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State honors 15 counties for forming College Success Coalitions

INDIANAPOLIS – Fifteen counties were honored today as an Indiana College Success County in recognition of their efforts to increase the percentage of Hoosiers with education and training beyond high school. Representatives from each county accepted their award, which was presented by Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers during a special ceremony at the Indiana Statehouse.

"We are proud of the local leaders and community organizations in these 15 counties who have come together to increase educational opportunities for their students," said Lubbers. "Creating a culture of college success only happens when the vision is shared by the entire community and these counties are a testament to what is possible."

Earning the College Success County Award

The Indiana College Success County award is presented to counties who establish a College Success Coalition of community organizations that work together to increase college access and success. Member organizations include local governments, local businesses, schools, higher educational institutions, faith-based organizations and community service organizations.

To earn the Indiana College Success County award, member organizations create a data-driven strategic plan designed to increase the percentage of the community's recent high school graduates and returning adults who enter a postsecondary institution and earn a postsecondary credential, including one-year workforce certificates, two- and four-year college degrees, apprenticeships and military training.

Member organizations also documented the implementation of college access and success activities. The award comes in the form of a road sign proclaiming the county as an Indiana College Success County.

Joining the College Success Coalition

Through the Learn More Indiana outreach initiative, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education has supported the development of the College Success Coalitions in 62 of the 92 Indiana counties with plans to establish coalitions in the remaining 30 counties over the next year. More than 1,700 local organizations have joined the coalitions to date.

Local organizations are encouraged to join their county's College Success Coalition and help create a college-going culture in Indiana to ensure that all citizens will have easy access to people who know how to plan, prepare and pay for education beyond high school.

Learn more about Indiana's College Success Coalition at LearnMoreIndiana.org/Coalitions.

Learn More Indiana's mission is to help Hoosier students of all ages **PLAN**, **PREPARE** and **PAY** for **college completion** and **career success** through effective communication and outreach efforts. Led by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Learn More Indiana is a partnership of state and local organizations working to help students of all ages succeed in school, complete college and connect to careers. Learn more at LearnMoreIndiana.org.

College Success Coalitions	
Parke County	
Perry County	
Pike County	
Porter County	
Posey County	
Putnam County	
Ripley County	
Rush County	
Scott County	
Shelby County	
Spencer County	
St. Joseph County	
Steuben County	
Switzerland County	
Tippecanoe County	
Vanderburgh County	
Vigo County	
Wabash County	
Warren County	
Wayne County	
Whitley County	