



Indianapolis
Urban League

April/May 2015

Equal Opportunity Day with Donna Brazile. Tuesday, June 9, 2015

We invite you to support the Indianapolis Urban League's Annual Fundraiser, on Tuesday June 9th: Equal Opportunity Day recognizes champion corporations and individuals who celebrate and reflect the principles of empowerment, equal opportunity, civil rights and social justice, while simultaneously raising money to support our mission. Hundreds of key decision makers in business, government, education and nonprofit organizations participate in this annual luncheon which is preceded by a diversity professional development workshop.

This year, we are pleased to announce that veteran political strategist Donna Brazile will serve as our keynote speaker. Ms. Brazile is the author of the best-selling memoir *Cooking with Grease: Stirring the Pots in American Politics*, an adjunct professor at Georgetown University, a columnist for *Ms. Magazine* and *O, the Oprah Magazine*, and an on-air contributor to CNN, and ABC where she regularly appears on ABC's *This Week*.



Workshop

10:00 - 11:30 am

Religious Freedom & LGBTQ: A Crossroad State at a Crossroad
Facilitated by McKenzie Scott Lewis, CEO of MSL Group

Luncheon

Noon - 1:30 pm

Keynote Speaker Donna Brazile

Indiana Convention Center, 500 Ballroom

100 South Capitol Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46225

Workshop \$125

Luncheon \$100

Workshop & Luncheon \$200

For more information on becoming a sponsor or attending the event contact Tanya Calahan at 317.693.7603 or tcalahan@indplsul.org.

**Free Workshop: Small Business
Financing 101
Thursday April 28, 2015**



Are you looking to finance your small business, but are confused about your options? The Indy Chamber is here to help. During this workshop, small business owners can expect to learn about determining financial needs, available options, credit factors, eligibility and alternative financial resources. Register today and prepare yourself for the challenging and rewarding world of small business.

Register today at www.businessownership.org

Thursday, April 28, 2015
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION

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Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Contact Tonya Varvel at 317-464-2258 to make arrangements.

Indianapolis Urban League is filling positions!

The Indianapolis Urban League (IUL) has partnered with a major local Indianapolis employer (not a temporary agency) to fill ITC Program Specialist and Kit Production Assistant positions! Please

review the attached job descriptions for additional information. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who meets the following criteria:

ITC Program Specialist

- High School Diploma/GED Required
- Bachelor's Degree Preferred
- At least 4 or more years of experience in health care or customer service experience
- Ability to work a flexible schedule
- Reliable transportation (this position is located in Greenfield, IN)
- Computer literate
- Able to work in a fast paced environment
- Bilingual applicants encouraged to apply

Kit Production Assistant (temporary with permanent opportunities for those who demonstrate satisfactory/excellent performance)

- High School Diploma/GED Required
- Experience working in a shipping, warehouse or pull-pack setting desired, but not required
- Ability to lift up to 30 pounds
- Able to work in a fast paced environment
- Ability to use a computer
- Reliable transportation (this position is located on the Westside of Indianapolis, IN)

If you or anyone you know meets the above listed requirements, PLEASE send resumes to ksimmons@indplsul.org by 12pm on Fri., **May 1, 2015**. This is a TREMENDOUS opportunity and there is an immediate need to fill these positions, so please share this email with anyone who you think might be interested!! Those resumes selected will receive emails explaining the next step in the application process by the week of May 4th at the latest. **Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their resumes ASAP because positions are limited!**

IUL Spring Career Fair- Wednesday April 29, 2015

The **Indianapolis Urban League Spring Career Fair** will be held on **Wednesday, April 29th** from **12:00pm-4:00pm**. Employers from around the city will be on hand with information concerning job openings and possible on the spot interviews for qualified candidates.

Representatives from the following Companies will be in attendance:

AWS/Benchmark Human Services
Covance
DeVry
Elwood Staffing
Faith Corporation (McDonald's)
G4S Secure Solutions
Honda
Indiana Univ. Purdue Univ. Indianapolis
Indianapolis Public Library
JW Marriott
Kaplan College
Kroger's

Lowes
Marion County Sheriff's Office
Regions Bank
UPS
US Foods
YMCA

Please call (317) 693-7603 for more information.

2015 Full Court reFresh with Kenny "The Jet" Smith

The Indianapolis Urban League Young Professionals: The Exchange and Northwest Indiana Urban League Young Professionals collaborated during Final Four weekend with Miller Coors and the Indiana Pacers to refurbish two urban neighborhood basketball courts in Indianapolis and Gary.



Kenny "The Jet" Smith was on hand to present donation checks to our Young Professional Representatives. Up to \$25,000 will be donated to refresh basketball courts with new goals/goal posts, rims, resurfaced courts, etc. In addition to the significant gift, Coors Light pledged to provide additional support for every tweet using #FULLCOURTREFRESH #OVER21 on social media to help rebuild the local courts in Indianapolis.

The link to the video from WishTV8 is

<http://wishtv.com/2015/04/05/two-indiana-basketball-courts-refreshed-with-help-of-kenny-smith/>

Revolutionizing Education in America - Dr. Steve Perry

The Indianapolis Urban League, Institute for Quality Education, and The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice were hosted Dr. Steve Perry for a special speaking engagement on Wednesday, January 28 at the IUL Sam H. Jones Center.

Dr. Perry discussed the on-going need to revolutionize and transform education in America. To learn more about this inspiring educator, author, and speaker, visit www.drsteveperry.org.



Project Ready Students are preparing for secondary education and life.

Help us congratulate our Project Ready Students at TC Howe and George Washington High

Schools on their college acceptance and scholarship achievement. Several seniors have been accepted to various colleges & universities and received academic and athletic scholarship offers.

Dicimber Lee: Athletic scholarship to Indiana State University

Breanna Smith: Athletic scholarships to Indiana State University, Alcorn State University and Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

Dax Baxter: Prairie View A&M

Jaytez Taylor: Academic and Athletic scholarships to Ball State University and Wabash College

Holi Shaffer: Athletic scholarship to Marian University

Craig Chambers: Academic scholarship to Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

Raven Merritt: Athletic scholarships to Tennessee State University, Indiana State University and Central State

Nathan Wright: Academic scholarships to Indiana University and Ball State University

Destiny Beasley: Academic scholarships to Tennessee State University, Indiana State University, and Sierra Nevada College

Kayeisha Hamilton: Indiana State University

Eriaun Bohannon: Academic scholarship to Indiana State University, Purdue (North Central), Butler University

Abrey Bell: Indiana University

Jabriel George: Athletic scholarship to Saint Francis College

Sommer Sanford: Accepted to Ivy Tech Community College

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Project Ready Students + Teen Works

Another great story of the first quarter involved having our students complete and submit applications for the Teen Works summer program. Teen Works is a summer program that allows teens to earn income and learn quality skill sets that will help them in everyday life. Our students were very excited about the opportunity of gaining summer employment. On March 20, we submitted approximately 95% of the applications given to our students. Teen Works representatives informed us that our students more than likely be considered first in the interview process.

Congratulations to Deidra Coleman and Derwin Gary

Recently two members of the Indianapolis Urban League staff moved on to new positions. Director of Health and Wellness, Deidra Coleman accepted a position with Brothers United and Support Specialist Derwin Gary accepted a position with Adult and Child. We are excited for them and wish them well in their new roles.

Special Populations Support Program

SPSP team got off to a great start by adding a State of Indiana Department of Mental Health approved facility Wheeler Mission as a regular testing site for HIV/AIDS. The testers continue to educate and conduct screening in local high risk communities.

George Wooden increased our client base by bringing back lost and closed out clients who were not successful with recovery or harm reduction in the past.

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