The 21st Century Scholars Success Program at IUPUI

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Introduction

Since 1990, Indiana’s 21st Century Scholars Program has helped thousands of low-income Hoosier students aspire to and afford a college education.

21st Century Scholars: Past, Present and Future

21st Century Scholars Milestones

- More than 70,000 students have used a 21st century scholarship.
- At least 30,000 low-income students have earned a college degree with a 21st century scholarship.
- More than 110,000 students are enrolled in the program today.
The 21st Century Scholars Success Program is a support program for IUPUI students who affirm their 21st Century Scholars pledge and who receive a tuition scholarship from the State of Indiana. The program strives to empower scholars to articulate and achieve their personal, educational, and career goals by providing services, resources, and support systems that promote academic success and timely graduation. The program focuses on developing key skills to increase student confidence and motivation—ultimately contributing to each scholar's success!
Meet our staff

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21st Century Scholar Office Offers

- Academic and tutorial support
- First year peer mentoring program
- Personal enrichment workshops (Kaleidoscope)
- Career exploration and development
- Scholarship maintenance and financial aid preparation
- Financial literacy (ScholarCents)
- Job search assistance
- Community service activities (Scholars Helping Scholars)
- Social and cultural events
- Individual Success Coaching (InsideTrack)
21st Century Scholar Peer Mentoring

About
The Peer Mentor Program is designed to assist first-year scholars with their transition to the IUPUI community.

Objectives
• Provide students with positive role models.
• Provide access to the University Community.
• Ease the transition from one academic culture to another.
• Offer personal and academic guidance.
• Expand the mentee’s social and academic experiences.

Program Structure
• (2) group mentoring sessions per month
• (1-2) individual mentoring session per month
• (2) 21st Century Scholar activities
21st Century Scholar Peer Mentoring

NUMBERS AND GROWTH

- Program began in 2003 with 34 students and 14 mentors
- By 2013-2014, the program had grown to more than 350 students and 16 mentors
- Fall 2014 enrollment was 450+ students and 20 mentors
ScholarCents | Financial Literacy

- Year round financial literacy programming (i.e. credit cards, identity theft, financial planning)
- Facilitated by the scholarship coordinator
- Assistance with initiating the state appeals process
- 1:1 meetings with students communicating about how well they did during the semester
Kaleidoscope | Personal Enrichment

• Year round personal development workshops

• Discussions about culture and inclusion

• Facilitated by the Program Coordinator

• Students who are a part of the Peer Mentoring program must attend at least two of these programs per semester
SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS
## 21st Century Scholar Award Amounts

**Beginning 2013-2014 academic year**

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<th>21st CENTURY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD</th>
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<th>COLLEGE CREDITS EARNED</th>
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<td>End of First Year</td>
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<tr>
<td>Full Award</td>
<td>100% of tuition and mandatory fees</td>
<td>30 credits</td>
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<td>Reduced Award (Frank O’Bannon)</td>
<td>$2,500 or less</td>
<td>24-29 credits</td>
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<td>No Award</td>
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<td>23 credits or fewer</td>
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**Indiana University—Purdue University Indianapolis**
**21st Century Scholar Completion Requirements**

- Students must be enrolled in at least 12 credits per semester.
- 21st Century Scholars Award will pay for up to 15 credit hours.
- If a student enrolls in more than 15 credit hours, the student is responsible for the payment of the remainder of tuition.

**AP/Dual Course Credits**

- Students that have earned High School AP course credits will count towards their credit completion requirements.
- If a student enters their first academic year with 6 AP credits from their high school, he/she will only need to complete 24 credit hours to receive the On-Time Award.

**Appeal Process**

- Students must follow an appeals process that are unable to meet the completion requirement.
- Online appeal form can be accessed at http://www.in.gov/che/4500.htm.
- The state appeals committee will review the appeal and communicate directly with the student.
- **Our office assists with initiating communication with the state regarding all appeals submitted by IUPUI scholars.**
IUPUI 21st Century Scholars Pledge Grant

- The 21st Century Scholars Pledge Grant, an IUPUI supplemental grant, is designed to help meet the remaining financial need for 21st Century Scholar who enroll full time at IUPUI.
- Students who meet the eligibility requirements will automatically be given this award as it requires no additional application. Grant recipients must also be recipients of the state’s 21st Century Scholarship

Pledge Grant Stipulations

- The grant is renewable, with the expectation of any major changes to the student’s income (EFC) reported on the annual FAFSA application
- Students have to maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5.
- First time Pledge Grant recipients have to participate in the IUPUI Summer Bridge Program or the 21st Century Scholars Peer Mentoring Program
21st Century Scholars Success Program

KEY DATA & OUTCOMES
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• There have been notable and significant improvements in retention and persistence rates.
  
  The retention of 21st Century Scholars in 2006 (prior to the program interventions) was approximately 58%.

• For 2015, the retention rate for first-year 21st century Scholars is up to 72%, just slightly lower than the retention rate for all first-year students at IUPUI (74%).

Key Data & Outcomes

Fall 2014 First-Time, Full-Time Twenty-First Century Scholar Outcomes

Peer Mentoring Participants

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<th>Fall 15 Retention</th>
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<td>Peer-mentoring and bridge</td>
<td>126</td>
<td>2.75</td>
<td>78% (N = 98)</td>
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<td>Peer-mentoring, no bridge</td>
<td>227</td>
<td>2.77</td>
<td>73% (N = 166)</td>
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<td>All Peer-mentors</td>
<td>353</td>
<td>2.76</td>
<td>75% (N = 74.8%)</td>
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All 21st Century Scholars Receiving Money

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<td>186</td>
<td>2.61</td>
<td>73.7% (N = 137)</td>
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<td>21st Century Scholars with money, no bridge</td>
<td>448</td>
<td>2.54</td>
<td>71.9% (N = 322)</td>
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<td>All 21st Century Scholars with money</td>
<td>634</td>
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All Eligible 21st Century Scholars (money or elig =1)

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<td>214</td>
<td>2.59</td>
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<td>604</td>
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<td>818</td>
<td>2.50</td>
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Note: Retention and cumulative GPA are as of official census for fall 2014. Retention includes students who may have received a certificate, associate, or bachelor’s degree from any IU campus and student enrolled for classes at census of fall 2013 at any IU campus. Peer mentoring and bridge participants are limited to students who either received 21st Century Scholar state funds or are known to have been historically associated with the 21st Century Scholar program in the past. Figures do not include 21st Century Scholars at the Columbus campus.

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Twenty First Century Scholars
One-Year Retention

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Not TFCS
2014-15 Highlights
IUPUI 21st Century Scholars Success Program

- 100 first–year 21st Century Scholars participated in the Inside Track “college success coach” program. This program is a new state initiative designed to increase the graduation rates by up to 15% for students enrolled in the state’s 21st Century Scholar program. This program is supported by a 2.4 million dollar grant from USA Funds to the Commission for Higher Education.

- IUPUI received over $206,000 for the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) to fund the development and expansion of programs to support student success for a diverse group of first-year 21st Century Scholars and Frank O’ Bannon Scholars. The grant will expand the university’s effort to serve low-income students through the Summer Bridge Program, and First-Year Seminars that focused on financial literacy, growth-mindset, resiliency, and academic/career planning.
QUESTIONS?

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