

IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

CLASS OF 2023



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ABOUT IVY TECH

Ivy Tech Community College is Indiana's largest public postsecondary institution and the nation's largest singly accredited statewide community college system, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana and serves thousands of students annually online. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering associate degrees, short-term certificate programs, industry certifications, and training that aligns with the needs of the community. The College provides a seamless transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana, as well as out of state, for a more affordable route to a bachelor's degree.

MISSION

We are a diverse open-access college that fuels Indiana's economy through excellence in teaching and proactive engagement with industry and community partners, embedded in a culture of innovation that empowers all students to learn and succeed.

VISION

Ivy Tech students will earn 50,000 high-quality credentials per year aligned with the needs of Indiana's workforce and communities.

Celebrate with your community!

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Photos

Photos of today's ceremony, including photos of each graduate receiving their diploma, will be available for download at **bit.ly/ivygraduation** in June.

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THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

DISTINGUISHED MARSHALS

Marquis Songer, BS | Program Chair and Assistant Professor and Recipient of the 2022 President's Award for Faculty Excellence in Instruction

Kim Cooper, MSN | Dean and Associate Professor

James Houston, MS | Department Chair and Associate Professor Melanie Hurst, MS | Dean and Associate Professor Allen Shotwell, Ph.D. | Program Chair and Professor Pamela Malone, Ph.D. | Dean and Assistant Professor David Will, MBA | Dean and Associate Professor Julie Will, MSN | Dean and Professor

National Anthem	Janet Trout-Swalls, MBA Professor Emeritus and Former Dean
Welcome	Lea Anne Crooks, Ph.D. Chancellor of Ivy Tech Community College Terre Haute/Greencastle
Presidential Remarks	Sue Ellspermann, Ph.D. President of Ivy Tech Community College
Graduate Remarks	Gregory Fightmaster President of Student Government Association
Commencement Address	Abby Noblitt, BS Owner of VIP Kinder College 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient
Student Awards	Nina Storey, MS Vice Chancellor of Student Success
Special Recognition	Deanna King, Ph.D. Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs
Presentation of Graduates	Deanna King, Ph.D.
Conferring of Degrees	Sue Ellspermann, Ph.D.

Following the ceremony, guests and graduates can meet at the main entrance (south) concourse or outside Hulman Center. The Ivy Tech backdrop will be available for pictures for 30 minutes after the ceremony concludes. Graduates and guests will not be permitted to re-enter the arena.



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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Abby Noblitt, BS Owner, VIP Kinder College 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

Abby Noblitt is the owner and director of VIP Kinder College, a family childcare facility based in Terre Haute serving infants through preschool-aged children. Abby graduated from Ivy Tech Community College Terre Haute magna cum laude in 2021 with her Associate of Science in early childhood education. Abby then transferred to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College where she earned her Bachelor of Science and state licensure in pre-kindergarten to 3rd grade and graduated summa cum laude in 2022. Currently, Abby is planning to earn her Master of Education in teaching, learning, and curriculum through Indiana University.

Abby worked for VIP Kinder College before enrolling at Ivy Tech to earn her associate degree. While pursuing her post-secondary education, Abby served as the director of VIP Kinder College and managed the facility's staff while also juggling her own family and being an active member of her church.

VIP Kinder College was established in 1991 with the mission of helping children to learn through play, concrete experiences, and interactions with their environment, peers, and adults. VIP Kinder College is rated as a high-quality childcare program and recently received a grant from United Way of the Wabash Valley to help establish a new center, VIP Kinder College South. Indiana's childcare quality rating and improvement system, Paths to Quality, is expected to award VIP Kinder College with the highest quality rating, Level 4, later this spring. In Ivy Tech Terre Haute's service area, only 14 facilities have achieved that rating.

Abby is the recipient of the 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award for Ivy Tech Community College Terre Haute, honoring her personal success and unwavering passion for early childhood education, her encouragement for her staff to further their education at Ivy Tech, and her commitment to the children and families her childcare facility serves.

One of her nominators said, "Abby is a great advocate for children and a firmly entrenched leader in our local early childhood education community. Parents in the community have trusted her with the care and guidance of their children for many years as she uses her expertise to help their children reach their full potential."

Congratulations, Abby, on receiving the 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award for Ivy Tech Community College Terre Haute!

DISTINGUISHED AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Distinguished student awards were presented at the Graduate Recognition Dinner on April 27, 2023.

PHI THETA KAPPA AWARD

Kelsie Clark, All-USA Nominee

Associate of Science in Nursing, Technical Certificate in Indiana College Core

Hannah Tolbert, All-USA Nominee

Associate of Science in Human Services, Technical Certificate in Human Services,

and Technical Certificate in Indiana College Core

Each year Phi Theta Kappa International, American Association of Community Colleges, USA Today, and Follet Higher Education Group acknowledge and celebrate students who have achieved academic excellence at two-year colleges across the nation.

LARRY LOWEY AWARD

Todd Garden

Associate of Applied Science in Electronics & Computer Technology

The recipient of the award must be an associate degree graduate who has shown high academic standards, excellence in leadership, student citizenship, and high success in the field of electronics, as judged by the faculty of the Electronics and Computer Technology Department.

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Noah Bennett

Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology Support, Technical Certificate in Information

Technology, Technical Certificate in Cloud Technologies, Certificate in Information Support-Help Desk The School of Information Technology Outstanding Graduate Award is presented to a graduate from one of the eight degree programs who has shown high academic achievement, excellence in the classroom, and leadership as judged by department faculty.

KERI SHARPE AWARD

Brock Weddle

Associate of Science in Criminal Justice, Technical Certificate in Criminal Justice, Certificate in Criminal Justice, Technical Certificate in Indiana College Core

The Keri Sharpe Award is presented to a Criminal Justice student who has shown outstanding educational devotion and dedication to the Criminal Justice Program, as determined by program faculty. The award was created in memory of Keri Sharpe, who lost her battle with colon cancer in 2008. An inspiration to our community, Keri was an outstanding student who continued to pursue her education while undergoing her treatment.

C. HUSTON ISAACS AWARD

Gregory Fightmaster

Associate of Science in Business Administration, Technical Certificate in Honors Indiana College Core

This award is presented in honor of C. Huston Isaacs, who was this campus' first dean and director. This award is given to a candidate eligible to receive a technical certificate, an associate of applied science, an associate of science, or an associate of arts degree. The candidate must exhibit high scholastic achievement and demonstrate a high potential for success in his/her field of study/training.

EMERITUS PROFESSORS

Bonnie Bolinger, Ph.D. | Jeanne Ann Graham, MA | Leslie Stultz, Ph.D. | Janet Trout-Swalls, MBA | Janice Webster

A distinguished recognition for those who have exceptionally served the college and students through their dedication to teaching and learning.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

CLASS OF 2022-23

This program is an unofficial document and includes candidates for graduation as of March 17, 2023, and candidates expected to meet graduation requirements during the spring or summer of 2023. Changes made after March 17 may not be reflected in the program.

HONOR DESIGNATIONS

Honor designations are based on cumulative grade point averages as of the end of the fall semester prior to graduation.

* Cum Laude candidates have attained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 to 3.749.

** Magna Cum Laude candidates have attained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75 to 3.999.

*** **Summa Cum Laude** candidates have attained a cumulative grade point average of 4.0.

ΦθK – Denotes students who are members of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Alpha Phi Eta Chapter

High School - Denotes high school students

ASAP - Associate Accelerated Program (completed in Greencastle)

PTB – Denotes students who are completing their credential at Ivy Tech as part of the Pathway to Blue program in partnership with Indiana State University

CORDS, STOLES, AND TASSELS

Gold Cords – Candidates who hold a 3.5 grade point average or higher

Red, White and Blue Cords - Candidates who are active military or veterans

Green and White Cords - Candidates who are in the Associate Accelerated Program (ASAP)

Honor Stoles – Candidates who are members of Phi Theta Kappa and Kappa Beta Delta

Green Tassels – Candidates who are graduating with an Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Arts, Associate of General Studies or Associate of Science degree

White Tassels - Candidates who are graduating with a Technical Certificate

Gray Tassels - Candidates who are graduating with a Certificate

Candidates wear the tassel that represents their highest award.

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Congratulations on completing this phase of your education! As you undoubtedly turn your attention to the next step in your career or education, no matter which direction you choose, you can move forward with pride knowing that you are now an alumnus of Ivy Tech Community College!

As an alumnus, we would like to personally welcome you to the Ivy Tech Alumni Community. Your membership to this group is automatic and gives you access to campus invitations, exclusive events, and the opportunity to expand your networks with thousands of Ivy Tech graduates throughout Indiana and across the country.

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