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Commencement and Honors Day · May 14, 2010

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Rick Wagers, member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, was one of three student commencement speakers.

The O'Bannon Institute Annual Fundraiser Dinner was held on April 8, 2010 at the Indiana Memorial Union. Mrs. Laura W. Bush was the keynote speaker, and mingled with guests in a private reception before the event.

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With Mrs. Laura W. Bush and Arianna Huffington

The O'Bannon Institute is Ivy Tech Community College - Bloomington’s annual signature event that brings focus to community service, service learning, and civic engagement. This year’s event featured Mrs. Laura W. Bush as the Fundraiser Dinner speaker on April 8, and Arianna Huffington as the O'Bannon Conversation capstone speaker on April 9.

The Civic Engagement Awards recognized faculty and staff for excellence in community service and kicked off the O’Bannon Institute on April 7. The O’Bannon Institute Day of Service on April 8 united students, faculty and staff for a day of community projects.

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Panel Discussion
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O'Bannon Discussion Panelist Jon Ann M. Gora

Arianna Huffington, co-founder and editor-in-chief of The Huffington Post, a nationally syndicated columnist, and author of 12 books.

Bookmark our website and check back for next year’s event information: http://obannon.ivytech.edu.
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Reflections on alternative spring break to Calnali, Mexico

This spring marked the third year that 12 students and two instructors traveled to Calnali, Mexico for an alternative spring break. Calnali is a small town in the state of Hidalgo, Mexico. The students spent two days pouring concrete floors in dirt floor houses, and two days visiting local schools to deliver donations of children's shoes and clothing.

Justin Adams — "Looking back on the trip as a whole, I saw growth in every person. Each person had something to bring to the group. The part I was most worried about was the fact that I was going to Mexico for over a week with 13 other people whom I had met roughly 3 times. I think that is part of what makes the trip. You have to rely on one another. The trip was more life changing than words can describe."

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Desiree Fredrick — "Monday and Tuesday we mixed and laid concrete floors. Even with the wet weather, we managed to complete three floors and a bathroom. I had never worked harder or slept so little in my life, but it didn’t bother me because I knew I was improving the quality of someone’s life tremendously. We laid a floor for one gentleman, and he was so thankful that he brought us a two-liter of Coke, which is a luxury item for everyone here, and said it was from his heart to us."

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models a service-oriented learning environment through initiatives organized by The Center for Civic Engagement. The Center hosts volunteer activities, academic service projects and events such as Alternative Spring Break, The O’Bannon Institute for Community Service, Voter Registration Drives, Ivy Tech Day at the Legislature, and many others that are made available to all faculty, staff and students.

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Students to Watch

Students stand out to professors and academic advisors

IVY TECH COLLEGE OF CHOICE FOR
Kaylee Partenheimer

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Liberal Arts program chair and Professor Donn Hall will be taking a selection of the documents to area schools and teaching about their importance to the history of the United States. Schools, groups and organizations who wish to view the documents should contact Donn at (812) 330-6126 or dfhall@ivytech.edu.

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The City of Bloomington’s Mayor Mark Kruezan and Ivy Tech’s Bloomington campus Chancellor John Whikehart announced on April 12, 2010 that Ivy Tech would take over ownership of the John Waldron Arts Center downtown Bloomington.

Community radio WFHB is housed in the Waldron and is assured, per deed restrictions, to continue to have a place to operate rent free.

Chancellor John Whikehart says “Under Ivy Tech ownership and per deed restrictions, the Waldron Arts Center will be at least 70 percent dedicated to community arts,” he said. “As a comprehensive community college, this is just another way that Ivy Tech can fulfill its mission of lifelong learning for students and artists in the Bloomington area.”

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