

# Educational Opportunity Center *Update*



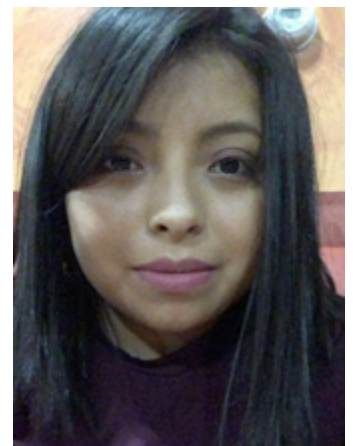
## TRIO STAFF SPOTLIGHT

We'd like to introduce our newest TRIO team member, Erica Kirchner! Erica serves as a Student Success Coach for the Educational Talent Search program at Evans Middle School in Ottumwa and Cardinal Middle School in Eldon. Originally from a small town in Illinois, Erica attended Illinois State University where she studied social work. She completed her graduate level training in school counseling in Colorado. Erica worked as a school counselor in Colorado for three years before moving to Iowa in December 2018. Erica enjoys supporting students to find their passion and reach their goals. When she is not working, she enjoys traveling with her husband and going on outdoor adventures with her dog.

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Ana Baltazar came to the U.S. from Guatemala with her family in 2011. She did not speak English when she enrolled at Evans Middle School in Ottumwa. She graduated Ottumwa High School and has been a single mom since 2016. Ana says that when her youngest child was two-months old, her mother told her that she needed "to do something" so that she could support her family. Ana found out about the Educational Opportunity Center from a friend of the family and made an appointment to come in. The EOC helped her to get the financial aid that she needed to start school. Now she is working on both her AAS and an AA in Business and Accounting. She loves working with people and says that, "Maybe in the future I can have my own business." Ana enjoys everything about going to school at IHCC, "I really enjoy my classes and my instructors who help me a lot."



# SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES!

The Bright Scholars of Iowa award is available to Indian Hills' entering freshmen who will graduate from an Iowa high school and demonstrate financial need. Students may be awarded up to \$6,000 per year. Recipients are selected by the IHCC Foundation Office based on the following criteria:

- be current seniors attending an Iowa high school,
- demonstrate outstanding academic achievement (top 10% of high school graduating class or an ACT of 28 or above),
- qualify for a Pell Grant, and
- maintain full-time enrollment.



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Applicants who meet the above criteria would be asked to write an essay identifying their commitment to learning and community service and describing how they have succeeded in the face of adversity (no more than two typewritten pages). They will also be asked to submit a summary of their activities and organization, leadership roles, academic achievements and honors, community service and volunteerism, and potentials in chosen career and employment (no more than two typewritten pages).

Please submit entries to:

**IHCC Foundation, Bright Scholars**  
**Attn: Becky Henderson**  
**525 Grandview**  
**Ottumwa IA 52501**

**Or email: [becky.henderson@indianhills.edu](mailto:becky.henderson@indianhills.edu)**

Preference given, but not limited to, to students who are first-generation college students.

**Final Deadline:** May 31, 2019. For more information go to: <http://www.indianhills.edu/payingforcollege/brightscholars.php>

The Indian Hills Community College Foundation Scholarship application final deadline is May 30, 2019. The Foundation scholarships are awarded to eligible students based upon their academic qualifications and other demonstrated qualities and needs. Several hundred scholarships are awarded each year, ranging from \$600 to full tuition for a single year.

To apply, visit: <http://www.indianhills.edu/payingforcollege/scholarships.php>

## When You Get Your Award Letter

**Check for deadline** to accept the financial aid package. Most colleges and universities send out letters in the winter or early spring and require a response by May 1.

**Look at your EFC.** This is your Expected Family Contribution. Your financial aid package is meant to make up the difference between the EFC and your college cost.

## Know These Terms

**“Grants” and “Scholarships”** are free money that you won't need to pay back. These might come from Federal and state funds, from the school itself or from private sources.

**“Federal Work Study”** is a campus or community job. Although it's part of your financial aid package, you are responsible for landing the job based on referrals from the financial aid office. It's a way to earn extra income while attending school.

**“Loans”** are money that you borrow and pay back with interest. You are not required to take out the entire amount of loan listed - in fact, it's better if you don't. If you borrow, start with federal loans, which offer loan interest rates and borrow - friendly repayment plans. If your parents plan to borrow, federal PLUS loans might be an option. Exhaust all your federal loan opportunities before you consider private loans. After you graduate, try to make more than the minimum monthly payment. You'll actually pay less in the long run.

**“Pay attention to what's missing”** In addition to a signed copy of your award letter, is the school asking for more paperwork? Make sure you submit everything on time so that you don't jeopardize your financial aid.

**Grants and scholarships** will be sent to the financial aid office of the college you are planning to attend.

# COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT

## GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

Address: 1200 Grand View Avenue | Des Moines, IA 50316  
Phone: 515-263-2810 or 515-283-2820 (Admissions & Financial Aid)  
Email: [admissions@grandview.edu](mailto:admissions@grandview.edu)

URL: <https://www.grandview.edu/>  
Type: Private, nonprofit, liberal arts

**Priority Financial Aid Deadline: January 15**

Description: <https://www.grandview.edu/about/about-gv>

Grand View University is a nonprofit, private liberal arts university that offers 40 undergraduate and four graduate degree programs both in traditional and online formats. They have an undergraduate enrollment of 1900 and maintain close relationships with central Iowa employers through internship programs, advisory councils and consultation. Grand View offers programs in Business, nursing, education, art and biochemistry.

***Grand View's Outstanding Community College Transfers Scholarship!*** A \$1,500 renewable scholarship awarded each year (maximum of three years) to new full-time day students who transfer to Grand View directly from an accredited community college/junior college/two-year institution. To qualify, students must transfer a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a minimum of 45 semester hours, complete an Outstanding Community College Transfer Scholarship application, provide two written references, including one academic, and submit recorded service to the community or college.

Deadline for application is May 1 for fall semester and December 1 for spring semester. Renewal is based on maintaining a 3.0 cumulative grade point average at GV. A limited number of awards are offered.

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UNIVERSITY



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## DO YOU NEED HELP WITH:

Completing financial aid forms?  
Completing admission forms?  
Researching scholarships?  
Selecting a college or program?  
Selecting classes or registering?  
Choosing a career?

[www.indianhills.edu/eoc](http://www.indianhills.edu/eoc)

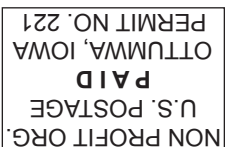
## THE EOC PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

Financial Aid (FAFSA) Completion  
Admissions Assistance  
Scholarship Assistance  
Academic Advising  
Student Loan Assistance  
Career Exploration  
College Selection  
Referral for GED/HS Completion  
Money Management Education  
Community Resource/Referral

## CALL OR EMAIL THE EOC TODAY:

641.683.5315 or 800.726.2585, ext. 5315  
[eoc@indianhills.edu](mailto:eoc@indianhills.edu)

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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Ottumwa, IA 52501