## Non-traditional student retention in Visual Arts & Applied Sciences

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### Abstract

- Student engagement outside the classroom is one of the most important factors for student retention
- On a non-residential campus this can be challenging
- We have found ways to engage these typically non-traditional students:
  - Student clubs
  - Social media
  - Outreach programs
  - Internships
  - Funded research programs

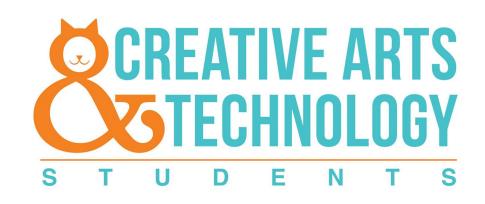
### What is a non-traditional student?

#### • A traditional student

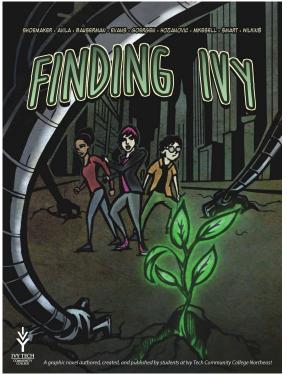
- College right after high school
- Supported by parents financially
- Single, no children
- Non-traditional students include:
  - Working adults
  - Parents
  - Students returning to college
  - Veterans
  - International students
  - Home schooled students
  - Retirees

### **VISC Student Club**

- Visual Communications (VISC) students
- Started in Spring 2014
- Named Creative Arts & Technology Students (CATS)
- Weekly meetings on campus (avg of 10 students/meeting)
- Finding Ivy comic
- Advertising Federation of FW's "The Pitch"
- Trunk or Treat
- Bus trips (Art Institute)











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# Social Media

#### Facebook



Creative Arts & Technology Stude... E Joined -Share Notifications Closed Group ... Discussion Members **Events** Videos Photos Files Search this group Q Add Photo/Video Create Poll --- More ADD MEMBERS Write Post + Enter name or email address... Write something... 195 Members MEMBERS RECENT ACTIVITY Edit DESCRIPTION **Thomas Cavins** A place for Fort Wayne Ivy Tech Visual 2 hrs · Fort Wayne Communication students, faculty, alumni, and friends to communicate. I'm working on a project in Illustrator and was wondering if there was a tool in there that works kind of like the liquify tool? I basically just want to do We meet once a week during the fall and spring this but have it be a vector still. semesters. (Video is in photoshop) Spring 2017 meetings are held in TC1420 from 5pm-6pm on Thursdays. Current Officers: President = Gabi Pfeiffer VP = Marianne Bay Secretary = Miranda Ellert

### **Facebook Group**

What is a Facebook Group?

- A way to privately communicate with a specific group of people (club, students, alumni, faculty, advisory committee)
  - Opt-in by user
  - Facebook membership/account is required
- A way to engage students outside of the classroom
- A form of a learning community
  - Students collaborate, share, and help each other
  - Students hold each other accountable

#### **Facebook Group**

What it is not:

- A program marketing page to recruit new students ("Pages are against the College social media policy and prohibited due to the fact it's representing an entity." - Dir. of Marketing)
- A replacement of email to communicate important official Ivy Tech information
- A place to share/see personal information (you do not have to be FB "friends" with the group members)

### **Group Privacy**

There are 3 privacy options for groups:

- Public
- Closed
- Secret

**Closed** works best for us

	Public	Closed	Secret
Who can join?	Anyone can join or be added or invited by a member	Anyone can ask to join or be added or invited by a member	Anyone, but they have to be added or invited by a member
Who can see the group's name?	Anyone	Anyone	Current and former members
Who can see who's in the group?	Anyone	Anyone	Only current members
Who can see the group description?	Anyone	Anyone	Current and former members
Who can see the group tags?	Anyone	Anyone	Current and former members
Who can see what members post in the group?	Anyone	Only current members	Only current members
Who can find the group in search?	Anyone	Anyone	Current and former members
Who can see stories about the group on Facebook (like in News Feed and search)?	Anyone	Only current members	Only current members

### Post jobs/internships



Erin Sheets Salyers June 15 · Fort Wayne, IN

#### /// JOB AVAILABLE \\\

Below is what the email said. If you are interested, email me at esalyers@ivytech and I'll send you the address.

Our Fort Wayne advertising agency has 2 openings available... 1) a part-time/intern graphic designer 2) a part time/intern web designer.

The graphic design position will work with InDesign - we desire someone with a strong design portfolio in ad design and layout - specifically as it pertains to postcard and brochure design.

The web designer position will work with web page set up and design, and, manage various social media and digital concepts that we do in-house.

If you have current student/graduate that you believe could benefit from this real world experience, please send to this email:

1) A pdf copy of their resume

2) A low rez pdf or link of their portfolio

Please email any questions that you might have (no phone calls please).

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Brodie Balser likes this.

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Sandra Fouty Jaclyn Y. Garver June 15 at 1:15pm · Like · 1



/// SUMMER INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE \\\

Videographer Intern Location: Fort Wayne Starts: May. 11, 2015 \$ Paid ✓ Part Time Description

The Videographer Intern will capture video for the summer internship program, Wired for Success. The intern selected will work with the Corporate Communications Team and the Career Development Specialist to produce multiple videos to capture the summer's events. The intern will be asked to work up to 40 hours a week, during the summer months.

**Responsibilities:** 

In order to aid recruitment for the 2016 Wired for Success program, we want to produce one or multiple short videos that can be used at job fairs, recruiting websites, college campuses, as well as on our internal website and social media channels as part of a recruitment campaign.

To preserve the accomplishments of the 2015 Wired for Success program, we want to produce a documentary that highlights each intern, captures essential elements of their work, and provides a video archive of all intern presentations. This involves shooting a large amount of footage and carefully selecting what to use during the editing process.

#### Goals:

Develop a concept for a recruiting campaign, in collaboration with the Corporate Communications Team and the Career Development Specialist Develop concept, shoot, and edit at least one compelling recruitment video as part of the campaign

Produce a video documentary of the 2015 Wired for Success program - this

#### **Schedule appointments**



#### Erin Sheets Salyers October 13, 2016

Upcoming appointment times I have available to help you schedule for Spring 2017 (comment below if you'd like to reserve one):

Monday, 10/17 @ 12pm // Katie Payne Tuesday, 10/18 @ 1pm // Stephanie Brown Tuesday, 10/18 @ 3pm // Eric Miller Thursday, 10/20 @ 12pm // Gabe Thomas Thursday, 10/20 @ 1pm // Jordan Brown Thursday, 10/20 @ 5pm // Anthony Grayson (I will be out of state 10/21-10/30) Tuesday, 11/01 @ 1pm // Dustin Catalan Thursday, 11/03 @ 12pm // Jodie Powell Thursday, 11/03 @ 1pm // Sarah McDonald Thursday, 11/03 @ 2pm // Marianne Bay

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Jodie Powell Can I do Thursday 11/3 @12pm? Unlike · Reply · ○ 1 · October 23, 2016 at 2:29pm
Sarah McDonald Thursday 11/03 @ 1? Unlike · Reply · ○ 1 · November 1, 2016 at 5:55pm

### **Post registration updates**



#### **Erin Sheets Salyers** February 15 at 2:06pm

Registration for Summer 2017 begins March 20th!

FYI we are offering a new course, taught by Jessy. See below.

#### **VISC 183**

Special Topics in Visual Comm - Design for Social Media Tues Thurs 10:00 am-12:50 pm 06/06-07/29

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Erin Sheets Salyers January 12

A couple seats just opened up in these courses that were full for several weeks:

VISC 113 Typography Tues at 6pm VISC 200 2D Animation (After Effects) TR at 2pm VISC 216 Electronic Illustration Tuesdays at 9am PHOT 200 Field Photography Fridays at 9am

Add the class in Campus Connect now before someone else does! 🙂

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### Post program updates



#### **Erin Sheets Salvers**

March 16 · Fort Wayne, IN

FYI: The list of electives for the AAS in VISC has been updated. See the new list here:





September 23, 2014 · Edited

Hey comic book fans,

We just added a new VISC elective to the Spring 2015 schedule. Look for VISC 283 Comic Books and Sequential Art, taught by Zack Kruse!

The only pre-req is ENGL 111. No drawing experience is required. Tell all of your friends!



#### Post links, share files



**Cole McCune** shared a **link**. November 21, 2016



Ivy Tech students create mural of Civil Rights icon -Local - News-Sentinel.com

Courtesy photoThe visual communications students of Ivy Tech Northeast work on a mural as part of a Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. legacy project they ha ...

NEWS-SENTINEL.COM

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Doe Woody, Cheryl Priko and 28 others

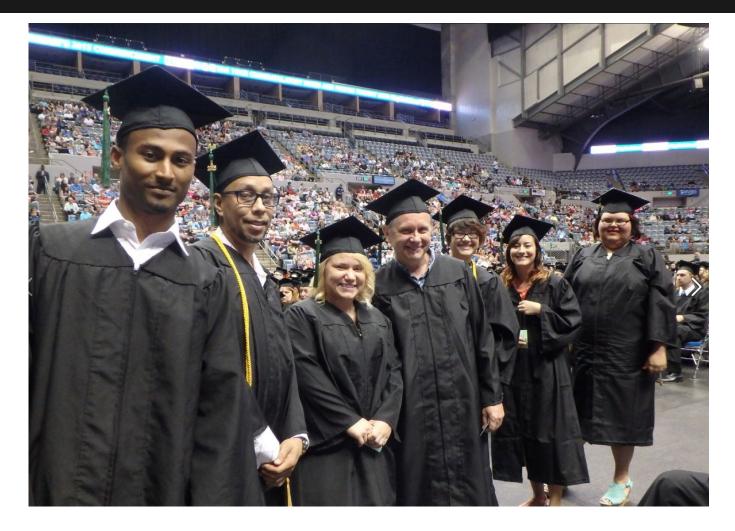
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Larry Davis You go kids! Like · Reply · ① 1 · November 21, 2016 at 9:59am

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#### **Quick answers**

e	Crystal Monhollen April 5, 2014	Y
	anyone know if the Mac Lab is available on Saturdays to work in?	
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	Erin Sheets Salyers Yes, until the building closes at 4. If there is no one at the security desk to let you in you can go to the desk in Harshman and they'll walk over and let you in. April 5, 2014 at 12:22pm - Like	
	Crystal Monhollen ok sweet, thanks April 5, 2014 at 12:23pm · Like	
T	Erin Sheets Salyers Oh wait- I just remembered there is a photography class in there 9a-1p today. If you get there before 1 you should be able to get in without security. April 5, 2014 at 12:24pm · Like	
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#### **Critique works in progress**

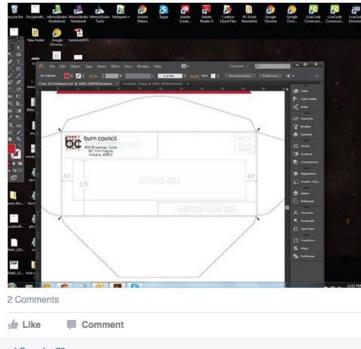


### Peer Q & A

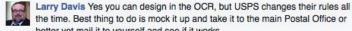


#### **Timothy Engle** December 12, 2014

So I am trying to design an envelope and am confused on where I can/cannot put elements. I've searched all over the USPS site for help. I understand I can't put anything where they are going to place the bar code but can I design elements in the OCR read area?









So yeah. The ever present question: CANON or NIKON? What do u guys think?

#### 7 Comments

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Kristin Stangland Mains Don't limit yourself! I have a canon but have really liked what I am seeing from sony in the past year. Especially for video use. I have used Nikon and canon, both are excellent. Consider the mirror less options too. Invest in the best lenses you can afford and worry less about the body.

February 26 at 6:02pm · Like · D 2



Ron Gephart I love my Nikon but have used a Canon and they are both nice. Go out and get familiar with both.

February 26 at 6:42pm · Edited · Unlike · D 2

#### **Cheryl Priko Thanks**

February 27 at 8:55am · Like



February 27 at 10:15am · Like · D 1



Charles Erickson My dad has a Canon and I've used it. Seems like a good camera. My camera is a Nikon and I love it.

February 27 at 11:25am · Like · D1



Erin Sheets Salvers I usually tell people to go with one that someone they know has, so that you can share/borrow/trade lenses and also maybe get technical help if needed. When I bought my very first SLR I bought a Minolta (in the early 90s) because a family friend was a ... See More

#### Peer Q & A



July 10 at 2:34pm - Like







**James Douglas Mathews** January 23 · Fort Wayne, IN

Question.. I have 300 photos and I want to water mark all of them... is there a way to do this all at once? I've tried making the image a scary object, yet I have to edit everyone ... suggestions?

Comment

Chris Harbin ^ That.

January 23 at 1:20pm · Like

James Douglas Mathews Okay do I'm in Lightroom ... and ... how do I place

January 23 at 1:23pm · Like

January 23 at 1:25pm · Like



#### Peer Q & A



#### Amanda Marie Taylor

July 17 at 7:41am · Facebook Groups for iOS

How do you set up an unpaid internship so it's mutually beneficial and you don't turn into simply free labor? And yes I will be emailing Erin Sheets Salvers later for more specific help! Just wanted some tips or experiences from others.



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Timothy Engle From my experience unpaid intern ships are an amazing way to start making connection. Also they are good portfolio builders.

July 17 at 8:21am · Like



Amanda Marie Taylor That's what I'm hoping! They've already offered me a small paid project too!

July 17 at 8:32am · Like



Kristin Stangland Mains Definitely speaking with Erin is a must, I would also suggest a contract so that the intentions for both sides is clear. That way there won't be any misconception on what you will/will not be doing for free.

July 17 at 10:49am · Like · 🖒 3



Anna Claassen Get class credit for it. It's on the electives sheet. Also, there's always something for you if you can use it for your portfolio. July 17 at 2:05pm · Like



August 8 at 5:02am

when I install adobe complete creative cloud on my computer will my existing adobe software be erased?

7 Comments

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Kristin Stangland Mains If you are running older software it won't. If you are renewing your subscription you may have to reregister with the new code. I had to do that when I changed from one type of subscription to another. August 8 at 7:10am - Like



Joe Yeakle i had bought CS6 long time ago and now that I need the adobe premiere i decided to go to the creative cloud so i am getting CC for the first time.

August 8 at 7:46am · Like



Kristin Stangland Mains Shouldn't be a problem. I ran into an issue downloading the same version with a different subscription number. Just had to uninstall old to get the new.

August 8 at 7:49am · Like





Joe Yeakle there is a lot to download, this is going to take all day, lol August 8 at 7:52am · Like



Kristin Stangland Mains My advice, do only one at a time. I got overzealous and tried to do it all. 2 days later... still not done. Pace yourself!! 🙂 August 8 at 7:59am - Like



Joe Yeakle good advice cause that is exactly what i am doing August 8 at 8:00am · Like



### Sell books, supplies



#### Seymour Buttz July 31 at 12:58pm

I'm planning to <u>sell</u> my Wacom Cintiq 12WX, but wanted to make it available here for anyone interested at less than what I'll be asking for it on ebay. It's like-new, in the original box, nothing missing. I'm asking for \$400 (firm). Message me here on Facebook or through my email, forcemastere2000@gmail.com I will reply to interested parties in the order that they respond to this.







Would any one want any of these books for class before I sell them?



### **Offer summer challenges**



Kristin Stangland Mains May 18

For those interested in participating!

Summer Challenge #1: Photograph a normal everyday object in such a unique way that it is difficult to determine what the original object is. This can include extreme perspective, focal point, macro/micro, composition etc. We can then guess what the object actually is. Challenge ends on Sunday at midnight! Good Luck!















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Cole McCune Where are we posting them? To Facebook? May 18 at 12:59pm · Like



Kristin Stangland Mains Yes, post back to the group! May 18 at 6:08pm · Like



Cole McCune OK, sounds good. May 18 at 6:18pm · Like · 1 1



Erin Sheets Salyers Don't judge my #iphonephotography... What am I?



#### How to create your own

- 1. From your home page, go to the **Groups** section on the left side menu and click **Create Group**.
- 2. Click **+Create New Group** at the top of the page. A window will appear, where you'll be able to add a group name, add members and select the privacy settings for your group.
- 3. Click **Create** when you're done.

Once the group is created, click the gear at the top right of the group and select **Edit Group Settings**. From here you can add a group description, tags, set up a group email address and add a group picture.

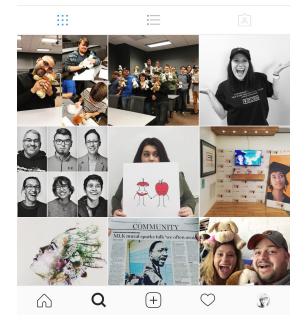
### Instagram



#### **Creative Arts & Tech Students**

CATS is an extracurricular student club started by Visual Communications (VISC) students at Ivy Tech Northeast in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Followed by jleeoriginal, fallbackmedia, rgephart + 15 more





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 thatlenslegend, jlawrencefmd, nicky\_bobby\_96, jdmwoot, uniquegroupingoftrees, khwala\_bear, larrythevendorguy, studioneverfall

catsivytech Meet Cole, our current CATS president!

NOVEMBER 29, 2016





 mflegal1, alyshacreative, jlawrencefmd, jdmwoot, boomerin, larrythevendorguy, dasfort, uniquegroupingoftrees, tavoalceda, gabipfeiffer

catsivytech Thank you to @larrythevendorguy for giving our VISC 114 Graphic Design I class a tour of your workplace!



# Outreach Programs

## Approach

- Partner with community members to provide students "hands on" experiences during class time
  - Send "Thank You" cards/pictures
- Some classes out of the classroom 50%
- Offer 1 course out of the classroom 100%
- Offer students opportunities to participate in Community Events/Volunteer Opportunities

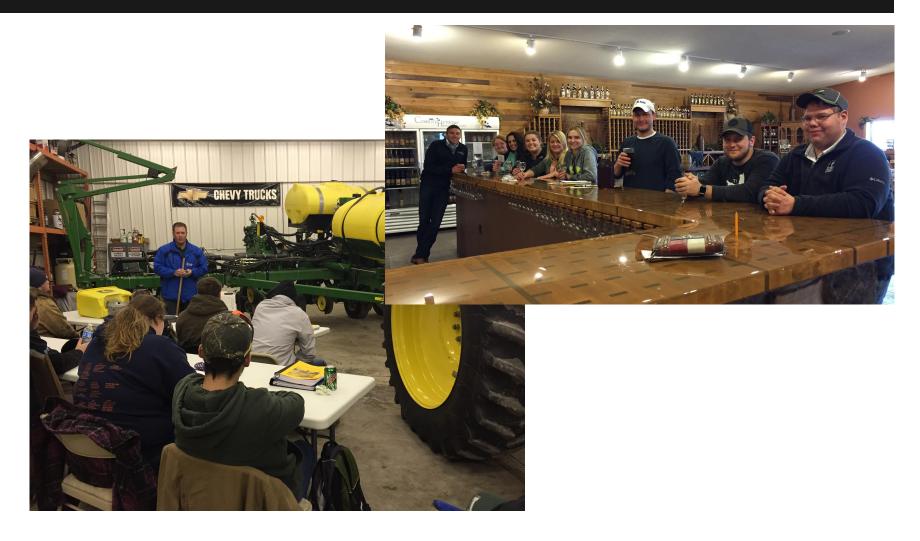
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### **Community Outreach/Volunteering**

- Local Fairs, Fall Festivals
- Shows- Farm Show, Home & Garden Show
- Local Community Events- Parkview Field



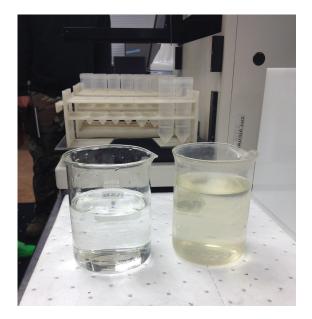
# Fundraising



Internships

#### Internships

- Required for the Associate of Applied Science in Agriculture
- 240 hours minimum = 3 credit hours
- Students pick site, Advisor approval required, must be AG related
- Offered Spring, Summer, Fall Term to accommodate schedules
- Goal: To have positive experience that leads to full time job offer!





# Funded Research Programs

Engineering programs student population is composed of non-traditional students

- Engineering students work during the day
- Go to school at night

Student participation on grants very diverse

- Homeschooled students
- International students



ITCC Team 2016 CVTC - Spring Break

Students funded to go on trips to learn new things and get inspired

For some it may be a once in a lifetime experience.



Nelva and Yolain 2016 NSF ATE PI Conference



Veronika and Sue 2016 CVTC - Spring Break

For some it may lead to a career or degree in engineering or technology





Matt, Olivia and Andy 2015 UNM Cleanroom

Olivia and Matt 2015 NSF ATE PI Conference



Our students are proud to be recognized at the NSF ATE PI Conference

All students have already graduated or will graduate this year.

Photos from 2015 and 2016 NSF ATE PI Conference

To learn more about how to get a grant <a href="https://www.nsf.gov/ate">https://www.nsf.gov/ate</a>

To see our grant website http://www.ivytech-mems.org/activities.html

To understand how others view us <a href="http://scme-nm.org/">http://scme-nm.org/</a>





# Conclusion

# Summary

Student Engagement for us

- Student clubs
- Social media
- Outreach programs
- Internships
- Funded research programs

These are some of the ways we have been able to retain our students

What are some of the ways that you engage your students?

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