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We believe that socially conscientious and empowered young urban professionals will serve as the next cadre of business, civic and community leaders in the 21st century, and that they will implement a progressive vision for the Central Indiana region.

October 2015

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N e x t G e n e r a t i o n

Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 6:00 PM
Indianapolis Urban League--Community Room
777 Indiana Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Arts and culture create cities people want to live, work, and play in. Come hear how Toronto leveraged arts and culture to improve neighborhoods and became a dynamic multicultural city. We will also discuss how local cultural entrepreneurs and arts institutions are working to move Indianapolis forward and how YOU can help.

Meeting participants will hear from the Arts Council of Indianapolis, the Indianapolis Museum of Art, Big Car and Indy Hub's Passport to the Arts initiative.

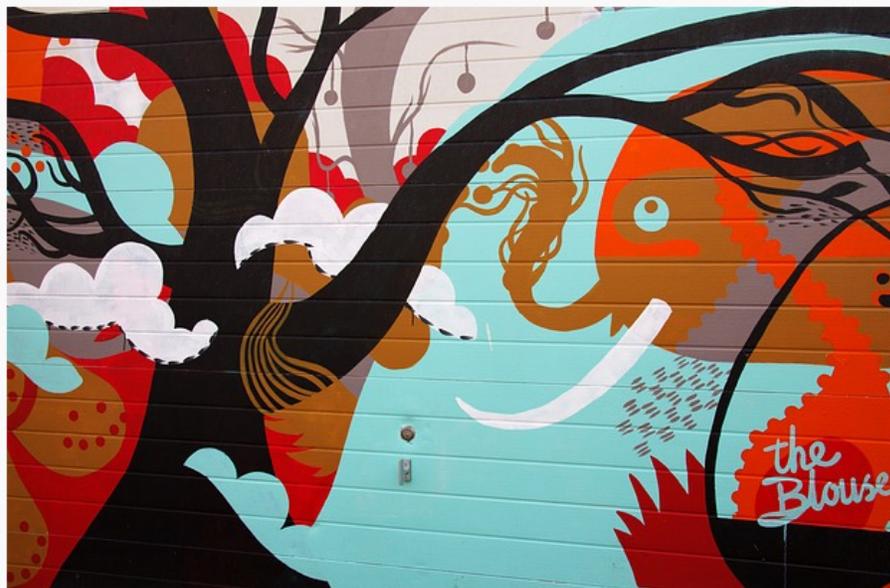
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P r o m o t i n g

Our nominations committee continues to identify top talent in the community. We congratulate all winners, but particularly our nominees for the 100 Black Men's Emerging Leader Awards who included **Ashley Gurvitz, Adrienne Slash, Nashara Mitchell and Rob Love**. We also would like to congratulate **Marva Hamilton, Nick Williams, Kiahna Davis and Nashara Mitchell** who were also identified as finalists for Junior Achievement's Indy's Best and Brightest. The committee also took on the task of identifying a diverse group of talented leaders for IBJ's 40 under 40. We hope to have a positive impact on the diversity of the 2016 class of this prestigious honor.



Members of the 100 Black Men of Indianapolis leadership with the 2015 Emerging Leaders Award recipients

Thank you to **Lisa Swedarsky** and **Dominic Paicely** for their leadership with our "Overcoming Adversity" program at the Marion County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC). On the second Saturday of each month, a dedicated group of young professionals visit with our youth at the JDC to learn about the challenges they face and to discover their dreams. This program is just one of our efforts to reach young people that are the hardest to reach.

Alexis Thomas led our National Voter Awareness effort through a creative event called #YPINGAGE. This event was a collaboration with Indy Hub and featured bipartisan representation from YP City-County Council candidates. Our event was featured on the National Urban League Young Professionals page, and was hailed as "an example for well executed local advocacy" by NULYP leadership.

In the coming days be sure to look for our GOTV effort on Facebook **#YouCanVoteWithUs**.



Last month we held our first class with the Exchange Leadership Fellows Program. We learned about Uni-Gov and its benefits to Indianapolis and Marion County, as well as its impact on our community. We also learned about the Citizen Police Complaint Board <http://www.indy.gov/egov/city/dps/cpco/Pages/home.aspx>. This is an independent office that gives citizens an opportunity to state their concerns regarding police interactions and have them investigated.

Did you know that you could file a complaint online? We all hope for positive interactions with IMPD, but if you ever have concerns please use the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/IndyCPCO>.

Exchange Leadership Fellows Program Inaugural Class

Kiahna Davis

Joel Githiri

Adrienne Slash

Tekiah Tunstall

Jeff Williams

Nick Williams

Sharvonne A. Williams

Marshawn Wolley





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The Indianapolis Urban League Young Professionals (The Exchange) believes that a cadre of urban professionals will lead the Central Indiana region into the 21st century.

The contribution level to join The Exchange is \$90 annually.

Please submit your completed application and resume to Adrienne Slash adriannelslash@aol.com to complete the process.

[Join Today!](#)



YP's ON THE MOVE

IULYP believes in affirming the positive deeds of young professionals in our community. If not us, then who? Please see the latest positive activities our young professionals have been involved with or are doing in our community below:

- **Alan Bacon** and **Mali Jeffers** led the inaugural Advance 317 group to Toronto, Canada as part of Indy Chamber initiative.
- **Mali Jeffers** is a featured speaker for TEDx Indianapolis 2015.
- **Nick Williams** awarded for his participation in Indianapolis Professional Association and he also won Indy's Best and Brightest 'Education & Nonprofit 2015 Finalist' for Junior Achievement.



- **Ebony Chappel**, of the *Indianapolis Recorder*, went and reported on Million Man March in Washington, DC.



- **Danielle Neveles** was featured in the International Citizen of the Year Award video honoring Eli Lilly CEO.
- **Alexis Thomas** was selected to National Urban League Young Professionals Advocacy Committee.

- **Meechelle Parker** is the new WBE & Corporate Member Services Manager at Great Lakes Women's Business Council.
- **Kenneth Allen** served as the Vice Chair for the Social Status of Black Males Annual Statewide Conference
- **Marshawn Wolley** recipient of the NAACP Appreciation award.

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An Urban Affair was a night to remember with the Indianapolis Urban League award ceremony honoring Joseph Slash pictured here with President Anthony Mason and Board Chair Linda Thomas.



At the Gala, we also honored:

- Fay Williams
- Prethenia Jones
- Willie Roper
- Representative Greg Porter
- William Marsh
- Tanya Calahan
- Lilly Endowment, Inc.
- The United Way of Central Indiana
- Indianapolis Power & Light

We especially would like to thank our host Lucas Estate and we appreciate the support of our sponsors who made this historic event possible.

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D i g i t a l C a r

Sign Up for Next Free Webinar

Coaching: A Game Changer for Your Career
Thursday, October 22 at 1pm EDT
Webinar, free registration

Kevin Carr will be leading this session on career strategies and discussing his new book Meet the ERs: The 4 People You Meet On Your Way To the Top. As a respected, award-winning transition expert, author, leadership coach, and keynote speaker,

Kevin Carr is the founder, CEO and principal of PRO2CEO, LLC. Most recently Kevin served 13 seasons (2001-2014) as Vice President of Social Responsibility and Player Programs for the National Basketball Association and NBA Development League.

Click here to [register](#).



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The National Urban League's Emerging Leaders Program is a competitive, 12-month development opportunity. The program provides a unique chance to develop analytical and critical leadership skills in the non-profit sector. Highly qualified candidates will be chosen to participate in this program to ensure that we are developing exceptional leaders with a strong interest in the work that we do at the Urban League.

Apply [here](#).



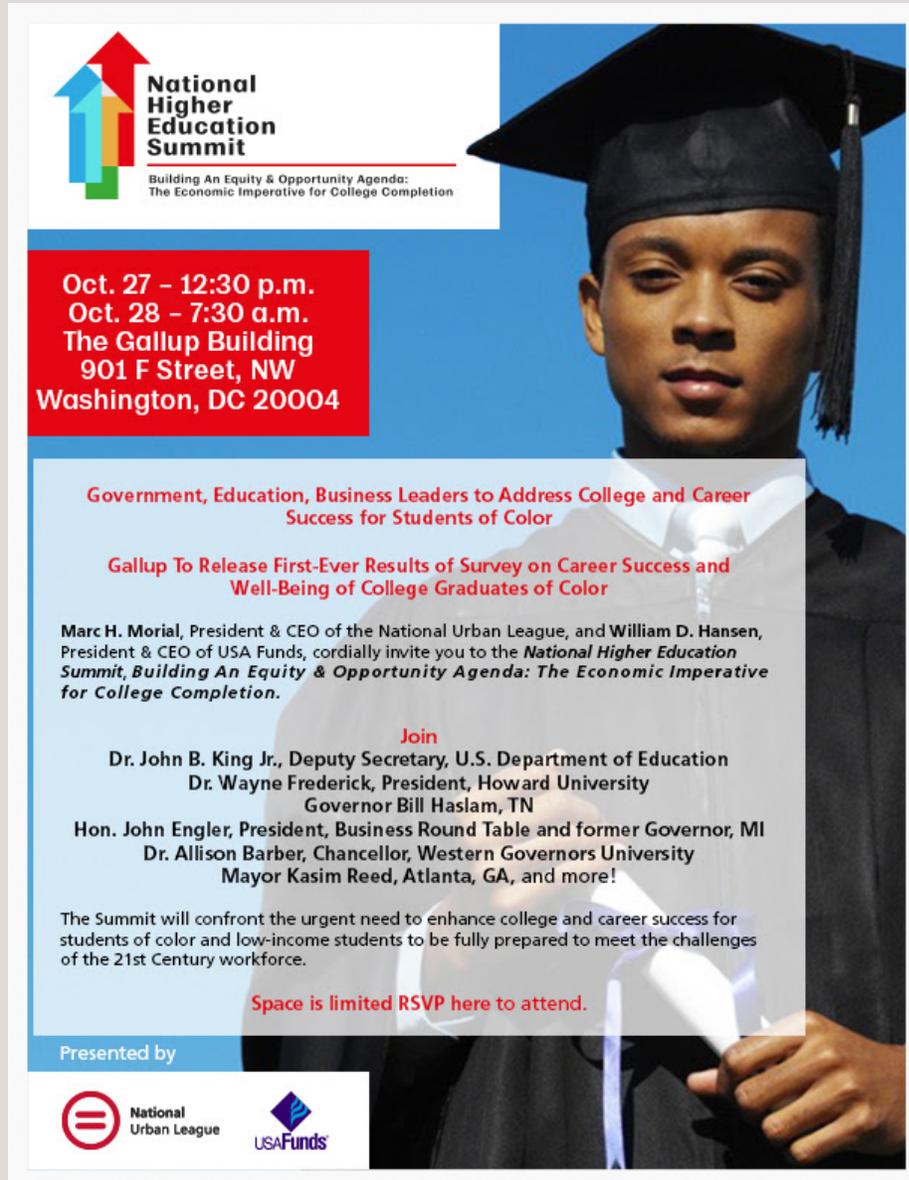
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Imperative for College Completion.

This unprecedented gathering of nearly 200 education, business and government leaders will confront the urgent need to enhance college and career success for students of color and low-income students to be fully prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st Century workforce.

You must [RSVP](#) to attend.



National Higher Education Summit
Building An Equity & Opportunity Agenda:
The Economic Imperative for College Completion

Oct. 27 - 12:30 p.m.
Oct. 28 - 7:30 a.m.
The Gallup Building
901 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Government, Education, Business Leaders to Address College and Career Success for Students of Color

Gallup To Release First-Ever Results of Survey on Career Success and Well-Being of College Graduates of Color

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Join

Dr. John B. King Jr., Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Education
Dr. Wayne Frederick, President, Howard University
Governor Bill Haslam, TN

Hon. John Engler, President, Business Round Table and former Governor, MI
Dr. Allison Barber, Chancellor, Western Governors University
Mayor Kasim Reed, Atlanta, GA, and more!

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Space is limited [RSVP here to attend.](#)

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Community News

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The IULYP (The Exchange) would like to congratulate our very own Indianapolis Recorder for a successful 120 years. We look forward to the Indianapolis Recorder continuing their service to our community by "preparing a conscious community today and beyond."

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The Exchange would like to know what is going on with you and celebrate your accomplishments. Please provide us with current contact information, recent achievements, noteworthy honors and advancements.