September 15 - October 15 was National Hispanic Heritage Month. Ivy Tech - Bloomington students celebrated by making salsa, learning Latin dancing, and enjoying a performance by Brazilian musician, Valeria DeCastro.
Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington is the co-recipient of the "Workforce Development Award," with Monroe County Government and the Monroe County Redevelopment Commission. The award was announced at the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting.

The Workforce Development Award was presented in recognition of the partnership that made possible the new Indiana Center for the Life Sciences, and for recognition of the life science education and training programs that Ivy Tech-Bloomington will deliver.

John Whikehart, Chancellor of Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington, says that the Chamber award is further recognition of the College’s commitment to work with community partners to impact workforce development. “Our partnership with Monroe County Government and the Monroe County Redevelopment Commission is the result of our collective commitment to this community. As the area’s community college, it is our mission to grow a workforce that can meet the needs of local employers.”

Whikehart also recognized Monroe County Commissioner Joyce Poling for her support. “I fully credit County Commissioner Joyce Poling for both the vision and leadership to bring all three parties together in the collaboration, and for securing the governmental support needed to make it reality.”

Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington has recruited Sandra Kattermann as an assistant professor in biotechnology. She joins Dr. Sengyong Lee, Program Chair of Biotechnology, in support of the school’s outstanding life sciences program.

“We are thrilled to have Sandra join our team,” said John Whikehart, Ivy Tech-Bloomington chancellor. “She will be an amazing asset for our students and our faculty. Her expertise in pharmaceutical regulatory affairs and health law further complements Ivy Tech—Bloomington’s progressive life sciences academy.”

Kattermann will spearhead Ivy Tech-Bloomington’s new two-year degree program in regulatory affairs. Courses will cover subjects such as clinical trials, food and drug law, product lifecycle, risk management and post market issues.

“It is the first two-year program available in the U.S.,” Lee said. “Not only will it offer the most practical training content as identified by industry experts, but we also hope to create most courses online to reach more students across Indiana.”

The Indiana Center for the Life Sciences will house state-of-the-art science labs, classrooms, offices and industry training space. The building is currently under construction and is slated to be completed later this year, with an anticipated spring semester opening. The Indiana Center for the Life Sciences is located on Ivy Tech-Bloomington’s main campus at the intersection of Ninth Drive and Profile Parkway, on the west side of Bloomington.

Civic Engagement ON CAMPUS

The Center for Civic Engagement at Ivy Tech-Bloomington has once again encouraged students to participate in the electoral process.

- 300 voter registration forms were submitted through the voter registration and election engagement initiatives on campus this year, including 52 through the Center for Civic Engagement’s online voter registration system
- The Center for Civic Engagement and the League of Women Voters of Bloomington - Monroe County brought 5 Local Candidate Forums to campus from September 24 - October 6
- The Rock the Vote tour bus visited campus on Monday, September 29 to assist in voter registration and educate users about the democratic election process
Over 450 people attended Halloween Safe Night this year, the first event planned by the Ivy Tech Campus Activities Board (CAB). On Friday, Oct. 24, students, families and the Crestmont community enjoyed a night filled with games, prizes, a haunted house and a costume contest.

Campus Activities Board is a newly-formed student organization that plans events on campus. CAB, under the supervision of the Assistant Director of Student Life, Mike McNichols, provides students with leadership experience as they organize events for students. Stay tuned for future events planned by CAB!

Halloween Safe Night a Huge Hit with Families, thanks to Campus Activities Board

Student Ambassadors Darcy Herendeen and Allie Welch, dressed as Ninja Turtles, awarded prizes at the bean bag toss.

The costume contest was the highlight of the evening for many of the ghosts, pirates, and princesses.

Kids couldn't get enough of wrapping up volunteers at the "Mummy Wrap" event.

There was something for everyone — even a paper-covered wall, for the creative types.
Student Ambassadors play a key role in campus activities and day-to-day functions. Ambassadors support the college by answering student questions and providing general mentoring and peer guidance to prospective students. They also lead New Student Orientation, give campus tours, and assist in preparing for student events on campus.

By being involved, students who participate in the ambassador program learn leadership, networking and communication skills, while developing confidence and providing knowledge and service to others.

The Student Ambassador program is accepting applications until Nov. 7, but for more information, interested students should email Jessica Strunk, Assistant Director of Student Life, at jastrunk@ivytech.edu, or call (812) 330-6025.