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# Purdue Northwest faculty members awarded cybersecurity grant

HAMMOND and WESTVILLE, Ind. – Three Purdue University Northwest (PNW) faculty members secured a federal grant of \$205,921 to develop an educational program designed to encourage high school students to consider careers in the growing field of cybersecurity. The project is part of a national educational cybersecurity initiative sponsored by the National Security Agency.

The grant will feature a collaboration among faculty members in the university's College of Technology and College of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences, and from three different programs.

The PNW team will develop a series of web-based, interactive cybersecurity games for students in kindergarten through high school. The goal is to encourage the development of high school courses that can be used as elective or transfer college credits.



Yueqi Zhang

The Purdue Northwest participants are Michael Tu, lead principal investigator and professor of computer information technology; Ge Jin, co-principal investigator and professor of computer information technology and



Michael Tu

graphics; and Yueqi Zhang, co-principal investigator and associate professor of communication and creative arts.

Tu said the activities will feature practical, game-based learning.

"As part of a national K-12 cybersecurity education initiative, this project is expected to inspire more K-12 students' interests in cybersecurity education and introduce more students into the pipeline of the future cybersecurity workforce to fill the ever-increasing national demand," Tu said.

Zhang said the project will include phases in market research, visualization and programming during this year.

"I believe that the project provides a great opportunity for interdisciplinary collaboration," Zhang "Also, it is an said. academic endeavor for applying innovative visual communication design philosophy with cuttingedge computer information technology and computer graphic technology, and benefiting the Northwest Indiana youth community."

#### Purdue University Northwest

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Ge Jin

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## NIRPC Welcomes New Officers, Commissioners for 2021; Releases Annual Report

Portage, IN The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) elected new executive officers and welcomed new members for the 2021 Commission on Thursday, January 21, 2021. Outgoing NIRPC Chairperson Michael Griffin was presented with the Chairperson's Gavel and George Topoll assumed leadership. The Commission also released its 2020 annual report.

Commissioner George Topoll, Union Township Trustee, Porter County, assumed the Chair of the Commission from outgoing NIRPC Chairperson, Michael Griffin, the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Highland. Topoll has served as a commissioner since 2015 and on the NIRPC Executive Board for three years. Griffin joined the Commission in 2013 and served as Chair of the Commission in 2018 and again in 2020. Both welcomed three new representatives to the Commission, recognized outgoing Commissioners, and accepted the election of new members of the Executive Board at the first meeting of NIRPC in 2021.

"Michael's leadership of the Commission allowed us to be successful during an exceptionally difficult year," said Ty Warner, NIRPC's Executive Director. "The new makeup of officers and of the Executive Board will continue to help the region thrive under these challenging circumstances as we work to recover from the pandemic's impact on Northwest Indiana."

A new slate of officers for 2021 was elected during the meeting, including George Topoll (Union Township), Chair; Justin Kiel (LaCrosse), Vice Chairperson; Richard Hardaway (Merrillville), Secretary; and Greg Stinson (Porter), Treasurer. Executive Board representatives elected for Lake County: Wendy Mis (Munster) and Bill Emerson (Lake County Surveyor); for LaPorte County: Sheila Matias (LaPorte County Commission) and Tom Dermody (City of LaPorte); and for Porter County: James Ton (Chesterton) and Sue Lynch (Portage).

Welcomed onto the Commission as newly-appointed representatives of their respective jurisdictions were Denise Ebert (Wanatah) Clerk-Treasurer, replacing Diane Noll; Robert Forester (Kouts), Town Council President, replacing Tim

Jones; and Bob Poparad, Porter County Council, District 1, replacing Jeff Larson.

The Commission released its NIRPC 2020 Annual Report at the Thursday meeting. The report, highlighting NIRPC's activities over the past year, is available online at https:// www.nirpc.org/wp-content/ uploads/2021/01/NIRPC-2020-Annual-Report.pdf NIRPC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Council of Governments for Lake, Porter, LaPorte Counties Northwest Indiana. Working collaboratively across the region, NIRPC coordinates regional comprehensive planning and programming transportation, economic development, and environmental policy.

Source: Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission



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## Munster High School's Jarett Barrientez wins Universal Technical Institute's \$2,500 Roger Penske Scholarship



Munster, Indiana, January 26, 2021—Munster High School senior Jarett Barrientez has won the Universal Technical Institute's (UTI) \$2,500 Roger Penske Scholarship. UTI is the largest transportation and motor sports school in the United States with 12 campuses around the country and partnerships with over 30 different brands, including General Motors, Ford, Porsche, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, NASCAR, and Harley-Davidson.

Barrientez, along with hundreds of other aspiring technicians from across the Midwest, competed in UTI's 2021 Scholarship Competition on Nov. 14. The online event featured a multiple choice test, covering a wide range of subjects from math and English to ethics, critical thinking, and customer service. Barrientez received the top score, which earned him a first-place finish in the competition and the scholarship.

"We're really excited about Jarett's potential at UTI," said Andy Brasher, UTI's Indiana admissions representative. "He's a hands-on learner, and that's how we train our students."

Barrientez, the son of Monica and Herb Barrientez of Munster, said he has been obsessed with cars ever since he can remember. "I've been going to car shows since I was 6 or 7, and I loved listening to them run," he said. "I want to be able to work on all kinds of cars...domestic or foreign. UTI will teach me everything I need to know. It was mind-blowing to hear that I had won the scholarship!" Barrientez plans to attend UTI at its Phoenix, Arizona campus.

UTI holds the scholarship contests every year in the spring and fall. According to Brasher, the spring 2021 dates are Saturday, Feb. 20 and Saturday, March 6. Students who are interested may contact Brasher at abrasher@uti.edu or at (219) 688-8242.

Source: Munster High School





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### Purdue University Northwest's online nursing programs recognized by U.S. News & World Report



PNW student stands within the Robert J. Milos, M.D. & Margaret J. Milos, R.N. Nursing Assessment Center.

HAMMOND WESTVILLE, Ind. — The 2021 Best Online Programs rankings from U.S. News & World Report once again named Purdue University Northwest's (PNW) online nursing programs among the best in the country.

PNW's nationally recognized online RN-to-BSN program placed among the top 50 online bachelor's degree programs in the nation again this year, ranking 48 in the Best Online Bachelor's Programs category. The RN-to-BSN degree provides busy nursing professionals an affordable and convenient option to gain the skills, knowledge and credentials needed to advance their careers.

The PNW online Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program once again made the list of Best Online Master's in Nursing Programs and ranked 112 in the nation. The MSN program allows participants to customize their path and pace

to fit their schedules with the ability to complete practicum hours where they work.

"We are proud to once again be named one of the top online bachelor's and master's nursing programs in the country," stated Lisa Hopp, dean of the College of Nursing. "These rankings are a testament to our programs which are responsive and flexible to the needs of our students, and to the hard work of a dedicated faculty committed to providing the highest quality of education to those in the nursing field."

U.S. News & World Report evaluated more than 1,600 online degree programs for its 2021 Best Online Programs rankings. To be considered, a large majority of the required coursework must be completed through distance learning. methodology used to rank the programs was based on a

combination of self-reporting

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and peer review and used a 100-point scale.

#### **2021 Best Online Bachelor's Programs**

The online undergraduate programs were ranked on four factors: engagement, services and technologies, faculty credentials and an expert opinion survey or

peer review. The RN-to-BSN program at PNW ranked 48 with an overall score of 81.

The following table shows PNW listed alongside some other comparably-rated online bachelor's degree programs.

Name I	Rank	Score
University of Wisconsin – Milwauke	e 37	84
Ball State University	39	83
Purdue University Northwest	48	81
University of Louisville	48	81
Bowling Green State University	53	80

(Please note these are not the complete listings. The full list can be found at usnews.com/ online.)

#### 2021 Best Online Master's in **Nursing Programs**

The online master's degree programs in nursing were scored using the same factors as the online undergraduate degrees with an additional factor added, student excellence. PNW's Master of Science in Nursing online program was one of only five Indiana nursing programs to make the list, ranking 112 with a score of 65.

The following table shows PNW listed alongside some other comparably-rated online master's degree programs. (Please note these are not the complete listings. The full list can be found at usnews.com/ online.)

Name	Rank	Score
Western Michigan University	92	69
Ferris State University (MI)	108	66
Illinois State University	108	66
Montana State University	112	65
Purdue University Northwest	112	65
University of Detroit Mercy	115	64
University of Missouri	115	64

Learn more about the Purdue Northwest College of Nursing and its online as well as oncampus programs at www.pnw. edu/nursing.

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) is a premier

metropolitan university dedicated to empowering transformational change in our students and in our community. Located in Northwest Indiana, near Chicago, PNW values academic excellence, supports growth, and celebrates diversity.

Source: Purdue University Northwest

# Boys & Girls Clubs Announces Youth of the Year Candidates, Changes to Annual Event

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana announced candidates for its annual Youth of the Year on Thursday. The event has been Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier character and leadership program since 1947 and is an opportunity for outstanding Club members to be recognized for their accomplishments and potentially earn a scholarship for their post-high school pursuits.

This year's candidates from Lake County Clubs include Kaymon Armour from Lake Station Boys & Girls Club, Andriana Cobb from the East Chicago Club, Jamarion Evans from the Hammond Club, Marcus Steele from the Gary Club, and Kyle Wroblewski from Cedar Lake Boys & Girls Club. Porter County candidates include Madelyn Frost from Valparaiso Boys & Girls Club, Bailey Ranta from the Duneland Club, and Mike Sarault from South Haven Boys & Girls Club.

Each of the eight candidates is paired with a member of Boys & Girls Clubs' Professionals Advancing Local Success (PALS) group, who serve as mentors as Club members undergo an extensive process that evaluates academic success, community service and life goals, as well as interview with local judges and deliver speeches. The Club member named Youth of the Year for Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana will receive a \$5,000 scholarship

and will move on to a state competition held on April 13.

Unlike previous years, the 2021 Youth of the Year will be held virtually in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Guests will be able to participate in the same high-impact experience this event offers, but in the comfort of their own homes.

"This event gives our guests an inside look at our Club and how they really impact the life of a child in an extremely positive way. Our Youth of the Year candidates put a lot of time and effort to be part of this competition, and they build deep friendships with one another along the way," president and CEO Ryan Smiley said. "While we have some seasoned candidates returning, we also have four new candidates who our guests will be able to meet and learn more about through our virtual event."

This year's event will take place on Thursday, February 25 at 6 p.m. There is no fee to attend and guests can register online by visiting youthoftheyear.givesmart.com. Sponsorship opportunities for the event are available. For more information on this year's Youth of the Year event, please visit bgcgreaternwi.org or call Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana at (219) 764-2582.

Source: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana

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## Red Cross Statement on January 2021 Unrest

Families across the United States have experienced incredible heartbreak over the past twelve months—from grappling with a global pandemic to fleeing recordbreaking storms and wildfires. Now, as unrest in the nation's capital and other communities unfolds, feelings of uncertainty continue to grow.

The American Red Cross strongly rejects violence of any kind and stands alongside those who bring help and hope to people struggling during this difficult time for the United States.

As the country's most trusted humanitarian organization, families rely on the Red Cross to help them through some of the toughest times in their lives. We are committed to continuing our humanitarian work, even—and especially—during moments of uncertainty.

The Red Cross is taking steps to deliver mission-critical services amid potential unrest in the coming days. This includes monitoring daily risks, working closely with local officials, and delivering lifesaving blood for hospital patients. It is critical that the Red Cross ensures a sufficient blood supply is on hand to meet the needs of patients each day and be prepared for emergencies of all types, including events that can disrupt blood drives, or traumas that require blood transfusions.

Keeping our workforce safe is a top priority, so we are taking steps to keep our staff and volunteers safe. And since people of color and other targeted groups are feeling particularly at-risk, the Red Cross will remain vigilant.

As news of fear and tragedy continues to dominate the air waves—and our everyday conversations—it's important to remember that there is also good news all around: people are donating blood to help strangers in the hospital; those in the path of disasters are greeted by volunteers offering them shelter; and neighbors are stepping up to help one another challenge after challenge. It is through these acts of generosity and grace that we hope this country will embrace unitywhich will allow us to see the best in others and inspire us to heal and to help one another.

At the Red Cross, we provide aid without discrimination, regardless of nationality, race, citizenship status, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or political opinions. We will continue that mission today, tomorrow, and far into the future.

#### About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

Source: Red Cross

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## Munster High School joins Notre Dame's latest AP-TIP IN cohort

Munster, Indiana, January 15, 2021—Munster High School has become a partner school for the University of Notre Dame's Advanced Placement® Teacher Investment Program (AP-TIP) for Indiana high schools.

The AP-TIP IN program, which is housed under the university's Center for STEM Education, works with Indiana high schools to expand AP offerings through evidence-based research, materials, and training; deliver high-quality practical professional development sessions and provide ongoing coaching and support for teachers and administrators; and facilitate collaboration with other AP

teachers and school leaders across Indiana by offering exemplary resources and strategies focused on success in AP classrooms.

"Teachers will receive professional development from University of Notre Dame professors," said Mike Wells, Munster High School principal. "They will also be able to collaborate and work with other teachers around the state. This will lead to improved instruction and assessment practices within the classroom."

Since 2012, AP-TIP IN has worked with high schools in Indiana to increase student

enrollment in AP math, science, and English courses and to increase the number of qualifying scores on AP exams for those courses. Over those eight years, high schools participating in AP-TIP IN have repeatedly shown gains in enrollment and scores:

- Students have earned \$11,240,346 in college credits through AP qualifying scores.
- Students took 33,688 AP math, science, and English courses.
- 23,099 AP math, science, and English students have been served.

• 550 AP math, science, and English teachers have been supported.

According to the university, after two years of participating in AP-TIP IN, the number of participating schools' AP qualifying MSE (math, science, and English) scores (scores of 3, 4, or 5 that earn college credit) increased by 83 percent.

For more information, please contact Munster High School Media Specialist Kelly Hladek at (219) 836-3200, ext. 3310 or kmhladek@munster.us.

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## Digital Crossroad Lands Top 10 Content Delivery Network Client

Publicly traded firm with a global presence selects Digital Crossroad data center in Northwest Indiana



Digital Crossroad DX-1 Data Center in Hammond Indiana

HAMMOND, IN – January 19, 2021 – Digital Crossroad (DX), a wholesale colocation provider based in the Chicagoland market, today announced that it has secured a top 10 Content Delivery Network (CDN) client for its DX-1 data center in Hammond, IN.

Specific details about the company aren't being released, but it will soon begin serving customers globally. Officials are excited about the growing momentum of the new DX campus.

"We're thrilled to welcome this premier CDN to Digital Crossroad and Northwest Indiana. We have the people, technology, and strong public-private relationships to support their growth and success," said Thomas P. Dakich, Managing Member with DX.

"This is a great win," said John Greenwood, Chief Strategy Officer, Digital

Crossroad. "Having a marquee edge computing firm place their trust and mission-critical IT infrastructure in our data center validates the hard work our team put in to making this site the go-to data center destination in the Chicagoland market."

The DX-1 data center met all of the company's requirements for security, network connectivity, scale, flexibility and reliability. In addition, the client was particularly attracted to Digital Crossroad's economic and environmental sustainability initiatives.

#### **World-Class Facility**

DX-1 is a 105,000 square foot, 20-Megawatt (MW) data center located on the former State Line Generating Plant, which was designed by Thomas Edison and served as one of the largest electricity producers in the Mid-west for much of the 20th century.

Digital Crossroad worked with state and local

government officials to repurpose the 77-acre site as a data center campus and transform Northwest Indiana into a beacon of 21st century digital industry.

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Since launching the DX-1 data center in October 2020, Digital Crossroad has seen tremendous demand for the campus from large enterprise and hyperscale operators.

With 2021 underway, COVID-19 continues to reshape commerce, c o m m u n i c a t i o n, entertainment and healthcare, forcing businesses to transform their digital operations. Digital Crossroad is well-positioned to serve the data center needs of many types of local, national and international firms.

#### **About Digital Crossroad**

Digital Crossroad is a wholesale colocation company comprised of proven industry veterans who are committed to delivering sustainable data center solutions that reduce environmental and economic cost. To learn more, please visit digitalcrossroad.com

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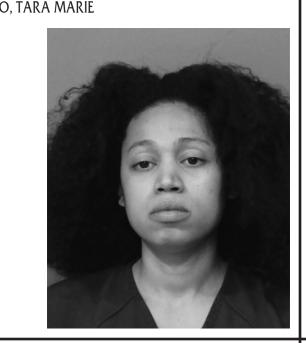
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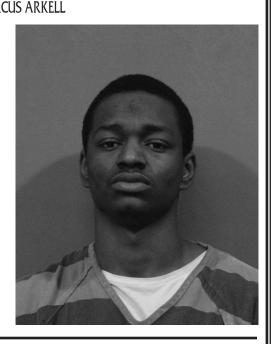
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Name: .....STEWART, LAMARCUS ARKELL Alias: Sex..... Male Race..... Height......6'0" Weight...... 158 Pounds Eyes ..... Brown Hair..... Brown Marks/Scars/Tattoos .. Wanted For: .....ROBBERY ......W/BODILY INIURY Name #:...... 15N05952 Date of Birth ...... 5/12/1997



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### **Applications for Funding Available**



Applications for 2021 funding through the City of Hammond's Gaming Advisory are now available from the Mayor's Office at Hammond City Hall.

Funding is available to local not-for-profit organizations that demonstrate their project,

activities, and services provide direct benefit to the citizens of Hammond. The funds and application process are overseen by Gaming Advisory Committee, which represents a cross section of Hammond residents and city council members. It is chaired by Phil Taillon, Mayor's Chief of Staff. "Since the inception of the Gaming Advisory Committee, we have donated over \$10 million to various organizations," stated Mayor McDermott. "These funds have provided security lights to Hammond residents, an accessible addition to a women's shelter, support of the Tri City Special Games and excursions for seniors just to name a few projects supported over the years."

Applications must be received by February 26, 2021 for consideration of the first round of funding in 2021. The application process provides advisory committee with information about the projects. Applicants may be requested to appear before the committee to further present their proposal. Future funding cycles, if any, will be announced at a later date. The Committee hopes that another round of funding will occur in the fall of 2021 subject to gaming funds availability.

According to Mayor McDermott: "The process continues to demonstrate that our approach provides an equitable method of funding for not-for-profit initiatives within the City, along with demonstrating a high level of accountability to Hammond taxpayers and residents. I knew early on in my administration that we needed to make this process as fair as possible." Prior to the establishment of the current process, there were no guidelines or restraints as to how gaming dollars were distributed to charities and not-for-profit organizations.

Applications may be obtained by contacting the committee through Sharon Szany, at 219 853-6499 or by going online at www. gohammond.com.

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