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Indiana Recognizes Recipients of 2025 CTE Awards for Excellence

Commission highlights outstanding achievements of individuals and partners

(INDIANAPOLIS) – Earlier this month, the [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#) (Commission) recognized winners of [Career and Technical Education \(CTE\)](#) Awards for Excellence, 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, or postsecondary partners.

“The Commission is proud to recognize so many incredible students, programs, partners, and counselors who truly embody the opportunities of CTE,” Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery said. “CTE has a massive impact on the future of students across our state, and these honorees prove the future is bright.”

Winners of the 2025 CTE Awards for Excellence:

Postsecondary Career Advising

- Integrated Training & Education Pathways, Ivy Tech – Kokomo

Postsecondary Partnership

- Federal Correctional Institution, Ivy Tech – Terre Haute
- Fire Science Academy, Ivy Tech – Bloomington
- NEINFAME, Ivy Tech – Fort Wayne

Postsecondary Program

- Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management, Ivy Tech – Bloomington
- Dental Assisting, Ivy Tech – Lafayette
- HVAC Technology, Ivy Tech – Valparaiso
- Physical Therapist Assistance Program, Ivy Tech – Sellersburg

Postsecondary Students

- Ivan Bondar, Ivy Tech – Columbus
- Maureen Beckwith, Ivy Tech – Kokomo



Postsecondary Student winner Ashley Harris with members of the Commission and the Ivy Tech – Terre Haute nursing department.

- Nicholas Dilbeck, Vincennes University
- Ashley Harris, Ivy Tech – Terre Haute
- AJ Shields, Ivy Tech – Bloomington
- Kyra Wiegel, Vincennes University

Secondary Career Advising

- Warren Central High School Career Counseling Services Center

Secondary Partnership

- Andy Mohr Automotive Group, Area 31 Career Center
- Indianapolis Fire Department, Indianapolis Public Schools
- Perry County Memorial Hospital

Secondary Program

- Construction Trades – Carpentry & Electrical, Whitko Career Academy
- Engineering, Indian Trails Career Cooperative
- Networking & Cyber Security, Area 31 Career Center

Secondary Students

- Isabella Bava, South Newton High School
- Kory Galloway, Area 30 Career Center
- Ca'Marrah Mason, Walker Career Center
- Lorelai Miller, Frontier Jr/Sr High School
- Misael Rodriguez, Ben Davis High School
- Nallely Yanez-Salinas, Frankfort High School
- Lydia Yoder, DeKalb High School



Secondary Student winner Misael Rodriguez with Commissioner Chris Lowery and Associate Commissioner Sam Rourke.

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, digital technology, healthcare, 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 (CHE, Commission) is the State's coordinating agency, driven to improve economic and social mobility for fellow Hoosiers through higher education. The Commission's [HOPE \(Hoosier Opportunities & Possibilities through Education\) Agenda](#) serves as the agency's strategic plan and mission through 2030, providing seven goals around enrollment, completion, and graduate retention efforts. The Commission also administers Indiana's state financial aid programs, including [21st Century Scholars](#), which celebrates 35 years in 2025.