On November 13, Ivy Tech - Bloomington Outreach hosted its 4th annual A Diversity Experience event.

- 32 area cultural organizations in attendance
- An assortment of food dishes from around the world were provided by Ivy Tech’s Hospitality program
- Students donated rice to the UN World Food Program via www.freerice.com
In this historic election year, students in Taresah Youngman’s Visual Communications class decorated campus with voting advocacy posters. The poster assignment not only met course objectives, but was in alignment with civic engagement initiatives at Ivy Tech.

Ivy Tech - Bloomington’s Director of Civic Engagement, Mark Howard, visited the class to illustrate the importance of their project and to provide insight regarding the voting population at Ivy Tech. This helped students formulate ideas for their posters. The class learned how their project contributed to campus-wide efforts to encourage student participation in civic affairs.

New Scholarships at Ivy Tech

Monroe County Building Association Board (MCBA) is funding two new Ivy Tech - Bloomington scholarships. MCBA is providing $10,000 for the MCBA Endowed Scholarship and $1,000 for the William T. Suhrheinrich Memorial Scholarship.

Indiana Center for the Life Sciences Hard Hat Tour

Chancellor Whikehart of Ivy Tech Community College - Bloomington hosted a hard hat tour on Oct. 28 of the award winning Indiana Center for the Life Sciences (ICLS). Some of those in attendance were the Bloomington Economic Development Commission, Monroe County Government, the Monroe County Building Association Board (MCBA) is funding two new Ivy Tech - Bloomington scholarships.

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The 20,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility, scheduled to open in January 2009, will house education and training programs to prepare individuals for careers in the life sciences industry. This unique partnership with the county allows the college to continue to fulfill workforce needs in the community.

Expansion of the Ivy Tech - Bloomington campus was named a top legislative priority for 2009 by the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce.

Growth facts

† Enrollment. Annualized Headcount for the Bloomington campus has increased by 24.6% in the last two years (April 05 to June 07), and 49% since February 03.

† Growth Rate. Spring 08 headcount grew by 15% over spring 07. Spring 08 full-time headcount grew by 13.6% over spring 07. Fall 08 headcount grew by 12.9% over fall 07. Fall 08 FTE grew by 13% over fall 07.

† First-Time Admits. The number of new students attending the Bloomington campus each year has increased by 187% since fall 2005.

† Incoming Students from Outside Bloomington Service Area. 20% of students attending Ivy Tech - Bloomington come from outside of our six county service area.
Ivy Tech Community College - Bloomington hosted the Working Women in Transition workshop on Nov. 17. The workshop, organized by the Indiana Commission for Women, provided advice to women about changing careers, returning to work, or pursuing new business ventures late in life.

A panel of three Ivy Tech graduates and one current student provided insight and advice stemming from their own career paths. Deanne Collins, Ivy Tech alumna, is currently working toward her Master's degree in Counseling at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. Karen Scherer, Ivy Tech alumna, currently manages fundraising and marketing for Options in Bloomington, as Development Director. Options is a non-profit organization that serves people with disabilities. Deb Daggy worked for Otis Elevator until it closed its manufacturing line in the 90’s. She earned her Accounting degree from Ivy Tech, and now works as a tax accountant for David Sare, CPA. Karen Charles, a former Visteon employee, currently holds an internship at Dunn Memorial Hospital while she is completing her Office Administration degree at Ivy Tech.

Ivy Tech Women Inspire Others
Ivy Tech alumni and current student speak at Working Women in Transition

This November, Ivy Tech graduate Tony Laurenzana begins a new career at Kiva Networking in Bloomington. Of his new position as IT Field Engineer, Tony says “I love that I have the freedom to utilize the skills that I have developed at Ivy Tech.” Tony, who graduated with a degree in Computer Information Technology, now works with a team at Kiva to build and maintain computer networks.

Congratulations, Tony!
VEX Robotics Tournament ‘08

On Nov. 1st, Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington and the Bloomington Robotics Club hosted the 3rd annual VEX Robotics Competition. The competition is held each year for middle and high school students throughout Indiana. The tournament is the largest VEX Robotics Tournament worldwide, with over 400 in attendance this year.

Because of community supporters, the Bloomington Robotics Club offers grants to student teams for VEX starter kits and/or VEX programming software. Ivy Tech supports the club’s mission of encouraging the recruitment, retention, and advancement of young students through robotics and technology programs.

The Bloomington Robotics Club, a nonprofit organization, is supported by:
- COOK Medical
- Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington
- Jack & Jill Day Care
- Sabin Corporation
- SolidWorks Corporation

The second Campus Common Reading book discussion was held the day after the Presidential Election. Political Science instructor Kurt Messick lead a discussion on “The Next Four Years,” linking a discussion of the election to the themes of jobs, poverty, and wages presented in *Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich. A large crowd participated in this interesting and enlightening discussion!

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