and active leader of existing clubs.
- Encourage speaking the target language during club activities.
- Suggest having a gathering featuring typical foods from the country you visited.
- Help start up or publish a language newspaper or newsletter.
- Visit restaurants that feature typical dishes from the country you visited abroad, invite native speakers to give presentations, attend plays or films in the target language or about the culture, history, or literature of the country visited.

Ways you can contribute to your local community:

- Speak at clubs, organizations, church groups, etc. that may be able to help future candidates financially.
- Ask for an interview from a local newspaper that would be interested in running an article on IUHPFL and/or your experience specifically.
- Volunteer at local organizations that might have serve clients that speak the target language.
- Start up a conversation club in your community, where individuals come together to spend time speaking the target language on a monthly basis.

Ways in which you can stay connected to IUHPFL:

- Please make sure we have your most current/preferred email address. We will stay in touch with via email – we send alums approximately 2-3 emails a year.
 - If you move or change your email address, send us an update via our Alumni Contact/Update form on our website.
- Send us an email anytime with a testimonial, or an update about your life, or if you need help connecting to another alum.
- Follow IUHPFL on social media.
- If you go to IU Bloomington, help with Orientation and other events.
- Down the road, consider making a tax-deductible donation to our scholarship fund, which will help future students participate in IUHPFL!

These are just some ideas, and we're sure that you'll come up with plenty of your own. Your IUHPFL experience can help launch you into new career directions, interests, and friend circles. We hope that you'll take advantage of all that you've learned and allow IUHPFL to benefit you academically, professionally, and personally well into your future.