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President Thomas J. Snyder Bio

Thomas J. Snyder serves as president of Ivy Tech Community College, the nation's largest singly-accredited statewide community college system and the largest institution of higher education in Indiana.

Appointed in 2007, Snyder leads the strategic, academic and operational processes of Indiana's largest and fastest growing college with more than 120,000 students at 23 campuses and 100 learning centers that provide a full-spectrum of educational resources, transfer credits, associate degrees, workforce training and professional certification.

In his inaugural year at Ivy Tech, Snyder added new senior leadership by appointing the first Provost, Dr. Donald Doucette, a 30-year community college executive to chair academic programs, services and technological infrastructure; Susan Brooks, a former U.S. District Attorney and active statewide governmental liaison, was installed as Senior Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development; Joyce Rogers was recruited from her post as President and CEO of Indiana Black Expo to serve as Vice President of Development to lead statewide foundation and fundraising initiatives and former Gencorp general counsel, law professor, college dean and Colorado Supreme Court justice, Dr. Gregory Kellam Scott, joined the strategic team to chart the new era of progress for the college.

Snyder has installed numerous growth and expansion initiatives to meet the future student services requirements. A negotiated agreement with Dell now provides students with significant computer discounts. Several new facilities projects have been announced and completed. Efficiency improvements, bookstore restructuring, costs savings initiatives and joint ventures have generated more than \$ 3 million in new revenue in his first year. And under his leadership the community college has realized upgraded bond ratings of AA- from both Standard and Poor's Ratings and Fitch Ratings.

His efforts and achievements have been most recently featured in The Chronicle of Higher Education as he was named one of seven community college President's making a difference and as the 2009 Freedom Award recipient by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Indiana Holiday Commission for providing major, positive, societal influence in the community.

Prior to joining Ivy Tech, Snyder held Chairman and CEO/President positions at Flagship Energy Systems Center and Delco Remy International, Inc., respectively. During his 11 years at the helm of Delco Remy, he established a new business model and diversified the company from a \$500 million automotive parts supplier to \$1.3 billion in sales as global leader in truck, off-road and aftermarket products with more than 6,000 employees worldwide.

Snyder began his career at General Motors Corporation, advancing through executive positions in engineering, marketing and sales for automotive batteries, magnetics and electric vehicle components.

He graduated from Kettering University, formerly General Motors Institute in 1967, with a degree in mechanical engineering. Snyder also holds a master's degree in business administration from Indiana University.

Snyder also completed a six-year tour of duty with the Air Force with research and development assignments at Vandenberg and Andrews Air Force Bases and the Pentagon.

He serves on the boards of Conexus, Contech, Ener1, BioCrossroads, The Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee, Indiana Energy Systems Network, The Education Council of the National Association of Manufacturers, Great Lakes Manufacturing Council, and the Paramount Theatre. Additionally, he is active on the Executive Committee of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Council of St. Theodore Guerin High School in Noblesville.

Ivy Tech is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.



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