

## Ivy Tech, Our Comprehensive Community College

*John Whikehart, Chancellor of Ivy Tech State College, Region 14/Bloomington, comments on a recently published article in the Herald-Times about the status of the community college system in Indiana.*

Steve Hinnefeld's article of October 18, 2003, regarding the relationship between Vincennes University and Ivy Tech State College as community college system partners was accurately reported. When a Vincennes University presence arrives at our Bloomington campus, the VU associate of liberal arts degree will be added to the menu of Ivy Tech degree offerings currently enjoyed by our students. Higher Education Commissioner Stan Jones' assessment that the partnership could come as early as next fall may prove to be accurate, but that will require movement on a number of fronts including action by a policy committee established by the community college system legislation.

I would offer a subtle but significant correction, however, to the story's headline: "Next fall, Ivy Tech *could* (italics added) be a community college". While local implementation of the partnership with Vincennes University may eventually happen, Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington *is already* a comprehensive community college for the six counties we serve.

Our exploding enrollments, up 16.7% over last fall semester, is testimony to the fact that both traditional students, coming to us in greater numbers directly from area high schools, and workers seeking training or retraining view us as their access point to public higher education.

Our expanding dual credit offerings for area high school students, as well as the relationships we are cultivating with our middle schools to create unique summer educational opportunities, already position Ivy Tech as a partner in creating a seamless educational system that will benefit students from our service area communities.

Our growing corporate training and continuing education area is working to meet the training needs of area businesses as well as the needs of individuals for courses for personal enhancement and enrichment.

This year, we continue our focus on the individual learner, the workforce development needs of our corporate partners, and our relationships with K-12 and Indiana University-Bloomington. But we have also expanded our goals to include outreach to our minority communities, and the creation of a "service oriented learning environment" through a Center for Civic Engagement. The Center will provide an opportunity for our students, our faculty and our staff to give something back in service to our local communities.

We are a "work in progress". The theme of our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on November 15 is "We've Only Just Begun". The addition of a Vincennes degree will bring another educational option for local students. The reality, however, is our true local partner in seamlessly bridging K-12, our community college associate degrees, and four-year baccalaureate programs is Indiana University-Bloomington.

And we are excited about the future because we are a comprehensive community college *now*.

My headline suggestion: "Next fall, Ivy Tech-Bloomington, *our comprehensive community college*, may add a Vincennes degree."

## Bill C. Brown Named Ivy Tech Foundation Board Member

Bloomington businessman, Bill C. Brown, was elected to the board of directors of the Ivy Tech Foundation during its annual meeting on October 9, 2003. No strangers to Ivy Tech-Bloomington, Bill C. and Patty Brown were honored by the College in November last year.



The outdoor plaza at the campus was named the Bill C. and Patty Brown Plaza, in honor of the Browns' contribution toward the acquisition of land for the new campus. The Early Childhood Education Office Suite in the building was dedicated to Patty Brown, in honor of her dedication and commitment to early childhood education. Says Chancellor John Whikehart: "Bill C. and Patty Brown's gift enhanced the College's plans for our new facility that opened in August last year at 200 Daniels Way, on Bloomington's west side. We are enormously grateful for their generosity. Bill's appointment to the Ivy Tech Foundation Board demonstrates yet again his long-term commitment to improving the lives of Hoosiers through education."

Ivy Tech Foundation supports the mission of Ivy Tech State College by partnering with donors to invest in Ivy Tech students, faculty and programs in an effort to build stronger communities and a better Indiana.

## Ivy Tech Hosts Fair With International Flavor

"Cultural Connections - Our Global Community," a special event to celebrate Ivy Tech's international diversity, was held on Wednesday, October 22 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm in Alumni Hall at the Ivy Tech campus and was attended by over 300 people. The purpose of the event was to introduce Ivy Tech's international faculty, staff and students, local businesses, and community members to each other and expose students to the diversity that surrounds them!



*Left: A group of delighted visitors showing their names in Chinese. The names were written by Ivy Tech student, Vivienne Xiao Xia Michelson.*

Visitors soaked their senses in other cultures by viewing international displays, listening to international music while sampling international foods! Artifacts from around the world were displayed including a special display called "Faces of Bloomington" provided courtesy of La Casa, Latino Cultural Center at Indiana University.

Live entertainment was provided by Latin Musician, Isac Salazar, the Latin, Jazz and Salsa Group from Indiana University, solo musician, Hankon Toker, and members of the local group Pangaea Belly Dance.

Participating in conversations about international experiences were Ivy Tech Technology Division faculty member, Oscar Rodriguez, who comes from Honduras; Costa Rican-born Daniel Soto, a diversity specialist from the Leo Dowling International Center at Indiana University; and Ivy Tech student, Mohammed Yunus, from Tanzania.

*Below: Ivy Tech Chancellor John Whikehart recounts the journey he and his wife, Linda, took to China in June 2002 to pick up their newly adopted daughter, Sophie.*



## 2004 Spring Registration

For the computer savvy, the 2004 Spring Academic Class Schedule is available for viewing on the Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington web site. A large two-page "cut-out and keep" advertisement of the 2004 Spring Academic Class Schedule will be published in the Hoosier Times on Sunday, November 16. It will also be available on campus as a flier for those who stop by the building or who request a copy by phone.

The 2004 Spring Continuing Education Class Schedule will be posted on the web site later in November.

Students are encouraged to register during Open Registration to avoid the last minute rush before class starts next year.

### Returning Student Registration

November 10-14, 2003

### Open Registration

November 17-21, 2003  
and December 1-5, 2003

### Late Registration\*

January 7-8, 2004 (\*Late fee of \$25 charged)

Classes start on Monday, January 12, 2004  
and the semester ends on May 10, 2004.

## Pledges to United Way

An amount of \$4,335.08 was pledged by Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington employees to the United Way 2003/2004 Community Care Fund Drive - *Neighbors Helping Neighbors*. This year's contribution more than doubled the amount pledged the previous year. Jean Emery, Chair of the 2003 United Way Campaign, Heather Allen, United Way Staff member, and United Way supporter, Ron Remak, talked to Ivy Tech faculty and staff at their fall staff meeting. United Way also supports the Ivy Tech Foundation, a non-profit organization which distributes scholarships to Ivy Tech students.

## Ivy Tech Attends SIHO Health Fair



Members of Ivy Tech's Health Sciences programs attended the SIHO Health Fair held at Bloomington Hospital on Thursday, October 30, 2003, from 11am - 3pm. Visitors enjoyed spinal screenings, cholesterol screenings, blood pressure checks, and were provided with educational information. Manning the Ivy Tech booth are Associate of Science in Nursing Program Chair, Vera Cline (left), Health Division Secretary and Coordinator of the Nurse Aide Training course, Vicky Lewis (middle), and Paramedic Science Program Chair, Bruce Bare (right). Ivy Tech was recently approved to offer a two-year Associate of Science Degree in Paramedic Science at the Bloomington campus.

## 40th Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to a 60's party in honor of Ivy Tech's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, November 15, 2003 at the Bloomington Convention Center beginning at 6 pm!

Dance to the music of Bruce "Elvis" Borders and his 60's band; participate in the karaoke of the hits of the 60's; go retro with our hamburger, hotdog, sloppy joe and fries bar; and take advantage of our sundae bar too. The social hour runs from 6-7 pm, dinner will be served from 7-8 pm followed by a floor show. Then put on your dancing shoes and dance the night away! Wear your poodle skirt, senior cords and DA's, or dress casually, whichever you prefer! Don't forget to bring a guest! And, best of all, it's all FREE! A cash bar will be available as well.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Mark Howard at [mshoward@ivytech.edu](mailto:mshoward@ivytech.edu) or call (812) 330-6005. Please RSVP by Monday, November 10, 2003.

## Philip Vannatter Talks to Criminal Justice Students



Above: Guest lecturer Philip Vannatter presents his slide show on the O.J. Simpson trial.



Pictured with Philip Vannatter (right) is Ivy Tech's Criminal Justice Program Chair, Gary M. Dunn (left).

Over 100 Ivy Tech Criminal Justice students and visitors enjoyed the presence of a special guest lecturer on Wednesday, October 15 at the new Ivy Tech campus. The guest speaker was Philip Vannatter. Vannatter is the former Los Angeles Police Department detective and lead detective on the Nicole Brown Simpson/Ronald Goldman double murder, key prosecution witness, and the author of the book "Evidence Dismissed".

Vannatter provided an intimate look inside the murder investigation and the trial of O.J. Simpson. Ivy Tech Criminal Justice students and faculty were able to meet Vannatter at a special reception preceding his presentation. Pictured above from left to right are: Tammy Walker, faculty member Angela Maitland, Carol Wilkerson, Vicky Marshall, Philip Vannatter, Cindy Capasso, Heather Blankenship, Susan Morgan and Lori McDaniel.

## Be There or Be Square!

### Take A Look Downtown...

Between Kirkwood and 2nd Street on College and Walnut, the Ivy Tech State College 40th Anniversary Banners have been installed on light poles along those two avenues. The ol' green and white is exceptionally distinctive and hard to miss! The banners are there as attention grabbers and to remind people of our 40th anniversary and our presence in the greater Bloomington community. The banners will remain in place until Ivy Tech's 40th Anniversary party on November 15.



## Ivy Tech Chancellor Honored

Guadalupe Valtierra, Chancellor of Ivy Tech State College Region 1, received the first Distinguished Latino Alumni Award at Indiana University Bloomington on Saturday, September 27 during the 30th anniversary celebration of La Casa at Indiana University. The Distinguished Latino Alumni Award is presented to Latino alumni who have contributed to the IU community, their hometown community or their state, and have been outstanding in their career field.

Valtierra received his bachelor of arts degree in social studies from Purdue University in 1979. He received a law degree from Indiana University Bloomington (IUB) in 1982 and a master's degree in higher education, also from IUB, in 1984. Valtierra has had a long career in the field of education. Prior to his position as chancellor, he served as a regional dean of student and academic affairs at Ivy Tech. He has held positions at both Purdue University and Indiana University.

Pictured with Guadalupe Valtierra (right) is John Whikehart (left), Chancellor of Ivy Tech State College, Region 14/Bloomington.



## Ivy Tech in the Community



Attending the Monroe County NAACP's Silver Anniversary and Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on October 10 at Terry's Banquets and Catering are (from left) Julia Rosales, Ivy Tech student Mazias de Oliveira Jr., Clarence Gilliam, President of the Monroe County branch of the NAACP, Debra Vance, Ivy Tech's Director of Outreach, and John Whikehart, Chancellor of Ivy Tech State College Region 14/Bloomington.

*Ivy Tech's new Director of Outreach, Debra Vance, directs all Ivy Tech programs and initiatives related to diversity, affirmative action, and multi-cultural affairs. Ivy Tech is committed to establishing outreach programs and activities for its students, its employees, and the community.*

## SGA Officers Named

Besides academic considerations, eligible students for Student Government Association (SGA) office need to possess a "spirit of service" for the College community. On October 2, the outcome of a five-week election period was announced. The following officers were elected for the 2003-04 school year:

President: Pink Bailey  
Vice President: Margaret Gardner  
Secretary: Jennifer Posson  
Treasurer: Julie Crane

SGA advisors presided over the elections and also recommended the following representatives to serve as appointed officers:

Vice President of Development: Steve Hanson  
Vice President of Marketing: Alicia Graves  
Vice President of Membership: Susan Hayden;  
Jonathan Williams  
Information Co-Coordinator: Mazias de Oliveira;  
Heidi Wampler  
Sergeant at Arms: Tom Wilson  
Assistant Sergeant at Arms: Wendy Welch

Many of the new officers attended the statewide SGA Leadership Conference in Logansport on October 10th and 11th.

The installation ceremony for the new SGA officers is scheduled for Friday, November 7 at 7 pm to be held in Alumni Hall. Faculty, staff, family and friends of the new officers are encouraged to attend the ceremony.

The SGA slate of officers and representatives for the 2003-04 school year are: Isaiah Artest, Katie Banta, Angela Basinger, Celena Butler, Shane Carter, Toni Clifton, Pawel David, Carolyn Eastwood, Raechel Eckelbecker, Bobbi Jo Elliot, Troy Enright-Randolph, Heather Gartner, Christopher Helms, Mark Howard, Linda Jordan, Garret Middleton, Lalla Moore, Lisa Morgan, Lindsey Mosier, Brooke Mulvey, Theresa Sears, Aimee Taylor, Jessica Trinkle, Daniel Williams.