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Documentary Highlighting Hoosier Students and Careers Nominated for Emmy

“Roadtrip Nation: State of Change” has been nominated for a Regional Emmy Award in the category Best Documentary - Topical, by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Lower Great Lakes Chapter. The Indiana-based documentary is the first of the series to be nominated for the award.

“State of Change” was made possible with support from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, as part of the state’s initial push for intentional career exploration and work-based learning opportunities for Hoosier students. The project was an all-hands-on-deck effort made possible with support from the Strada Education Network, Cummins, First Source Bank, TechPoint, EmployIndy, the Indiana Department of Education, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Indiana INTERNnet.

“Indiana has a dynamic range of career opportunities, a strong workforce, and many excellent colleges and universities,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. “We’re delighted to learn that ‘*State of Change*’ is being recognized nationally and hope that more Hoosier students are exposed to all their home state has to offer.”

The film follows three local students—Shannon, Dengke and Jaedyn—who travel across the state interviewing professionals who are pioneering breakthroughs in some of Indiana’s leading industries, including advanced manufacturing, IT and agriculture.

“State of Change” was produced by Roadtrip Nation, a national nonprofit career exploration organization that empowers people to define their own roads in life.

“We’re thrilled that Roadtrip Nation has received this nomination,” said Mike Marriner, co-founder of Roadtrip Nation. “We wanted to film a documentary celebrating the fact that you can make just as much of a difference in your home state as in a big city. Our hope was to show the many paths that inspiring people all over Indiana are taking to make a difference in their communities and the world at large. We’re humbled and honored the Lower Great Lakes Chapter enjoyed and recognized our film in this way.”

To learn more and watch the film, visit stateofchangeilm.com and follow the hashtag [#RTNIndiana](https://twitter.com/RTNIndiana) on Twitter.

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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/.

About Roadtrip Nation

“What should I do with my life?” Since 2001, Roadtrip Nation, a member of the Strada Education Network, has made it their mission to help individuals answer this question. Through best-selling books, an acclaimed documentary series, and interactive classroom curricula, Roadtrip Nation empowers people to turn what they like into careers they’ll love—and helps them navigate any obstacles encountered along the way. For more information, visit roadtripnation.com/about.