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Celebrate Impact of Internships During Indiana Intern Day, July 28

(INDIANAPOLIS) – Indiana is celebrating the power of internships and work-based learning opportunities for the state's workforce, K-12 and higher education landscape during the fourth annual Indiana Intern Day on Thursday, July 28.

The <u>Indiana Commission for Higher Education</u>, in partnership with <u>Work and Learn Indiana</u>, is encouraging employers to take to social media and other virtual mediums to celebrate and recognize interns and meaningful internship experiences.

"Work-based learning reinforces what is being taught in the classroom, and allows students to build their skills, resumé and professional network," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "Our state is home to a robust variety of industry leaders, and internships expose students to Indiana employers and career opportunities. Indiana Intern Day highlights the collaborative partnerships between education and labor supply and demand, ensuring employers have access to talented Hoosiers to fill the jobs of today and tomorrow."

Modeled after National Intern Day, the Commission and Work and Learn Indiana are encouraging employers, educators and intern supervisors to fill out this <u>pledge form</u> to recognize interns on Indiana Intern Day. Those who pledge will be sent a digital media kit to use to show how they are celebrating interns on social media. Follow along by using the hashtag #INInternDay.

"Every year, thousands of students participate in work-based learning across Indiana, gaining invaluable career and life skills," said Todd Hurst, executive director of the Institute for Workforce Excellence. "Indiana Intern Day is an opportunity to celebrate the amazing work of these interns and the employers who work so hard to create better career opportunities for the state. Interns bring creativity and innovation to the workforce and have a positive impact on our state's economic trajectory."

WHAT: Indiana Intern Day

WHO: Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Work and Learn Indiana, Indiana employers and educators

WHEN: July 28, 2022

WHERE: Social media via #INInternDay

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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 <u>21st Century Scholars</u> early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's <u>Reaching Higher in a State of Change</u> strategic plan at www.in.gov/che.

About Work and Learn Indiana

Work and Learn Indiana, a subsidiary of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, is the catalyst for expanding the creation
and use of experiential learning opportunities as a key strategy in retaining Indiana's top talent.