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### **Putnam County Community Foundation nominated Benefactor of the Year**

Terre Haute, IN – Ivy Tech Community College – Wabash Valley hosted its fall appreciation dinner on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Terre Haute. Ivy Tech honored friends of the College and spotlighted the Putnam County Community Foundation as this year's Ivy Tech Wabash Valley Benefactor of the Year.

A total of \$375,000 was committed by the Community Foundation: \$200,000 in outright grants for the building project, \$80,000 in matching grants, to encourage local donations and support, and another \$95,000 matching grant to help the Ivy Tech Greencastle Campus build a scholarship endowment for its students. In addition, 100% of Community Foundation Board Members committed personally to the success of the new Ivy Tech Greencastle Campus. In addition, several members of the present and past Community Foundation board volunteered to assist Ivy Tech with the College's fund raising initiatives. The PCCF staff has been equally supportive in assisting Ivy Tech with its efforts as a part of the \$1.9 million campaign and future planning needs.

The dinner brings together friends of the college, scholarship recipients and staff throughout the Wabash Valley Region to celebrate the success of students and to show appreciation to the donors for their commitment. Chancellor Pittman expressed, "how wonderful it is to honor friends of Ivy Tech Greencastle and Terre Haute and celebrate their commitment to education, economic development, and community progress."

Becky Caylor, 2008 scholarship recipient shared her life experience with more than 40 guests. "I was extremely lucky to receive a scholarship from First Financial Bank. Without their most generous help I would not be able to continue with my dream of becoming a nurse. I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude for their belief in me and the assistance they have provided. Without gifts such as this, the current nursing shortage would go from serious to critical. These gifts make it possible for Ivy Tech to train urgently needed professionals in many fields. How can we adequately thank you for making lives better? You not only benefit the people you help directly but all of the people that they in turn help in many, many ways. Talk about paying it forward! You are truly wonderful."

Ivy Tech Community College is the state's second largest public post-secondary institution with over 100,000 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. The Wabash Valley Region offers 26 degree programs and eight locations throughout the area.