

Criminal Justice Program Calls on Community to Provide Internship Opportunities

Over seventy people connected with the criminal justice community converged on the Ivy Tech Bloomington campus on Wednesday, June 11 in response to an appeal for internships for the College's criminal justice students. At an informational luncheon, hosted by Ivy Tech's criminal justice program chair, Gary M. Dunn, judges, police officers, and other members of law enforcement, youth services, and corrections fields from Monroe and nine other counties, were asked to consider enlisting as an internship partner to help criminal justice students transition from the theoretical world of the classroom to the realistic world of criminal justice employment.

To ensure that its criminal justice students receive a well-rounded education, the College recently mandated that each student successfully complete an internship program, requiring 160 hours of fieldwork in a criminal justice related field. The primary purpose of the internship program is to assist the student in applying the concepts and skills acquired at the College in the work setting, but as Dunn points out, the relationship benefits the internship partner as well. "Intern hosts not only assist the student in learning about the real world," he says, "but studies have shown that these programs are often a 'win-win' situation, with many of the interns eventually returning to their host agencies as qualified, motivated, and well-trained individuals. In addition, the intern program can be an outstanding bridge between school, textbooks, and theory on one side, and then the real and practical world of the agency on the other side," adds Dunn.

Judge Frank Nardi of the Owen County Circuit Court is a member of Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington's Regional Board of Trustees. Not surprisingly, he was one of the early members of the community to participate in the internship program. "We have two interns from the program working with us here in Owen County," he says. "They are gaining experience working with me, the probation staff, and the sheriff. This type of broad, hands-on experience is something that they just couldn't get by reading books or studying in a classroom."

Student Jennifer Moody, who is interning for the Lawrence County probation department, reiterates Nardi's comments. "My internship has enhanced my experience by letting me see how the real world is, and believe me, a lot of the things I have observed are not reflected in the textbooks. I have learned to do pre-sentence investigations which we have not done in class. On the other hand, I have learned to apply theories that I have learned in class to clients I deal with. I have learned that being in the field is much different than the classroom. I feel that I am learning more through my internship than I ever will out of a book."

The Criminal Justice program, which offers two-year Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Science degrees, also allows the student the option of transferring to select four-year universities in order to secure a bachelor's degree. Since its initial enrollment of 26 students in the fall semester of 2002, the fledgling program has grown, with 165 students expected for the fall 2003 term.



From left to right: Speakers at the Criminal Justice Internship Function were Frank Nardi, Owen County Circuit Court Judge and Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington Regional Trustee, Katie T. Anderson, Director of Career Services at Ivy Tech, and Gary M. Dunn, Chair of Ivy Tech's Criminal Justice Program.

It is for these growing numbers of students that internships are being sought. If you serve in the law enforcement, youth services or corrections fields and would like to provide an internship for a criminal justice student, contact either Gary M. Dunn at (812) 330-6107 (email gdunn@ivytech.edu), or Katie T. Anderson at (812) 330-6018 (email kanderso@ivytech.edu).

IU Credit Union Affirms Ongoing Scholarship Support for Ivy Tech Students



From left to right: Jill Bird, scholarship recipient; John Whikehart, Chancellor of Ivy Tech State College Bloomington; Roger Sepanski, President of the IU Credit Union; Vera Cline, Associate of Science in Nursing program chair; Kay Leach, Practical Nursing program chair; and Katheryn George, scholarship recipient.

Roger Sepanski, President of IU Credit Union, and Nan Morrow, the Credit Union's Vice President of Marketing, were acknowledged at a special "Partner Salute" recognition ceremony on May 20 at Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington. Since 1996, the IU Credit Union has awarded almost \$35,000 in scholarship aid to Ivy Tech Bloomington students. Past scholarship recipients Jill Bird and Katheryn George shared their career stories with those attending the ceremony, illustrating how the IU Credit Union scholarship awards they have received have helped them achieve their dreams.

Jill Bird graduated from Munster High School in 1975 and began attending classes at Indiana University. She worked as a vet assistant for ten years, before joining the Peace Corps and traveling to West Africa in 1993, where she helped a health care provider administer pre-natal care services. In December of 2001, she graduated from Ivy Tech's one-year Practical Nursing program with a 3.84 GPA. She was immediately employed at Bloomington Hospital where she still works today. She is currently a student in the two-year Associate of Science in Nursing program at Ivy Tech.

Addressing the crowd at the Partner Salute, Bird thanked the IU Credit Union for helping her reach her educational dreams: "The IU Credit Union scholarship program for returning students allowed me to exceed my original education goals. I would not have been able to advance in the nursing profession without their generous financial support, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the IU Credit Union for supporting me for the last few years," she said. Bird received two scholarships from the IU Credit Union. In 2001 she received a full-time scholarship to help her through the practical nursing program. The following year she received a part-time scholarship that helped pay for the pre-requisite classes she needed to enter the Associate of Science in Nursing program, which she plans on graduating from next spring. "I owe a lot of my success to the support of the IU Credit Union," Bird continued. "I think it's great that they make an effort to support returning students because I know how difficult it is to return to school."

Sepanski noted that when the IU Credit Union set up the scholarships, they did so with students like Bird in mind: "Returning students, or

those students who have taken at least two or more consecutive years off from school, have realized the value of education to help them succeed and work toward a career. The IU Credit Union feels a strong need in our community to assist this group of students because of the lack of scholarships available to them and the additional hurdles they face, such as balancing their education with families and full-time jobs," he said. "One thing that's different about the scholarship grants the IU Credit Union offers is that they're for continuing education—for those people who are not straight out of high school. The scholarship is for the people who, for whatever reason, decided that they needed to go back and get some additional education."

Katheryn George graduated in 1979 from the one-year Practical Nursing program on the Bloomington campus. Twenty years later, in May 2000, she graduated from the two-year Associate of Science in Nursing program with honors. She was then accepted into Indiana State University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Currently, she is enrolled in the Master of Science in Nursing program at IUPUI, and eventually she plans on earning a doctoral degree.

George said that the help she has received from the IU Credit Union has had a profound effect; not only for her, but also for the community she serves. "When I applied for my scholarship in the fall of 1999, I was getting ready to drop out of the program due to a shortfall in funding, and it was the IU Credit Union's generosity that kept me in the program," she said. "Their generosity has had a ripple effect. It allowed me to complete my ASN and BSN with honors. I now own a home (which is something I never thought I'd do) and I have cars that actually run. Most importantly, I'm able to donate and give back to society in a way I never thought I could. I work in the critical care unit at Bloomington Hospital where people have been in accidents or they've had complications from surgery and they're very frightened. Every time I attend the bedside of one of these patients, I thank the IU Credit Union because they put me there. Every time I sit with a terminal patient and I'm holding his or her hand, it's the IU Credit Union's generosity that put me there."

George indicated that the IU Credit Union's support has also had global effects. "I've been to Russia; I spent three weeks studying the health system over there," she continued. "I have been invited to visit South Africa this coming November with a group called 'People to People Associates' and they're wanting to do an outreach program in rural areas that have high incidences of HIV. I want to tell the IU Credit Union how much I appreciate their sponsorship."

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As part of its recognition of the IU Credit Union's support of its students, Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington named an Academic Program Chair's office suite in honor of the IU Credit Union. Tom Reading, who heads the Business Administration program, indicated his pleasure at having his office credited with the IU Credit Union's name. "The scholarships the IU Credit Union provide returning students are significant. A number of my business administration students have received them. I know that IU Credit Union employees have also taken classes at Ivy Tech and I would like to commend the IU Credit Union for encouraging their staff to continue or enhance their education here." For the past few years, Ivy Tech's Corporate and Continuing Education department has also provided customized corporate training on-site at the IU Credit Union.



From left to right: Roger Sepanski, President of the IU Credit Union, Tom Reading, Chair of the Business Administration program at Ivy Tech, Nan Morrow, Vice President of Marketing at the IU Credit Union, and Chancellor John Whikehart.

"When I think about the IU Credit Union, not only do I think about the wonderful contributions they make to this Bloomington community—but the contributions they have made to our students in particular and the firm partnership we've enjoyed with them over the years," said John Whikehart, Chancellor of the Bloomington campus. "We are pleased to have the IU Credit Union as a corporate partner in our scholarship program."

Sepanski also emphasized the importance of contributing to the community. "Education is a lifelong process. The IU Credit Union hopes to give back to the community by providing financial assistance to selected members dedicated to continuing their education," he said. "We look forward to continuing this program and encourage returning Ivy Tech students to apply."

Scholarship applications will be available at the IU Credit Union's five Bloomington branches and online at www.iucu.org after January 1, 2004. The application deadline is usually toward the middle of February. Sepanski urges Ivy Tech students to apply for the scholarships, as the scholarship allocation is a function of how many students apply.

Twenty-seven Ivy Tech Bloomington students have benefited from the IU Credit Union scholarships. They are:

1996-1997: Gonzalo Nunez, Debi Harman, Teresa Cracraft, Deborah Robbins, Randall Pence, Stuart Shear
 1997-1998: Lisa Combs-Creech
 1998-1999: Amber Carpenter, Steve Butcher
 1999-2000: Vickie Gunderman, Laura Beikman, Kathryn George, Denise Trulock
 2000-2001: Sherry Humphrey, Alyssa White, Aaron Pence, Steve Butcher, Rebecca Brinegar
 2001-2002: Linda Alexander, Julie Tobin, Jill Bird, Mary Bliss Isom
 2002-2003: Molly Ann El Mouhajir, Mary Bliss Isom, Jeffrey Dean Powell, Shirley Mae Garvin, Mary P. Wells, Jill Bird
 2003-2004: Theresa Sears; Mary Bliss Isom; Shirley Mae Garvin



From left to right: William Hicks, Immediate Past Chairman of the IUCU Board with 2003-2004 returning student scholarship winners Mary Bliss Isom, Shirley Mae Garvin and Theresa Sears.

Ivy Tech Recognized for Community Contributions

Since moving into its new building at 200 Daniels Way last August, Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington has been recognized for a variety of community contributions and enhancements, not the least of which is the new building itself. On September 12, 2002, Ivy Tech received a Community Enhancement Award from the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce for contributions to the improvement of the City of Bloomington's image and economic development. "We were happy to recognize Ivy Tech for their magnificent new building," says Steve Howard, President of the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce. "Not only are we very pleased about the new building's visual impact on the community, but also its strong impact on the people who work at Ivy Tech, and especially the students who are enrolled."

On April 25, 2003, the new academic building was also recognized as an example of excellence in masonry design and construction at the International Masonry Institute's Indiana/Kentucky Golden Trowel Awards ceremony. To understand why the new building received the Best of Interiors award, all you need to do is step inside the front doors. An illuminated glass and marble reception area is enclosed within a soaring, sunlit atrium. A gleaming terrazzo floor extends through a diagonal circulation corridor, culminating in the circular elevator rotunda that serves as both a gathering space and circulation node. Lobby wall panels of Italian marble and German Jura stone provide the ideal combination of warm elegance and durability.



Ivy Tech's main lobby. Photograph courtesy of Quarter Moon Associates.

Cynthia Walters, an interior designer with architectural firm The Odle McGuire & Shook Corporation, says the stunning outcome is the result of a collaborative effort between her firm, Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington administrators, and local contractors. "We ended up using stone because Ivy Tech administrators requested an interior that would be warm and inviting and also reflect the success of its programs and students," she says. "At the same time, the building needed to be durable enough to stand the test of time. The stone, marble, and terrazzo used to enhance the lobby and public spaces fulfill these needs and provide a welcoming environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors."

Walters also points out that Ivy Tech had the foresight to select materials that initially had a higher cost. "Although a stone interior is a bit more expensive in the short-term, Ivy Tech recognized

that in the long-run it ends up saving the college and the state money because they won't have to perform constant maintenance and repairs," she says.

Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington has also been recognized for some smaller, but no less significant contributions. Last February the National Exchange Club of Bloomington presented the campus with the "Proudly We Hail" award in recognition of the College's "ongoing efforts to display the American flag in the proper manner and on a regular basis." It was one of only ten such awards granted by the Exchange Club over the last year. "Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington was chosen to receive this award because visitors coming to our city from the west—along with students and staff coming to campus every day—are greeted with this proud symbol of our country," says Ralph Wray, Exchange Club president.

Earlier this spring, Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington was also recognized by the Monroe County Solid Waste Management District for its voluntary participation in the Green Business Program, which was started back in 1997 to help promote recycling and foster greater environmental awareness among area institutions. In addition to a growing recycling program that already sends out eight to ten "totes" of recyclables each week, Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington was recognized for the "reuse" donations it made when it moved to its new building. "Ivy Tech donated office furniture and supplies that were left at all five of the old college buildings," says Melissa A. Kreigerfox,

Director of Recycling and Reuse at the Monroe County Solid Waste Management District. "Those donations went to over 40 not-for-profit groups, most of which were in Monroe County. In all, there were three semi loads of material that were donated and kept out of our landfill."

According to Doug Mattick, Director of Facilities at Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington, all of the campus' awards and recognitions have a one element in common: "The Chancellor and other leaders of this campus all strive for Ivy Tech to be 'a good community citizen.' They are responsive to the needs of the students and to the Bloomington community. We also want to be a role model for our students and inspire them to be civic-minded." Anyone or group interested in touring the new building can call (812) 332-1559 to schedule a tour time.

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Pledge Support

Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington honored the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (I.B.E.W.) Local Union #725 on May 15th for their \$5,000 pledge for student scholarships. Dan Blackwell, representative for the I.B.E.W. was on hand to receive the honor and to congratulate the scholarship recipient, Matt Roberts. Roberts received a \$1,000 scholarship, which he plans to use to further his career goals in computer information systems. In recognition of I.B.E.W. Local #725's continued support, Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington has named the office of Larry Smith, program chair for Electronics Technology in their honor. A marble plaque thanking I.B.E.W. for supporting Ivy Tech students was unveiled after the scholarship presentation ceremony.



Scholarship recipient Matt Roberts (left) and his mother, Carrie Roberts watch intently as I.B.E.W. representative Dan Blackwell signs the check!



From left to right: I.B.E.W. representative Dan Blackwell, Ivy Tech Chancellor John Whikehart, and Electronics Technology Program Chair, Professor Larry Smith, at the plaque unveiling ceremony.

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