The following students are the winners of the Ivy Tech Spring Writing Contest. Their essays will be published this summer in Off the Lake. Copies will be available at all Ivy Tech libraries in the state, and these winners will receive free copies of the journal. The committee was so very pleased with the number of fine submissions. We congratulate all students who took the time and effort to construct such well-written essays. We had a very difficult time determining the top 25! We trust this contest has been an encouragement to those students who have a desire to express themselves in such a positive way to others. As a note to every student at Ivy Tech: Keep writing!

First Place:
Camille Goldman

Second Place:
Tuyen Biagi

Third Place:
Kim Marsack
Dareen Newton
Colleen Hope
Mark Adams
Melinda Jones
Loretta Cooper
Scott Meyer
Agnieszka Marek
Suzanne Martinez
Kumoke Awosika
Jennifer Asher
Josselyn Uribe
Stacy Berbesque
Melody Davis
Wilie Mae Wilburn
Laurie Chase
Lora Nagy
Barbara Boncutter
Kimberly Dearth
Nancy Haskell
Tracy Kuhn
Rebecca Gunter
Diane Shortridge

Phi Theta Kappa Students Make the All-Indiana Academic Team

The following students were recognized at the 14th Annual All-Star Recognition Luncheon on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 in Indianapolis.

First Team:
(OneAmerica Scholar:) Deborah Gale – 2nd highest score in the All-State completion-East Chicago
William Myers – East Chicago

Second Team:
Deborah Gooden – Gary
Zanele Kutamo – Valparaiso

Third Team:
Johnny Perez - Valparaiso

Congrats, Region 1!

Special points of interest:
• Ivy Tech and Indiana University Team Up for Students
• Get Homework Help with “Live Homework Help”
• Join the Student Leadership Academy in the Fall!
• Your campus SGA Needs YOU!! Become an Officer!
• Student Discounts and Other Useful Information
IU, Ivy Tech Announce Statewide Agreement on Programs, Degrees

New agreement will eliminate duplication and better meet the educational needs of Hoosiers

Indiana University and Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana announced today that they have entered into a statewide agreement on programs and degree options that will eliminate duplication and better meet the higher education needs of Hoosiers.

The agreement designates Ivy Tech as the primary provider of two-year associate degrees in Indiana, while IU will focus on baccalaureate and graduate education and will eliminate existing associate degree programs that overlap with Ivy Tech’s offerings. It will accelerate the transformation of Indiana University regional campuses and foster cooperation between every IU campus and its Ivy Tech counterpart.

“IU is fully committed to a partnership with Ivy Tech that will provide a complete range of educational opportunities for Indiana citizens,” said IU President Michael A. McRobbie. “Our goal is to establish a seamless system that gives all Hoosiers access to the high-quality degree programs they need to prepare themselves for the workforce and the changing world.”

“We continue to be pleased by the commitment Indiana University has shown in working with Ivy Tech Community College to create a comprehensive higher education system for Hoosiers around the state,” said Ivy Tech President Thomas J. Snyder. “We must continue to work together with our four-year partners to ensure that we are offering the best possible education system and options to the people of Indiana. This is yet another step in achieving that goal.”

Under the agreement, the institutions will work together to develop pathways for students to articulate Ivy Tech associate degrees, including its new liberal arts degrees, with corresponding baccalaureate degrees from IU.

IU and Ivy Tech also will work together to market and co-brand their degree programs targeted to returning adult students, with Ivy Tech offering an Associate of Arts in general studies and IU a related Bachelor of Science in general studies. Those programs are designed to serve the needs of the estimated 650,000 Indiana residents who have graduated from high school but do not have a college degree.

Indiana University will permanently retain a limited number of associate degrees that rely on resources that are unique to IU, offered at IU Bloomington in string instrument technology, recording arts and audio technology.

In other areas, IU and Ivy Tech campuses will work together to eliminate IU associate degrees within the next five years.

The agreement announced today builds upon and implements the May 2001 Campus Compact, an agreement by the Indiana Commission on Higher Education with IU and Purdue University. The compact provided a framework for associate degrees to be offered through Indiana’s community college system while universities focused on four-year and advanced degrees.

Indiana University offers programs on eight Indiana campuses, including the original campus in Bloomington, a residential campus; an urban campus in Indianapolis, which includes the IU School of Medicine; and regional campuses in Fort Wayne, Gary, Kokomo, New Albany, Richmond and South Bend. It has more than 99,000 students and offers 1,048 degree programs.

Ivy Tech Community College is the nation’s largest singly-accredited statewide community college system and the state’s second largest public post-secondary institution with more than 110,000 students enrolled annually. Ivy Tech has 23 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 of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

New Database Available- “Live Homework Help”

There is a new database now available through the LaPorte County Public Library… “Live Homework Help” from tutor.com. In order to utilize this service, you must have a LaPorte County Public Library card.

This new database provides one-on-one help with homework for students of all ages. Professional tutors communicate with students via instant message and provide assistance on a variety of subjects. The service is free and is available from 3pm–10pm, Sunday through Thursday. Services are also provided for those who speak Spanish.

If you would like to learn more about “Live Homework Help,” please contact the Reference Desk at the Main Library (LaPorte County) : 219-362-6156 ext. 312.
The Student Leadership Academy was developed at Ivy Tech to provide additional leadership development opportunities for students. Its purpose is to help you further develop: individual, team, organizational and community leadership skills. Students are prepared to assume leadership roles in other student organizations, as well as for leadership roles in their future careers. Regular meetings are held at each campus within Region 1 (1 at each campus), which include a variety of worthwhile speakers and discussion topics. Students also attend Ivy Tech Day at the Legislature in February and the LEAD Conference in March. A statewide Capstone Conference is held at the end of the Spring semester to wrap up the program, with attendees from campuses all over the state. Additionally, the organization selects a community service project to participate in each year. Membership is open to students at all four Ivy Tech campuses in our region.

Don’t Wait Until August!

To learn more about becoming a Student Leadership Academy member, please contact the one of following advisors:

Jennifer Riggs
219-981-1111 ext. 2397 (Gary)

Tony Thomas
219-879-9137 ext. 242 (Michigan City)

Please go to the link below to learn more about SLA and to download the application packet for submission. Application deadline is: September 19, 2008.


Please read the application carefully!

Start Thinking NOW About Joining the Student Leadership Academy this Fall!

Your Campus SGA Needs YOU!!!!

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the representative governing body of the students. Essentially, every student IS a member of SGA. Why not take the opportunity to affect student life on your campus?

In fact, why not run for a SGA office position? Each campus has openings to fill for the 2008-2009 school year. You will learn a lot and it’s an excellent addition to your resume.

For information on getting more involved in SGA or running for a SGA office, contact your campus SGA or SGA Advisors:

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**STUDENT DISCOUNTS**

**Aladdin Oil Change Oasis**
1689 W. Lincoln Highway/ US 30
Merrillville, IN 46410
219-769-6457

Show a valid Ivy Tech I.D. upon arrival and receive **$5.00** off a Full-Service Oil Change

**Southlake**  
**Nautilus**  
**Total Fitness Centers**

Locations:
Hobart, Merrillville & Valparaiso

Regular membership fees are $39 a month plus initiation fee.

**Ivy Tech discount:**
No initiation fee & $19.50 a month!

Contact Maureen Janeczko (219-945-1197) at the Hobart location, M-F 8:30-3:30 for sign-up information.

mjaneczko@southlakenautilus.com

**Dell Computers**

Ivy Tech now has an agreement with Dell Computers that offers all students and employees a significant discount on select Dell products. Check out www.dell.com/ivytech to see the special prices being offered to Ivy Tech employees and students. Check out, for example, the AMD-powered enterprise level OptiPlex 740 Minitower priced at $575, a savings of $423. This is just one of four specially priced computer bundles being offered to our students.

You can order from www.dell.com/ivytech or call the Dell sales team at 800-695-8133 (option 2) and use the Ivy Tech Community College member ID# US12526708.

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**NWI RAINBOW DAYS**

**NW1 Rainbow Days** is a group of gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender individuals, that come together, along with friends, family and supporters on selected days, to celebrate pride, celebrate life, living and the joys of meeting others.

On **June 7, 2008** NW1 Rainbow Days is sponsoring its first Gay Pride Parade at 12 noon in Gary. If you are interested in joining the group, the parade or both (or have friends and family who might be interested), please contact:

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P.O. Box 6374  
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