



IVCC AGRICULTURE

Illinois Valley Community College

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\$3.5 million EDA grant to fund ag classroom and lab building

IVCC will be the recipient of a \$3.5 million U.S. EDA grant to construct a new ag education facility.

The grant will cover 80% of the cost of an ag classroom and lab building south of campus. The college hopes to be in the building for classes by 2024.

Two years ago, IVCC opened Phase I of its ag complex, a 60 x 100-foot storage facility. To contribute to the ag complex fundraising campaign, contact Fran Brolley in the Foundation at fran_brolley@ivcc.edu.

Advanced Cannabis Production offered in spring

Advanced Cannabis Production will be offered for the first time starting Jan. 9.

IVCC students will gain hands-on experience growing, testing and processing cannabis plants while learning various production systems. The course is part of the cannabis production certificate.

Instructor Dr. Jennifer Timmers said the course will provide in-depth coverage of:

- Cannabis genetics, breeding, and propagation techniques;
- Production systems with a focus on seeding, planting, pest and disease control; and
- Product marketing, pricing, distribution, and state and federal policies.

The program recently added a High-Pressure Liquid Chromatography system to identify extracts from hemp and cannabis to ensure products meet legal requirements.

Ag Job and Internship Fair

The first Ag Job and Internship Fair will be Thursday, Jan. 26 at the Oglesby campus in CTC124-125.

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Jacob Chapman, left, Ryan Leifheit, Buck Hill and Karen Schieler of Compeer Financial with IVCC ag co-coordinator Willard Mott and President Jerry Corcoran. The gift will benefit the ag complex.

\$13,000 Compeer grant

IVCC received a \$13,000 donation from Compeer Financial in 2022 for the ag complex. Since 2019, Compeer has donated \$53,000 to the ag program in addition to establishing two annual scholarships.

Dr. Jennifer Timmers joins ag faculty

Dr. Jennifer Timmers was named ag instructor and co-program coordinator in June. Timmers has a Ph.D. in agronomy from the University of Florida and a master's in agriculture from Western Kentucky University.

Scholarship application period Dec. 9-Feb. 9

Students can apply for over \$70,000 in ag scholarships between Dec. 9 and Feb. 9. To view available IVCC Foundation scholarships, visit www.ivcc.edu/scholarships.

Earn and Learn

GRAINCO FS and AgView FS are continuing sponsorship of "Earn and Learn" opportunities for IVCC students. Participating students enjoy paid internships, summer jobs and two years' reimbursement of all educational expenses while completing the AAS in Agriculture. Graduates also earn three years' employment with GRAINCO FS or AgView FS.

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