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Ivy Tech-Columbus awards 585 degrees

Ivy Tech Community College held its 40th Commencement at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, at Franklin Community Middle School. A total of 585 degrees and technical certificates were awarded during the ceremony. The majority of graduates are residents of the Ivy Tech-Columbus service area, which includes Bartholomew, Brown, Decatur, Jackson, Jennings, and the southern portion of Johnson Counties.

Ivy Tech-Columbus Chancellor John Hogan presided; President Tom Snyder addressed the graduates and conferred certificates and degrees. Danielle Brandon, Executive Director of Resource Development, awarded an honorary Associate of Science in Community Service degree to Bill DeMichieli, a resident of Franklin, for his commitment to furthering post-secondary education opportunities for the citizens of the State of Indiana through his support of the Sandy and Bill DeMichieli Nursing Scholarship and through his generous donations to the Ivy Tech Foundation to support the expansion of the Franklin teaching site.

Dr. Jay Moseley, President of Franklin College, was the guest speaker. David Rust, president of the Student Government Association, gave the charge to the class. Outstanding graduates were honored, as well as the student recipient of the Hari Mirchandani Community Service Award and two students named as members of the 2010 All Indiana Academic Team.

Graduating students who are residents of Bargersville are Zachary Howe, Amanda Martin, and Krystal Morris (*magna cum laude*). Edinburgh residents who graduated are Rhonda Bippus, April Bryant, Edwina Burton, Shirley Bush, Rachael Cain, Abby Drake, Velma Fischer (*magna cum laude*), Joseph Harmon, Don Lee, Brett Lewis, Omer Lollar, Sandra McKoon, Brandi Nelson (*magna cum laude*), Falesha O'Dell, Jamie Roberts (*cum laude*), Jessica Tetrick (*magna cum laude*), LaShana Tucker (*summa cum laude*), Chelsea Vincent, Mellisa Willard (*cum laude*), and Amy Wiser.

Graduates who are residents of Franklin are Sheri Adams (*magna cum laude*), Sherry Arunkumar (*magna cum laude*), Teri Bair, Judith Bell, Ashley Brown (*cum laude*), Billi Jo Carver, Nichole Chandler, Kathy Childers, Donna Clark (*cum laude*), Lori Cochran (*summa cum laude*), William Creviston (*cum laude*), Rita Dillow (*magna cum laude*), Stewart Duhamell, Helen Dumas, Kari Findley, Brooke Hamilton, Brandi Hargraves, Amie Hausz, Cheryl Janis, Lisa Kirtman (*magna cum laude*), Kyle Kuntz (*magna cum laude*), Kiley Leugers, Amy Logan (*cum laude*), Tonya Marshall, Lisa Mobley, Ebru Moss (*magna cum laude*), Abigail Oakes, Garan Perkin (*cum laude*), Carri Petersen (*magna cum laude*), Lisa Platfoot, Jonah Robertson, and Heather Romero.

Also Lori Rose (*summa cum laude*), Melvin Rose (*cum laude*), Jill Ross (*cum laude*), Laura Simmerman (*cum laude*), Cheryl Smock (*magna cum laude*), Lori Speicher (*magna cum laude*), Brandy Stainbrook

(*magna cum laude*), Stephanie Stewart, Melanye Tanner (*magna cum laude*), Lindsey Trivett, Cassandra Van Horn (*magna cum laude*), Margaret Wangombe (*magna cum laude*), James Ward III, Mark Washam (*cum laude*), Dusty Whitaker, Kirsten White, Mary White, and Emily Wiseman.

Graduates who are residents of Greenwood are Kelli Bacon, Melissa Burns, Stephanie Burton (*summa cum laude*), Tracy Cottingham, Nicole DeBernardi, Eric Eisenmenger (*cum laude*), Mallori Gibson, Betty Goins, Megan Griffith (*cum laude*), Megan Hall (*cum laude*), Kelly Hamm, Melissa Harrell (*cum laude*), Amelia Hattabaugh (*cum laude*), Brandy Jennings, Michael Loomis (*magna cum laude*), Scott Maze (*cum laude*), Thu Nguyen, Jessica Oeder, Rhonda Patchon, Alyssa Polston, Sharon Powers (*magna cum laude*), Anna Reynolds (*cum laude*), Jennifer Rubbo, Deanna Russell, Mallory Shadday, Jennifer Spruill (*magna cum laude*), Tracey Turk (*magna cum laude*), Kevin Wadsworth Jr., Justin Yerges (*summa cum laude*), Roby Zell (*cum laude*), Stephanie Burton, Lisa Monge, and Andrew Cutting.

New Whiteland residents are Mandy Benesh, Gloria Cook (*cum laude*), Lisa Jardine (*cum laude*), and Michele Richardson (*magna cum laude*). Nineveh residents are Patricia Bradbury, Katelyn Gardner, Brittany Green, Lindsey Perkins (*magna cum laude*), and Donna Polston (*magna cum laude*).

Trafalgar residents are Juanita Barger (*cum laude*), Amanda Burton, Daryl Eads, Mandy McCoy, and Susan Pate. Whiteland residents are Eric Alexander II (*cum laude*), Cathleen Boswell (*cum laude*), Mark McCoy, Kristen McKinney-Gillock, Jillian Myers, Daniel Rich, and Kimberly Ross.

About Ivy Tech Community College

Ivy Tech Community College is the state's largest public post-secondary institution and the nation's largest singly-accredited statewide community college system with more than 150,000 students enrolled annually. Ivy Tech has 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 and a member of the North Central Association.

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