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### **Triton College Faculty Members Seth McClellan and Risé Sanders-Weir Create New Short Film Entitled *Guaranteed in Gary***

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Triton College instructor Seth McClellan and adjunct instructor Risé Sanders-Weir's newest documentary, *Guaranteed in Gary*, was released on PBS Digital on Thursday, July 13. The 11-minute short documentary was funded by Firelight/PBS's Homegrown initiative.

The film follows a guaranteed income experiment in Gary, Indiana where residents received \$500 per month for a year through the Guaranteed Income Validation Effort Program, or G.I.V.E.

"The G.I.V.E. Program was designed to reduce household stress and create the mental space to imagine new pathways to life goals," explained Sanders-Weir.

Sanders-Weir noted that one recipient, Augustine, is inspired to return to college at the age of 67 due to the experiment.

Filming began in May 2021 and ended in June 2022. Sanders-Weir said it took two years to complete the film, between filming and editing.

*Guaranteed in Gary* premiered at the Cleveland International Film Fest and was also shown at the Milwaukee International Film Festival. In late July, it will be at the Heartland Indy Shorts Festival in Indianapolis.

"Documentaries touch the very essence of what it means to be alive," said Sanders-Weir. "They try to understand the world we live in. When I make a documentary, I always want to make a difference."

McClellan, a mass communications instructor at Triton, is the director of the documentaries *Little Wound's Warriors* and *Others Before Self*. *Others Before Self* won best documentary at the Socially Relevant Film Festival in New York City in 2022.

Sanders-Weir is the director of *Gadget Girls*, a film that has been screened through the U.S. Embassies worldwide. Most recently, it was screened at the American Film Showcase (AFS) Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, last summer.

To view the film, visit <http://pbs.org/video/a-lack-of-cash-not-a-lack-of-character-pa9e6h/>.

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