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Indy's Best and Brightest Finalists Selected

Winners to be announced at awards program on Thursday, November 9th

[Indianapolis, IN] Junior Achievement of Central Indiana announces its finalists for the 14th annual Indy's Best and Brightest event presented by KPMG LLP. The event will honor 100 of central Indiana's most outstanding young professionals, age 40 and under, in 10 different industries.

An awards program and reception to recognize these outstanding young professionals will take place on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at the Hilbert Circle Theatre downtown Indianapolis. All 100 finalists will receive an award and the winners in each category will be announced. Approximately 500 people are expected to attend.

"KPMG is proud to serve as the presenting sponsor for this noteworthy event for the 14th consecutive year. We understand the importance of honoring these young professionals, who also serve as outstanding role models and mentors for the youth of our community," said Mark Shaffer, Office Managing Partner of KPMG LLP.

The Best and Brightest event was created by Junior Achievement to recognize up and coming talent and the next generation of leaders in our community. Finalists in each category are judged on professional accomplishments, civic contributions, character, and leadership qualities. The finalists to be honored at the event are listed below, as well as on the Junior Achievement website: www.indysbestandbrightest.org.

The categories honored include the following: Accounting; Banking & Financial Services; Education & Nonprofit; Government; Health & Life Sciences; Law; Manufacturing, Retail & Services; Media, Entertainment & Sports; Real Estate, Development & Construction; and Technology.

Sponsorship opportunities and seating packages are currently available; please contact Amy Tobias at Amy@jaindy.org or 252-5900 ext. 2. Proceeds from Indy's Best and Brightest benefit Junior Achievement of Central Indiana, Inc.

About Junior Achievement of Central Indiana

Junior Achievement of Central Indiana, Inc. (JACI), in partnership with the business and education communities, empowers young people to own their future success. JA educates and inspires young people in the areas of career exploration, employability/life skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy and philanthropy through hands-on, experiential learning opportunities for children in preschool through high school.

2017 Indy's Best and Brightest Finalists

Accounting

Kayla Alexander, Ernst & Young
Chad Amos, KPMG LLP
E. ZeNai Brooks, Greenwalt CPAs, Inc.
Bud Graessle, OneAmerica Financial Partners
Justin Karvasky, First Internet Bank
Kevin Koven, Somerset CPAs & Advisors
Joshua Malarsky, Katz, Sapper & Miller
Kristen Malone, Crowe Horwath, LLP
Jessa Manalo, BCforward
Jason Myers, BKD, LLP

Banking & Financial Services

Zainab Bass, Periculum Capital Company
Tia Chambers, Financially Fit & Fab
Josh Gehring, CNO Financial Group
Ryan Hart, Lake City Bank
Adam Horst, IU Health
Jason Noyan, J.P. Morgan Private Bank
Christopher Pryor, Five Star Credit Solution, LLC
Jason Spilbeler, J.P. Morgan Private Bank
Bryan Traylor, Centier Bank
Scott Wenclewicz, Wenclewicz Insurance

Education & Nonprofit

Chris Beaman, Kappa Delta Pi
Kenith C. Britt, Ph.D., The Educators College, Marian University
Nick Duvall, Little Red Door Cancer Agency
Trelles Evans, Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana
Elissa Evernham, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Chris Handberg, Indy Pride
Kristin Hines, The Mind Trust
Devon Jones, Volunteers of America Indiana
Derrin Slack, ProAct Indy
Lindsay Stawick, Domestic Violence Network

Government

Amy Beard, Indiana Department of Insurance
Jasmine Burditt, Mayor's Office of Education Innovation
Katie Carlson, Marion County Sheriff's Office
Cynthia Carrasco, Office of Governor Eric Holcomb
Ken Clark, City of Indianapolis
Amy Cornell, Bose Public Affairs Group
Elliott Hultgren, City of Fishers
Allison Karns, Office of Governor Eric Holcomb
Marie Mackintosh, EmployIndy
Jennifer Saalfrank, Anthem, Inc.

Health & Life Sciences

Dr. Aashia M. Bade, Wexford of Indiana
Dr. Baidun L. Bayon, Ph.D., Indiana University School of Medicine,
Department of Psychiatry
Dr. Krista Brucker, Eskenazi Health and Indiana University School
of Medicine, Department of Emergency Medicine
Erin Garrett, Optum Healthcare Solutions
C. Scott Hilliard, Indiana University Health Adult Academic Health
Center
Kynon Ingram, Eli Lilly & Company
Jonathan W. Lowery, Ph.D., Marian University College of
Osteopathic Medicine
Abby Merchant, Anthem, Inc.
Rachel Pritz, Community Health Network
K. Alicia Schulhof, Indiana University Health

Law

Michele Lorbieski Anderson, Frost Brown Todd LLC
Kristen Davee, Lewis Wagner, LLP
Scott Gotshall, Roche Diagnostics
Oni N. Harton, Barnes & Thornburg LLP
Manny Herceg, Taft Law
Dan Lechleiter, Faegre Baker Daniels
Amanda Mulroony, Hoover Hull Turner LLP
Terry Oznick, Krieg DeVault LLP
Freedom Smith, Ice Miller LLP
Leslie Smith, Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP

Manufacturing, Retail & Services

Travis Barnes, Hotel Tango Whiskey
Tim Birky, Seven Corners
Leah Brown, AES
Tamara Cypress, Stanley Security
Evelyn Gil, Elanco, Eli Lilly & Company
Abby Langebartels, DEFENDERS
Jenna Marston, Dow AgroSciences
Alex Miser, Cummins
Austin Steele, American Senior Communities
Angie Stocklin, One Click Ventures

Media, Entertainment & Sports

Morocco Brown, Indianapolis Colts
Jeff Gasior, Statwax
Charlie Henry, Indianapolis Indians
Tanae Howard, WXIN Fox59 News
Molly Kruger, Indy Eleven
Dayna Pawelak, Pacers Sports & Entertainment
Michael Pettry, Indianapolis Symphonic Choir
Jessica Redden, Bohlsen Group
Nikki Reed, Smiley Morning Show
Chad Spann, Indy Select Academy

Real Estate, Development & Construction

Mike Alder, Pepper Construction of Indiana
Joshua Anderson, Anderson & Bohlander, LLC
Katie Culp, KSM Location Advisors
Riley Faulk, Hokanson Companies, Inc.
Brittany Heidenreich, American Structurepoint, Inc.
Jarvis Joiner, Shrewsbury & Associates, LLC
Lauren Kriner, Capitol Construction Services, Inc.
Rebecca Twohig, RATIO Architects
Karen Valiquett, CORE Planning Strategies
Matt Waggoner, JLL

Technology

Yaw Aning, Sticksnleaves
Craig Fortner, First Internet Bank
Tom Gorup, Rook Security
Matt Hunckler, Powderkeg
Blake Koriath, High Alpha
Lauren Petersen, TechPoint
Patrick Sells, Sells Group
Jack Shepler, Ayokay Creative
Lindsay Siovaila, Salesforce
Erin Thedwall, Salesforce