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## Indiana Schools Awarded College Success Grants

Three Indiana schools have earned \$2,500 College Success Grants to sustain local efforts promoting college and career readiness that began during the state's fall 2011 College GO! Week campaign. Sponsored by Learn More Indiana, one elementary school, one middle school and one high school were selected out of 33 school entries submitted from across the state.

"We're sending a strong message that college planning isn't just for high school seniors," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. "These grants are an acknowledgment of local communities that are working to create a college success culture at all levels."

Winning schools were selected based on their creativity and participation in College GO! Week, as well as their plans to continue helping students plan and prepare for college success throughout the school year.

- **Corydon Elementary School** planned several activities during College Go! Week to win the grant. Teachers taught lessons on "Tools of the Trade," where items used by professionals were viewed and discussed. Students were asked to vote on the amount of education each career required. An explanation and discussion followed about what certification or degree is necessary to be employed in a specific field. Students then drew pictures or made collages of careers that interest them.
- **Rensselaer Central Middle School** involved students and faculty in a variety of activities, including working with eighth grade students to complete high school graduation plans and review college admissions requirements, writing "How Am I Preparing for College Now" essays and creating related artwork, holding college trivia and scavenger hunt contests and hosting "A Night of College and Future Planning" night for parents and students.
- **Lawrence North High School** participated in several activities during College Go! Week to win the grant. Counselors gave presentations to juniors to promote taking the PSAT and college visits. Teachers took part in a workshop on how to write a great college recommendations. Halls and doors were decorated with college items. The student daily news show aired stories on college prep. College fight songs were played during passing periods and everyone was encouraged to wear college gear during the week.

Learn More Indiana offered the College Success Grant as part of its College GO! Week campaign, which takes place statewide each fall to help students of all ages plan for college completion and career success. College GO! Week is one of three statewide campaigns (along with Cash for College and KnowHow2Go) sponsored by Learn More Indiana annually to guide students of all ages every step of the way as they plan, prepare and pay for success in college and careers.

Learn More Indiana's 2012 Cash for College campaign is set to kick-off statewide in January with activities taking place leading up to Indiana's March 10<sup>th</sup> financial aid filing deadline. Learn more at [LearnMoreIndiana.org](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org).



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