

Distinguished Scholar Alumni Award

Monique Armstrong

Hometown: Muncie
Muncie Central High School, Class of '01

Elijah Barry

Hometown: Kokomo
Kokomo High School, Class of '96

Hans Bernabe

Hometown: Fort Wayne
Concordia High School, Class of '11

Dakota Brooks

Hometown: Corydon
Corydon Central High School, Class of '13

Derek Chastain

Hometown: Campbellsburg
West Washington High School, Class of '96

Tiffany Coleman

Hometown: Muncie
Shelbyville High School, Class of '08

Billie Jo Day

Hometown: Shoals
Shoals Jr. Sr. High School, Class of '98

Omar Diaz

Hometown: East Chicago
Morton High School, Class of '04

Aaron Dy

Hometown: Evansville
William Henry Harrison High School, Class of '10

Sara George

Hometown: Centerville
Centerville-Abington High School, Class of '95

Tonya Hall

Hometown: Terre Haute
Terre Haute South Vigo High School, Class of '05

Chantelle Hendry

Hometown: Fort Wayne
Concordia Lutheran High School, Class of '02

Patrick Jessee

Hometown: Bloomington
Bloomington South High School, Class of '01

Michael Kendall

Hometown: Terre Haute
Terre Haute North Vigo High School, Class of '08

Leroy Lewis III

Hometown: Indianapolis
Broad Ripple High School, Class of '95

Gustavo Lopez

Hometown: Hammond
Donald E. Gavit High School, Class of '10

Danielle Nimtz

Hometown: Columbia City
Troy Center Alternative School, Class of '13

Christian Orr

Hometown: Bloomington
Harmony School, Class of '96

Jamel Perryman

Hometown: Indianapolis
Warren Central High School, Class of '97

Elizabeth Retana

Hometown: Oakland City
Waldo J. Wood Memorial High, Class of '05

Jarod Wilson

Hometown: Rockville
Rockville Jr./Sr. High, Class of '04

Dominique Vaughn

Hometown: Jeffersonville
Jeffersonville High School, Class of '06

Sarah Vincent

Hometown: North Vernon
Jennings County High School, Class of '00

Amy Winkler

Hometown: Ferdinand
Forest Park Jr./Sr. High School, Class of '95

Caitlin Worm

Hometown: North Liberty
John Glenn High School, Class of '06

Champion Partner Award

Benton County College Success Coalition

The Benton County College Success Coalition is one of 75 active county coalitions working to increase the number of Hoosiers with education and training beyond high school. Founded in 2012, the Benton County College Success Coalition has more than 40 member organizations representing local business, community, education and government.

Indiana State University

Indiana State University launched ScholarCorps in 2012 to build Scholars' pride and aspirations to achieve. Today, it is among ISU's most vibrant student organizations, with students highly engaged in leadership positions throughout campus and in the community. As a result of this effort, Scholar retention has risen 2.5 percentage points faster than non-Scholar retention and the percentage of freshmen and sophomores staying on-track for on-time degree completion has doubled.

Indiana University

Indiana University created the 21st Century Scholarship Covenant in 2007 to supplement the 21st Century Scholarship—the first scholarship of its kind in Indiana. The supplemental scholarship helps Scholars pay for costs not covered with their 21st Century Scholarship, such as food and textbooks.

Indiana Youth Institute

The Indiana Youth Institute is a non-profit organization committed to promoting the healthy development of Indiana children and youth by serving the people, institutions and communities that impact their well-being. IYI provides critical support for the 21st Century Scholars program by sharing information and resources through its network of youth workers who help low-income students find, qualify for, and use the 21st Century Scholarship.

Ivy Tech Community College

Ivy Tech Community College enrolls more 21st Century Scholars across its 32 campuses than any other college system in the state. Ivy Tech is a key partner for the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and provides a home for regional outreach coordinators who work with area colleges, school districts and community organizations.

Marian University

Each year, 25 incoming scholars are chosen to receive Marian University's 21st Century Scholars Tuition Scholarship to cover any remaining tuition and fees not covered by the 21st Century Scholars program. These scholarships are awarded by the selection committee based on candidates' record of achievement, potential contribution to Marian University, and potential benefit to the program.

Project Leadership

Project Leadership designed and launched a mentoring program to support Scholars during the high school years to ensure they met all requirements of the Scholar Pledge. Today, their program includes post-secondary mentoring and a wide range of college access and support services.

Purdue University

Purdue University provides comprehensive services to support its 21st Century Scholars, including a variety of mentoring and financial support programs. One successful example is the Purdue Promise, which seeks to minimize barriers to success and provide individualized care and coaching to retain students and make sure they complete their degrees.

Starfish Initiative

The Starfish Initiative inspires, encourages, and prepares students for college and career success through an intensive one-on-one mentoring model as well as college, career, and leadership focused events. Nearly 100 percent of Starfish students are 21st Century Scholars. Over the past six years, 100 percent of Starfish Scholars graduated high school, 98 percent enrolled immediately in college, and 74 percent have earned or are enrolled for a quality post-secondary degree or credential.

Vincennes University

VU has fully embraced the ScholarCorps program by pairing volunteer coaches with 21st Century Scholars during their freshman year to assist them through the rigors of college. ScholarCorps members are mentors who bridge the gap by meeting one-on-one with students to support their personal, academic, and career needs.