This year Ivy Tech celebrated Black History Month by hosting a free concert in the Commons on February 7, featuring rock musician Jenn Cristy. Cristy is a national recording artist and was formerly a member of John Mellencamp’s band.

In celebration of Black History Month, Ivy Tech also held a viewing of the movie “Stomp the Yard”, and throughout the month of February displayed an exhibit of famous African-Americans.
Boys & Girls Clubs
Chancellor Presents Basketballs to Local Boys & Girls Clubs.

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The college’s new president, Tom Snyder, donated 1,500 basketballs to Boys & Girls Clubs of Indiana in January as part of a statewide initiative, and Chancellor John Whikehart personally presented 120 basketballs to six area Boys & Girls Clubs. The donation allows more children to participate in activities on the basketball court, and introduces them to higher education at an early age.

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GE EMPLOYEES TURN TO EDUCATION

Nearly 900 folks can expect to lose their jobs with General Electric in the next year, before the end of January 2009. Many community leaders, including Chancellor John Whikehart Ivy Tech - Bloomington, have already started planning for how to help those GE workers affected by the latest plant-closing plan.

Ivy Tech could be a significant contributor in re-educating former GE employees. “When GE experienced its layoffs a couple years back, we wrote letters to affected employees, we went to the plant to do academic advising, and we did academic assessments with them,” Chancellor Whikehart said.

Workers will know what their options are for life after GE, and have their options explained to them. “One of the most important things we’ll be able to do is show them a number of people who were previously laid off who came to us, completed an education program, and went on to get employment opportunities that were viable,” Chancellor Whikehart said.

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FIFTH ANNUAL O’BANNON INSTITUTE: WE ASKED, YOU ANSWERED

The fifth annual O’Bannon Institute promises to make history, because it’s an election year and the O’Bannon Institute promises to make history, so we asked for community votes on issues of importance which will be discussed at the two-day event. And you answered.

The ballots were tallied and the topics of discussion for the Fifth Annual O’Bannon Institute will be education, healthcare, and environment. Panel members are public figures who have spent their lives in public service, and they will discuss the three chosen topics in context of the United States Presidential election.

The O’Bannon Institute for Community Service was launched in 2004 in an effort to bring the community together with leaders from non-profits, higher education and political arenas to converse about issues related to public service and to encourage students to become active in their communities. Visit http://obannon.ivytech.edu for more information about this year’s O’Bannon Institute.

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B-ton by the Numbers

14.5 | Percent Ivy Tech has grown since spring 2007, with 5,040 students enrolled as of the first day of class.

639 | Increase in number of students enrolled on the first day of class in spring 2008, as compared to spring 2007.

2 | Number of semesters the Bloomington campus has exceeded 5,000 students enrolled.

14 | Percent of FTE increase as compared to spring 2007 numbers (full-time equivalency, or how many courses students are taking).

3 | Signifies Ivy Tech - Bloomington’s rank as the third fastest-growing community college in nation for its size, according to Community College Week.

2007 | Year in which the college leased additional space on Liberty Dr. for more classroom space to accommodate the college’s surging enrollment figures.

350,000 | Dollars the Indiana General Assembly allocated for architectural and engineering funds for Ivy Tech - Bloomington to begin planning for a new facility.

Ivy Tech's computer program.”
The Office of Resource Development held a scholarship reception in early February, where sixty-seven students were recognized. The generous support of donors funded over $45,000 of the scholarships awarded to students for the spring semester. Much of the money raised for scholarships is a result of the success of the Grow Ivy Tech Campaign, which has allowed for a substantial increase in scholarship funding matching the explosive enrollment growth of the Bloomington campus.

Ivy Tech - Bloomington awards student scholarships for spring, summer and fall semesters. If you are interested in funding a scholarship for an Ivy Tech student, please contact the Ivy Tech Foundation office at (812) 330-6067.

Scholarship Recipients and Donors Recognized at Reception

Jenna Abbott  
Stacey Allen  
Patricia Andralliski  
Loran Armstrong  
Sherri Beaver  
Angela Beaver  
Nick Bellamy  
Lisa Brady  
Nancy Cahill  
Cade Carmichael  
Elizabeth Carpenter  
Gregory Carter  
Michele Carweile  
David Conder  
Hillary Deckard  
Tobias Dick  
Casie Dinn  
Jason Dixon  
Jessica Dow  
Dustin Freeman  
Carolyn Furno  
Angela Gilliam  
Shannon Godwin  
Kristina Gunderman  
Sally Hardy  
Debbie Head  
Todd Higdon  
Tracey Hodge  
James Hollis  
Ryan Huber  
Jennifer Hamblen  
Terra King  
Sarah Koch  
Rhonda Knaese  
Janet Langley  
Rebecca Lee  
Joy Lee  
R. Diann Long  
Tiffany McBe  
Ashley McPherson  
Nichole Messmer  
Jessica Moore  
Elisabeth Morales  
Bradley Mullis  
Angela Patterson  
Elexis Peach  
Amy Pence  
Anjanette Radford  
Zoe Ragland  
Rebecca Rakowski  
Leahnora Rozzel  
Sarah Segyde  
Cindy Solis  
Jacob Steffen  
Lorena Terrill  
Ashlee Tincher  
Alicia Tolver  
Kayla Umphress  
Kelly Walter  
April Webster  
Kristen Whaley  
Gena Winzeler  
Shayna Wolf  
Melissa Wright  
Caryl Young

Congratulations to 2008 Scholarship Recipients
“Day On! Not a Day Off”

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Ivy Tech faculty, staff and students participated in a service opportunity for Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County’s ReStore, as part of the City of Bloomington’s “Day On! Not a Day Off” initiative.

Ivy Tech - Bloomington’s mission is to model a service-oriented learning environment that embraces and promotes community service. The college’s Center for Civic Engagement organized student, faculty and staff involvement in the day’s activity, which included building and assembling shelves, organizing supplies and cleaning household items.

Kappa Beta Delta at Ivy Tech

Ivy Tech - Bloomington established a new international honor society, Kappa Beta Delta (KBD), on campus to encourage and recognize scholarship and accomplishment among students of business, management and administration who are pursuing associate degrees.

An induction ceremony was held in late January to commemorate students who have achieved this great honor. The ceremony was held by KBD advisors, Program Chair of Accounting, Steve Englert and Department Chair of the Business and Office Administration Programs, Jim Heinzen. The KBD Society encourages personal and professional improvement in our students, and distinguishes these students for their honorable service to humankind.

Student Art on Campus

Amy Brier’s ART 103 class worked in groups to liven up Ivy Tech’s campus with sculpture. The project challenged students with creating art in a public space and applying ideas learned in class.