



Strada Education Network to Honor Graduating Little with 2021 Big Potential Scholarship Award

Strada Education Network serves as a longstanding partner to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana as the Big Potential Sponsor of the Big Futures: Career & College Readiness Program. Strada Education Network understands the transformative power of mentoring, and we understand that programs like Big Brothers Big Sisters have a lasting impact on the lives of children, including their education aspirations and success.

In 2018, Strada Education Network created a unique and sustainable partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana through a shared priority to invest in the success of Littles beyond high school graduation and forge more purposeful pathways between education and employment. This partnership provided enhanced programming for high school matches and included a multiyear scholarship to be awarded to one Little in the BBBSCI graduating class. The goal of the first-of-its kind Big Potential Scholarship Award is to drive interest in college and career readiness and assist a student with completion of their postsecondary education.

This year, Strada Education Network is honored to recognize Carolyn, Little Sister, with the 2021 Big Potential Scholarship Award. Carolyn has been matched with her Big Sister Robin Helou for six years. Carolyn displays excellence in the areas of academic achievement, leadership, character, and personal growth. Carolyn has a passion for business and has been accepted into the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University, where she plans to pursue a degree in accounting and one day become a chief financial officer. We look forward to following Carolyn's future success as she pursues her dreams.

Congratulations to Carolyn and the 2021 graduating class of 63 Bigs and Littles. We are proud to help defend, ignite, and empower potential through our support of Big Brothers Big Sisters and our community's children.

Since the inception of the **BIG FUTURES** program in 2016, BBBSCI graduating Littles have achieved an annual 90% high school graduation rate or higher. In 2020, 96% of the 61 graduating Littles graduated high school or achieved their graduate equivalency. In 2021, 63 Littles will be graduating from the program with their Bigs, with future plans including attending college to study criminology, joining the United States Air Force, and pursuing a CNA.

STRADA EDUCATION NETWORK is an Indianapolis-based nonprofit and social impact organization focused on improving lives by catalyzing more direct and promising pathways between education and employment.