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## **Commissioner to visit Hamilton County on statewide “College Success Tour”**

Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers will be at Westfield High School on October 30, on her statewide “College Success Tour” to engage the public and coalitions in a community discussion. The coalition meeting will be held at the Westfield High School. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m., with a networking time of light refreshments from 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

“Today we have 50 county coalitions working together to offer students and families across Indiana more opportunities and brighter futures, and we plan to bring on an additional 20 counties each year until we have reached all 92 Indiana counties. Hamilton County’s college-going and completion rates exceed state and national averages but vary significantly with the regions of the county,” said Lubbers.

Indiana currently ranks 40<sup>th</sup> nationally in both education attainment and personal per capita income, two data points that are directly linked to the fact that only a third of Hoosier adults have more than a high school diploma. Indiana has set a goal of increasing the proportion of Hoosiers with a college credential, including one-year workforce certificates, two-year associate degrees and four year bachelor’s degrees, to 60 percent of the state’s population by 2025.

### **College Success Summits**

Sponsored by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, the regional “College Success Summits” events are taking place in the outreach regions for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars program, the state’s premier college scholarship and preparation program for low-income students. Each regional event will be hosted by a county College Success Coalition, a growing statewide network of nearly 1,500 local organizations working to increase college access and success.

Through the Commission’s Learn More Indiana outreach initiative, the state has supported the development of 50 county College Success Coalitions to date with another 20 counties invited to form coalitions this fall. Learn more about joining or starting a coalition in your county at [LearnMoreIndiana.org/Coalitions](http://LearnMoreIndiana.org/Coalitions).

### **Upcoming Success Dates and Locations**

- Nov. 7: Allen County, Fort Wayne, Ind.  
**To register for Allen County:** <https://allencss.eventbrite.com/>
- Nov. 20: Porter County, Valparaiso, Ind.  
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For more details on the upcoming College Success Summit in your area, call 812-349-4142. The events are part of an ongoing public engagement effort designed to increase the education level of all Hoosiers. Learn more about the Commission for Higher Education’s “Reaching Higher, Achieving More” strategic plan at [www.che.in.gov](http://www.che.in.gov).