

# Congratulations, Class of 2024!



## Celebrating Ivy Tech students all week long

The week of May 5, 2024 was nothing short of memorable for Ivy Tech Sellersburg graduates. This year, the campus presented commencement in a remarkable fashion; instead of hosting one ceremony to celebrate all 1852 graduates, 5 ceremonies were held across 4 days at Huber's Winery in Starlight, Indiana. Each ceremony celebrated a unique set of students, making each ceremony special, intimate, and memorable for each student and family in attendance.

On Monday, May 6, Ivy Tech Sellersburg celebrated 879 students who graduated from the School of Arts, Sciences & Education, 753 of whom were dual credit students (134 associate degrees, 619 Indiana College Core certificates). Dual credit opportunities allow students to graduate from high school with certificates and/or associate degrees. Ivy Tech Sellersburg's dual credit program has saved the community \$9,128,422 this year alone. Students who are able to save time and money on their associates degrees through dual credit can enter 4-year universities as juniors or enter the workforce with the confidence, skills, and knowledge they will need to be successful.

Students who graduated from Schools of Business (146), Entrepreneurship (30), Information Technology (76), Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering & Applied Sciences (189), and Public Affairs, and Social Services (46) celebrated their accomplishments on Tuesday, May 7. Health Science graduates (292) enjoyed their commencement ceremony on May 8, and Nursing graduates (194) on May 9.

To all the Ivy Tech Sellersburg graduates, congratulations; may you take this step into your future with pride, confidence, and excitement!

## Ivy Tech recognizes those who impact the community

In addition to celebrating the Ivy Tech graduates, these commencement ceremonies also honored a member of the community for their dedication to education by awarding them an honorary degree. This year, Ivy Tech Sellersburg awarded Mr. Jerry Acy, CECd Executive Director of River Ridge Commerce Center. As executive director of River Ridge, Acy is committed to retaining and attracting businesses that employ highly-skilled workers. Ivy Tech Sellersburg has continued to foster their partnership with River Ridge, which will continue to benefit the community at large.

Ivy Tech Sellersburg continued the celebration of accomplishments by honoring their Alumni of the Year: Chris Jackson, who graduated from Ivy Tech Sellersburg in 2008 with an associates degree in business management. Now, Jackson is the President and CEO of Dan Cristiani Excavating. Jackson and Dan Cristiani have begun work on Shadow Lake Business Park, which will serve as the future home to Dan Cristiani Legacy Complex, Dan Cristiani Excavating Corporate headquarters. The mixed-use development project, encompassing 330 acres of land, includes over two million square feet of light industrial building construction, a variety of commercial, restaurant and retail opportunities, and office growth.

Furthermore, The Ivy Tech Foundation celebrated their Benefactor of the Year at each commencement, which honors individuals, corporations, and foundations from Indiana for their gifts and volunteer contributions to the college. This year, Ivy Tech celebrated Martin Padgett, CEO of Dr. Black's Eye Associates as the 2024 Benefactor of the Year. Padgett was awarded the 2024 Ivy Impact Award earlier this year and is an active member of the Sellersburg Campus Board of Trustees.

Thanks to these dedicated community members, Ivy Tech Sellersburg can continue to provide a quality education to the Kentuckiana region. To learn more about how you can get involved, visit [ivytech.edu/sellersburg](https://ivytech.edu/sellersburg) !

