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State Higher Ed Commission Awards Over \$130,000 to Local Organizations

School and Community Partnership Grant supports college and career readiness for students

The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](http://che.in.gov) announces today the winners of the 2018 School and Community Partnership Grant, which was designed to support local organizations who are helping Hoosier students complete education and training beyond high school.

“The School and Community Partnership Grant aims to bring together different organizations within the community with a shared goal: to equip Hoosiers with the tools needed to complete education and training beyond high school,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. “We’re pleased to provide this financial incentive to organizations that are committed to supporting all students through various college and career readiness initiatives.”

School and Community Partnership Grant recipients:

- Indiana University Bloomington - 21st Century Scholars Program (Bloomington)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana (Indianapolis)
- Cascade High School (Clayton)
- Clay Community Schools (Brazil)
- Community Foundation DeKalb County (Auburn)
- EmployIndy - Indy Achieves (Indianapolis)
- Indiana Association of Blacks in Higher Education (Statewide)
- Indiana University – Purdue University (Indianapolis)
- Indiana University Southeast (New Albany)
- Longfellow Middle School (Indianapolis)
- Marian University (Indianapolis)
- Metropolitan School District of Shakamak (Jasonville)
- North Knox Junior Senior High School (Bicknell)
- Project Leadership - Delaware County (Muncie)
- Project Leadership - Grant County (Marion)
- Purdue Polytechnic Institute (Anderson)
- Putnam County School Districts - EDGE 21 (Greencastle)
- Starfish Initiative (Indianapolis)
- Sustainable Muncie (Muncie)
- Vincennes University - Early College Programs (Fort Wayne)
- YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne Metropolitan Office (Fort Wayne)

The Commission awarded over \$130,000 to 21 local organizations including K-12 schools, postsecondary institutions, employers and community partners. The winners will implement their [suggested programs and events](#) during the spring and summer of 2019.

The School and Community Partnership Grant is designed to support collaborative efforts focused on four main college and career readiness priorities:

1. 21st Century Scholar Enrollment;
2. 21st Century Scholar – Scholar Success Program (SSP) Completion & Maintaining Academic Eligibility (2.5 GPA);
3. Parent/Adult Student Engagement Programming; and
4. Pre-College/Postsecondary Professional Development (Focused on Indiana’s College Achievement Gap).

Funding for the School and Community Partnership Grant is made possible through [Indiana Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs](#) (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 low-income, first-generation students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

For more information about the School and Community Partnership Grant, visit <https://scholars.in.gov/scholar-success-grants/>.

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is a 14-member public body created in 1971 to define the missions of Indiana’s colleges and universities, plan and coordinate the state’s postsecondary education system, and ensure that Indiana’s higher education system is aligned to meet the needs of students and the state. The Commission includes representatives from each Congressional district, three at-large members, a college faculty representative and a college student representative. Learn more about the Commission’s *Reaching Higher, Delivering Value* strategic plan at www.in.gov/che/.