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Community Foundation and College Network Announce New Partnership: Maintain the Course

The Hendricks County Community Foundation is proud to announce an \$11,250 grant to the Hendricks College Network (HCN) for a new program, Maintain the Course, designed to provide technology grants to individuals to keep them in school during a time of increased virtual and e-learning.

"We know that when many students registered for school, they were planning on attending class on campuses around the country. Our community cannot afford to allow these individuals to drop out due to an unforeseen technology burden," says William Rhodehamel, HCCF President and CEO. "We're excited to continue our many years of partnership with HCN in this new venture that will meet real and timely educational needs in our community."

Only 13% of students who drop out of college re-enroll (National Student Clearinghouse). Maintain the Course is designed to prevent technology from being a barrier preventing students from pursuing their degree. Individuals who earn bachelor's degrees earn \$20-30,000 more on average than those with only a high school diploma.

"We want to ensure our community is supporting students by providing access to technology that will enable them to maintain and complete their educational goals," says Brandy Wethington Perrill, Executive Director of Hendricks College Network. "This may include access to the internet, laptops, and online learning best practices."

The grant will provide \$10,000 for technology purchases as well as \$1,250 for marketing and administrative expenses related to the program. If you are a Hendricks County resident enrolled in postsecondary training as of March 1 and technology issues may prevent you from completing your degree, please contact HCN at 317-406-7078 or www.HendricksCollegeNetwork.org

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Hendricks College Network is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving as a post-secondary education resource for area residents, businesses and community organizations. In addition to educational resources, HCN is closely connected to the business community and is part of workforce development initiatives, new business attraction programs, and business retention and expansion activities. For more information visit our website at www.HendricksCollegeNetwork.org or call (317) 762-4EDU(4338).



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