

The Advocate

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES (DSS) NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Tony Criswell,
Living a Life of Love
- Increase disability
awareness on cam-
pus by joining DAC
- Accessibility in the
Wellness Center—
the Uppertone
Machine
- Leaving a Legacy,
Ivy Tech employees
remember Tony's
service on campus

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tony L. Criswell Memorial Service

January 11

11:00 am

Ivy Tech Auditorium

Disability Awareness Club (DAC) Callout

January 22 & 23

10:00 — 1:00 pm

Grand Hallway, Ivy Hall

DAC Meetings

TBD after January 23

Check TV ads, or DSS

office for exact day/time

March

Disability Awareness
Month

Events TBD

April 1

Priority DSS Registration
and Request Date begins
for summer semester

Tony Criswell, Living a Life of Love

Tony was a 1983 graduate of Frankfort High School; he attended Purdue University and later graduated from Ball State in 1991. Tony worked at Ivy Tech as the Assistant Director of Disability Support Services serving primarily students with disabilities following his employment at Abilities Services in Frankfort. Tony had served as an ADA Consultant for Clinton County and on the Indiana Human Right Committee of Tippecanoe County.

Tony shared love with his students, parents, brothers, and sister and their families while living a faithful covenant made with his wife, Cathy. Oliver, Tony's dog, was a loyal companion.

Tony's passion was to assist people with disabilities achieve their educational goals. He was a valued member of the Ivy Tech



Tony L. Criswell

June 25, 1965 -

January 2, 2013

team who made it possible for many students with disabilities to earn degrees and have fulfilling jobs.

As Tony requested before his passing, his family has established a fund at Ivy Tech Foundation to benefit Ivy Tech students with disabilities. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial contribution to Ivy Tech Foundation, 3101 S Creasy Lane, Lafayette, IN 47905.

You can also make a memorial gift online at www.ivytech.edu/giving; select the Lafayette campus and note in the comment box that the gift is in memoriam for Tony Criswell.

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Campos via email kcampos9@ivytech.edu, or phone (765) 269-5266.

Disability Awareness Club on Campus

Fall of 2011 saw the introduction of the Disability Awareness Club, or DAC. That first semester, a handful of students established the club's constitution, held the inaugural elections putting in place the club's first officers, and brainstormed ideas on how to increase disability awareness on the Lafayette campus.

The following semester, the club more than doubled in size, adding to their efforts. Together this club hosted activities during March's Disability Awareness Month such as the King Gimp documentary and Disability Simulation. They also brought the first Henna Tattoo fundraiser to campus.

Ivy Tech Lafayette serves approximately 150 students with disabilities. If you are a student that likes to take initiative in planning events please attend the Student Involvement Fair and visit the Disability Awareness Club table. We'd love to talk to you about how your skills and talents can be used in this club!

An Advocate for Accessibility



The Uppertone machine is available in the Ivy Tech Wellness Center.

"I am blessed to have many memories of Tony and his service to others. One of many that comes to mind is how Tony advocated for increased recreation opportunities for students with limited mobility issues.

"[Tony] researched and ultimately was responsible for the Lafayette Campus enhancing our Wellness Center by adding an Uppertone machine.

"This machine was designed by a C4-C5 quadriplegic. It allows people with C4-C5 and below quadriplegia (tetraplegia) due to spinal cord injury to do all the necessary upper body exercises necessary for rehabilitation and maintenance, without any assistance.

"Indeed, all the adjustments, including resistance, can be made without hand grip strength, cuffs, or assistance.

"All students have now benefited from Tony's work, whether they have used this machine or simply exercised by someone using this machine." Dr. Laws

Current enrolled students and college employees are eligible to use the the Wellness Center. Please see the Office of Student Life for specific details regarding fees, usage, and hours of operation.

"It is not your average person who leaves behind a legacy of giving to others."

Clara

Remembering Tony Criswell

"Boy, did Tony know his students! He would tell me all about the student; their learning style, how I could reach them, what they needed (not wanted) from a teacher, their goals, their hopes and their fears! This allowed me to reach out to each student from the start of class and I know it made me a better teacher. I pray that I live my life as fully as Tony lived his. All of us should care as much as Tony did!" ~ Diana Schuster Stair

"Tony was one of the first Disability Support Service staff that I had the opportunity to meet when I first accepted the role of Disability Support Services in Kokomo. He was very insightful and helpful to the new person at Kokomo. I will remember how he was always able to give me advice when it was needed." ~Cheryl Locke

"The biggest thing I remember about Tony is his smile that would light up his whole face and his laugh. I never saw Tony without either. I miss talking with him as I did often when he was here. I will always keep Tony in my thoughts and in my heart. I will always remember Tony's beautiful smile and spirit for life." ~ Kim Manzini

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Removing Barriers. Gaining Access.

The mission of Disability Support Services (DSS) is to provide access to College programs, services, activities, and facilities for students with disabilities; to provide student advocacy; to encourage the highest levels of academic and personal achievement; and to advocate for an accessible environment.

Students do not need to receive Social Security Disability to register with the DSS office.

