O’Bannon Institute for Community Service

Panel Discussions - April 25, 2008
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Ivy Tech - Bloomington

Join us for panel discussions focusing on the 2008 Presidential election and the possible effects of candidates’ positions on healthcare, education and the environment. Featuring Paul Begala, CNN political analyst and former Counselor to President Clinton.

Free event on campus!
Day 1: Thursday, April 24

SERVICE PROJECTS: Get Involved!
Community service in various Bloomington locations
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
More than 100 volunteer opportunities are available at 14 local organizations, ranging from walking dogs to playing bingo games with active older adults:

- Alterra Sterling House
- Bell Trace Health and Living Center
- City of Bloomington Animal Care and Control
- Community Kitchen
- Golden Living Center
- Hilltop Garden and Nature Center
- Hoosier Hills Food Bank
- Monroe County United Ministries
- Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard
- Opportunity House
- Owen County Humane Society
- Salvation Army
- Shalom Community Center
- Sycamore Land Trust

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
To participate, please call (812) 330-6615.

Annual Dinner
Beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Indiana University Alumni Hall

Featured Speaker: Sam Donaldson
40-year ABC News veteran and former Chief White House Correspondent

Tickets:

Dinner
Private Reception with Donaldson and Dinner
$35/person
$50/person
(Includes eight tickets for dinner and reception, and program recognition):

Table Sponsor
$500/table

Reservations: (812) 330-6601 or gbass1@ivytech.edu

Day 2: Friday, April 25

Panel Discussions: Free event!
Discussions open to public participation all day at Ivy Tech

Schedule:

8:30 - 9:00 Registration (Continental Breakfast)
9:00 - 9:40 Welcome - Judy O’Bannon

Panel Discussions:
9:40 - 11:00 Healthcare
11:00 - 12:00 Education
2:30 - 3:30 Environment
1:15 - 2:30 O’Bannon Conversation with CNN Political analyst, Paul Begala
3:30 - 4:00 Closing Thoughts

Lunch Provided

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Service-Learning Project Presented at Governor’s Conference

Sarah Cote, Assistant Professor of Biotechnology and General Education, recently sought out and received the opportunity to present at the 2008 Governor’s Conference on Service & Volunteerism. Cote’s presentation, A Water Quality-Based Service Learning Project was well-received and well-attended. Along with Cote, two previous service-learning students also contributed to the presentation – Teresa Benassi (accounting student) and Jay Snowden (general studies student).

On behalf of the college’s Center for Civic Engagement we would like to congratulate Cote and her students for helping the college achieve its strategic goal of modeling a service-oriented learning environment.

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The math fair is the result of a partnership between Ivy Tech Mathematics Instructor Jodi Pope-Pfingston and Rogers Elementary teachers, Cindy Creek and Mike Love. Jodi’s students work with Cindy and Mike’s first and second grade students to create activities for the fair that somehow incorporate math. The fair is attended by the other 400 students at Rogers Elementary. This year, activities ranged from a “Fishing for Numbers” pond to a grocery store that taught students addition and subtraction.

This year, Ivy Tech adjunct instructor Larry Saliba and some of his Math 050 students joined Jodi’s efforts to host the math fair. According to Larry Saliba, a common obstacle for many Math 050 students is what he calls “Math Anxiety.” The math fair, he says, allows students to verbalize mathematical concepts to elementary school students, which makes math less intimidating. Rogers Elementary students enjoy the chance to mingle with college students and play games while learning math.

**Indian Center for the Life Sciences**

The Indiana Center for the Life Sciences, currently being constructed, is set to open this fall.
**ProCure & Ivy Tech Offer Specialized Training**

Ivy Tech - Bloomington has formed a partnership with ProCure Treatment Centers, Inc. to develop a certificate program that will train and credential therapists enrolled in the college’s Radiation Therapy Program, with courses beginning in the fall. Some of the nation’s top experts will teach the courses.

Students at Ivy Tech - Bloomington will be the first in the nation to be offered this highly specialized training program, an alternative to traditional radiation therapy.

“We are very fortunate to have a leader in proton therapy development and training only four miles from our campus, enabling us to easily provide our radiation therapy students with a world-class educational experience,” said Larry G. Swafford, Ph.D., professor and chair of the radiation therapy program at Ivy Tech Community College - Bloomington. “Proton therapy is a rapidly progressing field resulting in a significant need for trained staff.”

**Workforce Grant Helps Ivy Tech Launch Bloom Training Program**

Workforce Training

Ivy Tech Community College - Bloomington, WorkOne, and the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) celebrated a $1 million dollar workforce training program that will lead to new skills and higher wages for employees of Bloom Marketing Group (Bloom).

The TAG program is Indiana’s primary training program for existing workers and provides matching funds to companies seeking to expand the skills of existing workers through training, which results in industry-recognized credentials.

“Workforce and economic development are main components of our core mission at Ivy Tech Community College - Bloomington and we are pleased to partner with Bloom Marketing Group, WorkOne, and the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation on this concentrated effort to further train Indiana’s workers and to invest in our local economy,” Ivy Tech - Bloomington Chancellor John Whikehart said. “The education and new skills that Ivy Tech will provide in the coming months will be customized to company initiatives, with emphasis placed on upcoming businesses, alternative resources for funding and current needs assessments.”

**Empty Boots**

On April 3 the campus had on display Eyes Wide Open: The Human Cost of War in the main lobby.

This traveling exhibition was brought to campus by the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) in cooperation with the Bloomington Peace Action Coalition to honor fallen U.S. Military personnel and Iraqi civilians. The traveling exhibit is part of AFSCs national network.