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Strada Education Network Awards a Quarter Million Grant to Indiana Latino Institute

Indianapolis, IN - The Indiana Latino Institute (ILI) has been selected to receive a \$250,000 grant from Strada Education Network to support ILI's Education Program. ILI's Education Program has four components: college access, college success, workforce development and encouraging systematic change. Programming works to bridge the gap between high school and higher education as well as connect higher education to the workforce, all while providing support services to participants throughout the entire process.

"The Indiana Latino Institute is grateful to have Strada as a prominent partner in our Education-focused work. Having their tremendous support means that we are able to increase the number of Latino students served in Indiana by providing more extensive programming, including more internships," said Mario Rodriguez, Executive Director of the Indianapolis International Airport Authority and ILI Board Chair. "Furthermore, this award will help us to strengthen initiatives like our annual Latino Education Summit, an event that in 2018 served over 1,700 Latino Hoosier students at the high school level. Because of their support, we can grow this event and so much more."

"Strada Education Network is proud to support and partner with Indiana Latino Institute," said Daryl Graham, senior vice president at Strada Education Network. "ILI's education program will be designed to support Latino students on the path to seeking post-secondary educational options, which fits well within Strada's mission of improving lives by forging clearer and more purposeful pathways between education and employment."

"We are so thankful for our strong partnership with Strada Education Network and for this recent grant award. Our strategies to increase access to college and beyond for Latino students in Indiana have been proven successful, and we believe they will be strengthened even more through this award. Strada's support will help us to increase our reach and the scope of our Education programming," said Marlene Dotson, President/CEO of the Indiana Latino Institute.

The Indiana Latino Institute, a 501(c)3 non-profit statewide organization committed to serving Latino communities in Indiana. Its mission is to improve health and advance education for the Indiana Latino community through advocacy, research and culturally responsive programs.