

Julie Rizzo, Founder of www.RecycledGranite.com inducted as a Fellow into the Society of Innovators!

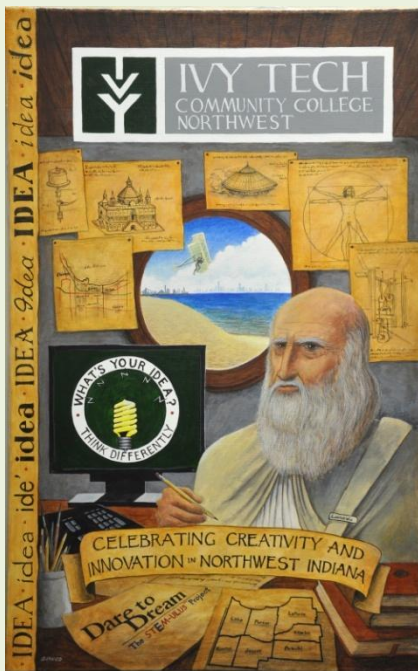
Ivy Tech Northwest & The Society of Innovators celebrated Award winning Innovators

Mission: "The Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana promotes creativity and innovation. We discover and honor innovators and innovation across the generations for the greater good of our region, state, nation and world."

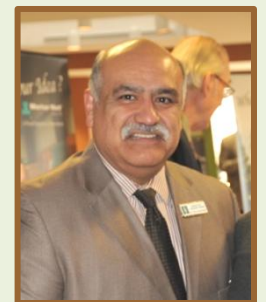
The Society of Innovators is a project of the Gerald I. Lamkin Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center of Ivy Tech College Northwest. It is the first and only organized effort in the 14 regions of Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana to celebrate innovators and innovation on a regional basis serving the 7-counties of Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Porter, Pulaski and Starke Counties. Established by Chancellor J. Guadalupe Valtierra, The Society is believed to be the only such initiative sponsored by a community college in the United States. Innovation is the lifeblood of our region, state and nation, and Ivy Tech Northwest believes that "anyone can be an innovator." The Society has nearly 250 Members; it was established in 2005 along with the Center, later re-named the Gerald I. Lamkin Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center in honor of President Gerald I. Lamkin, whose dream was to establish a truly comprehensive community college for Indiana.



Dr. Richard Sussman – General Manager, ArcelorMittal and Julie Rizzo – President, Recycled Granite



These individuals and teams are among the most creative thinkers and doers in Northwest Indiana," said Ivy Tech Chancellor J. Guadalupe Valtierra. "In a global marketplace, Northwest Indiana needs to be recognized as a region of innovation, and these innovators are helping us move toward that goal."



As part of its initiatives to encourage "thinking differently" in a highly competitive economy, Ivy Tech's Gerald I. Lamkin Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center invites society members to share their stories of risk and reward with students, staff and faculty, said O'Merrial Butchee, director.

