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June 30, 2007

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Celebrating Success and Community Service

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CHANGING LIVES...
This year’s O’Bannon Institute for Community Service was a huge success with a record crowd attending the fundraising dinner on April 26th and 200 plus attendees at Friday’s event.

The two-day event was kicked off with the “Volunteers Are Priceless” breakfast where 13 civic engagement awards were presented along with the Jeanine C. Rae Humanitarian Award.

Following the breakfast, 70 volunteers, including students, faculty and staff, assisted 18 nonprofit agencies in Monroe and Owen counties.

Thursday ended with a reception and dinner featuring former Lt. Gov. of Maryland Kathleen Kennedy Townsend. She spoke to a full house about the importance of civic participation and her family’s lifetime commitment to public service.

New to this year’s O’Bannon Institute were interactive breakout sessions and a debate about the pros and cons of growth in our community. The breakout sessions addressed community issues such as diversity, education and healthcare.

The institute concluded with the “O’Bannon Conversation” featuring former United States Senator, and 1972 Democratic nominee for United States President, George McGovern. McGovern discussed with great candor his 1972 run for president stating that he “felt no elation” when Nixon resigned after only two years in office.

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Reception held for President Elect Tom Snyder

A reception welcoming Ivy Tech Community College’s President Elect Tom Snyder was held on May 3rd at the Bloomington Convention Center. Snyder mingled with community leaders including Indiana Senator Vi Simpson, House Representative Peggy Welch, Greater Chamber Commerce of Bloomington Director Christy Steele-Gilbenwater and Executive Director of the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation Ron Walker.

Snyder, a former auto industry executive and current chairman of Flagship Energy Systems in Anderson, was chosen by Ivy Tech’s State Board of Trustees to serve as president of the college, which has more than 100,000 students on 23 campuses.

Snyder becomes Ivy Tech’s tenth president on July 1, 2007, succeeding President Gerald I. Lamkin who has served as president since 1983.

Following years of work and political negotiation, Lamkin realized his dream of Ivy Tech becoming the community college system for the State of Indiana.

Ivy Tech Means Civic Engagement

Ivy Tech students, faculty and staff participated in the 2007 March of Dimes Walk raising over $500.

Ivy Tech students recently spent the day at a local elementary school for a day of math games.

A Look Back at the O’Bannon Institute

The 2007 Civic Engagement Award recipients were recognized during the Honors Day Celebration on May 4, 2007.

Civic Engagement Award Winners

Excellence in Community Involvement Award
Shalom Community Center
Leadership Bloomington-Monroe County
Pit Loza Vice Chair

Excellence in Service Learning Award
Jim Heinzen and David Sipes
Girls Inc. of Monroe County
Sheila Goodwin
Donna Young

Excellence in Volunteering
Nick Turner
Girls Inc. of Monroe County
Sue Guatk

Student Excellence in Volunteerism
Jennifer Hall
Jonathon Williams Jr.
Jeanine C. Rae Humanitarian Award
Steve Hanson

Charlotte Zietlow Wins National Small Business Award

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Ivy Tech Community College's annual commencement ceremony took place on Friday, May 11th at the Indiana University Auditorium. During the ceremony, 173 students graduated with Associate of Science degrees, Associate of Applied Science degrees and Technical certificates.

Chancellor John Whikehart told the graduates that they should be proud of their achievements. “This has not been an easy path for you. We recognize your commitment to achieving your goals and the sacrifices that you have made along the way.”

In one of his last roles as president of the Ivy Tech Community College system, Gerald I. Lamkin delivered the “charge to the class” and presented degrees and certificates to graduates.

Other participants in the ceremony included Connie Ferguson, President, Region 14 Board of Trustees, Dr. Gerardo Gonzalez, Dean, Indiana University School of Education and Reverend Dr. George Purnell, First Methodist Church.

Introducing the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

Michael “Mike” Burns, Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner at Internal Medicine Associates (IMA), was recognized during this year’s commencement ceremony as the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. Burns earned his Technical Certificate in Practical Nursing in 1992 and received his Associate of Science Degree in Nursing in 2000.

After graduating from the LPN and RN programs, Burns then attended ISU (Indiana State University) where he completed his BSN, and then graduated with his MSN from IUPUI. Burns works with Oncology Hematology patients and rotates in the IMA Walk-in Clinic. He is also volunteering at the newly-opened Volunteers in Medicine Clinic in Bloomington. He has also volunteered for community cancer events by bicycling next to participating cancer patients.

The Distinguished Alumnus of the Year is given to a graduate who received an Associate of Applied Science or Associate of Science degree or a Technical Certificate five years prior to the nomination, and has made notable advancements in his or her career. The recipient must also play an active role in the community.

Outstanding Student Recipients

Theresa Stevens – Accounting
Cynthia Shively-Adkins - Associate of Science in Nursing
Jacob Cagan - Biotechnology
Anthony Roberts – Biotechnology
Faye Jameson – Business Administration
Brent Thompson - Business Administration
Chris Harr - Computer Information Systems/Computer Information Technology
Brenda Russ - Computer Information Systems/Computer Information Technology
Kelly Spencer - Computer Information Systems/Computer Information Technology
Rhea Goss - Criminal Justice
Debra Morrow - Criminal Justice
Daniel Wilcoxon - Design Technology
Diana Lake – Early Childhood Education
Jason Faux - Electronics and Computer Technology
Morris Thompson - Electronics and Computer Technology
Gretchen Bass - General Studies
Obie James - General Studies
Daniel Lawton- Manufacturing & Industrial Technology
Harold Summer - Manufacturing & Industrial Technology
Laurie Garlock - Office Administration
Shirley Hamilton - Office Administration
Ben Taylor - Office Administration
Stefani Richardson - Office Administration
Abby Sanders - Practical Nursing
Julia Graham - Industrial Apprenticeship Technology
Morris Thompson - Industrial Apprenticeship Technology

Student Success Acknowledged During Honors Day

Several students were recognized for their academic achievements during the college’s Honors Day Ceremony held May 4th. The Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. James Smith and several program chairs presented the awards to graduating students excelling in their program of study.

Chancellor John Whikehart told the students that they were the college’s best and brightest. “You are charged with representing this college whether going on to a four year college or beginning a job,” he said. “It is your responsibility to make a difference in your community because our employers, taxpayers and Ivy Tech have made an investment in you.”

John Rucker, Criminal Justice Assistant Professor, was also recognized for winning the 2006 President’s Award for Excellence in Instruction at the Honors Day Ceremony.

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Members of the newly established Student Ambassadors Program
(Left to right, back row) Anita Sciscoe, Joe Mason, Gerald Mitchell-Dir. of Student Support & Services, Jenny Hamblin-Ass. Dir. of Student Support & Services, Tasha Leekley, Jill Trebhn-Andrews (front row) Kassie Caffey, Simantha Dickler and Bashidale Williamson

Smiles abound and special moments are celebrated during the 2007 Commencement held on May 11th at the Indiana University Auditorium
Dr. González Shares His Story with Graduates During Commencement

The following remarks, printed in there entirety, were provided courtesy of Dr. Gerardo González.

Dr. González

President Lambkin, Chancellor Whitehurst, members of the graduating class, ladies and gentlemen. The men and women of this graduating class are auspicious occasions – it is a time to celebrate, reflect on where we've been and where we're going, and give thanks for the love, confidence, and support others have given to help us get where we are. As University Dean of one of the nation's premiere education schools at a world-class research university, I suppose it's easy to assume that I've lived a privileged life with opportunities available to only a few. But for me, or any member of my graduating class today, I was the first in my family to attend college. And it is this story – the story of how education helped transform the life of a poor, immigrant boy, from a working class family that I want to briefly share with you on this very special occasion.

Of course, my story is not unique. Among your graduating class today is Paula Senatore, who started by Tech in the spring of 2004 as an international student from Italy. Paula's dream is to become a nurse. She states that some of her biggest obstacles have involved the language barriers she encountered in culture, but said she made the Dean's list seven times and today is graduating Magna Cum Laude. Also graduating today with high honors are Diana Lake and her daughter, Laura Tsing. Dana is an older student whose lifelong dream has become an Early Childhood Education Teacher and Laura is completing an Associate's degree in accounting. Laura works during the day and attends classes at night. Because my story is so much like theirs and yours in that I could not have received a college education if my parents had not worked hard and sacrificed for me. I had to work to have their hands up in front of me and say, "Look Gero look at my hands. I want you to get an education because I don't want your hands to look like mine when you're my age."

But as much as I understood the message and wanted to make my parents proud for their sacrifice, I was struggling in an educational system that was not particularly friendly or supportive of kids that were different, especially Hispanic kids who could not speak English. The schools were trying too hard in everything to accommodate the large number of Hispanic children coming to Florida schools in those days. But the lack of cultural sensitivity and poor understanding could have had more negative impact on their education. Language barriers made their efforts more a process of trial and error than any well thought-out, evidenced-based strategy for addressing the special needs of English language learners then. As I grew I decided to become a teacher. Valerie, my wife, encouraged me to pursue a career in education and I applied to graduate school.

On August 19, 1985 I was admitted to the University of Puerto Rico and had come to the United States to pursue my doctorate in world languages and literatures. Florida invited me to stay on as a member of the faculty and I became a tenured full-professor, earning my Ph.D from what was then the University of Florida, an associate dean of the College of Education, and then finally dean before leaving to become University Dean of Education at IU.

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For me, the turning point in my life occurred after my 40th birthday. I've never been so clear about my aspirations. I have never had a chance to assess and reflect on my options. I was ready to go to work and forget everything I was learning about the American classroom and experience. I was ready to move on and grow up.

When I finished Miami-Dade I transferred to the University of Florida in Gainesville, where I pursued a Ph.D in English. I was hoping to study and earn my degree. Florida invited me to stay on as a member of the faculty and I became a tenured full-professor, earning my Ph.D from what was then the University of Florida, an associate dean of the College of Education, and then finally dean before leaving to become University Dean of Education at IU.

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Based on my experiences, I would like to share with you the story of how I found my way to education and college, and then became a successful student and a teacher.

I started as a high school dropout and came to college at the age of 40 to pursue a PhD in English. I had never been to college before and I was not sure what I was doing or where I was going. I was teaching English at a college and I had no idea what I was doing. I was teaching elementary school and I was not sure if I wanted to do anything with my life. I had no idea what I wanted to do.

I knew that I wanted to learn more about the world and I decided to go to college. I started working on my GED and I was very surprised to find out how difficult it was. I had never been to college before and I was not sure what I was doing or where I was going. I was teaching English at a college and I had no idea what I was doing. I was teaching elementary school and I was not sure if I wanted to do anything with my life. I had no idea what I wanted to do.