MLK DAY OF SERVICE

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Jan. 19, Ivy Tech - Bloomington teamed up with the City of Bloomington to help out the community.

Top: Ivy Tech employees Russell Hanson, Eric Begeman, and Robert Hash help with construction at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Middle: Student Ambassador Cynthia Sprunger plays a game with a member of the Boys & Girls Club

Bottom: Student Ambassador Amy Scroggs and IU student Jeremy Porter prepare a bulletin board for future craft projects at the Boys & Girls Club
**GRAND OPENING: THE INDIANA CENTER FOR THE LIFE SCIENCES**

The Indiana Center for the Life Sciences officially opened its doors on Jan. 23 in a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony held on its grounds.

This $5 million multi-faceted, state-of-the-art education and training facility is the result of a partnership between Ivy Tech and Monroe County Government, and serves as a much-needed response to economic developments of the last 10 years.

The closing of many traditional manufacturing facilities in Indiana has called for a growing number of job openings in the life sciences industry, as well as the need for greater career training in this area.

“The Indiana Center for the Life Sciences will house education and training programs to prepare individuals for careers in the life sciences industry,” said John Whikehart, Ivy Tech – Bloomington chancellor. “It is part of Ivy Tech’s commitment to advancing life sciences initiatives in south-central Indiana. The partnership with Monroe County allows the college to continue to fulfill the needs of our workforce in training and development,” said Whikehart.

According to Barry Lessow, president of the Monroe County Redevelopment Commission, the Center will help prepare 1,200 to 1,500 people looking for life science jobs in the next year.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE – BLOOMINGTON STUDENT, SHERYL GRAHAM, FOR EARNING AN INDIANA CAREER & TECHNICAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE POST-SECONDARY STUDENT CATEGORY. THIS AWARD IS SPONSORED BY THE INDIANA COMMISSION ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, AND IS AWARDED TO OUTSTANDING STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE SCHOLARSHIP, CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP, AND TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY IN THEIR AREA OF STUDY.**

Graham, who plans to graduate in May 2009, has been an active participant in Ivy Tech’s Office Administration internship program this semester, as well as a volunteer for community organizations through Phi Theta Kappa. Her outstanding GPA has earned her placement on the Dean’s List and Chancellor’s List as she works toward her Associate of Applied Science degree in Office Administration with a concentration in Software.

**NEW TRANSFER AGREEMENT TO BENEFIT EDUCATION STUDENTS**

A new agreement between Ivy Tech – Bloomington and Indiana University – Bloomington will allow students to immediately pursue a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education after obtaining their Associate of Science in Education degree from Ivy Tech.

Ivy Tech – Bloomington Chancellor John Whikehart sees the agreement as an opportunity to spotlight education in the Bloomington community. “Ivy Tech’s growth has been undeniable. Quality educators in our community not only fuel our growth, but are integral to its success. Students in the education programs at Ivy Tech and IU will shape the future of our institutions, and it is important that we work together to provide them with streamlined educations.”

Ivy Tech – Bloomington School of Education Program Chair, Marije Risen, and Ivy Tech education instructor, Vicki Gusse worked closely with Jill Shedd, IU Assistant Dean for Teacher Education, to work out the details of this new agreement.

A public signing ceremony for the agreement was held at the Indiana Statehouse Rotunda on Feb. 10 at 11:00 a.m.
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SPOTLIGHT ON:
STUDENT LIFE

The past year has also seen Ivy Tech - Bloomington’s student life and recreational sports activities grow at an incredible pace. Activities for spring 2009 include:

- All-women’s indoor soccer team
- All-women’s basketball team
- Campus Activities Board
- Student Senate
- New student clubs:
  - Business Professionals of America
  - Drama Club

RECORD-SETTING SPRING ENROLLMENT

The beginning of the spring semester at Ivy Tech - Bloomington marked a significant enrollment increase for the college. Spring enrollment grew by 11% from last spring to 5,623 students. Also new this year, 437 students will have classes in the brand-new Indiana Center for the Life Sciences.

January 2008 Enrollment: 5,040
January 2009 Enrollment: 5,623
The District Leadership Conference of Business Professionals of America (BPA) was held on the grounds of Ivy Tech - Bloomington on Jan. 17. Over 350 high school students, faculty, and parents participated in competitive events throughout the day. Several Ivy Tech employees served as judges and presenters in a variety of events. Ivy Tech - Bloomington’s newly-formed chapter of BPA is led by Betty Hazlett, Adjunct Faculty.

Like Ivy Tech, BPA contributes to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills.

SAVE THE DATE!


When: March 30 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Lamkin Hall, Ivy Tech - Bloomington

Who: Ivy Tech Bloomington wants you to meet our faculty! Join us in celebrating this faculty achievement.

Copies of Bobo’s book will be available for purchase at the event.

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