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### **Ivy Tech Community College receives grant from Indiana Department of Workforce Development**

GARY --- Ivy Tech Community College Northwest has been awarded \$91,665 in “Moving Forward” grant money from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. The “Moving Forward” grant will allow Ivy Tech Northwest to create new programs of study, upgrade existing programs, implement alternative educational delivery methods and establish entrepreneurship activities for students.

J. Guadalupe Valtierra, chancellor of Ivy Tech Northwest, said the money will be used to upgrade and continue the Jobs, Education and Training (JET) program at the East Chicago campus. The JET program is a collaboration between Ivy Tech, the City of East Chicago and the East Chicago school system to offer high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn 27 college credits in manufacturing and industrial technology at Ivy Tech in East Chicago. Safety Kleen, NIPSCO, Praxair, Arcelor Mittal and BP also help sponsor the program that offers young people the education and training to be eligible for jobs within their companies upon graduation from high school. “I believe this kind of cooperation and communication can lead to regional economic development and a better trained workforce in Northwest Indiana,” said Valtierra.

Ivy Tech Community College is one of the nation’s largest statewide community college systems 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.

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