

Ivy Tech Announces O'Bannon Institute for Community Service

Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington announced the launch of the O'Bannon Institute for Community Service on Wednesday, March 10. The Institute is named for the late Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon and honors his legacy and commitment to the community college system and civic engagement.

The O'Bannon Institute, which will become an annual event, is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2004. It will feature top political, nonprofit and educational panelists from across the region. Judy O'Bannon, former first lady of the State of Indiana, will make the keynote presentation. The event will be held on the Ivy Tech campus, 200 Daniels Way, in Bloomington.

The Institute is the first of its kind in Indiana to feature an emphasis on nonprofit management, political participation and higher education. It will provide leading information and insights for community leaders, students, nonprofit managers and volunteers, and the general public.

Bloomington Mayor Mark Kruzan says this major initiative is important to the community. "Ivy Tech-Bloomington is one of the fastest growing campuses in the state, and with initiatives like the O'Bannon Institute, the college continues to provide leading information, education and opportunities to the community as a whole," Kruzan says. "As someone who has spent his life in public service, I firmly believe this event will encourage the most positive kind of community participation."

The Institute is part of Ivy Tech's plan for a "Center for Civic Engagement," a center that will carry forward the mission of the Institute. The College is still in the developmental stages for the Center and will unveil plans for it later in the year.

Judy O'Bannon is looking forward to the opportunity to impress the importance of politics and community outreach upon Institute attendees. "Community involvement is one of the strengths of Indiana, and it certainly shaped Frank's life and work," O'Bannon says. "I can think of no more fitting way to honor his firm commitment to the community college system and public service."

John Whikehart, Chancellor of Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington, says that Ivy Tech is in the midst of an exciting institutional transformation to a truly comprehensive community college, and that the Institute aids in guiding this transition.



John Whikehart announces the O'Bannon Institute to the media.

"To accomplish that mission, we are committed as a regional campus to integrating community service in both the teaching curriculum we develop for our students and in our professional behavior as a faculty and staff," Whikehart says. "We believe that, just as important as current regional goals, our focus on the needs of individual learners, our continued responsiveness to the workforce development training issues facing area employers, and our efforts in cooperation with our local high schools and university partner to create and sustain seamless educational opportunities for our students, we have a duty to model a commitment to community service in our educational environment."

In addition to Judy O'Bannon, featured participants for the April 30th O'Bannon Institute include Julio Alonzo, Senator Robert Garton, Dorothy Granger, Cathy Hamilton, Congressman Baron Hill, Steve Howard, Helen Ingersoll, Dr. Lou Jensen, Claire King, Mark Kruzan, Barry Lessow, Joyce Poling, Susan Rinne, David Sabbagh, Vi Simpson, Becky Skillman, John Whikehart, and Charlotte Zietlow.

Mark your calendars!

What? O'Bannon Institute
When? Friday, April 30, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
Where? Ivy Tech State College
RSVP: (812) 330-6005 or email mshoward@ivytech.edu by April 26
Cost: There is no charge to attend this event. Lunch is included. Please RSVP.

Ivy Tech Announces New Advocacy Group

Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington recently announced the formation of a resource development council, a new advocacy group whose purpose is to help facilitate the mission of the College. An inaugural meeting took place on March 29 at Ivy Tech.

Membership of the Resource Development Council includes John Abshire (former Abshire Oil Company executive), Chris Bauer (VP Business Development, Monroe Bank), Bill C. Brown (Bill C. Brown Associates and member of Ivy Tech Foundation), Jack Cody (Entrepreneur and Ivy Tech Alumnus), Jim Crabb (Carpenter's Local Union #1664 and Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington Regional Trustee), Fred Dunn (Entrepreneur), Melanie Hart (President, TASUS Corporation), Ron Jensen (Former Development Officer for Indiana University School of Optometry), Karla Kamstra (President/Co-Founder of Pets ALIVE!), Miles Kanne (former Cook Incorporated Executive), Amy Kruzan (Director of Bloomington Operations, SIHO), Bill Lloyd (Attorney), Mayer Maloney (Publisher, The Herald-Times), Tom McDonald (Attorney), Joan Olcott (Community Volunteer), Tom Risen (President and CEO, United Commerce Bank), David Sabbagh (Member, Bloomington City Council), Vickie Temple (Owner, Bloomington Hardware Company, Inc.), Dr. Carol Touloukian (Indiana University School of Medicine), and John West (Managing Broker, FC Tucker/OBR Realtors).

The Resource Development Council will support the Region's commitment to give students the skills and experience necessary to compete in a changing world by helping the College's development team secure additional resources.

"A community college resource development council has a special task," comments Ivy Tech chancellor John Whikehart. "Its role is to assist the College in providing a complete education for its students. While state funding covers the essentials such as classrooms, faculty, and basic equipment, additional dollars are needed to prepare students for the world beyond the classroom."

"All resources raised through the efforts of the Resource Development Council will be used to help students function effectively in work and civic scenarios, and to this end, will support public efforts such as Ivy Tech's plan for a Center for Civic Engagement and the recently launched O'Bannon Institute for Community Service," says Tom Risen. In addition, funding will also support scholarships, equipment, and other resources needed to prepare students to meet workforce needs. Affirms Amy Kruzan: "I look forward to being part of the team that continues to build the unique and valuable asset that Ivy Tech has become in this community."

The network of connections created by the addition of the Resource Development Council will be invaluable as Ivy Tech embarks upon upcoming initiatives. "We are honored to have these 20 individuals associated with Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington," Whikehart states. "The depth of knowledge, experience, and community involvement that this Council has will strengthen our position in the community and give us new opportunities to build partnerships for the benefit of our students and the communities we serve."

For more information, contact Keith Klein at (812) 330-6067 or email kklein@ivytech.edu.

O'Bannon Institute Agenda

- 8:00 am **Registration**
- 8:30 am **Welcome**
- John Whikehart, Chancellor
Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington
- 9:00 am **Panel Discussion**
- Making the Non-profit Engine Run Smoothly:
"How do we best help those in need?"*
- 10:15 am **Break**
- 10:30 am **Panel Discussion**
- Integrating Higher Education and
Community Service: "Helping students
understand the responsibility of living in a
democratic society"*
- 11:45am **Lunch, Roundtable Discussions**
- 1:00 pm **Panel Discussion**
- Political Participation as Community Service
in the 21st Century: "Why should I get
involved?"*
- 2:15 pm **Break**
- 2:30 pm **A Conversation with Judy O'Bannon**
Facilitated by Debby Knox, News Anchor for
WISH TV, Indianapolis
- 3:30 pm **Closing Thoughts**
- John Whikehart, Chancellor
Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington

High School Students!

Get your degree sooner!

The growing list of dual credit agreements between Ivy Tech and area high schools means high school students can earn college credit while still in high school, and at no extra cost! There are positive time and financial impacts as students can earn their degrees sooner and the cost of the degree is lower. High school students and their parents are encouraged to consider dual credit options as career choices are considered.



Attention Parents and High School Students!

Did you know high school students can earn college credits while still in high school? What better gift than to receive a college degree earlier than expected!

Eligible Students:

Juniors and Seniors

Fees: None!

Placement Policies: As per course requirement
Maximum hours that can be taken: 15
Required course grade: "B" or better

Ivy Tech Expands E-Learning Options

In the last two years, there has been rapid growth in the development of distance education classes provided by Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington. The move to the new building and support of administrators provided the catalyst for the rapid increase in courses offered online as well as via two-way videoconferencing.

Compared with one or two classes offered four years ago, the campus now offers 30 of its own online and distance education classes. The list keeps growing as faculty plan and prepare for future semesters. Distance education classes offered include Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Electronics, Math, English and a host of general education and technical courses

In order to ensure a successful distance education experience for its students, Ivy Tech strives to make online courses highly interactive. The advanced technology available to Ivy Tech, high speed Internet connections, new sophisticated equipment, and technical support make this possible. Hybrid instruction delivery systems which combine online and/or two-way video instruction with classroom instruction solve time and distance problems and still provide one-on-one communication with instructors and peers.

For more information about e-learning options provided by the Bloomington campus or offered by other Ivy Tech regions, please contact Brett Pfingston, Director of Instructional Technology at (812) 330-6104 or email bpfingst@ivytech.edu.

Students and Employers Connect at Career Expo



Right: Ivy Tech Accounting student, Jessica Enochs, is congratulated by Jeff Becze of PTS Electronics after winning a large screen TV offered by PTS Eletronics as the grand door prize at Ivy Tech's annual Career Expo.



Career Expo 2004: "Connecting Students and Employers" was held on Thursday, April 1 from 1 to 4 pm in the Student Commons at Ivy Tech. Forty-eight employers were present and recruiting students and graduates across all program areas including business, health care, public services, technology and general education. Over 200 students participated in the event and over 100 resumes were collected at the door.

In preparation for Career Expo, a series of workshops was provided by human resource professionals during the months preceding the event on the topics of resume and cover letter writing, interviewing, the state of the labor market, business attire and

personal presentation skills. These experts on the hiring process drew approximately 50 students to their workshops in an effort to prepare them for securing interviews with the best employers in Bloomington. One of the highlights of Career Expo 2004 was having several graduates back on campus serving as recruiters for their companies. Nothing could offer a sense of connection better than a graduate talking to a student about career opportunities gained from an Ivy Tech State College education.

Contact Katie T. Anderson, Assistant Director of Career Services, for information about next year's Career Expo, as well as job opportunities, internships, and other career-related information.

Phi Theta Kappa Update



On Friday, March 26, forty-two Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington students were inducted into the Alpha Rho Sigma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. This is the largest group of students to join the organization in any one semester. A highlight of the evening was the recognition of the chapter for continually surpassing the previous semester's membership record. This "Pinnacle" award came with a certificate and a \$150 stipend. Susan Jackson, Director of Special Programs at Ivy Tech State College was the guest speaker.

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges. Its purpose is to recognize and promote academic excellence. This is done by providing leadership opportunities through local chapter activities on campus and via regional Phi Theta Kappa activities. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is by invitation only and is based on a minimum grade point average as well as completion of a specified number of semester hours. For more information about this student organization, contact any of the PTK advisors: Jennie Vaughan (330-6049, email jvaughan@ivytech.edu), Toni Ray (330-6041, email tray@ivytech.edu), Doug Mattick (330-6059, email dmattick@ivytech.edu), Michael Olges (330-6032, email molges@ivytech.edu), Cara Huddleston (330-6023, email chuddles@ivytech.edu) and Annette Spurgeon (332-1559, email aspurgeo@ivytech.edu).

International Conference

Representatives from Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington also attended the Phi Theta Kappa International Conference in Minneapolis, MN, April 1-4. Kelly Jewett, current president of the Alpha Rho Sigma chapter, was accompanied by Phi Theta Kappa advisor Doug Mattick and Chancellor John Whikehart.

Ivy Tech Students Receive IU Credit Union Scholarships



IU Credit Union President Roger Sepanski announced the winners of the 2004-2005 Returning Student Scholarships at the Credit Union's annual meeting on Wednesday, March 31. Three Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington students received awards. Pictured left to right are James O. Smith, Dean of Academic Affairs for Ivy Tech; Marjorie Dianne Faubion (Nursing student), Shirley Mae Garvin (Accounting student) and Theresa Jenise Crowe (Nursing student). Each year, the IU Credit Union provides \$20,000 in scholarships to members who are either full- or part-time students at Indiana University or Ivy Tech, who are returning to school after a hiatus of two or more consecutive years.

Transfer Fair

Ivy Tech will be hosting its annual Transfer Fair on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 from 4-6 pm at the Ivy Tech campus. Representatives from Indiana colleges will be on hand to assist with the transfer of Ivy Tech degrees or courses to other institutions. There will also be a special presentation on how the new Ivy Tech Associate degree in General Studies transfers to Indiana University's bachelors degree in General Studies. For a list of participating colleges, universities and lending agencies, or for more information, visit the Ivy Tech website at www.ivytech.edu/Bloomington and click on the Transfer Fair icon on the home page, or call Joe Kapsa at (812) 330-6024 or email jkapsa@ivytech.edu or Diana Jacobs at (812) 330-6012 or email djacobs@ivytech.edu

Health Fair



Bryan Newton, Executive Director of Human Resources, presents a jubilant Tyler Bass, Maintenance Technician, with the gift certificate he won at an employee health fair. Vendors supporting the Health Fair included First Health Care, Delta Dental, Bloomington Hospital, Southpoint Psychological, SIHO, Spectrum, YMCA, Bloomingfoods, SPAAH!, GNC Nutrition, and Sahara Mart. Ivy Tech employee, Pat McCafferty, provided an upbeat Jazzercise session for those with unlimited energy!

Ice Sculpting Demo



Joined by employees and members of the public on March 24, Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington culinary arts students watched closely as a large block of ice was transformed into a work of art by their instructor, Master Chef Matt O'Neill. While the ice masterpiece was being created, students and visitors learned about the art and science of ice sculpting, the different sculpting tools that could be used, and safe practices and procedures.

Women's History Month



Focusing on the theme of past, present and future, four local Bloomington women brought knowledge, inspiration and humor to Ivy Tech's Women's History Month celebration on March 25. Pictured above (left to right) are the guest speakers: Lee Ann Jourdan (Girls Inc of Monroe County), Alice Oestreich (Girl Scouts), Toby Strout (Middleway House), and Dr. Elizabeth Lion (Retired Indiana University faculty). Both Strout and Lion are recipients of the Women of the Year award.