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37TH ANNUAL MINORITY ACHIEVERS AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP GALA ONEAMERICA FINANCIAL PARTNERS TO SERVE AS TITLE SPONSOR

INDIANAPOLIS, IN– On Thursday, March 23, 2017, the Center for Leadership Development, representatives of higher education and more than 1,400 corporate, business and community leaders will come together at the Indiana Convention Center’s Sagamore Ballroom for the 37th Annual Minority Achievers Awards and Scholarship Gala to recognize minority individuals who have excelled in life’s work, service and scholarship.

The event starts with a reception at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30 p.m. OneAmerica Financial Partners® will serve as the Title sponsor.

Nominees will be considered for top honors in the following categories: 2017 Accomplished Achievement Award, 2017 Mme. C.J. Walker (Outstanding Woman of the Year) Award, 2017 S. Henry Bundles, Jr. Award for Service to the Center for Leadership Development and 2017 CLD Distinguished Alumni Award.

Twelve additional awards will be presented to select individuals for achievement in categories: Arts & Entertainment, Business & Industry, Communications/PR/Advertising, Education: K-12 and Postsecondary, Entrepreneurship, Financial Services, Professions, Public & Community Service, Science & Technical Disciplines, “Up & Coming” Achiever, and Human Achievement. Seventy-one individuals were nominated for the 2016 awards.

The 2017 event will also spotlight CLD’s partnering higher education institutions and community partners who introduce the 2017 class of “CLD Scholars”. CLD’s educational scholarship sponsors help make education accessible, affordable, and achievable for CLD participants and their families. CLD’s college and community partners recognized 37 CLD Scholars with \$2.7 million in full and partial tuition scholarships in 2016. Entering its 11th year, to date, CLD has awarded over \$16 million dollars in scholarships to over 230 CLD Scholars.

Sponsorship opportunities available. Awards nomination period runs through January 20, 2017.

About Center for Leadership Development

CLD is a non-profit organization with the mission to foster the advancement of minority youth in Central Indiana as future professional, business and community leaders by providing experiences that encourage personal development and educational attainment. CLD inspires and develops Central Indiana youth to realize their highest human potential so they are empowered to live rich, purposeful lives and make meaningful contributions to their families and to our community.

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