



Civic Engagement Award Winners Recognized

The winners of four civic engagement awards and the Jeanine C. Rae Humanitarian Award were recognized at the O'Bannon Institute on April 28. The categories included Community Involvement, Faculty/Staff Excellence in Volunteerism, Student Excellence in Volunteerism, and Excellence in Service Learning. Area 10 Agency on Aging and Volunteers in Tutoring Adult Learners received Community Involvement awards; Ivy Tech faculty Keith Klein and Kirk Barnes received Faculty/Staff awards for Excellence in Volunteerism; and Obie James and Thea Bennetti received Student Excellence in Volunteerism awards.



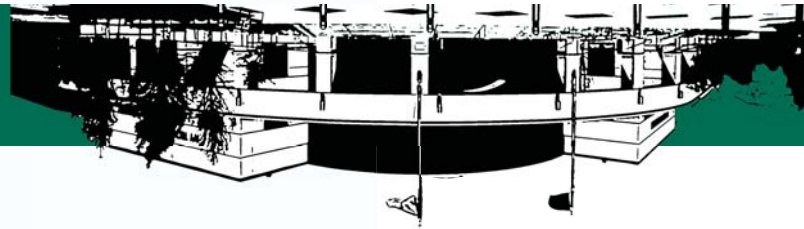
Ivy Tech student Obie James was presented the Student Excellence in Volunteerism Award by Chancellor Whitehart during the O'Bannon Institute.

Jim Heinzen and Jeanette Dix received an Excellence in Service Learning award for their work with Monroe County United Ministries, and Roy Elkes and Steve Englert were rewarded for their work with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, a partnership between Ivy Tech, the City of Bloomington, and the Internal Revenue Service. In 2005, VITA served 157 clients generatating a total of \$248,303 in net federal and state tax refunds.

Thea Bennetti also received the Jeanine C. Rae Humanitarian Award. Bennetti was nominated by Adam Pence, her instructor, for "exemplifying the term humanitarian." He said, "Thea has worked on various women's advocacy campaigns, helped at young mother support groups, sponsored visiting nurses to educate young girls on teenage pregnancy prevention, and spent countless hours picking up trash in parks and preserves in Indiana. She deserves an award and recognition of her achievements more than any other person I know."

Thirty-one students have received the Jeanine C. Rae Humanitarian Award since its inception in 1984.

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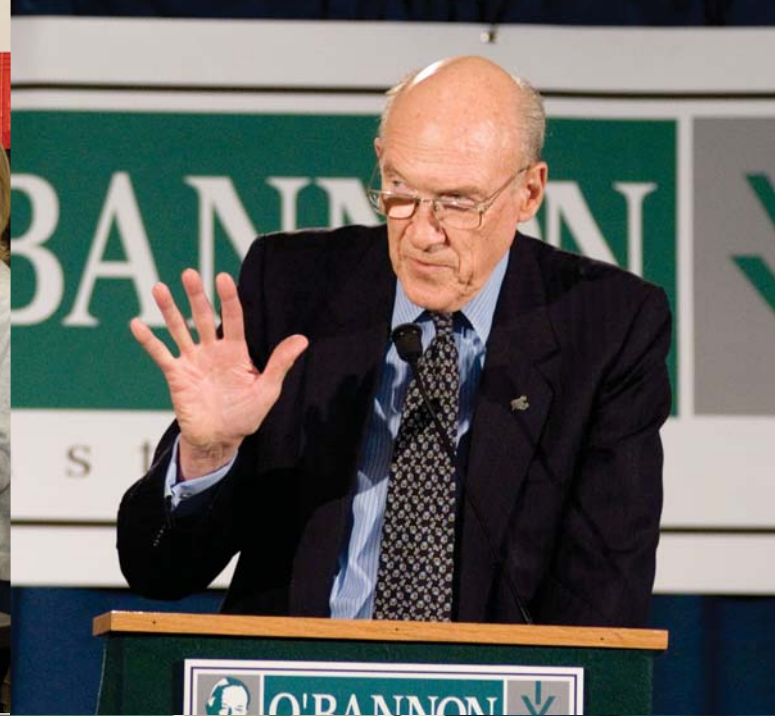
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O'BANNON INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Former Governor and First Lady, Joe and Maggie Kernan, were the featured guests of the 2006 O'Bannon Institute for Community Service at Ivy Tech-Bloomington. The third annual event took place on April 27th and April 28th. This year's O'Bannon Institute included a series of panel discussions with panelists from around the country, a fundraiser for Ivy Tech's Center for Civic Engagement, and service activity projects throughout the community to bring students, faculty and staff in contact with local, non-profit organizations that are in need of volunteers.

The theme of this year's Institute was "If Not Government, Who?" Panel discussions focused on government's role in meeting the needs of society, and what problems/opportunities arise when government cannot fulfill its obligations. Panels included:

Panel One: *Running on Empty: The Government's Role in Providing Social Services in an Elastic Economy*

Panel Two: *Pray or Pay?: The Role of Faith-Based Institutions in Providing Social Services*

Panel Three: *Picking up the Ball and Running with It: The Best Practices of Non-Governmental Organizations.*

Panelists from the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, the American Red Cross, IU's Poynter Center, Rotary International, and the US Fund for UNICEF shared their expertise throughout the day on Friday.

The former governor and first lady both participated in the O'Bannon Conversation which concludes the two-day event. "We were honored to join Ivy Tech and the greater Bloomington community at this year's O'Bannon Institute," said Governor Kernan. "Not only does the conference honor the legacy of our good friend, Frank O'Bannon, but it focuses on the importance of community service and giving something back to the places we call home."



Sworn in as Indiana's 48th governor upon the death of Governor Frank O'Bannon on September 13, 2003, Joe Kernan provided leadership for the state during a tragic and historic transition. Kernan had served with O'Bannon since 1996 when he was asked to join the statewide ticket as the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor. The O'Bannon-Kernan ticket won the 1996 election, and was re-elected in 2000.

Maggie Kernan, Indiana's former first lady, is a South Bend native and has worked in communications, human service and marketing since graduating from Purdue in 1974. She is a business banking manager for 1st Source, a South Bend headquartered financial institution. Serving as First Lady gave Mrs. Kernan the opportunity to focus on issues about which she felt passionate. A longtime volunteer in her hometown of South Bend and in various state-wide organizations, she has had extensive personal experience as a mentor. Drawing on her experience as both a mentor and a business woman, she created the statewide "Mentor Indiana" program during her 15 months as Indiana's first lady. The goal of the program was to get students on the right track for graduation from high school, and to make sure that they were prepared for post-secondary education or training.

Mrs. Kernan also presided over the completion of the Governor's Residence accessibility project, which began under the direction of former First Lady Judy O'Bannon. Designed to make the Governor's Residence accessible for people with disabilities, the project involved the construction of a 2,600 square foot addition to the residence. The Kernans publicly opened the doors of the renovated residence to all Hoosiers in February 2004.

Senator Alan Simpson Keynotes O'Bannon Institute Dinner



Former United States Senator Alan Simpson (R-Wyoming) was the featured speaker at the 2006 O'Bannon Institute for Community Service dinner. The fundraising event is held each year as part of the two-day O'Bannon Institute, and proceeds support Ivy Tech's Center for Civic Engagement. The dinner was held on Thursday, April 27 at the Bloomington-Monroe County Convention Center.

John Whikehart, Chancellor of Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington, says that Senator Simpson's experiences and life story were important for students and the community to hear. "Senator Simpson is known for his frank, genuine and humorous commentary about Congress, the press and politics. The O'Bannon Institute was created so that our students and the community could engage in exciting discussions about public service and the importance of giving back to our communities, and I am pleased that the public had an opportunity to hear from someone who has spent a lifetime in service to his country."

Alan Simpson was elected to the United States Senate in 1978 after decades of service in the Wyoming State Legislature. During his career in the Senate he served as Assistant Majority Leader for ten years and completed his final Senate term in 1997. After retirement from the Senate, Simpson served as Director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Former Senator Simpson is currently a Visiting Lecturer in the Political Science Department at his Alma Mater, the University of Wyoming, and a partner in the law firm of Burg Simpson Eldredge Hersh & Jardine, P.C. Simpson continues to serve on numerous corporate and non-profit boards, and most recently he was tapped by the United States Congress to serve on a bipartisan panel studying the U.S. war in Iraq. The panel has been tasked to study the war and make policy recommendations for both Capitol Hill and the White House. Senator Simpson is also the author of "Right in the Old Gazoo: A Lifetime of Scrapping with the Press," which chronicles his personal clashes with the press and his views of the Fourth Estate.

Ivy Tech to Host Small Business Development Center

Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington has entered into an agreement to serve as the "host" for the South Central Indiana Small Business Development Center (SBDC). The SBDC has grown and changed tremendously over the last four years through an expanded service area, and enhanced the services and products it makes available to small businesses.

The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce has hosted the region's SBDC since 1988. Nationally, SBDCs are typically hosted by community colleges and universities. In Indiana, Purdue and Indiana State University host SBDCs in their areas. The South Central Indiana SBDC works in support of the development and growth of small business activities and serves Bartholomew, Brown, Decatur, Greene, Jackson, Jennings, Monroe, Owen, and Lawrence counties.

Brian Kleber, Regional Director of the SBDC, says that this new relationship with Ivy Tech - Bloomington will enable the organization to continue growing and to remain a leader in innovative services to entrepreneurs. "We are very excited about this new relationship and the opportunities it brings to our clients, existing partners, and our own internal operations. The goal is to build the very best SBDC for the community and this partnership helps us take the next step."

The local SBDC was recognized in 2005 as one of the top 50 regional centers in the nation by the Association of Small Business Development Centers.



Chancellor John Whikehart speaks at the SBDC announcement press conference on May 3, 2006.