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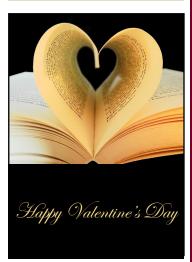
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Henderson new SG director

By Carol Johnson Times-Mail

BEDFORD — Expanding workforce development and helping students attain their education goals have always been im-

portant to Linda Henderson, and now she has a chance to work on both of those as the new executive director of StoneGate Arts and Education Center in downtown Bedford.

Henderson started the job Jan. 11. She succeeds Gene McCracken, who retired in December. The position was made full time with the hiring of Henderson.

Henderson brings a background of working in higher education as well as community development and nonprofit

groups to StoneGate. She has been an adjunct professor with Ivy Tech since 1998, teaching her first class in the former StoneGate on I Street when it was home to Bedford College Center. She also has taught for Oakland City University and Vincennes University.

For 10 years, she worked at the Indiana University School of Public Health. She left that position in 2018 to work with Lawrence County's Families Forever Coalition, a nonprofit that operates the Recovery Engagement Center.

Just as Families Forever's mission is to help families thrive by focusing on workforce development, recovery engagement and community education, Henderson said as director of StoneGate, she will continue that mission of workforce development.

"I have a real heart for those students who are first generation to cross the threshold into college," she said. "I always tell my students who are first-generation that you broke the glass ceiling for your family, for your children and grandchildren by paving the way for them to pursue an education."

StoneGate opened in 2018 and was built as one of Bedford's Stellar Communities projects. The city formed partnerships with Ivy Tech Community College, Oakland City Uni-

versity and Vincennes University to provide college classes and job training.

Henderson said she is eager to work with the universities that partner with StoneGate to expand offerings to the community.

"Long term, I'd like to see the building utilized as a regional site for workforce development and continuing education," she said. Henderson said many professions need to complete continuing education hours and StoneGate would be an ideal location for those courses.

Currently, Oakland City University is offering in-person classes. Ivy Tech will begin the spring semester Jan. 19 virtually and classes are tentatively scheduled to move to in-person Feb. 1.

Henderson wants the building to be friendly and accommodating to instructors and students as well as a place for community events and promoting the arts.

As an instructor, Henderson has taught public speaking and interpersonal communications. Henderson said she considers teaching a hobby and hopes to continue teaching as her schedule allows.

Henderson's professional background also includes work with the Indiana Youth Institute, planning the Hoosier Uplands Safe Night in the late 1990s, and working in admissions in Oakland City University.

"I've done a lot of community work and community relations work," she said. "At the end of the day, I'm passionate about helping families break the glass ceiling as far as economics. If we can help them achieve academically and increase their work skills ... that's huge for that family and workforce."



Linda Henderson

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VU Spring 2021

Clinical Medical Assisting Training Program

- Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
- **Dates:** Feb. 1-May 10, 2021 (* No class March 23, 23, 25)
- **Time:** 6-9:30 p.m.
- **Instructor:** Abby Van Dyk
- Rooms: 300-301

Phlebotomy Program

- Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
- **Dates:** Feb. 8-April 22, 2021 (* No class March 22, 23, 25)
- Time: 1-4 p.m.Instructor: TBDRooms: 200-201

GM Apprenticeship Class

- Days: , Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- **Dates:** Feb. 16-March 11, 2021
- **Time:** 1-4 p.m.
- Instructor: Tim Pruitt
- Room: 101

Information

- Vincennes University: StoneGate Center
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Ivy Tech Spring 2021

StoneGate Center, March 23-May 15, 2021 (Second eight-week session)

- Psyc101 39612 Intro to Psychology
 - ♦ Days: Tuesdays, Thursdays; Time: 6-9 p.m., Room: Room 104; Instructor: Stephanie Trent.
- HLHS113 35783 Dementia Care
 - Day: Wednesday; Time: 1-3:50 p.m.; Room: Room 101: Instructor: TBD.
- IVYT111 56095 Student Success in University Transfer
 - ♦ Day: Thursday; Time: 6-7:50 p.m.; Room: Room 101: Instructor: Jana Cox.



OCU Spring 2021

Undergraduate Classes, Jan. 11-Feb. 14

Tuesdays, 1/12-2/9:

- HRM 301, Intro to Human Resources Mgmt. Room 305, 7 p.m.
- MGT 415, International Business Mgmt. Room 302, 6 p.m.

Thursdays, 1/14-2/11:

- BUS 218, Business Statistics Room 305, 7 p.m.
- MGT 438, Leadership and Management Room 302, 7 p.m.

Graduate Classes, Jan. 11-March 7

Thursdays, 1/14-3/4:

- MBA/MSM 525, Management Information Systems, Room 103, 6 p.m.
- MBA/MSM 555, International Business Management, Room 104, 7 p.m.
- * Watch for updates about possible future Early Childhood Education courses in Bedford.

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