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## **Commissioner Lubbers to visit Parke and Vigo Counties on statewide tour**

Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers will make two stops on her statewide “College Success Tour” tomorrow with her first visit to the Parke County 4-H Fairgrounds at 9 a.m. and then to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College in Vigo County at 2 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,” 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 will take place in each of the eight 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**

- Sept. 24: Parke County, Rockville, Ind.
- Sept. 24: Vigo County, Terre Haute, Ind.
- Oct. 24: Lawrence County, Bedford, Ind.
- Oct. 30: Hamilton County, Westfield, Ind.
- TBA Marion County, Indianapolis, Ind.

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).