



INDIANA COMMISSION *for*  
HIGHER EDUCATION

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## **Initiative Helps Indiana's Hispanic and Latino Learners Obtain Education and Training Beyond High School**

*Training held at the Indiana Statehouse on Wednesday*

(INDIANAPOLIS) – Tomorrow, the [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](http://www.in.gov/che) will welcome four new Padres Estrellas – translated as “Star Parents” – an initiative that uses parents as partners at the local level to increase access and attainment to higher education for Hoosier Hispanic and Latino Families.

The Padres Estrellas will connect with schools, neighborhoods and community partners and focus on helping students and families file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), access state financial aid, and enroll in the [21st Century Scholars](http://www.in.gov/che) program and the [Next Level Jobs Workforce Ready Grant](http://www.in.gov/che).

During media availability, the new Padres Estrellas and partner organizations will introduce themselves, and Commissioner Lubbers will provide remarks about the importance of the initiative.

**When:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021; 1 to 1:30 p.m. (ET)

**What:** Padres Estrellas Media Availability

**Where:** Indiana Statehouse Room 233  
200 W. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

*Please RSVP to Allison Kuehr at 317-600-8755 if you plan to attend.*

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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](http://www.in.gov/che) early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's [Reaching Higher in a State of Change](http://www.in.gov/che) strategic plan at [www.in.gov/che](http://www.in.gov/che).