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2024 Student Advocates Conference Registration Open

Attendees will learn about important initiatives surrounding college completion from Commission staff

INDIANAPOLIS — Registration for the 2024 Student Advocates Conference is now [open](#), the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (Commission) announced today. The conference will be held virtually on December 5, 2024. The Student Advocates Conferences brings together Indiana college and high school mentors, advisors, and other advocates to attend valuable educational sessions from Commission staff.

The theme of this year's conference is **Completion: Beyond Enrollment to Success**. Attendees will engage with Commission staff who lead agency efforts to increase the college completion rate throughout the state.

Education session topics include:

- Resources Supporting Adult Learner Attainment
- The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship & Transition to Teaching Scholarship
- Expansion of the Indiana College Core
- Supporting Postsecondary Credential Completion
- Student Success Coaching: Increasing Degree Completion for 21st Century Scholars
- Outcomes-Based Performance Funding
- The College Completion Dashboard

"Indiana's focus on college completions has been bolstered by the Commission's programs and strategic initiatives," said Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "We are continuing to find ways to improve on-time and extended-time completion rates and have worked our way to be the 10th-best state in the country in this metric. This conference provides an opportunity to engage in discussion with higher education leaders about Indiana's completion rate, what we are doing about it, and how we can continue to move forward. We encourage all Indiana college advocates to attend this important conference."

Interested attendees can find more information and [register via the Commissions' website](#).

The Stan Jones Student Success Award

Applications for the Stan Jones Student Success Award remain [open](#). 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. The recipient will present their student success model at the 2024 Student Advocates Conference.

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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.