Chancellor Welcomes Students Back to Campus

Chancellor John Whikehart and traditional Highland bagpiper Ian Arthur welcomed the college’s largest enrollment of students ever at Ivy Tech-Bloomington on Monday, August 21, the first day of the 2006-2007 academic year. This is the third year that students have been greeted by the music of Arthur’s bagpipe as they begin fall semester.

During the first week of classes, student activities included free pancakes and sausage sponsored by the Student Government Association, a trip to Bloomington’s indoor rock climbing gym and an evening of free cosmic bowling.

New to Ivy Tech-Bloomington’s campus is a cafe, operated by Indiana University’s Residential Programs and Services (RPS) offering breakfast, lunch and dinner items. The cafe is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am until 6 pm. Other new amenities include a pool table and a ping pong table in the Student Commons. The cafe, pool table and ping pong table are all part of an initiative to provide quality student life opportunities on campus.

"I think it is important to make our students feel welcome when they walk through our doors, and the tradition of bagpipe music is one interesting way to get the semester off to a great start."
-Chancellor John Whikehart

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Ivy Tech and the Monroe County YMCA partnered for the third year to offer students in the fourth-sixth grades the opportunity to learn, explore and have lots of fun.

Classes offered during this summer's College for Kids were Lights, Camera, Action!, Crime Solvers, Emergency Medical Mania; Creative Kid Chronicles, Model Rocketry, Game Development, Teen Cuisine and "Abracadra" a new class that explored the world of magic. "Lights, Camera, Action!" students decided to make a silent black and white horror movie based on the board game Candy Land. They designed the set layout, played all the roles, and helped edit the video. Students left the class with their own copy of the movie on DVD.

On the last day of class, the students ran through an entire trauma scene. They assessed the victim and the scene. The students checked the victim's vital signs, controlled through a laptop computer, loaded the victim on a cart and moved him from the second floor to an ambulance lab located on the first floor of the building.

Ivy Tech's Paramedic Science Program Chair Bruce Bare, volunteered his time to create and teach a new class called Emergency Medical Mania. The kids loved the hands-on nature of the class. Students worked on dummies that could moan, bleed, and vomit.

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The Ivy Tech Community College State Board of Trustees recently approved a lease agreement with Monroe County for use of College property to build a biomanufacturing and training institute. The lease amount is one-dollar per year.

The planned biomanufacturing and training institute will be built just north of the college's campus on property already acquired by Ivy Tech for expansion. The institute will contribute to the region's growing biotech and life sciences firms such as Cook Inc., Cook Pharmica, BioConvergence, Baxter Pharmaceuticals and Boston Scientific in Owen County. The biomanufacturing and training institute will be financed by the Westside tax increment finance district which includes the Ivy Tech campus along with Baxter and Cook Inc.

In June, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development announced they would provide $1.25 million for training for entry-level and displaced workers plus advanced training for existing biotech and life-sciences workers.

The Bloomington Life Sciences Partnership projects that existing life sciences businesses will create 1,200 new jobs over the next five years in biotech and life sciences.
Approximately 4,000 attendees sat back and enjoyed a day of “Family, Friends, Food and Fireworks” at the 10th Annual Picnic with the POPs held at Ivy Tech-Bloomington. Ivy Tech-Bloomington has hosted this favorite community event for the past three years.

Once the gates opened at 4 pm, children of all ages played in the Children's Activity Area, sponsored by The Children's Village. Kids could climb a rock wall, watch a play by the Puck Players Puppet Theatre, take part in hands-on science demonstrations and try their hands at all sorts of carnival games.

The Akento “Spirit of Freedom” Jazz Quintet and Bloomington's Community Band performed throughout the afternoon getting the crowd “fi red up” for the concert.

Soloist Sedalia Maria Brown, harmonica player Michael Runyan, the Rise & Shine Cloggers and John Clair Confield, founder of the Bloomington POPS orchestra, joined Conductor Christopher Ludwa and the Bloomington POPs Orchestra during the concert.

Also taking the stage midway through the concert was Sammy L. Davis. Davis gave a poignant account of his military service in the Army during the Vietnam War and played “Shenandoah” on harmonica for Sgt. Dustin Dunlap, a soldier he knew who was killed in the war.

The concert concluded with the POPs performance of Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky's Overture Solonell 1812 (Excerpts) while the Cannoneers of the 2nd Battalion, 150th Field Artillery, Indiana Army National Guard fired four cannons. Once the cannons stopped firing the sky was lit up with a barrage of fireworks going off above the stage's canopy.

The Bloomington POPs orchestra has entertained its audiences for 15 years with light classics, lively programs and famous guest artists and conductors.
Enrollment continues to grow significantly at Ivy Tech-Bloomington. As of Saturday, August 26th, 4,570 students were enrolled at the College’s Bloomington campus, and FTE (full-time equivalent) surpassed 2,800.

FTE, which measures how many courses students are taking, has risen sharply from fall semester 2005 rising 21.8%, indicating that more students at the community college are taking classes full-time.

Chancellor John Whitehart says the campus is currently serving the number of students that it was projected to serve in the year 2011. “When we moved into the building in August 2002 with an enrollment of 2,700, we could not have predicted we would be serving this number of students in just four years.

The responsiveness of our faculty and staff to the challenges and opportunities created by this unparalleled growth is testimony to our commitment to changing the lives of our students and preparing an educated and trained workforce to meet the needs of our region and the state of Indiana.” Ivy Tech-Bloomington has increased the number of class sections it offers to meet the academic needs of its almost 700 new students, increasing from 675 course sections in 2005 to approximately 841 course sections this fall.

In addition, Ivy Tech’s Workforce & Economic Development department will move to downtown Bloomington in the next month in order to create more room for offices and classroom space.

Ivy Tech-Bloomington expects enrollments to continue to swell in the coming year due to soon-to-be announced degree articulations and the addition of new programs.

Register Now to Attend The Remnant Trust Symposium

The college will host the Remnant Trust Symposium, “Historical Ideas Changing Lives: The Power of the Written Word,” with three scholars speaking on themes relating to the exhibit. The symposium is September 14 from 10 am until 3 pm in the Student Commons.

Dr. Sarah Knott, a professor at Indiana University, will speak on the theme “A Portrait of the Birth of America.”

Dr. Oyadabe Oyerinde, a native of Nigeria, will speak on the theme “The Development of American Government and Culture” while focusing on the importance of understanding De Tocquevilles’ work as it relates to the early national period of the United States.

The keynote speaker, Reverend Boniface Harden, will speak on the abolitionist tract while discussing the “Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas.” Harden is the founder and president of Martin University in Indianapolis.

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The café at Ivy Tech is all ready a big hit with students and staff.

The historic Depot located in the heart of downtown Bloomington will soon be home to Ivy Tech’s WED Department.

Ivy Tech-Bloomington’s Workforce and Economic Development (WED) department will be moving into the Depot building located at 301 N. Morton Street in September.

Chancellor John Whitehart said the move is the result of surging enrollment at the college. “Our increased enrollment forced us to look at creative options for additional space. This move is the best of both worlds – it will alleviate some challenges with classroom and office space on campus while placing our workforce and economic development infrastructure closer to our partners in downtown Bloomington.”

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC), which is hosted by Ivy Tech, is housed in Indiana University’s Research Park and the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation and city/county government offices are also within walking distance.

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