

?Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County awards grant to Ivy Tech for computers

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? ? ?Ivy Tech Community College Southern Indiana's enrollment is growing in double-digit percentages. So the news that Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County is awarding the college a grant to purchase new computers for the School of Business is especially welcome.

Ivy Tech asked for the grant for the College of Business, which is located at 4100 Charlestown Road in New Albany. The grant is for \$20,000 for 26 computers, a printer and two smart podiums, which incorporate a computer, DVD player, document camera, and other technology-related enhancements. The college offered 43 classes at 4100 Charlestown Road for the Fall 2008 semester. School of Business students make up 11 percent of Ivy Tech's total enrollment of 4,352 students.

The new computers will be set up as a computer lab, and students attending the business school will have access to the computers to use to complete their school work. Currently, students must drive to the main campus in Sellersburg to use a computer lab for their work.

"This lab is very much appreciated," said Dr. Rita Hudson Shourds, Chancellor of Ivy Tech Southern Indiana. "Anything we can do to help make the logistics of education easier for our students is worthwhile, and having computers on site at the business school will be a great benefit for the business students. We hope that will make it easier for students to successfully complete their course work at Ivy Tech."

The new computer lab will be set up by January 12, 2009, when the first classes for the Spring semester begin.

Jerry Finn, executive director of the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County, said the Foundation has granted a total of \$16.3 million in its 10 years of existence. Education is one of the areas the Foundation focuses on. "If there is an area we can help shape in the community, it is education," Finn said. "Ivy Tech is a great resource for helping to meet the educational needs of local area residents. We are pleased to help support the mission of Ivy Tech."

For more information about Ivy Tech Community College, please call (812) 246-3301 or visit www.ivytech.edu/sellersburg.