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## **State Higher Ed Commission Awards Over \$83,000 to Local Organizations**

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

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](https://che.in.gov) has awarded 13 organizations with the 2020 School and Community Partnership Grant, 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.

“Community organizations across the state are dedicated to advancing the state’s college and career readiness priorities – such as the 21st Century Scholars program – with the goal of equipping more Hoosiers with education and training beyond high school,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. “Each organization will make an impact in their local areas and we look forward to seeing the results of their efforts.”

### **2020 School and Community Partnership Grant recipients:**

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Central Indiana
- EDGE 21
- Elevate Indy
- Indiana Latino Institute
- IndyAchieves
- Knox Community Schools
- Latino Education Group
- Marian University
- Northeastern Wayne School Corporation
- Opening College Opportunities
- Project Leadership (Delaware and Grant County)
- Purdue Polytechnic-Anderson
- Shakamak High School

The Commission awarded \$83,567 to 13 local organizations including K-12 schools, postsecondary institutions, employers and community partners. Grant recipients will implement their [suggested programs and events](#) during the current school year.

The [School and Community Partnership Grant](#) is designed to support collaborative efforts of the state’s college and career readiness priorities, including:

1. Completing the [21st Century Scholars’](#) Scholar Success Program and maintaining academic eligibility with at least a 2.5 grade point average;
2. Family engagement programming, including enrollment in the 21st Century Scholars program and promotion of the state’s [Next Level Jobs](#) program; and
3. Pre-college and 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**

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the [21st Century Scholars](#) early college promise scholarship, which celebrates 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's *Reaching Higher in a State of Change* strategic plan at [www.in.gov/che](http://www.in.gov/che).