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Volunteer for SOAR!

Success and Opportunity At Reading (SOAR!) Adult Literacy is in need of students and volunteer tutors.



Any adult who would like to learn to read, improve their current reading skills or would like to volunteer to tutor may contact SOAR! Executive Director Adele Bowden-Purlee at soardirector@gmail.com.

Students will be matched with volunteer tutors who will meet with them at their convenience.

Want to tutor? SOAR! Adult Literacy conducts regular volunteer training sessions as needed throughout the year.

Ivy Tech's College Info Night

BEDFORD — Ivy Tech Community College played host to a group of interested potential students April 19 at StoneGate Arts & Education Center.

Attendees learned about the admissions process, transfer options, financial aid and met faculty members.

Ivy Tech offers a variety of associate degrees in a multitude of high-demand fields.

Ivy Tech graduates are career-ready for work in a number of valuable fields, or can choose to continue their educational goals.

Ivy Tech degrees can transfer to a number of other colleges and universities including Indiana University, Ball State University, Purdue University, Vincennes University and Oakland City University, a branch of which is housed at StoneGate Center.

For information about enrolling, classes and degrees, transfer options, pre-enrollment testing, or scheduling an appointment, visit ivytech.edu/bloomington/academics, or contact Niki Blackwell at nblackwell6@ivytech.edu, Vercii Reed at vreed16@ivytech.edu or call StoneGate Arts & Education Center at (812) 279-8126.



ABOVE: An attentive group of potential Ivy Tech students learned about their educational options at the Bedford campus at StoneGate April 19.

LEFT: Niki Blackwell, Assistant Director of Admissions (right), and Kayla Appleberry, Financial Aid Advisor (seated), spoke and responded to questions at Ivy Tech's College Information Night.

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OAKLAND CITY
UNIVERSITY

Oakland City University, Bedford, established in 1977, offers accelerated adult degrees in business. In addition, OCU offers cooperative undergraduate classes with Ivy Tech Community College.

OCU, Bedford is in the historic StoneGate Arts & Education Center building – formerly Indiana Limestone Co. – at 405 I St. The facility features a learning resource center, classrooms, four computer labs and meeting rooms of all sizes.

The mission of the Bedford campus of Oakland City University is to provide a curriculum that meets the particular needs of the Bedford area and to promote an academic program of integrity within the context of Christian values.

Degrees offered in Bedford fall under OCU's School of Business.

These include Associate in Business administration; Bachelor in Business Administration with specialization in Accounting, Human Resource Management, Management and Operations Management; and Master of Science in Strategic Management with specialization in Criminal Justice Administration, Logistics and Product Distribution and Quality Systems; Master of Science in Business Administration; and Master of Science in Strategic Management.

Accelerated classes are ongoing, and new students may enroll and register at any time.

For information, contact OCU Academic Program Coordinator Cheryl Bolton or OCU Administrative Assistant Doran Kruse at (812) 279-8126 or at cbolton@oak.edu or dkruse@oak.edu.

Aluminosity Robotics competes at state championship

Times-Mail

BEDFORD — FIRST Robotics Team No. 5403, Aluminosity, based at StoneGate Arts & Education Center, competed in the state championship round April 14 and finished eighth in elimination rounds.

Josh Drake, project engineer, reporting on the team's performance, said its members had a great season.

Aluminosity qualified for the state championship by earning enough points through district competition to be ranked in the top 32 in the state. The team impressed the judges enough to win the Excellence In Engineering award sponsored by Delphi for its unique drivetrain and elevator design.

Since Jan. 6, FIRST Team 5403 Aluminosity has been working on a robot to compete in this year's game, "Power Up." Robots compete on a basketball court-sized field in alliances of three. This game is a 1980s arcade-themed game. The robots have to pick up cubes and deliver them to one of three scales or to the "power up" station. Robots are both autonomous and tele-operated by students in matches lasting 2 ½ minutes.

Aluminosity has been in existence since 2015 and this is the third state



Courtesy Photo

BEDFORD — Aluminosity team members, front row, left to right, Nena Bunch, Emma Grubb and Danielle Kittaka; second row, Dakotah Ferrer, Drew Keith and Leonardo Hernandez; third row, Felix Hunter Jr. and Kenton Pardue. In back are Felix Hunter Sr. and Josh Drake.

championship tournament qualification the club has earned since the championship began in 2015.

FIRST is described as combining the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology.

Drake reports FIRST Robotics Competition is the ultimate sport for the mind, and that high-school student participants call it "the hardest fun you'll ever have."

Under strict rules, limited resources, and an intense six-week time limit, teams of students are challenged to raise funds, design a team "brand," hone teamwork skills and build and program industrial-sized robots to play a difficult field game against like-minded competitors.

Volunteer professional mentors lend their time and talents to guide each team. For more information, email team5403@aluminosity.org.