



Campus Highlights

A Newsletter from Ivy Tech State College, Region 14/Bloomington

Ivy Tech State College Named Indiana's New Community College



Excerpts from a media release issued by the office of Governor Joe Kernan on October 5, 2004

Gov. Joe Kernan announced the planned expansion of the state's community college system to 23 locations throughout Indiana, making an affordable college education more accessible to more Hoosiers.

"Since its creation in 1999, the Community College of Indiana has been an important link to higher education for so many of our citizens," Kernan said. "This expansion makes that opportunity available to more Hoosiers, but also strengthens our entire higher education system."

Kernan said next fall the statewide two-year program will become the Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana. It will expand from 10 current locations to all 23 of the state college's sites.

Kernan also said that Vincennes University would no longer be involved with the operation of the community college, but will expand its own programs to include four-year degrees in specific areas targeting the state's workforce needs.

Over the next year, Ivy Tech will make the transition to full operation as a community college. In addition to expanding from 10 to 23 sites, the college will add more traditional general education courses and liberal arts programs.

In January 1999, the late-Gov. Frank O'Bannon announced plans to create the state's first comprehensive community college system. Later that year, the General Assembly authorized the Community College of Indiana and it began operation under a partnership between Ivy Tech and VU.

"The reality is that some Hoosiers who may not otherwise have pursued a college education have found the opportunity to do so through the community college system, and, many of these students have gone on to pursue four-year degrees as well."

Kernan said that partnerships with other colleges and universities throughout the state have been important as well by providing the chance for students to make a seamless transition from the community college to four-year degree programs at other schools.

Higher education officials said that there are several steps that must be taken over the next year, including approvals from several

"I want to assure you that Ivy Tech is more than ready to assume the role of Indiana's community college. We have been preparing for the role for at least the past decade, and we also have a plan for the next decade. With campuses around the state and an annual enrollment of over 100,000 students, Ivy Tech is well-positioned to serve as Indiana's community college, and we're proud to join the ranks of community college systems across the country."

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entities: the Ivy Tech and VU boards of trustees; the policy committee of the Community College of Indiana; the State Budget Committee and the state's Legislative Council.

Additionally, Stan Jones, the state's higher education commissioner, said that state officials will work directly with Ivy Tech on the expansion of its general education courses and liberal arts programs.

"There is certainly a lot of work to be done, but because of the groundwork we've laid over the last five years, this transition should move quickly and seamlessly," Jones said. "Certainly, we will take every effort to make this as easy as possible for the students and, in the end, it will mean more opportunities for them as they pursue their degrees."

"Today, the stage is set. Hoosiers in every community in Indiana will find a community college education within reach."

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Tech Day Keeps Faculty and Staff Ahead of the Curve!



Visitors to Ivy Tech's Tech Day were treated to the ingenuity of various robotics demonstrations. Left: High schooler Caleb Winningham, stands proudly next to his award winning dinosaur robot. Winningham is a member of the Bloomington Robotics Club where Ivy Tech faculty member, Kirk Barnes, serves on their board. Right: Steve Bardonner (left) Design Technology program chair at Ivy Tech-Muncie and Dan Ward, Design Technology program chair at Ivy Tech-Kokomo demonstrate a robot made by the Technocats, a Kokomo high school robotics group.



Each year, an Ivy Tech campus hosts a technology day for its faculty and staff. The programming for the day consists of professional development activities where Ivy Tech's employees from around the state share best practices and new information, technology and teaching methodologies with each other. Vendors also had the opportunity to demonstrate their new technologies.

Dr. Bradley Wheeler of Indiana University was the keynote speaker. His topic, "Of, By and For Higher Education: Building Open Source Software Together" addressed the very real opportunities, risks, and practical experiences of open source for higher education. Says Wheeler: "Developing sustainable economics in quality IT services while expanding the frontiers of innovation for effective teaching and learning are the core challenges for IT in higher education. Open source application software for teaching and learning is proffering a model of building together rather than the age-old tyranny of build-it-yourself or buy it from a vendor."

Approximately 250 employees attended the intensive in-serve this year. The 2004 Tech Day was sponsored by the Ivy Tech Foundation, Hewlett Packard, ProCurve and Matrix Integration.

Ivy Tech Bloomington employees, Diana Jacobs (Dean of Student Affairs), Brett Pfingston (Director of Educational Technology) and Daniel McDeavitt (Webmaster) were amongst the Tech Day session presenters. Organizers of Tech Day included Professor Kirk Barnes, program chair for Design Technology (Bloomington); Jennie Vaughan, Registrar (Bloomington); Dr. Jeff Pitman, Chancellor, Ivy Tech Terre Haute; Dr. Rebecca Nickoli, Executive Director of Educational Systems, Ivy Tech Central Office; Ben Ackerman, Director of Computer Technology Services (Bloomington); and Mike Carroll, Executive Director for Administration (Bloomington).

The keynote speaker, Dr. Bradley Wheeler of Indiana University (left) with James O. Smith (right), Dean of Academic Affairs at Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington.



Service Learning



Design Technology students, Brad Craig (left) and Cory Rutledge (right) apply skills learned in the classroom as they perform assessment tasks on behalf of the Counsel for Community Accessibility (CCA) Decal Program. As part of Ivy Tech's service learning initiative, instructor Kirk Barnes choose this project for his students: "It's a win-win situation when students can apply their skills in a real world setting and make a contribution to that service organization at the same time." The students were also provided with in-service training by CCA co-chairs David Carter and Chuck Osborn. Comments Katie T. Anderson, Council for Community Accessibility Board member: "Kirk Barnes' Construction Materials and Specifications class is to be commended for their participation in the CCA's Accessibility Project. Surveys of new construction in Bloomington are important for recognizing those businesses who are meeting ADA compliance standards, as well as for those who need assistance in becoming accessible for people with disabilities." Most of the places surveyed were considered accessible. Students observed some problems with new construction that occurred between the architect and the builder. They revisited the ADA rules pertaining to new construction in the compliance manual to recommend a resolution to the problem. The students gained insight on the value of planning and communications. They became sensitized to the personal reasons behind the standards and will become leaders in their professions.

Your Community College

Carey Conover Named New Development Executive Director



Recently selected to serve as the Executive Director of Resource Development at Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington, Carey Conover will oversee the region's fundraising and scholarship activities. Conover has extensive experience with developing grant proposals and cultivating corporate and foundation support for higher education. Prior to accepting her current position at Ivy Tech, she worked in the Indiana University Kelly School of Business as the Assistant Director of Development. Additionally, Conover has held a variety of administrative positions at Northern Arizona University. She earned both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Social Work at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Amongst her many professional affiliations, Conover is active in the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, and she has served on the Board of Directors for the National Council of University Research.

New Student Government Officers Installed

Student leaders were officially acknowledged at an installation ceremony held on Friday, November 12 at Ivy Tech. Besides academic considerations, students eligible for office need to possess a "spirit of service" for the College community. Participating in student government is encouraged on the Ivy Tech campus for a number of reasons. Students make lifelong friends and obtain a much-needed balance between academic and non-academic activities. Studies also show that students engaged in activities outside the classroom are more successful in their College careers. SGA officers and members represent all programs offered at the College and they also set a good example of the diversity on campus - of race, age and all levels of academic success. Students are given the opportunity to develop leadership skills as they participate in campus events, student leadership conferences, and social activities. They also learn to be civic minded by volunteering for social service organizations.



Pictured left to right are: Georgia Fowler, Secretary; Mazias de Oliveira, President; Jennifer Posson, Vice President; and Amber Baker, Treasurer.

Crane Apprentices Choose Community Service

After three years of combining full-time employment with challenging technical studies, the maintenance mechanic apprentices from NAVFAC Crane Public Works could have concentrated only on finishing their last two semesters of an Ivy Tech apprenticeship degree program in the quickest and easiest way possible. Instead, both the Crane apprentices and Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington instructor, Neil Alexander, looked for a way to combine their last year of classroom studies with service to the community.

When they learned that Habitat for Humanity Greene County was anxious to complete a house in Linton, Indiana before grant funds ran out in December 2004, Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington and NAVFAC Crane Public Works partnered together to deliver two apprenticeship construction courses on the Habitat site at 279 East Street NE in Linton, Indiana. Apprentices learned construction skills by helping to build the Habitat house during their daytime Tuesday class sessions and by studying thick textbooks on concrete, masonry and construction at night. Five Crane apprentices, Pat Wagoner, Bill Leach, DeWayne Gragg, Bill Dove and Pace Jenkins, constructed forms for the front step, sidewalk and driveway concrete pour, attached siding, nailed down roofing shingles and helped install the electrical wiring. "You learn a lot by helping build a house from top to bottom," commented Crane apprentice Pace Jenkins. Construction is progressing well and should be completed in time for the lucky new homeowners to move in before Christmas.

"This contribution to the community would not have been possible without the active support of NAVFAC Crane Public Works," explained Ivy Tech Apprenticeship Coordinator Cindy Webster. "Crane provided tool trucks, tools and supplies and even some overtime pay for apprentices so that they could finish this important project on time."

NAVFAC Crane Commander, Joe Hedges, confirmed Crane's commitment to high-quality education and service to the community: "This Habitat for Humanity project showcases the very best of Team Crane and the very best of our communities. It has connected the formal Public Works Apprenticeship Program to a community need. Not just building walls so they could be torn down after the class completion, but building walls so a needy family now has a home. Crane is directly connected to the communities that we all live in."

Habitat Director Harry Huber expressed his deep appreciation of the many volunteers, including the Crane apprentices, who have helped to build the Habitat house: "It indeed has been a blessing and a pleasure to see not only valued work being completed on the home but also see the apprentices gain skills in the field of maintenance and carpentry. Habitat for Humanity of Greene County wants to thank Ivy Tech for providing the opportunity for our affiliate."

NAVFAC Crane Public Works is the entity responsible for constructing and maintaining the buildings and utilities on the 200 square mile NAVSEA Crane base. They sponsor fourteen electrician, pipefitter and maintenance mechanic apprentices, all of whom are scheduled to earn their two-year Industrial Apprenticeship Technology degrees from Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington in May 2005 and receive their journeyman cards from the Bureau of Apprenticeships and Training in August 2005.

Below: After helping construct the foundation and putting on the roof, apprentices are now building forms for the concrete sidewalk. Pictured are Crane apprentices Pat Wagoner with mallet, Bill Leach (front left) and DeWayne Gragg (front right).



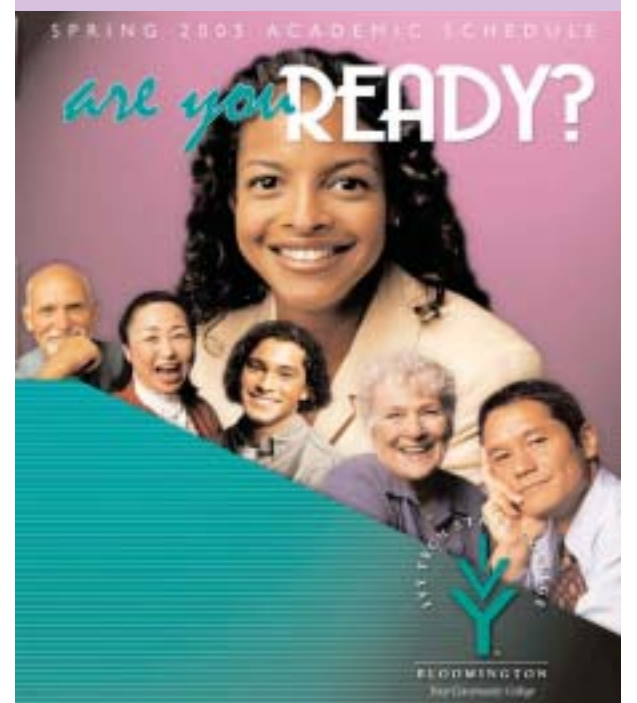
Land Purchase



Monday, November 22 marked another milestone in the history of Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington as it took ownership of a 16-acre property directly east of the current campus location. The new property, which borders State Road 48 West, Profile Parkway and Zenith Drive, positions the College to cater for future growth and development of the campus. Says Chancellor John Whitehart: "We need to make provision today to be able to fulfill the future educational needs of the communities we serve in Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Greene, Lawrence and Martin counties. Although the campus is two years old, our enrollment continues to rise and we are being pushed to find creative ways to accommodate our students in the classroom. The addition of new programs will add to our need to expand our facilities and parking." The property was purchased from the Olin D. Sorrells Trust.

Scholarships

The Ivy Tech Foundation is pleased to announce available scholarships for the spring 2005 semester. The Ivy Tech Foundation is able to help students at Ivy Tech State College - Bloomington because of generous investments from local businesses, organizations and individuals as well as Ivy Tech students, faculty, staff and alumni. If you have questions about the application process or eligibility, please feel free to contact Mark Howard at (812) 330-6005 or by email at mshoward@ivytech.edu. Information about each scholarship as well as the application form can be found online at www.ivytech.edu/bloomington/foundation/apply. The application deadline is December 15.



Returning and current Ivy Tech students can register now for spring 2005 academic classes. This will help students secure the classes they want. Students have the options of registering online, by phone or stopping by the campus. Convenient online registration kiosks have been made available on campus for student use.

New students will need to complete an application for admission as their first step. This can be done online at www.ivytech.edu/bloomington, by calling (812) 330-6003 for an application, or stopping by the campus.

A new learning option being offered for the first time this spring is the "Hybrid Courses" option. "Hybrid" is the name used to describe a course that combines face-to-face classroom instruction with computer-based learning. In a hybrid course, a significant part of the course learning is online and as a result, the amount of classroom seat-time is reduced. This gives the student much more flexibility, while maintaining personal contact with the instructor that is typical of traditional education.