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UPDATED: Indiana Recognizes Recipients of 2024 CTE Awards for Excellence

Career and Technical Education highlights outstanding achievements of individuals and partners

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#) recognized winners of [Career and Technical Education \(CTE\)](#)'s Awards for Excellence today, highlighting exceptional achievements of CTE students, programs, partners, and counselors around the state who exemplify the ideal qualities and opportunities of Career and Technical Education.

The recognition of the Awards for Excellence is divided between secondary and postsecondary programming, further categorized by student awards, career coaching and advising awards, partnership awards, and program awards. Nominations for the awards were submitted by CTE Districts or high schools.

"The CTE Awards for Excellence shine a spotlight on the remarkable work of students, programs, partners, and counselors, illuminating the impact of Career and Technical Education," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "These recipients epitomize the opportunities of CTE, and display how passion, leadership, and community engagement can pave the way to a hopeful future."

Winners of the 2024 CTE Awards for Excellence:

Postsecondary Career Advising

- Ivy Tech Greencastle Academic Advising Services

Postsecondary Partnership

- Ivy Tech Columbus – Johnson County Advanced Manufacturing Partnership (JC AMP)
- Vincennes University – Hurco & Vincennes University Precision Partnership

Postsecondary Program

- Ivy Tech Columbus – IT Pathway at Columbus Signature Academy (CSA)
- Ivy Tech Fort Wayne – Industrial Technology
- Ivy Tech Bloomington – Respiratory Therapy

Postsecondary Students

- Tyler Bell – Vincennes University
- Aaron John - Vincennes University
- Grace Paul - Vincennes University
- Olivia Polk - Vincennes University



- Layni Andrews – Vincennes University
- Rachel Hively – Ivy Tech Terre Haute
- Sam Levitz – Ivy Tech Fort Wayne
- Amelia Ward – Ivy Tech Bloomington
- Brandon Harvey – Ivy Tech Columbus

Secondary Career Advising

- Delphi Community High School
- Blue River Valley High School

Secondary Partnership

- Cardinal Pathways to Teaching – The Pursuit Institute
- Ed Martin Automotive – Walker Career Center

Secondary Program

- Precision Machining – New Castle Career Center
- Health Science – Pre-nursing – Lost River Career Cooperative
- Radio Broadcasting – Walker Career Center

Secondary Students

- Kevin Acosta – Indianapolis Public Schools
- Jacob Buche – Greater Lafayette Career Academy
- Emily Cardoza – North White Middle – High School (Indian Trails Career Cooperative)
- Elizabeth Harpenau – Perry Central Jr./Sr. High School
- Justice Galan – Walker Career Center
- Vanessa Carmona – Area 31 Career Center/Ben Davis High School
- Josie Kelsay – Whiteland Community High School
- Zac McAbee – New Castle Career Center
- Neo Klein-Shafer – Indiana Connections Career Academy

CTE provides relevant career and technical education programs of study that prepare students for high-skill, in-demand careers in fields such as advanced manufacturing, information technology, and agriculture. Indiana’s CTE team [joined the Commission in July 2023](#) as part of House Enrolled Act 1002-2023.

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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 celebrated 30 years in 2020.