WITC ranked 7th best 2-year college

As students return to the halls of Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College’s four campuses, a recent study has proven they have made the right choice. WITC ranks seventh among two-year colleges nationwide, according to a study published in ‘Washington Monthly.’

Kevin Carey, a research and policy manager at Education Sector, an independent, nonpartisan think tank, completed the results for ‘Washington Monthly.’ According to Carey, “our methodology was designed to identify community/technical colleges that excel in using teaching methods that researchers have linked to increased student achievement. We also wanted to identify colleges that are successful in helping students earn degrees.”

More at witc.edu/news/2007/rank7.htm

Board Announces Finalists for President

The Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College Board of Trustees has invited four finalists for the position of President of Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College to visit the College and be interviewed.

The finalists represent college leaders from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Kansas. Members of the WITC Board of Trustees will interview the candidates. It is the intent to give faculty, staff, students and the community an opportunity to meet the candidates during open forums at WITC campuses in February.

“We are very fortunate to have such strong candidates and we are looking forward to everyone’s participation in the upcoming public forums,” said Hal Helwig, WITC Board Chair.

According to WITC President Chuck Levine, 93 percent of last year’s graduates were employed six months after graduating.

The finalists were selected from a group of candidates interviewed by the WITC Screening Committee and recommended to the Board of Trustees.

The Screening Committee was headed by Susan Wojtkiewicz, WITC Trustee, and included both college and community representatives.

“We are delighted with this excellent pool of candidates,” said Wojtkiewicz, WITC Board Member and Screening Committee Chair. “The College owes immense gratitude to the Screening Committee for all of their hard work.”

For more information about the candidates, visit witc.edu/presidentsearch/index.htm
New Web site for WITC

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College has a long and rich history which demonstrates our dedication to the community and its members. Learning is our passion and it shows. In an effort to further serve the community, WITC has recently updated its Web site for easier navigation, faster searches and increased access to information students need.

Users will find the site divided into four segments: high school students, parents and staff; adult learners; alumni and foundation; and business and industry. Program pages feature a detailed overview, curriculum, career outlook, photo gallery and testimonials from former students.

High School Students, Parents, Staff

Through the high school access point, users can quickly find information about admission, paying for college and student life. For high school staff, there is information on the fastest growing jobs, career clusters and upcoming events.

Career Development presentations still available

Schedule a free career presentation and let our team of Career Specialists introduce your students to a wide range of career options and share information that will help them develop their career plans.

Whether they are thinking of attending a private four-year university, two-year technical college, or even if they are still undecided, we can help your students explore and prepare for college admissions.

WITC Career Specialists
Ashland - Mary Ross, mary.ross@witc.edu
New Richmond - Joanne Kocik, joanne.kocik@witc.edu
Rice Lake - Christy Roshell, christy.roshell@witc.edu
Superior - Kelly Utyro, kelly.utyro@witc.edu

Campus tours, program shadowing gives taste of college experience

One of the best ways to find out if a college or a career is the right fit, is to meet the instructors and the students, and get to know more about their career options.

Contact a Admissions Advisor to arrange a campus tour and shadow experience for your students. Individual tours with students and their family members are also available.

WITC Admission Advisors
Ashland - Karen Hoglund, admisash@witc.edu
New Richmond - Jodi Saliny, admisnr@witc.edu
Rice Lake - Jennifer Ruud, admisrl@witc.edu
Superior - Ann Charbonneau, admisup@witc.edu
February is Career and Technical Education Month

February has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education. The month will be dedicated to celebrating career and technical education across the country. According to ACTE, the idea behind CTE Month is to spend some time celebrating what career and technical education is, the benefits and opportunities it provides students, and the impact it has on the community.

Students were invited to create video public service announcements (PSAs) promoting technical education. ACTE sponsored its first annual CTE Month PSA Contest this year. View some of the winners at www.witc.edu/news/2008/teched.htm.

WITC will be hosting opportunities for campus tours and career exploration at each campus. Check the calendar below for events.

### Upcoming Events

#### February

- **February**
  - Career and Technology Education Month, National Observance
  - February 4: College and Financial Aid Night, Ashland
  - February 4: College and Financial Aid Night, Rice Lake
  - February 11: College and Financial Aid Night, Superior
  - February 12: Campus Exploration Day, New Richmond
  - February 13: Health Fair/Bring a Friend to Campus Day, Ashland
  - February 27: High School Career Day, Rice Lake

#### March

- **March**
  - March 4: Spring Open House, New Richmond
  - March 5: Skills Competition, Ashland
  - March 19: 8th Grade Career Cluster Day, Rice Lake

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**Order Career Impact for your classrooms**

The Spring issue of Career Impact magazine is just around the corner. Career Impact is published for the community, alumni and friends of Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College. Each issue is filled with career and program articles and student profiles from WITC’s Ashland, New Richmond, Rice Lake and Superior campuses, which makes Career Impact a great resource for high school students. Contact a Career Specialist to request copies for your classroom.

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Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement now a two-year program

WITC has recently become the home for a two-year Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement program.

“The addition of the second year of the degree program allows our students to gain a full associate degree without having to take on the problems and expense of moving to another school for completion of their studies,” said Pat McNally, the Associate Dean of the Criminal Justice program at WITC. “It will allow the northwestern region of the state to provide full associate degree program in Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement locally.”

Available at WITC’s Rice Lake campus, the Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement program will prepare the student for a position as a law enforcement officer (state, municipal, or county), correctional officer, or for positions in retail, commercial, industrial security, and private investigation agencies. The program also provides the officer already in active service an opportunity to improve skills and earn the associate degree.

Three new certificates added to course offerings at WITC

Customer Service, Legal Office and Cabling Technology, have been added to the 2007-08 offerings.

The Customer Service certificate will prepare students to serve a diverse customer base in business. Students may choose one of two areas of emphasis — service or marketing/sales. Students will be prepared to communicate with internal and external customers using phone, fax, e-mail, Internet, and e-business. Professional poise, conflict resolution, non-verbal communication, listening skills and respectful engagement in a multi-cultural, global business setting are additional areas of study.

The Legal Office certificate will prepare students for employment in a legal firm. Students will learn legal terminology, business law concepts, legal transcription and general office duties including, but not limited to, proofreading and using office technology.

Both certificates are offered at WITC’s Ashland, New Richmond, Rice Lake and Superior campuses.

The Cabling Technology certificate, available at New Richmond, gives students practical theory and applications necessary to enter a career in cabling equipment setup and operation. The coursework is largely hands-on in an actual manufacturing setting. Emphasis includes operation of a cabler in the wire and cable industry.

Have you seen our new DVD?

On WITC’s new DVD, you’ll get a tour of our campuses and hear what WITC students and graduates have to say about the benefits of a WITC education. View videos for nearly 50 career programs and discover an assortment of career possibilities.

To request a free copy of the DVD, contact Annette Ancel-Wisner at 800.243.9482 ext. 2217.