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Collegiate Purple Star Awarded to 28 Indiana Postsecondary Institutions

The designation honors institutions that have successfully demonstrated a supportive environment for their military-affiliated students

(INDIANAPOLIS) — The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#) (Commission) and the [Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs](#) (IDVA) inaugurally awarded 28 institutions with the [Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana](#) (CPSI). The CPSI recognizes eligible postsecondary institutions that have successfully demonstrated a supportive environment for its U.S. military-affiliated students from application to graduation.

Honorees successfully demonstrated a commitment to excellence by serving military-affiliated students in Indiana through one of three tiers of service. The Commission and IDVA jointly awarded designations based on 37 standards across eight categories: core requirements, marketing and communication strategies, admissions and enrollment, financial support, institutional support systems, student support services, student engagement, and career and community engagement opportunities.

“The Commission is proud to honor these institutions with the state’s first-ever Collegiate Purple Star Award,” Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery said. “These institutions set the benchmark for educating military-affiliated students. As part of the [HOPE Agenda](#), Indiana strives to be a top ten state in postsecondary attainment for veterans and overall economic and social mobility and prosperity. This honor celebrates colleges that have intentionally cultivated a military-supportive environment.”



The following institutions and campuses have received the Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana designation for the 2024-2025 academic year:

Tier 1 (90% Achievement Level)

- Ivy Tech Community College Columbus
- Ivy Tech Community College Indianapolis
- Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette
- Purdue University Fort Wayne
- Purdue University Northwest
- Purdue University West Lafayette

Tier 2 (80% Achievement Level)

- Indiana Wesleyan University National & Global
- Ivy Tech Community College Anderson
- Ivy Tech Community College Bloomington
- Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne

- Ivy Tech Community College Hamilton County
- Ivy Tech Community College Kokomo
- Ivy Tech Community College Lake County
- Ivy Tech Community College Lawrenceburg
- Ivy Tech Community College Madison
- Ivy Tech Community College Marion
- Ivy Tech Community College Muncie
- Ivy Tech Community College Richmond
- Ivy Tech Community College Sellersburg
- Ivy Tech Community College Terre Haute
- Ivy Tech Community College Valparaiso
- University of Southern Indiana

Tier 3 (70% Achievement Level)

- Indiana Institute of Technology
- Indiana State University
- Indiana University Bloomington
- Ivy Tech Community College Evansville
- Ivy Tech Community College South Bend
- Purdue Global

“The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs is thrilled to assist with the initial Purple Star School designations,” said Gabrielle Owens, general counsel and chief of staff for the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs. “These designations publicly highlight which Indiana institutions of higher education display a significant commitment to servicemembers, veterans, and their family members. Integrating this program into higher education fosters an environment of respect, gratitude, and support for military personnel and their families.”

The CPSI was established with the passage of Senate Enrolled Act 384-2023. The tier designation is valid for three years. However, an institution may apply again in the next cycle in order to reach a higher tier or percentage. Participation in the CSPI is voluntary for all eligible institutions.

For more information on the CSPI, visit the Commission’s [website](#).

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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, and is a part of Governor Mike Braun's Office of 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.

About the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) is a state agency whose mission is to Support, Serve, and Advocate for the Indiana Veteran Community. IDVA aims to make Indiana the choice for veterans to Live, Work, and Thrive. For more information about IDVA and its services, visit: <https://www.in.gov/dva/>.