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CPSI Educational Series

Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana Overview

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COLLEGIATE PURPLE STAR OF INDIANA



INDIANA COMMISSION *for*
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SUPPORTING MILITARY-AFFILIATED STUDENTS

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 384 (2023) tasked CHE and the Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) with establishing and implementing the Higher Education Purple Star Designation, known as the Collegiate Purple Star Award of Indiana (CPSI).

MISSION: Recognize an eligible postsecondary institution that has successfully demonstrated a supportive environment for its United States military-affiliated student population from application to graduation.



WHO IS MILITARY-AFFILIATED?

- ▶ **Military-affiliated individual:** Someone who is actively serving in the United States armed forces (regular duty, reserve duty, or Indiana National Guard) or is honorably discharged (veteran).
 - ▶ *These are officers and enlisted personnel; stationed at home and/or deployed abroad (combat veterans and deployed but have not seen combat).*
- ▶ They become classified as a **military-affiliated student** when they been accepted or are a current student at the postsecondary institution.

“WHETHER IN COMBAT OR PEACETIME, NOBODY GETS MORE AUTHORITY AT AN EARLY AGE THAN YOUNG AMERICANS IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES. GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONE THEIR FORMIDABLE SKILLS IN HIGHER EDUCATION ISN’T CHARITY. IT IS, INSTEAD, EMPLOYING LEVERAGE TO ENABLE THESE PATRIOTS TO MAKE EVEN GREATER CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY.”

Retired U.S. Army Colonel Jack Jacobs- Medal of Honor recipient, Operation College Promise Board



CHARACTERISTICS OF MILITARY-AFFILIATED LEARNERS

- ▶ Leadership and Management Skills
- ▶ Work Ethic
- ▶ Self-discipline
- ▶ Teamwork
- ▶ Diverse backgrounds and nationalities
- ▶ Proficient in multiple languages

Source: Syracuse University & Student Veterans of America, *Student veterans – A valuable asset to higher education (2019)*

BENEFITS TO POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

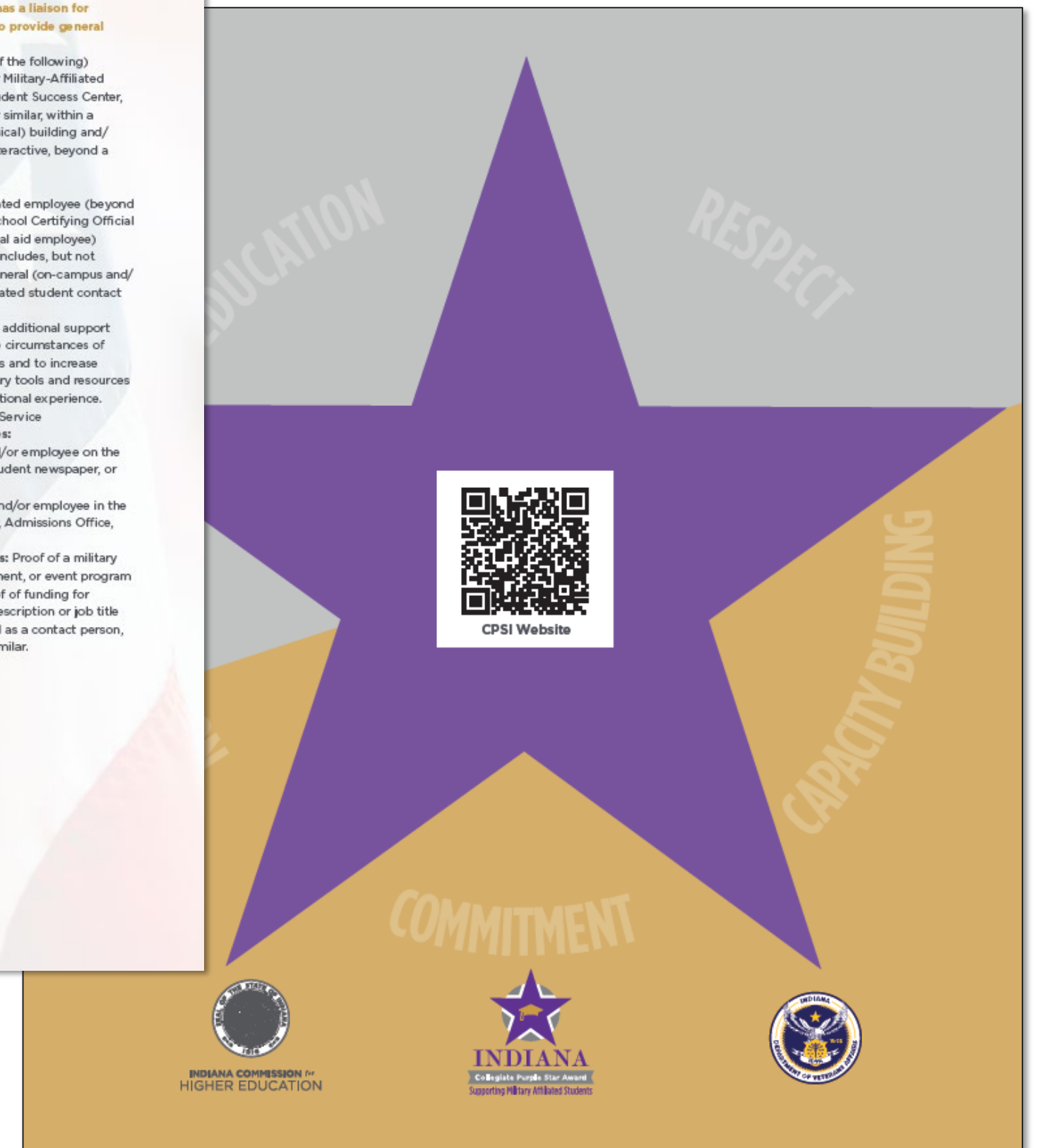
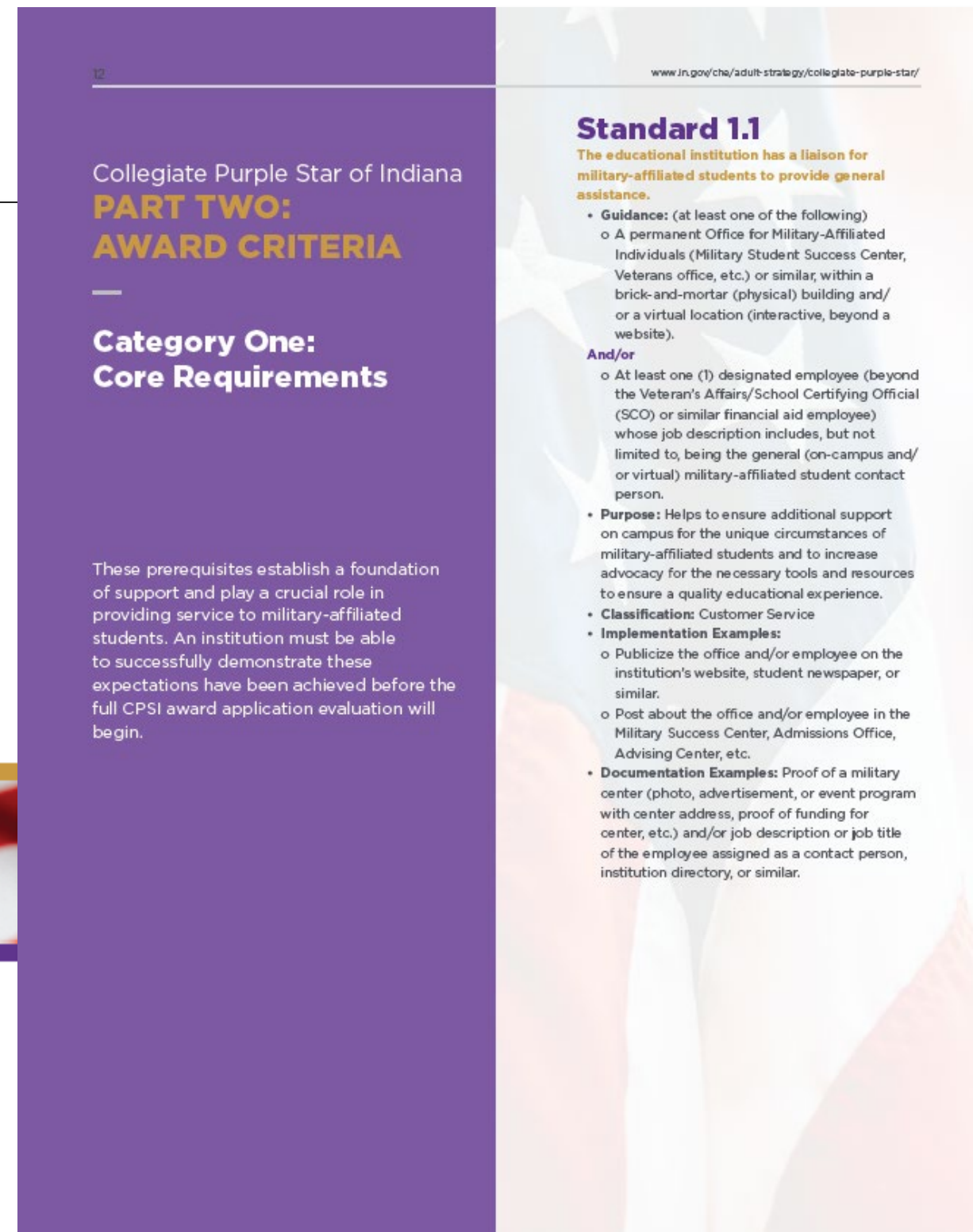
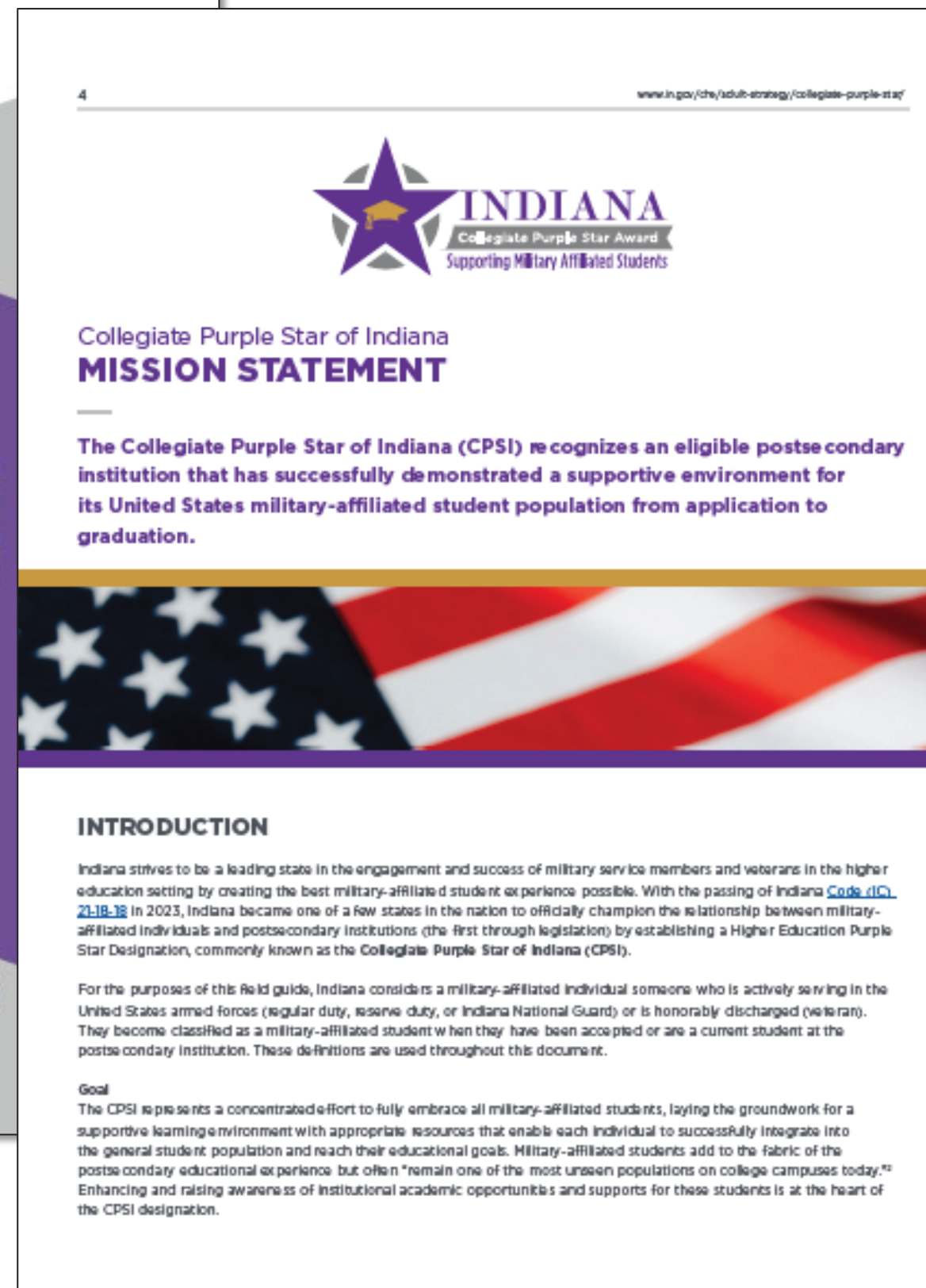
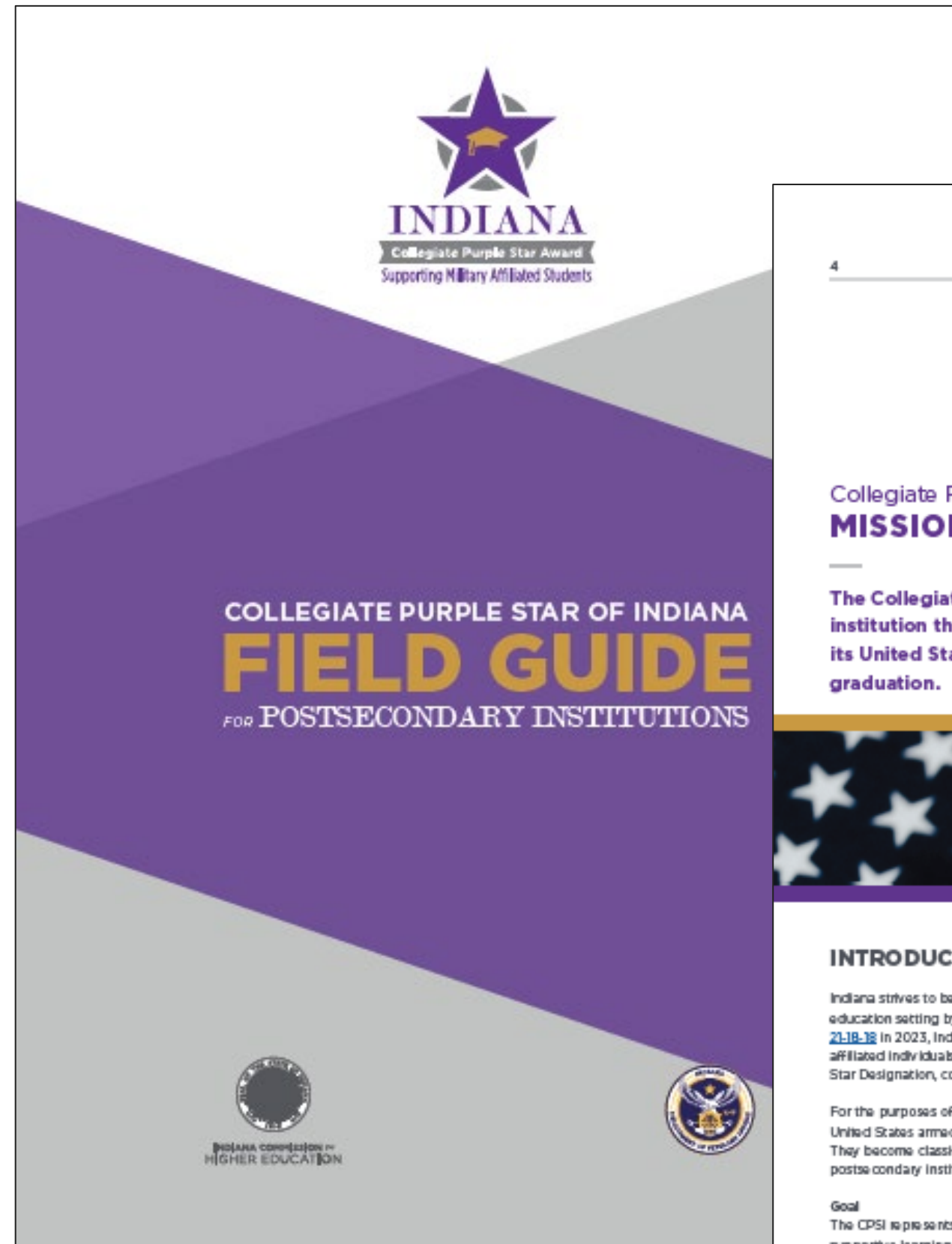
- ▶ **Recruitment** (over 100,000 service members transition to postsecondary institutions each year)
- ▶ **Financial Assistance** (Forever GI Bill™, Post -9/11 GI Bill™, Yellow Ribbon Program benefits, educational support for spouses, federal tuition assistance, credentialing assistance, etc.)
 - ▶ In Indiana: National Guard Supplemental Grant, Tuition and Fee Exemption for Indiana Purple Heart Recipients, etc.
- ▶ **Academic** (Average GPA 13.5% higher than non-veteran peers)
- ▶ **Learning experience** (add their unique perspective, professional training, work ethic, wide range of experiences, and corresponding knowledge to the educational environment)
- ▶ **Engagement of Underserved Students** (nearly 2/3 or 62% are first generation students)
- ▶ **Lifetime Learning** (36% earning an associates degree & 21% a bachelors degree went on to pursue an advanced degree)
- ▶ *Source: Student Veterans- A Valuable Asset for Higher Education by the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University and Student Veterans of America*

WHAT DOES CPSI REPRESENT?

A concentrated effort to fully embrace all military-affiliated students, laying the groundwork for a supportive learning environment with appropriate resources that enable each individual to successfully integrate into the general student population and reach their educational goals.



CPSI FIELD GUIDE



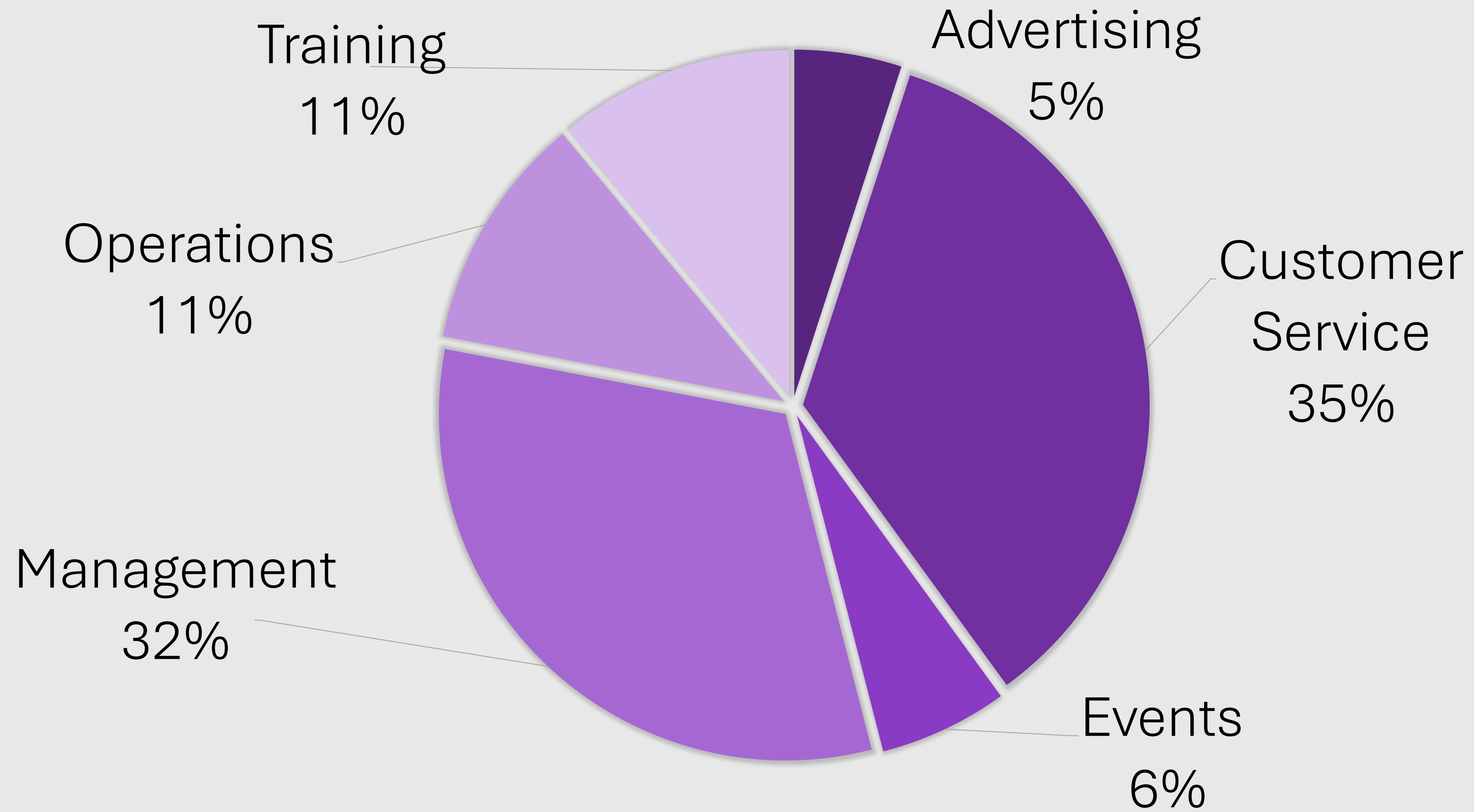
CPSI FIELD GUIDE LAYOUT

- ▶ Introduction
 - Goal, Purpose, Call to Action, etc.
- ▶ Part One: Administration
 - Prospective Applicants, Criteria, Application Process, etc.
- ▶ Part Two: Standards
 - Each standard includes guidance, purpose, implementation examples, and documentation examples.
- ▶ Part Three: Appendices
 - Appendix A: **Collegiate Purple Star Acronyms and Definitions**
 - Appendix B: **Collegiate Purple Star Award Resources**
 - Appendix C: **Military-Connected Holidays and Observances**
 - Appendix D: **CPSI Postsecondary Self-Evaluation Checklist**

CPSI APPLICATION TO GRADUATION STRUCTURE

Category	Description	Number of Standards /Points	Percentage (%)
1	Core Requirements	7	19%
2	Marketing and Communication Strategies	3	8%
3	Admissions and Enrollment	6	16%
4	Financial Support	5	13.5%
5	Institutional Support Systems	3	8%
6	Student Support Services	4	11%
7	Student Engagement	5	13.5%
8	Career and Community Engagement Opportunities	4	11%
Total		37	100%

BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION CROSSOVER



CATEGORY ONE- CORE REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ These seven prerequisites establish a foundation of support and play a crucial role in providing service to military-affiliated students.
- ▶ An institution must be able to successfully demonstrate these expectations have been achieved before the full CPSI award application evaluation will begin.

CPSI APPLICATION PROCESS

- Application Period: January 2025
 - Submit Application
 - Submit Standard Specific Documentation
- Review committee determines performance-based award level
- Award Notification
 - Award Letter and Application Summary Report



CPSI AWARD CERTIFICATION LEVELS



Designation Levels	Performance Score Range
Tier 3: Military Student Friendly	70-79%
Tier 2: Military Student Ready	80-89%
Tier 1: Military Student Engaged	90-99%
Special Commission Distinction	100%

- ▶ Award is valid for three (3) years at the designated level
- ▶ Ability to change levels

SEND CPSI QUESTIONS

CollegiatePurpleStar@che.in.gov

Subject: Collegiate Purple Star Question- “Institution Name

CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

<https://www.in.gov/che/adult-strategy/collegiate-purple-star/>

▶ **CPSI Field Guide**

▶ **Upcoming CPSI Lunch and Learn Series**

- July 17th: Becoming a GI Bill Provider
 - August 14th: Military CPL and the Joint Service Transcript (JST)
 - September 18th: Developing a Military-Affiliated Success Center or Office, Roundtable
 - October 16th: Creating a Military Hub at your Institution
 - November (TBD): Military-Affiliated Student Resources, Roundtable
 - December 11th: CPSI Application Process
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- **Military Credit for Prior Learning (M-CPL) Training**, in conjunction with statewide CPL training (Fall 2024, look for future emails)

QUESTIONS?

EDUCATION

RESPECT

INCLUSION

CAPACITY BUILDING

COMMITMENT





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