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## **Indiana's 2023 Student Advocates Conference Focused on Programmatic Changes, Dec 7**

*Mentors, educators, student support staff, and thought leaders are encouraged to join*

(INDIANAPOLIS)—The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](https://che.in.gov) announced today the opening of registration for the 2023 Student Advocates Conference. The conference will be held virtually on December 7, 2023. All Indiana college and high school mentors, advisors and other advocates are invited to the annual event. Attendees will hear from the recipient of the 2023 Stan Jones Student Success Award, for which the Commission is now receiving applications.

### **“Now What? A Roadmap to Programmatic Changes for Student Success”**

The convening will navigate the historic programmatic changes that have recently taken place in Indiana. Attendees will hear from and engage with Commission staff and partners leading the efforts on the 21st Century Scholars program, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Indiana College Core Expansion and My College Core Tool, initiatives underway for military and adult learners and more.

“Indiana’s efforts toward improving the college-going rate are evidenced by the Commission’s established strategic initiatives,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. “When students continue their education after high school, Indiana’s talent pipeline is strengthened, and both the individual and overall Indiana community benefit. These initiatives are critical in preparing students to be successful in the workforce and equipping them to be the next generation of leaders in Indiana. I encourage all advocates and partners to participate in this year’s program.”

For more information about the event and to register, visit the registration [website](#).

### **The Stan Jones Student Success Award**

The Stan Jones Student Success Award recognizes a campus partner with exemplary student success practices. The award’s namesake, former Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Stan Jones, built a legacy of education policies and student support initiatives, including the 21st Century Scholars program. The award will recognize one program or initiative focused on the Commission’s key pillars of increasing the college-going rate, postsecondary completion and graduate retention for Hoosier students.

For more information about the criteria for selection, visit the Commission’s [website](#). Applications are due on November 10, 2023 at 5 p.m. EST. The recipient will be asked to present their student success model at the 2023 Student Advocates Conference on December 7, 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 celebrates 30 years in 2020.