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State awards three 'College GO! Week' school grants

Grants to support college readiness efforts in Franklin, Kokomo and Tell City

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education rewarded local schools' efforts to help students plan and prepare for education beyond high school. Three Indiana schools earned \$1,000 College Success Grants for their college-readiness activities during Learn More Indiana's fall 2013 College GO! Week campaign.

Grant applications required that schools demonstrate that they engaged students in purposeful, age-appropriate College GO! Week activities.

"We're pleased to recognize these schools for taking active steps to create a completing culture," said Commissioner Teresa Lubbers. "Communities and schools across Indiana should be encouraged and inspired by these intentional efforts to promote student success."

Winning schools included:

- **Elementary school:** Creekside Elementary School (Franklin Community Schools)
- **Middle school:** Bon Air Middle School (Kokomo Central Schools)
- **High school:** Tell City Jr.-Sr. High School (Tell City-Troy Township Schools)

Franklin Community Schools

At Creekside Elementary, teachers shared their college experiences with students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Students learned about career options and attended presentations on Indiana's College Choice 529 Savings Plan with their families.

"Our students and staff loved the college-themed spirit week," said school counselor Samantha Vidal. "The teachers loved sharing stories of their alma mater and wearing their college gear. It was a great way to get kids excited about attending college and their future careers!"

Kokomo Central Schools

Bon Air Middle School students updated high school graduation plans using Indiana's free Indiana Career Explorer tool, available at LearnMoreIndiana.org. Additionally, students participated in a school-wide "Living in the Real World" program to explore potential life experiences after graduation.

"College GO! Week was a bonfire: igniting excitement, exploration, and a breath of fresh air for Bon-Air students to make better grades and choices," said school counselor Dondra Ewing.

Tell City-Troy Township Schools

At Tell City Jr.-Sr. High School, students completed the College Completion Challenge, wrote and shared essays on how to attend college and how their internship experiences impacted their college and career planning. The week

ended with a College Go! Night featuring presentations by Ivy Tech Community College to learn the about the admissions process, the importance of dual credits and transferability.

"Planting the seed of possibility encourages students to work hard to make their dreams become a reality," said school counselor Lisa Noble.

Upcoming Events

Learn More Indiana sponsors college success campaigns and related activities throughout the year, including the upcoming Cash for College campaign. Launching statewide in January, and continuing through Indiana's annual March 10th financial aid filing deadline, Learn More Indiana's Cash for College campaign features a variety of free resources and special events. This campaign is designed to help students and their families learn how to save for college and navigate the financial aid process. Learn how at CashForCollegeIndiana.org.

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