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Indiana Awards Over \$2.4 Million to 22 Higher Education Campuses to Support College Success Programs

This inaugural round of College Success Program grant recipients will fund 32 success coach positions

(INDIANAPOLIS)—The Indiana Commission for Higher Education today announced the 22 campus recipients of the 2023 College Success Program grant. The first grant cycle funding will be used to create 32 full-time positions at public or private four-year Indiana higher education institutions to support 21st Century Scholars, Frank O'Bannon Grant recipients, minority students and other low-income and first-generation students.

The College Success Program grant has awarded up to \$80,000 per college success coach position for each academic year of the grant period. The funding must be used to build and enhance new staffing capacity to support the five priority student populations. The coaches are tasked with increasing student enrollment, persistence, degree completion and connection to high-demand career opportunities.

"Last year, the Commission launched its strategic priorities to address college enrollment, completion and graduate retention," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "The College Success Program is one of our intentional strategic approaches to partnering with institutions to address the challenges in the education to workforce pipeline and amplify the impact of proven programs such as the 21st Century Scholarship and Frank O'Bannon Grant. This will remove barriers that especially affect first-generation and low-income students."

Funding for the College Success Program grant is made possible under House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1001-2023. The initial program will run from Nov. 1, 2023, through Oct. 31, 2024, with opportunities to extend the grant pending review of the State Budget Committee.

2023-2024 College Success Program grant recipients:

- Anderson University
- Ball State University
- Franklin College
- Indiana State University
- Indiana University Bloomington
- Indiana University Columbus
- Indiana University East
- Indiana University Fort Wayne
- Indiana University Indianapolis
- Indiana University Kokomo
- Indiana University Northwest

- Indiana University South Bend
- Indiana University Southeast
- Indiana University Online
- Marian University Indianapolis
- Purdue University Fort Wayne
- Purdue University Northwest
- Purdue University West Lafayette
- University of Indianapolis
- University of Southern Indiana
- Valparaiso University
- Vincennes University

For a list of program summaries the grants are supporting, click here.

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.