November was Native American Heritage Month, and students attended a free Soup & Substance activity organized by the Campus Activities Board. Attendees enjoyed soup while they participated in a discussion about Native American Pow-Wow’s led by History instructor, Nichole Boyd.

Soup & Substance is an ongoing discussion series organized by the Campus Activities Board (CAB). CAB was established in the fall of this year, and has already planned several well-attended events. The five CAB officers plan events in the areas of:

» Student Hospitality & Appreciation
» Family
» Culture and Diversity
» Music and Arts
» Wellness and Recreation
Thanks to the leadership of student clubs, Ivy Tech - Bloomington donated more than 1,679 items to Backstreet Missions this Thanksgiving. The Christian Challenge club organized the food drive, which soon became a friendly competition among student clubs to donate the most food items. Many thanks to the clubs who participated:

- Nursing Club
- Student Ambassadors
- Christian Challenge Club
- Campus Activities Board
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Ecology Club
- Kappa Delta Delta
- Computer Club
- Business Professionals of America

Statewide unduplicated annual enrollment:

2007-2008 academic year
120,447
118,952

Ivy Tech Community College is the state's largest public post-secondary institution and one of the nation's largest singly-accredited statewide community college systems with more than 120,000 students enrolled annually. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering affordable degree programs and training that are aligned with the needs of its community along with courses and programs that transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana. It is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association.

students in environmental science classes this fall researched the water quality at Bean Blossom Creek Watershed, as a service learning project. They learned how to collect data for water research and at the same time learned how their work benefited the community.

Students showcased their work on Nov. 21 to inquisitive students, faculty and staff.

Historian and author Doris Kearns Goodwin and Eugene Robinson, political columnist for the Washington Post, will headline the sixth annual O’Bannon Institute for Community Service at Ivy Tech Community College in Bloomington.

Goodwin will headline the Institute’s fundraising reception and dinner on April 30, with proceeds benefiting the Ivy Tech - Bloomington Center for Civic Engagement. A conversation with Robinson will be the highlight of activities on May 1.

This year’s institute theme is “A Historic Presidency: The First 100 Days.” Discussions will focus on the Obama administration’s progress and the challenges the President will face throughout his term.

Ivy Tech - Bloomington launched the O’Bannon Institute for Community Service six years ago. It is an annual opportunity for the community to come together to discuss issues related to government, community service, nonprofit organizations, education, and political participation.

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The newly-established Student Senate held its first fundraiser this December. Donations were collected for Stepping Stones, a nonprofit organization that provides transitional housing and supportive services to youth between the ages of 16 to 20 who are experiencing homelessness. The Student Senate decorated a wall in the Student Commons with paper stars to recognize student, faculty and staff donations.

Ivy Tech - Bloomington is proud to sponsor the 2008 New Tech High School basketball team:

Brandon Jordan
Chris Nguyen
Connor Lappin
Corey Wellman
Cris Leyton
Gage East
Griffin Sinn
Joe Hopkins
Jordan Kern
Jordan Perry
Luke Schrader
Sean Patterson

**Student Senate**

*officers*

**President:**
Dereck Parker
**Vice President:**
Chris Meredith
**Secretary:**
Chris Hazelwood

Who: Students, faculty and staff volunteers
What: One week of service at Monroe County Community Kitchen Dec. 15-19
Why: To meet the needs of our community while teaching students the importance of Civic Engagement

The Center for Civic Engagement creates many organized volunteer opportunities throughout the year. To learn more about the center, go to http://thecenter.ivytech.edu

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Nurse Pinning Ceremony Fall ’08

CHANCELLOR JOHN WHIKEHART and Division Chair for Health Sciences Kay Leach presided over the 84th Nurse Pinning Ceremony for 17 graduates of the Practical Nursing program on Friday, December 5 at 7 p.m. The keynote speaker for the event was Lisa Jerrells, M.D.

The Ivy Tech Practical Nursing program is accredited by the Indiana State Board of Nursing and the National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission. The Practical Nursing program at Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington is a one-year, intensive course of study leading to a technical certificate, and the program prepares the individual to take the state licensure exam to become a licensed practical nurse.

The inaugural class of New Tech High School visited campus on Thursday, Dec. 12. Ivy Tech student leaders showed the 9th graders around campus and answered questions about recreational sports, student clubs, and provided general advice on high school and college. Ivy Tech advisors presented helpful tips on financial aid and answered questions about academic programs.

GRADS

Justin Ball
Angela Beaver
Vickie Baker
Jennifer Davis
Leah Drayton
Crystal Eagles
Jessica Elliott
Marvella Hill
Maranda Hurst
Kelly Jones
Allison Meadows
Brandy Moore
Jennifer Roth
Elizabeth Sciscoe
Jeremy Staten
Lori Staley
Trant Tilford

New Tech High School on Campus