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Celebrating our 1-Year Anniversary!

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The I Hotel and Conference Center has succeeded in forming strong relationships with its visitors during our first year of operation. Several ideas that allow us to stand out amongst our competitors have been implemented:

Welcome amenities such as locally-created snacks, or gift baskets may be placed in a guests' room upon request. If a guest is published or has an affinity for certain books, we also ensure that copies are placed in the room upon arrival.

Complimentary shuttling is available to/from any campus building, Willard Airport, or Illinois Terminal. Our use of FlightTracker guarantees our shuttle is there whether the flight is late or early. Our new Zip Cars are also available to all hotel guests.

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We are the only hotel constructed to Four Diamond standards in the Champaign-Urbana area in which any request is to be fulfilled. Among RUSK products, full-sized hair dryer, 32" LCD TV's, iHome iPod docking station, and premium pillow-top mattresses offered in both king and double queen rooms.

Our facility also offers a Spa (offering Swedish, deep tissue, and hot stone massages), 24-hour fitness center, and complimentary wireless and hard-wired internet.



Summer Nights at Houlihan's



Houlihan's is the I Hotel's connecting restaurant and bar, and has also experienced success during its first year of operation. Part eclectic eatery, part energetic bar scene, Houlihan's Restaurant + Bar redefines "casual dining." Champaign-Urbana's newest culinary spot, Houlihan's features global and American cuisine that will awaken your taste buds with a sizzling infusion of fresh ingredients and bold flavors.

Our summer nights have been heating up on our beautiful, outdoor patios. Houlihan's most recent specials include live jazz and outdoor dining on Tuesdays, and half-price wine bottles on Wednesdays.

"This was an outstanding experience, with possibly the friendliest front desk staff I've ever encountered (and I travel extensively in the US). The conference and sleeping room facilities were wonderful. I already have and will continue to recommend your 'experience'."
-A. Hansen

Innovative Business Center Makes Traveling Easy

Our state-of-the-art business center is open 24 hours, and allows all hotel guests free internet access with Meru Networks to check their email, access Microsoft Office, print documents, presentations, flight information, and much more.



The Freedom of ZipCars



Our facility is the newest hub for two brand-new Zip Cars. They are a fast and easy way to get around town while you are visiting the Champaign-Urbana area, whether you're here for business or pleasure. Simply go online and register at www.zipcar.com.

Back-To-School Speakers & Conferences



As the Fall semester approaches, colleges and departments within U of I are beginning to prepare a line-up of staff retreats, speakers, seminars, and symposiums. Our 38,000 square-foot conference center includes 2 ballrooms, 9 meeting rooms, and 1 executive boardroom. Our state-of-the-art technology has brought every event over the past year to a new level of sophistication, accomplishment, and professionalism.

Along with room rental includes use of the LCD projectors and screens, digital signage to identify and customize your event, the house speaker system, wired microphones, and—as always—wired and wireless internet connectivity. An AV technician is also available to test your AV, and is on hand to assist during your event.

University catering contributes to a memorable event through their extensive cuisine options. The catering staff works closely with all program coordinators to customize your menu, as well as provide complimentary, fresh floral arrangements for every event with food or beverage purchase.

Proven Winners is the leading brand of high-quality flowering plants in America. Information on plant material will be on the I Hotel's website this Fall!

Congratulations to the **Facilities & Services**

Building Service Workers who service the Illinois Conference Center. Peter Fox has said "In the 260 days the center has been open, there has been *zero* issues concerning the service we provide."

Don't miss the acts performing this month at
OUTSIDE at Research Park:

August 14: Ryan Groff (6:30 PM) • Kathy Mattea (7:30pm)

August 28: Rev up for Ellnora|The Guitar Festival at Krannert Center! • Green Fair (4pm-close) • Post Historic (5pm) • The Duke of Uke and His Novelty Orchestra (6pm) • High Cotton (7pm) • Hot Buttered Rum (8pm)



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