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State Higher Ed Commission Awards \$80,000 to Local Organizations

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

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](http://che.in.gov) announces today the winners of the 2019 School and Community Partnership Grant, which is designed bring together K-12 schools, postsecondary institutions, employers and community organizations to plan and implement supportive efforts for students of all ages completing education and training beyond high school.

“We are pleased by the dedication of community organizations across the state to college and career readiness priorities – such as the 21st Century Scholars program – all with the goal of equipping more Hoosiers with education and training beyond high school,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. “We look forward to seeing impact of each organization’s efforts in the community.”

School and Community Partnership Grant recipients:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana
- Elevate Indy
- Indiana Latino Institute
- EmployIndy (Indy Achieves)
- Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)
- Knox Community Schools (Starke County)
- Latino Education Group (CEC)
- North Knox Junior Senior High School
- Northeastern Wayne Schools
- Opening College Opportunities, Inc.
- Project Leadership (Delaware County)
- Project Leadership (Grant County)
- Purdue Polytechnic Institute – Anderson

The Commission awarded \$80,000 to 13 local organizations including K-12 schools, postsecondary institutions, employers and community partners. The winners will implement their [suggested programs and events](#) during the current school year.

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

1. 21st Century Scholar – Scholar Success Program (SSP) Completion & Maintaining Academic Eligibility (2.5 GPA)
2. Family Engagement Programming (21st Century Scholar Enrollment, Next Level Jobs Promotion); and
3. 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 students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

For more information about the School and Community Partnership Grant, visit <https://learnmoreindiana.org/scholars/alumni-partners/>.

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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/.