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State Higher Ed Commission Awards Over \$162,000 to 21 Local Organizations

School and Community Partnership Grant supports college and career readiness

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The Indiana Commission for Higher Education awarded 21 organizations with the spring/summer 2022 School and Community Partnership Grant. The grant is designed to bring together K-12 schools, postsecondary institutions, employers and community partners to plan and implement supportive efforts for students of all ages to complete education and training beyond high school.

The Commission awarded a total of \$162,680. Grant recipients will implement their <u>suggested programs and events</u> during the summer.

2022 School and Community Partnership Grant recipients:

- Anderson University
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Central Indiana
- Christel House International
- Community Education Coalition
- Crawford County High School
- EDGE 21
- EmployIndy
- Foster Success
- Griffith High School
- Indiana Latino Institute
- Indiana University Northwest

- Institute of Leadership and Performance
- Ivy Tech Community College Muncie
- Monroe County Community Schools
- PATH School
- Project Leadership Delaware County and Grant County
- School City of Whiting
- Scott Middle School
- Shakamak Jr.-Sr. High School
- South Harrison Community Schools
- Starfish Initiative

The <u>School and Community Partnership Grant</u> is designed to support collaborative efforts focused on three main college and career readiness priorities, including:

- Completing the <u>21st Century Scholars'</u> Scholar Success Program and maintaining academic eligibility with at least a 2.5 grade point average;
- Family engagement programming focused on college and career readiness, including enrollment in the 21st Century Scholars program and the Workforce Ready Grant; and
- Pre-college and postsecondary professional development focused on Indiana's college achievement gap.

Grant funding is made possible through <u>Indiana Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs</u> (GEAR UP). Led by a team of staff from Purdue University and the Commission, one of the primary goals of Indiana GEAR UP is to increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

For more information about the School and Community Partnership Grant, visit https://learnmoreindiana.org/scholars/alumni-partners/.

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the 21st Century Scholars early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's *Reaching Higher in a State of Change* strategic plan at www.in.gov/che.