

Project: BPC-LSA: The Indiana Stars Alliance - Reaching Out, Connecting and Enhancing Diversity

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Project Overview: Through this planning project, the IN-STARS Alliance will implement an adapted version of the STARS Alliance, in which alliance members will implement a STARS Leadership Corps. The IN-STARS Leadership Corps at each alliance member will focus on outreach activities and programs that are relevant to their institution, taking into consideration the local student population demographics and size. Because we include in our proposed alliance large and small institutions, the IN-STARS Alliance will be positioned to contribute best practices leading to specific outcomes of broadening participations.



The focus of alliance planning activities will be to design programs that will create increased awareness of opportunities to be gained by majoring in computing. Over the course of the planning project, we will design specific outreach programs for the IN-Stars Leadership Corps students. We will plan for, and design a combination of approaches aimed at taking advantage of each alliance members' strengths. Outreach activities envisioned in this alliance include pre-collegiate summer programs, a statewide conference for the students participating as Stars leaders, a statewide conference for high school students, programs specifically geared for exploratory students already attending a particular college or university, all supported by development of social networks to link students, and co-curricular programs.