Ivy Tech announces new energy center, named to honor faculty

Ivy Tech Community College is honoring a faculty member who died last month in a campus accident by naming a planned instructional center after him.

The Craig Porter Energy Center is expected to be powered solely by renewable energy and have a focus on installation and maintenance of electric vehicle charging stations, the school announced today.

On Nov. 2 Craig Porter, 37, was in the midst of teaching an Ivy Tech student about safety and climbing when for an unknown reason he fell approximately 65 feet to the ground from a training tower on the Lafayette campus.

Porter was chairman of the energy technology program at Ivy Tech and a partner at ECI Wind and Solar, a Fairmount-based company that installs solar, wind and other renewable energy generators.

The Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating the death. No information has been released.

The Porter Energy Center will be based around teaching renewable energies, smart grid integration and electric vehicle charging stations.

Purdue University, Ener1, GE and Siemens International Education Group are contributing to the development of the center.

“The project will provide exciting learning opportunities and allow us to expand our curriculum based on the latest smart grid and electric vehicle technology,” said Glen Roberson, dean Ivy Tech’s School of Technology. “We will be able to share our curriculum and expertise with other Ivy Tech campuses, area high schools, and four-year universities.”

A scholarship in Porter’s name will also be established to provide assistance to students in the energy technology program.

For more on this story, check back at jconline.com
President Reduces Amount Homeowners Owe
Indiana Homeowners are using this ridiculously easy trick to pay off their homes in half the time.
ConsumerinQuire.com

Banks Forced to Forgive Credit Card Debt
See If You Qualify to for Debt Settlement!
www.LowerMyBills.com/Debt

Jump Start Your Portfolio
Sign Up for Action Alerts And Get Great Stock Ideas
From Jim Cramer
www.TheStreet.com/ActionAlertsPLUS