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## One Week Left to Apply for Dr. Gerald Bepko Community Engagement Award

Faculty have until March 22 to submit applications

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The deadline to submit applications for the <u>Gerald Bepko Community Engagement Award</u> (Bepko Award) to the <u>Indiana Commission for Higher Education</u> is Wednesday, March 22, 2023. The award was created in 2019 in honor of Dr. Gerald Bepko and his dedication to service at Indiana University and the Commission for Higher Education. The award highlights a faculty member who is engaged in teaching, research or service commitments that contribute to the work that is being done to deepen partnerships within the community.

Eligible applicants include full-time faculty members at an Indiana public or private institution of higher education. Applicants must reside in the State of Indiana.

The deadline to apply for the award is Wednesday, March 22, 2023. Recipients will be announced at the <u>H. Kent Weldon Conference</u> on Monday, April 3, 2023. The application for the Bepko Award can be found on the <u>Commission's website</u>.

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