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Indiana Higher Education Commission Releases Partnership Pentagon Report

Report provides recommendations to Indiana sector leaders to increase educational attainment

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#) (Commission) today released the first-of-its-kind report for the Indiana Partnership Pentagon. The report, [The Partnership Pentagon: Strategic Recommendations to Bolster Indiana's Higher Education HOPE Agenda](#), outlines recommendations collected over six meetings of the partners to address five key areas of the [Commission's HOPE \(Hoosier Opportunities and Possibilities Agenda\)](#).

First announced in 2022, the Partnership Pentagon is comprised of more than 100 thought leaders from five sectors of Indiana society, including business, education, government, non-profits (community- and faith-based organizations), and philanthropy. It was created to intentionally bring together leaders who possess a variety of ideas and beliefs to discuss big ideas and topics impacting higher education and the workforce in Indiana.

“Deep and long-term improvements to the current challenges and opportunities facing higher education in Indiana require collaborative and concerted efforts by the five key sectors of civil society within the Partnership Pentagon for genuine transformational change,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. “The unique ideas and recommendations borne from the Partnership Pentagon will bolster the goals within the Commission's HOPE Agenda to increase economic and social mobility and prosperity for all Hoosiers.”

From April 2023 through June 2024, the full Partnership Pentagon met in person for six meetings in Indianapolis. The recommendations outlined in the report serve as a menu of options for leaders from all five sectors represented in the Partnership Pentagon. The report is not an implementation plan with a defined timeline, and the Commission does not expect all recommendations to be enacted. Instead, the Commission encourages all sectors to consider what role they play in execution – whether it is through a leadership or supporting role.

The full report as well as additional information about the Partnership Pentagon can be accessed on the Commission's [website](#).

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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.