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Ivy Tech Community College Richmond will be first tenant in Rushville's City Center Building renovation project

Rushville, Ind. - The City of Rushville announced today that Ivy Tech Community College will become the first tenant in the soon- to- be renovated City Center Building on Main Street. Current Ivy Tech Richmond offices and classrooms at 126 South Main Street will move to the City Center Building in late 2016.

Rushville Mayor Mike Pavey said, during the 11 a.m. ribbon cutting, "I have looked forward to this day since I became Mayor in 2012. We are saving a community and downtown landmark, and creating a new vibrant cultural center that will provide entertainment and educational opportunities as well as house city offices and streamline services."

John McCane, Rush County Economic & Community Development Corporation executive director, said, "Today, we are taking an important step to assure Rush County's new and existing businesses have the educational resources available to support their current and future needs and those of their employees."

Richmond and East Central Regions' Chancellor Andy Bowne said, "These plans have been a long time in the making, starting with our previous chancellor, Dr. Steve Tincher. The students of Rushville and Rush County need access to high quality at a price they can afford, and a location that makes starting their educational journey possible. We are excited to partner with Mayor Pavey and community leaders to make this happen."

Chad Bolser, Richmond Campus President said, "It was an offer we couldn't refuse. We are thrilled to be in the central part of Rushville with visibility, great technology access, classrooms and office space. It is a wonderful opportunity for current and future students of Ivy Tech Community College."

The City of Rushville acquired ownership of the building in November, 2014. The first floor building renovation, in addition to the space for Ivy Tech, will provide opportunities for multiple cultural events including a movie theater; a large live music seating forum (winter extension and bad weather venue for the Riverside Park Summer Concert Series); the performing home of the Rush County Players-Live theater troupe. The second floor will be used for consolidation of city-related offices, enhancing efforts to streamline Rushville city services.

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