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## **Collegiate Purple Star Awarded to 11 Indiana Postsecondary Institutions**

*The designation highlights institutions that excel in serving and supporting their military-affiliated students*

**(INDIANAPOLIS)** — As Indiana prepares to celebrate America's 250th anniversary, higher education institutions are once again being recognized for their strong, demonstrated support of military-affiliated students, from application to graduation. In total, 11 institutions have earned the [Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana](#) (CPSI) in 2026, including 10 newly recognized institutions and one institution that improved tier levels from the previous cycle. This is in addition to the 28 institutions designated last year.

"We are proud to recognize our Indiana institutions for their unwavering commitment to serving our military affiliated students, who have given so much to America," said Governor Mike Braun. "The courageous men and women who have served and protected our nation for the past 250 years deserve our continued support, and we remain dedicated to providing them the greatest opportunities for a successful future."



Honorees successfully demonstrated a commitment to excellence by serving military-affiliated students in Indiana through one of three tiers of service. The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#) (Commission) and the [Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs](#) (IDVA) jointly awarded designations based on 37 standards across eight categories: core requirements, marketing and communication strategies, admissions and enrollment, financial support, institutional support systems, student support services, student engagement, and career and community engagement opportunities.

"Supporting our military-affiliated students is essential to ensuring all Hoosiers have access to high-quality opportunities for success," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "By helping students navigate key transitions, access valuable resources, and pursue pathways aligned with their goals, Indiana's Collegiate Purple Star institutions demonstrate a strong commitment to military-connected students and families. These institutions honor the service and sacrifice of our military community and are dedicated to helping students thrive in college and beyond."

**The following institutions and campuses have received the Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana designation for the 2025-2026 academic year:**

*Tier 1 (90% Achievement Level)*

- Indiana University Bloomington (moved up from Tier 3)
- Indiana University Fort Wayne
- Indiana University Indianapolis
- Indiana University South Bend

*Tier 2 (80% Achievement Level)*

- Indiana University Columbus
- Indiana University Kokomo
- Indiana University Northwest
- Indiana University Southeast
- Marian University

*Tier 3 (70% Achievement Level)*

- Indiana University East
- University of Indianapolis

"It is imperative that we maintain our commitment to providing exceptional service to the veterans of Indiana," said Director of IDVA Jake Adams. "These educational institutions recognize the invaluable contributions of our veterans and we are grateful for their support."

The CPSI was established with the passage of Senate Enrolled Act 384-2023. Each institution's tier designation is valid for three years; an institution may apply again in the next cycle to reach a higher tier or percentage. Participation in the CSPI is voluntary for all eligible institutions.

For more information on the CSPI, visit the Commission's [website](#).

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**About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education**

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE, Commission) is the State's higher education coordinating agency, driven to improve economic and social mobility for fellow Hoosiers through postsecondary education and training, and is a part of Governor Mike Braun's Office of Education. The Commission also administers Indiana's state financial aid programs, including [21st Century Scholars](#), which celebrated 35 years in 2025.

**About the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs**

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) is a state agency dedicated to serving. Its mission is to Support, Serve, and Advocate for the Indiana Veterans Community. IDVA aims to make Indiana the choice for veterans to Live, Work, and Thrive. For more information about IDVA and its services, visit [in.gov/dva](http://in.gov/dva).