INDIANAPOLIS PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION’S

29th Annual Achievement Awards Breakfast

Theme - “Visions of Success”

Saturday, May 16, 2015, 9:00 am
Taylor Hall on IUPUI’s Campus
815 West Michigan Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202
IPA's History

The Indianapolis Professional Association is a charitable 501 (c) (3) organization founded in October, 1984 by six local attorneys and one judge to promote and develop the goals of education, economic development, and professional networking in the African-American community. Annually, IPA hosts the Achievement Awards Breakfast for local African-American scholars. This program was created in 1987 to address a specific need in the community. It was discovered that no other local organization celebrated the academic achievement of local African-American students who had qualified for the National Merit or National Achievement programs. This event was initially held at Butler University, but was eventually moved to IUPUI. In the course of the 29-year history of the Achievement Awards, IPA has given 824 Book Awards in the amount of $500.00 each for a total of $412,500.00. Because of the recurring interest and enthusiasm surrounding our Annual Achievement Awards, it has become one of IPA’s major standing events.

IPA's Mission

It is the mission of IPA to foster the education and economic development of African-Americans and to encourage others to do so; to provide professional networking opportunities for information sharing and discussion of ideas; to offer assistance and training to professionals and those in other occupations; and to serve as role models and mentors throughout the community.

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2015 Achievement Awards Breakfast

“Visions of Success”

PROGRAM

Invocation ..................................................................................................................... Andrew Finnell
Cardinal Ritter High School

BREAKFAST BUFFET SERVED

Welcome and Remarks ................................................................................................. Judith Ransom-Lewis, IPA Chairperson

Honorees Group Photo Shoot (9:45 am) ........................................................................ Lobby

Moderator ...................................................................................................................... Dr. Jeanne Dickens
IPA Board Member and Education Task Force

Inspirational Solo ......................................................................................................... Kimberly Owens

“Visions” Panel Discussion .......................................................................................... Barbara Boyd
Nichole Wilson
Rubin Pasha

“What the Book Award Means to Me” ........................................................................... Ashanti James
Northwest High School

A Literary Creation by Bernard Huff .................................................. Recited by M. Faye Godwin, IPA Board Member
"Reach Up, Reach Out, Reach Back: The Secondary Three R’S"

Introduction of 2014 Honorees .................................................................................... Temeka Lomax
IPA Board Member and Education Task Force

Closing Remarks .............................................................................................................. Kimberly Stewart-Brinston, IPA President
May 16, 2015
"Visions of Success"

Greetings:

On behalf of the 7th Congressional District of Indiana, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Indianapolis Professional Association’s 29th Annual Youth Empowerment Breakfast! You have gathered this morning to recognize an incredibly talented and hardworking group of young people on a collegiate path to success. Through their dedication and accomplishments, they serve as role models for their peers and as educational ambassadors for our community.

Since its inception in 1984, IPA has worked to uplift young Hoosiers and the entire African-American community through professional development, education, and mentorship. The fruits of IPA’s labor are felt throughout our community. I am grateful for the wonderful work IPA does for my constituents.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Barbara Boyd, Rubin Pusha, and Dr. Nichole Wilson for serving as today’s panelists. I would also like to recognize the Board and Officers of IPA for their diligent work in organizing this morning’s event. I am confident you will continue bettering the lives of young people in our community for years to come.

I hope you enjoy today’s breakfast!

Sincerely,

André Carson
Member of Congress
When Barbara Boyd joined WFBM (now WRTV-CHANNEL 6) in February, 1969, she was the first African-American female television Journalist in Indiana and the first African-American female to anchor a newscast. After 25 years on the air, she called it a career in 1994.

Barbara’s accomplishments are many. Some include Woman of the Year by the American Cancer Society for a story on her own mastectomy, induction in the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame, local and national Association of Black Journalists Hall of Fame, Indiana Broadcasters Hall of Fame, Madame C.J. Walker Hall of Fame, History Maker, a video oral history interview of Barbara that is permanently housed in the Library of Congress, Sagamore of the Wabash, highest honor bestowed upon a lay person by the Governor and was listed under “Legends” category in Who’s Who in Black Indianapolis.

Barbara is deeply involved in the community. She is now on the advisory board of the United Negro College Fund after hosting its telethon for 17 years, Indiana Children’s Wish Fund, March of Dimes, charter member of the Circle City Links, Inc., Dialogue, and Silhouettes and is a juror for Truly Moving Pictures (Heartland Film Festival). Barbara is in three bridge clubs, gardens, takes Zumba lessons, and continues to make speeches and commercials. She’s also has appeared in two films; “Best of the Best 3” and “Just Passin’ Through”.

She was born and reared in Evanston, Illinois where she met Ted Boyd, her husband of 54 years. They have three children, 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She attended the University of Illinois and Indiana University. She has two honorary degrees...Martin University and Vincennes University. Barbara is a member of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church where she serves as a deacon and usher.

Silent Generation:

- Grew up right after the great depression, WWII
- Expected a rough life
- Christmas gift may be an orange
- Saw man walk on the moon
- Assassination of JFK & MLK
- Fought for Civil Rights & Environmental Protection
Nichole Wilson has made it her mission to impact the lives of others through her leadership in health care and service in the Indianapolis community. Wilson is the Director of Physical Therapy and Rehab as well as the Sports Medicine program for Community Health Network. In this role, she is responsible for the strategic growth, business development, marketing strategies, and financial success for 17 clinics that offer physical, occupational, and speech therapy services. She also spearheads Community’s Sports Medicine program, which provides sports medicine staff and services to 28 schools and three professional teams in the Indianapolis area. She serves as practice administrator for three sports medicine physicians.

Wilson’s dedication to service and philanthropy is shown in her work as a mentor and facilitator for the Center for Leadership Development. In addition, she serves on the board with College Mentors for Kids, Harrison College, the Women’s Fund of Central Indiana, the Indiana Public Safety Foundation, and the Children’s TherAplay Foundation. Wilson has also received numerous awards for her renowned goodwill and professional accomplishments. This includes the 2009 Indy’s Best and Brightest Award for Health and Life Sciences, the 2010 Mentor of Excellence Award in Health from College Mentors for Kids, 2011 Indiana Business Journal’s Forty Under 40 class, 2011 Pike Alumni Hall of Fame, 2011 McDonald’s Black History Makers of Today and Tomorrow Award, and the 2012 University of Indianapolis Distinguished Young Alumni Award. She was recently awarded the 2014 Gisele Casanova Regional Leadership Award through Alpha Kappa Alpha, recognized as a 2014 Trailblazer in Sports Medicine from the National Association of Women Business Owners, and awarded the 2014 Champion Award through the Forest Manor Multiservice Center.

To further cultivate her community involvement, Wilson is a graduate of the Stanley K. Lacy Executive Leadership Series (SKL) and serves on the SKL advisory council and the finance committee for the Leadership Indianapolis. She is also a member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), where she holds several leadership positions.

Wilson has a bachelor’s degree in sports medicine from DePauw University, Master’s and Doctoral degrees in physical therapy from University of Indianapolis, and an MBA from Purdue University. She resides in Indianapolis with her husband, Corey Wilson.
Rubin Pusha, III

Rubin Pusha III is an associate in Barnes & Thornburg LLP’s Indianapolis, Ind., office and a member of the firm’s Finance, Insolvency and Restructuring Department.

Mr. Pusha served as a summer associate at Barnes & Thornburg prior to joining the firm full-time in 2012. He also gained substantial legal experience as a summer associate at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP; a federal judicial intern for the Hon. Avern Cohn, US District Court, Eastern District of Michigan; and an intern for the Chatham County Juvenile Courts.

In 2014, Mr. Pusha was one of 15 attorneys to receive The Indiana Lawyer “Up and Coming” award for his legal achievements, and professional and community involvement.

Mr. Pusha earned his J.D. from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2012, where he was an Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunity Fellow, president of the Black Law Student Association, and served as notes and comments editor for the Indiana Journal of Law and Social Equality.

Mr. Pusha received his M.S. from Indiana University – Bloomington in 2009. He earned his B.S. from Albany State University in 2007, where he was a member of the Alpha Kappa Mu and Delta Mu Delta honor societies, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., president of the ASU Student Government Association, and captain of the ASU Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Intercollegiate Quiz Bowl Team.

Mr. Pusha is admitted to practice in the state of Indiana, and in U.S. District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana.
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD HONOREES

Eric Montgomery
PARENTS: Artemis and Snow
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES:
COLLEGE: Ben Davis University
CAREER ASPIRATION: Arlington

Kacey A. Endicott
PARENTS: Amanda Endicott
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES:
COLLEGE: Indiana State University
CAREER ASPIRATION: Engineer

DeMarco J. Henry
PARENTS: Janae and Nicole Henry
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Mixed Sanders Thanksgiving Food Drive volunteer; Ben Davis Youth Football Camp Instructor
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES:
COLLEGE: Jackson State University
CAREER ASPIRATION: Strength and Conditioning Coach / Personal Trainer

Kylee R. Nelson
PARENTS: Stacy O'Neal
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: American Council of Blind, Lymphoma and Leukemia Foundation, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES:
COLLEGE: Stanford University
CAREER ASPIRATION: FBI Agent

Terry L. Winston
PARENTS: Audrey and Terry Winston
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Volunteer at Hoosierwood Jewish Nursing Home; Out of Special Olympics Athlete; Nebraska's Heritage Games volunteer
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES:
COLLEGE: DePaul University
CAREER ASPIRATION: Lawyer
Michaela McCulley
PARENTS: Mary White & Michael McCulley
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Clean up community
plastic leaves, planting new plants, providing Christmas for
families in need
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES: Commissioner, Service Club Honors, Model
UN Foundation, Model, Model, Model
COLLEGE: IUPUI
CAREER ASPIRATION: Interior Design

Andrew Finnell
PARENTS: David Finnell, Shari Finnell
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Make Indianapolis
better, prepare for homeless, feed the homeless, play
Christmas carols, perform for fundraisers
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES: Music theory, piano, yearbook
COLLEGE: Earlham College
CAREER ASPIRATION: Librarian

Aaron B. Huey
PARENTS: Dayton Huey
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Visit residents at two
nursing homes, tutoring, local youth volunteer, school
social services, community service in neighborhood, at VA
hospital
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES: Theatricals, various theaters in Indy,
Honor Society, Brain Team, Student
Ambassadors, Tennis
COLLEGE: University of Michigan
CAREER ASPIRATION: Theatre, filmwork/directing

Kayla B. Mayhugh
PARENTS: Lori Mayhugh
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Students in Action, Lit Leaders
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES: Student government
COLLEGE: Wittenburg
CAREER ASPIRATION: Teacher

Elicia S. Bates
PARENTS: Leon and Celeste Bates
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Volunteer work at Coburn Place—shelter for
victims of domestic abuse
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES: Marching and Concert Band, Speech and
Debate Team, National Honors Society
COLLEGE: Undecided
CAREER ASPIRATION: Clinical Psychologist

Nelson S. Conteh
PARENTS: Ruth Pope & Sorey Conteh
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Student, teacher, volunteer at Nettles Place, orientations via St. Andrew
Parish, volunteer at Catholic Relief Services Project in Central
High School, and OGLIN (Organization of St. Andrews
in Delaware)
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES: Mentor soccer coach, director, student officer, field hockey
Society, IB diploma candidate
COLLEGE: Stanford University
CAREER ASPIRATION: Attorney or Politician
Anthony L. Pipkin
PARENTS: Vernon Pipkin, Jennifer Berry-Pipkin
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: St. Vincent DePaul Volunteer, Nat'l Honor Society Tutor, Holy Cross Catholic Church
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES: Cathedral Technical Engineering Club, Math League, Student Life Council, Brain Game
COLLEGE: Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
CAREER ASPIRATION: Mechanical Engineer

Zoe C. Walker
PARENTS: Tomeka and Christopher Walker
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Peer mentor, National Honor Society Tutor, Member of St. Michael's Parish, United Way Volunteer
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES: Speech team captain, Student ambassador, Student Life Council member
COLLEGE: Undecided
CAREER ASPIRATION: Nurse Practitioner

Anisah B. Abdul-Aleem
PARENTS: Nashia and Ismail Abdul-Aleem
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Crispus Attucks NAACP Youth Chapter President, Major Munister Food Pantry, A summer camp volunteer, Mayor's Youth Council, ZIPP SPAN Scholar
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES: Youth Council, Battle of the Bands, Women's Volleyball Team, CYC Volleyball Team, National Honor Society, Science Bowl Scholar, 2007 MHSAA Varsity Softball State Champions, Enthusiastic Fellow, Essence Choir Member
COLLEGE: Purdue University
CAREER ASPIRATION: Chemical Engineer

Cateria Thomas
PARENTS: Ruby Barnes
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Feeds needy through church
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES: Cheerleader, Track
COLLEGE: Ball State or Franklin College
CAREER ASPIRATION: Business or Criminal Justice

Steven G. Smith, II.
PARENTS: Vernita Smith
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Timmy Club
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES: Hockey Club, Swim Team, Captain of Boys' Team, Gryphon Peer Leaders, Theater Productions, Teen Council, President of Junior Council
COLLEGE: Undecided
CAREER ASPIRATION: Business

Kijsha Taylor
PARENTS: Recylois Taylor
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Works at homeless shelter, school's food pantry, Gloucester FL, Red Cross, over 20 years with AKA Parachute, Operation Rags (places rags on Veteran's Day)
CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES: 2007 TC, Advanced Choir, Dance Team, Color Guard, Armed Forces, 4-H Team, Student
COLLEGE: Indiana University or Kentucky State Univ
CAREER ASPIRATION: Anesthesiology
Ashley Keedy
PARENTS:
Patricia Edwards

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:
Volunteer for Indianapolis region of the United Negro College Fund for a variety of events

CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES:
Intramural sports, Center for Leadership Development GLB, a self-discovery/career exploration program

COLLEGE:
Ivy Tech or Indiana State

CAREER ASPIRATION:
Forensic Nurse

Nigel P. Anderson
PARENTS:
Julie A. Anderson

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:
Tutor struggling students and those in need

CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES:
National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society

COLLEGE:
Undecided

CAREER ASPIRATION:
Medical Doctor

Isaiah Bowman
PARENTS:
Kenneth Bowman

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES:
ACE Club

COLLEGE:
Purdue University

CAREER ASPIRATION:
Computer Engineering Technology

Akiya C. Harris
PARENTS:
William and Charene Harris

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:
PEEPS Project, Gleaners Food Bank

CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES:
High School Rugby, National Honor Society

COLLEGE:
The Ohio State University

CAREER ASPIRATION:
Business/Management Information Systems

Hannah E. Reid
PARENTS:
Dorothy and Jennifer Reid

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:
Mentoring a family of refugees through Project Exodus

CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES:
Club Volleyball Coach, Dance Ambassadors, Boxing

COLLEGE:
University of Tampa

CAREER ASPIRATION:
Marine Biologist

Ciara D. Smith
PARENTS:
Adrienne Smith

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:
Church, volunteering at Joe’s House, Goodwill, and Fox Hill Elementary School

CO-CURRICULAR (EXTRA) ACTIVITIES:
Descants Show Choir, NC’s production of “The Drowsy Chaperone”, and “Sweeney the Musical”, Soccer, Poetry Club

COLLEGE:
Undecided

CAREER ASPIRATION:
Undecided
CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
2015 IPA SCHOLARS AND HONOREES

Dream Big
Do not be discouraged by anyone
Your future is bright
Only You and God determine what’s to come
Keep your head high
And your Faith even higher
When challengers come
Become the greatest fighter
Walk your path with love & service
And always stay focused on a greater purpose
Dream Big

Love,
COMMON
We, Toddy Carlisle’s Family, join IPA in wishing you, the graduates, 3 point field goals, few fouls, and many charity tosses earned and made in your new upcoming game in life.

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Marsha Pitts         Dwight Powell
Jackie Moore         Joclede Benn
Julia Branson        Virginia Pamon
Genena Bell          Mahalia A. Hines
Bonnie McLeary      Caron Woods
Judy Walter          Elva Watson

The OSILI family applauds the achievements of the 2015 IPA Honorees and wishes them the best that success and hard work has to offer. Congratulations!

Education is a gift that none can take away.
~American proverb

The main hope of a nation lies in the proper education of its youth. ~Erasmus

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