

Picnic with the POPS Community Gathering



The annual Picnic with the POPS Independence Day celebration took place on Saturday, July 3, 2004 at the Ivy Tech State College campus. Despite several waves of heavy rain that fell during the afternoon and evening, over 4,500 people packed picnic baskets and attended this popular event.

Says 2004 Picnic with the POPS committee chairperson, John Whikehart, Chancellor of Ivy Tech-Bloomington: "I encourage everyone to mark their calendars for next year's event - Saturday, July 2 at Ivy Tech. The Picnic with the POPS remains a wonderful outing. It's a perfect opportunity for our business and corporate friends to informally entertain clients and employees. It's just a great time to get together with families, friends, and neighbors!"

Members of the Picnic Committee and the Bloomington POPS organization were pleasantly surprised by the level of confidence shown in the event by sponsors and members of the public. Says POPS President and CEO of Tasus Corporation, Melanie Hart: "Sponsorship came in cash and in kind and we are grateful for the generous support that we received. The turnout of thousands of picnickers on the day has left us in no doubt that the Picnic with the POPS event is loved by this community. We look forward to an even better event next year as we play out our picnic theme of *Friends, Family, Fun, Food & Fireworks!*"

The Bloomington Community Band provided pre-concert music while children took advantage of all the activities offered in the children's area. A coup for the children was the presence of Sister Berenstain Bear at the picnic. The POPS music program included



Thousands of picnickers and the Bloomington POPS Orchestra and Patriot Chorus wait patiently as the color guard opens the Picnic with the POPS Independence Day celebration. Next year's picnic is set for Saturday, July 2 at Ivy Tech State College.

all time favorite music, a Children's Parade led by guest conductor Chris Ludwa, and special guest performances by the nationally acclaimed Rise & Shine Cloggers; flutist/harmonica specialist, Tobin Wingard; and Indiana University jazz vocalist, Trineice Robinson.

The 2004 Picnic with the POPS *corporate sponsors* included: Ivy Tech State College, Comprehensive Spinal Care, Integrated Rehabilitation Pain Management Center of Southern Indiana, Smithville Telephone Company, The Herald-Times, TASUS Corporation, Cook Inc., Old National, Baxter Pharmaceutical Solutions, Cassady Electrical, Internal Medicine Associates, SIHO Insurance Services,

The Eye Center of Southern Indiana, and Tree of Life. *Underwriters* included Ellis Tent and Rental, Smithville Telephone Company, Cassady Electric, Cinery/PSI Energy, City of Bloomington, IU Auditorium, Solie Lighting Design, IU Credit Union, Pain Enterprises, The Villages, Parker Group, Curry Buick Cadillac Pontiac GMC Trucks, Inc., and law firm Andrews, Harrell, Mann, Carmin and Parker. *Media partners* included Hoosier Outdoor Advertising, The Herald-Times, AM1370 WGCL, WFIU, WBWB B97, WTIU, and Insight Communications. A grant was also received from the Indiana Arts Commission Regional Partners/Bloomington Area Arts Council.

Commencement 2004



Above Left: Friends and family turned out in full force to support the Class of 2004. **Middle Photo:** Keynote speaker Congressman Baron Hill shared words of wisdom with the new graduates. **Above Right:** Mother and daughter duo, Rosalee and Devonnie Burchfield both graduated with Ivy Tech degrees at the same time and with honors.

Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington's annual commencement ceremony took place at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 14 at the Indiana University Auditorium. The commencement speaker was Congressman Baron Hill, U.S. Representative for the 9th district in Indiana.

Amid much pomp and circumstance, 290 students graduated with Associate of Science degrees, Associate of Applied Science degrees and Technical certificates. Twenty-nine percent of students graduating did so with honors, with nine students earning *summa cum laude* honors for attaining a 4.0 GPA. A total of thirty-six Associate of Science in Nursing degrees were conferred and according to tradition, were pinned during the ceremony.

Amongst those walking across the stage were the 85 students who received honors for their studies. These students were recognized for outstanding academic performance at a banquet held at Ivy Tech's award winning campus.

Those receiving special acknowledgment were: Shawn Woo (Accounting), Laurie Lee (Associate of Science in Nursing), Heather Pawluck and John Fansler (Business Administration), Helen Polk and Brad Harrison (Computer Information Systems), Elizabeth Schulte (Criminal Justice), Nick Ely (Design Technology), Lori Williams (Early Childhood Education), Patrick Kitchens and Aaron Eaker (Electronics Technology), Morris D. Hillenburg and Leo McNeely II, (Manufacturing & Industrial Technology), Jennifer Bosaw and Charlene Stacy (Office Administration), and Roxie Barnes (Practical Nursing).

Many Ivy Tech students have secured jobs prior to graduating. Diana Jacobs, Dean of Student Affairs at Ivy Tech reported that several candidates for the associate degree have already been hired: "It is nice to know that some of our soon to be graduates have already received competitive offers and are finding the career opportunities they have been wanting to secure." Nicholas Ely, a

candidate for the associate degree in Design Technology, was one such student. Following an internship with Cook, Inc. last summer, he accepted an offer with Sabin Corp. as a design technician.

The internship with Cook, Inc. was developed through Ivy Tech's office of career services. Comments Ely: "I graduated from high school in 1999 but didn't want to go directly to college. After working some time, I enrolled at Ivy Tech and studied mechanical design, a field I have always wanted to be in."

Mother and daughter, Rosalee and Devonnie Burchfield, are another success story. Rosalee was released from her job after suffering a serious physical injury. Not able to find work, she took advantage of vocational rehabilitation benefits that were available to her and enrolled in the Electronics program at Ivy Tech in the fall of 2000. Her daughter, Devonnie, graduated from Bloomington High School North in 2001 and enrolled in Ivy Tech's Accounting program the following year. Says Devonnie: "I was accepted into Indiana University but couldn't afford the tuition. I completed my two-year degree in accounting in December and stayed on to get a certificate in managerial skills. I was employed by Tree of Life in April as an accounts payable clerk and secured this position by attending Career Expo, Ivy Tech's job fair for its students and graduates." Both mother and daughter graduated together with honors and were recognized recently for their academic achievements. Says Devonnie: "If I can dispense any advice to anyone, it would be to stay positive, and that you're never too old to get an education. I use every opportunity I can to convince my friends to go to school!"

The 2004 Commencement Ceremony is a significant event, not only for the students involved, but also for all the members of the faculty, staff and administration at the Bloomington campus who look forward to recognizing their students' achievements.

Health Summit



Ivy Tech–Bloomington held a regional Health Summit on Friday, May 28, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The purpose of the event was to generate discussion amongst health care providers, industry, and government, on issues that not only affect the provision of services to our citizens, but also the educational opportunities and challenges facing higher education today.

Chancellor John Whikehart commented, “We must produce a trained and educated workforce that has developed the skills necessary to meet the needs of our state’s healthcare providers, medical manufacturers and biotechnology organizations. To facilitate that goal, we must begin a dialogue around a shared vision of the future that supports greater community engagement and consensus on how to produce a world-class workforce.”

Health and life science-related fields offer exciting opportunities for the Ivy Tech-Bloomington campus, which will expand its course offerings to include new programs in the near future. These include Biotechnology, Respiratory Therapy and Radiation Therapy. These areas will supplement the College’s other successful health programs: the one-year Practical Nursing program, the two-year Associate of Science in Nursing program, the Paramedic Science program and Nurse Aide Training, a preparation course for Certified Nursing Assistants.

Plaza Comunitaria



Consul Sergio Aguilera of the Mexican Consulate in Indianapolis was a special guest at the launch of the Plaza Comunitaria teacher training sessions which took place at Ivy Tech in June.

Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington hosted a three-day training seminar from June 25-27 for volunteers interested in participating as tutors for Plaza Comunitaria, a Spanish language adult education program. In order to volunteer for the program, individuals were required to demonstrate fluency in Spanish and to possess a high school diploma or a GED.

Beginning in October 2004, volunteers will be providing their services for 1 to 2 hours every week, for help with ESL, literacy, or GED preparation. Tutoring sessions will be available in a group setting or on an individual basis.

Plaza Comunitaria has been brought to Bloomington by the Mexican Consulate, with the collaboration of Ivy Tech State College, the City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department, MCCSC Adult Education, Mujeres en Conexion, and St. Paul’s Catholic Center. For more information about the program, contact Maria File-Muriel at (812) 349-3465 or email her at murielm@bloomington.in.gov.

Alumnus Honored

Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington’s 2004 distinguished alumnus of the year was recognized at the College’s commencement ceremony in May. The College named Michael Hahn as this year’s recipient of this honor award. Hahn is a 1998 graduate of Ivy Tech’s Manufacturing & Industrial Technology Program where he graduated *magna cum laude*.



Michael Hahn

After leaving Ivy Tech, Hahn transferred to Ferris State University in Michigan and graduated at the top of his class. His student design team won the ASHRAE Student Design Competition for successfully designing the most innovative heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems for the Calgary Animal Clinic in Alberta, Canada. Hahn is currently the Project Manager for the Wisconsin Area Office of Johnson Controls, Inc., a major corporation in the industrial and commercial controls industry.

Humanitarian Award



Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington student, Mohammed Yunis Rafiq, is the 2004 recipient of the Jeanine C. Rae Humanitarian Award. Rafiq was recognized at Ivy Tech’s annual Honor’s Day Ceremony.

Faculty, staff and students were invited to nominate an Ivy Tech State College student for the Jeanine C.

Mohammed Yunis Rafiq

Rae Humanitarian Award given to a student who had evidenced outstanding humanitarian qualities and fit the profile of a person whose attitudes and ways of life demonstrate perseverance, open-mindedness, a desire to make a positive contribution, and concern for the well being of others.

This memorial award was introduced in 1984 to honor Jeanine C. Rae, a Bloomington therapist and women’s rights activist. She was a part-time instructor at Ivy Tech-Bloomington, teaching human relations and speech. She was a graduate of Bloomington High School, and besides a bachelor’s degree from Indiana University, she earned a master’s degree in Science from Butler University and a master’s degree in divinity from the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

Comments Cara Huddleston, Assistant Director of Student Support and Development, who nominated Rafiq: “I have never been so moved to write a letter of recommendation as I am with this one. Yunis has worked on campus projects to promote diversity awareness. He seeks to break down cultural barriers and educate young people on global issues in the hope of eliminating pre-existing stereotypes. He has given presentations and papers in many countries. The world will be a better place because of his passion to help others.”

Ivy Tech at the Crestmont Street Fair



Left: Visitors at the Fair inspect the new Ivy Tech computer lab located on their doorstep in Crestmont.

Right: A robotics demonstration presented by an Ivy Tech student attracted much attention.

Below: Ivy Tech faculty and staff have fun sharing information about classes and giving away balloons!



REGISTRATION EXTENDED UNTIL AUGUST 17TH!

WALK-IN REGISTRATION:

WALK-IN REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. WEEKDAYS UNTIL AUGUST 17TH.

SPECIAL EXTENDED HOURS:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3RD: 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12TH: 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

ADVISING PERSONNEL ARE AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. BUSINESS OFFICE, BOOKSTORE, AND TESTING CENTER WILL BE OPEN DURING SPECIAL EXTENDED HOURS AS WELL.



Are You Ready?
They changed their lives...you can too!

Master’s Degrees Conferred



A proud moment for Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington Nursing faculty members who obtained their Master’s degrees in Nursing in June. Pictured from left to right in full academic regalia are: Linda Arnold, Nona Melton, Dianna Holtsclaw, and Karen Elick. Congratulations!