

Cultural Connections 2006

Hundreds participate in a day filled with food, learning and diversity

More than 200 people celebrated diversity at this year's "Cultural Connections" event. Attendees were treated to food from different cultures, international music, a lecture on the duality of minority identity in America, a spoken word presentation by Ivy Tech's Creative Writing Club and a screening of the movie "A Day Without a Mexican."

Twenty community organizations provided participants with information and answered questions throughout the event.



More than 20 organizations and agencies from Bloomington and Monroe County participated in this year's Cultural Connections event.

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President Lamkin Honored



President Lamkin and his wife Louise enjoy the holiday celebration with guests.



Ivy Tech staff choose from the different foods provided by area restaurants.



State Representative Peggy Welch congratulated President Lamkin for his determination to create a community college system in Indiana.



PA Mack and Joan Olcott discuss the different dishes prepared by local chefs.

President Gerald I. Lamkin was honored for his 23 years of service as the president of Ivy Tech at a holiday celebration held November 29 at the Bloomington Convention Center.

During the recognition ceremony President Lamkin's accomplishments were praised. Bloomington Chancellor John Whitehart reminded the audience that when Lamkin became president in 1983, the college was named the Indiana Vocational Technical College.

Whitehart also recognized Lamkin for being the longest standing current president of a public institution of higher education in the State of Indiana.

Region 14 State Trustee Lee Marchant recognized Lamkin's tenacious pursuit of a statewide community college system. Marchant has established the "Gerald I. Lamkin Distinguished Scholar Award" in his honor.

The \$100,000 endowed scholarship was donated by Marchant and his wife Annie as part of the "Grow Ivy Tech" Campaign.

In addition, Region 14 Board of Trustee Chair Connie Ferguson and Whitehart announced to Lamkin and his wife Louise that the Region 14 Board of Trustees had passed Resolution Number 2006-08, naming Alumni Hall in its Bloomington campus building the "Gerald I. Lamkin Alumni Hall."

Lamkin will step down as Ivy Tech President on June 30, 2007. A national search to find the next president of the Ivy Tech Community College system has begun.

Lamkin will serve as the President-emeritus of Ivy Tech Community College.



Region 14 Board of Trustee Chair Connie Ferguson unveils the plaque naming Alumni Hall on the Bloomington Campus the "Gerald I. Lamkin Alumni Hall."

"Grow Ivy Tech" Contributors Recognized

Ivy Tech-Bloomington hosted two dedication ceremonies recognizing significant contributors to the "Grow Ivy Tech" campaign.



Bill Stephan, Senior Vice-President of Communications and Steve Ferguson, of Cook, Inc. stand next to the plaque recognizing Clarian Health Partners contribution to the "Grow Ivy Tech" campaign.



Chancellor John Whitehart, Susan Catt, Director of Library Services, Joan Olcott, along with Campaign Chairs, Connie Ferguson-Region 14 Board of Trustees Chair and Dr. Carol Touloukian participated in the June 19th plaque dedication for the Olcott Library.

Joan Olcott was recognized on June 19th at Ivy Tech for her donation to the campaign. Olcott contributed an endowed scholarship. The "Joan Olcott Scholarship in Healthcare" will be awarded each fall and spring semester.

Olcott said that her donation was a way for her to recognize her mother who had been a nurse. "My mother was a nurse in the 1920s," said Olcott. "That was pretty unique for way back then."

Olcott served as an honorary chair for the "Grow Ivy Tech" campaign. Olcott said her involvement in the campaign opened up new avenues of interest for her. Regarding her donation she said, "It feels good knowing that something I was able to do is going to change someone's life."

The plaque recognizing Olcott's contribution is located next to the college's library on the second floor.

The other dedication ceremony brought Bill Stephan, Senior Vice-President of Clarian Health Partners to campus. His organization, Clarian Health Partners, was recognized for their contribution of \$100,000 over a three-year period. This money will be used to assist the college's radiation therapy program.

Students Succeed Thanks to Hoosier Link

Ivy Tech-Bloomington Chancellor Whitehart and Indiana University-Bloomington (IUB) Chancellor Kenneth Gros Louis signed an historic agreement last November creating the Hoosier Link program.

The first program of its type in Indiana, Hoosier Link allows students wanting to gain admission to IUB the opportunity to participate in activities, courses and events offered on IU's campus while working on admission to IU.

This semester 94 students participated in the Hoosier Link program.

Hoosier Link students attend both Ivy Tech and IU. The program requires each student to take a minimum of 26 transferable credit hours at Ivy Tech, and at least one class at IU, per semester. Hoosier Link students are required to maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

Tony Tatich, a current student in the program attributes his academic success

to the program. "It has been a wonderful stepping-stone to transition from high school to a very large campus," he said.

Tatich refers to Ivy Tech-Bloomington's campus as "the nicest Ivy Tech around."



Chancellor John Whitehart and IU Chancellor Gros Louis sign the Hoosier Link agreement. The program was implemented this fall.

Comer Cassidy, a Hoosier Link student, wants to transfer to IUB. He said that he appreciates the small class settings and the personal attention he receives at Ivy Tech while at the same time attending a class in a large lecture hall at IU.

Cassidy said he is able to live the same lifestyle as any other IUB student while receiving more personal assistance.

He said having a career counselor at each campus is another plus for students. "My ultimate goal is to eventually transfer to IUB, but I feel the Hoosier Link program has really prepared me for the WHOLE college experience."