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STUDENT LEADERSHIP LEVEL UP

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**INDIANA EARLY
COLLEGE SUMMIT**

FOUNDING → HARD WORK → GREATER BUY-IN & VISIONING



A DECADE OF EARLY COLLEGE — THEN WE WANTED MORE

ENTER THE EARLY COLLEGE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



YEAR 1



YEAR 2

LEADING SERVICE PROJECTS THAT MATTER

❖ Council Process

- Brainstorming
- Planning and admin approval

❖ Nose-On Day through Logan Center

- Elementary kids with special needs



Nose-on Day - Logan Center

LEADING SERVICE PROJECTS THAT MATTER

❖ Holy Cross Village

- Elderly & senior citizens in needs of:
 - Assisted Living
 - Memory Care
 - Nursing and Rehab



Holy Cross Village



❖ Unity Gardens

- Giving to community
 - Food
 - Fundraisers
 - Events for kids



Unity Gardens

LEADING SERVICE PROJECTS THAT MATTER



52-THRIVE YOUTH SUMMIT



Mental Health & Substance Misuse
LIVE INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE

Real talk around mental health and substance misuse. Learn and build skills with hope from The Get Schooled Tour & SB Code School! Lunch Included but seats are limited.

Area High School & College Students Welcome

WEDNESDAY, April 22, 2026

9:45 am – 2:00 pm

Indiana University South Bend

Northside Hall

**Students fill out a brief
survey & register to attend!
SCAN THE CODE!**



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SHAPING OUR PUBLIC VOICE

- ❖ Social Media Outreach
 - Social Media Outlets
 - Instagram
 - Facebook
 - Youtube
 - Teaser Video
 - Field Trip Updates
 - Community Outreach

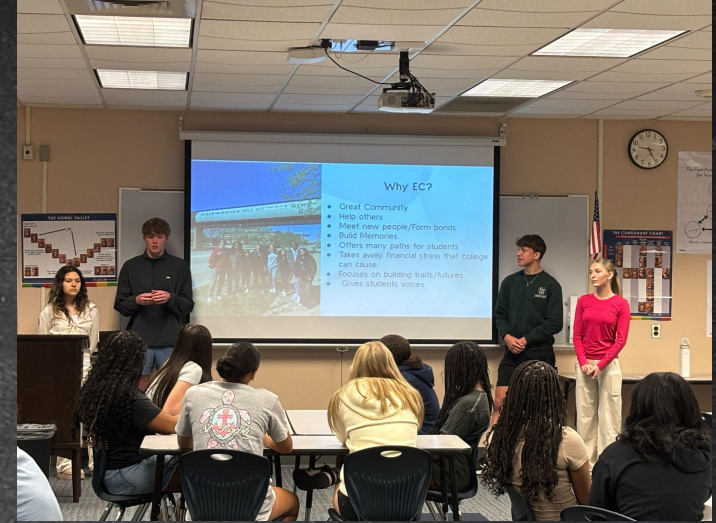


BUILDING THE PIPELINE THROUGH OUTREACH

❖ Eighth Grade Reception Night

❖ Showcase

❖ Middle School Visits





WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER



Program improvements driven by student ownership — "better than ever before."

THE APPLICATION PROCESS: HOW STUDENTS JOIN ECLC

1. Spread Awareness
2. Application
3. Group interview


Early College Academy Leadership Council Snapshot - Updated Aug 2025

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Required Commitments

- Monthly (up to biweekly, depending on the season) leadership meetings with Mrs. Black and other leaders. Date/time are TBD, but last year we met at 7:45 am the fourth Friday of the month based on schedules
- Main goals include: Speaking, Brainstorming, Facilitating



Early College Leadership Council Group Interview Evaluation

Priority Candidates (2) _____ Reviewer _____

INSTRUCTIONS:
Use THIS side of the evaluation to record your comment during the group interview process about all of the candidates; paying particular attention to the one assigned to you. Please give examples to support your comment using the criteria listed. Use the OTHER side of the evaluation to rate your candidates. And record the review of the group's comment.

Look for: Ability to work as part of a team; communication skills; sensitivity to others; confidence; ability to "think on feet"

Group Observations:

Candidate 1 _____ Candidate 2 _____ Candidate 3 _____

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Candidate 4 _____ Candidate 5 _____ Candidate 6 _____

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BETTER TOGETHER: SOME EXAMPLES OF REFLECTION

1. The ECLC selection process
2. EC Mentoring & Summit Games (new stuff)
3. End of Year Reflection



ECLC KNOWS THE VISION — DISTRIBUTED LEADERSHIP WORKS

Students understand and can articulate the program vision; not every student needs to attend every event





ACTIONABLE STEPS: HOW YOU CAN START YOUR OWN ECLC

- 1) Start with student autonomy — invite students to co-create the vision.
- 2) Create a clear, fair application process that surfaces individual voice.
- 3) Let students lead projects with adult support, not control.
- 4) Build accountability (roles, deadlines, mentorship requirements).
- 5) Celebrate traditions while allowing space for innovation.



WHY IT'S WORTH IT: REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Outcomes:

- Increased student ownership and investment in the program
- Continuous program improvement from within
- Authentic student voice visible to the community
- Development of future leaders

QUESTIONS?

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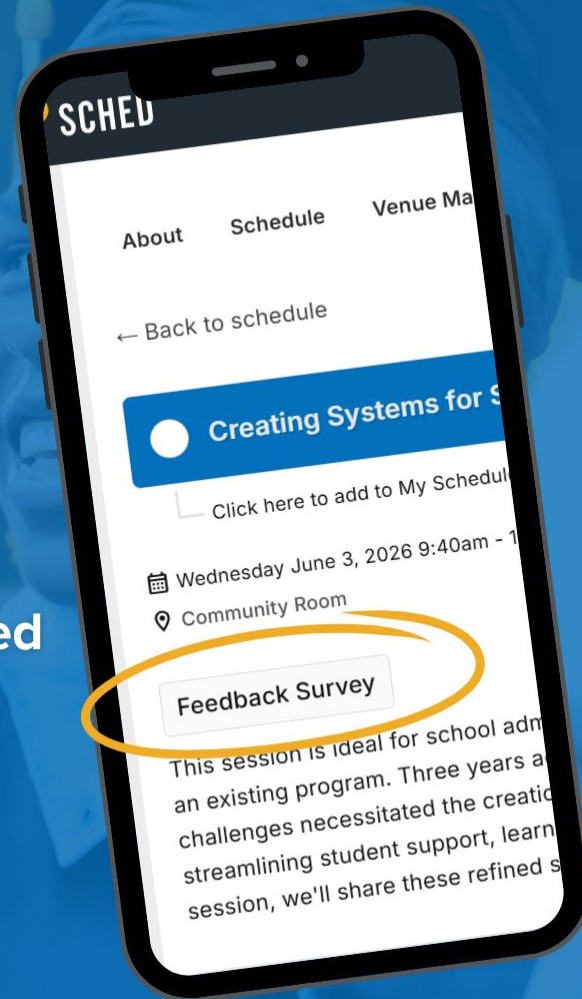
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