



**CENTER FOR
LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT**

Empowering Youth / Strengthening Community

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CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, JANUARY 3, 2017– January 3rd, 2017 marks the 40th anniversary for the Center for Leadership Development (CLD), one of the nation’s most transformative models dedicated to effecting the highest academic, college and career achievement in African-American youth.

The **Center for Leadership Development**, established in 1977 in Indianapolis, was founded by Mr. S. Henry Bundles, Jr. and originally graduated 109 students in its first year. In 2016, CLD provided nearly 8,000 services to over 2,400 students and individuals with a focus on increasing high school graduation rates, post-secondary enrollment, college persistence and college graduation rates.

President Dennis Bland remarked: “As we celebrate 40 years, we do so by honoring all those community leaders, volunteers and donors who have helped guide CLD from concept to reality. CLD and all the youth and families impacted are forever in their debt. We remain committed to having a transformative impact on the lives of many more youth, aspiring to provide 15,000 services to more than 8,000 participants by the year 2020.”

To celebrate its 40th anniversary, CLD will be hosting a series of events throughout the year to thank all who have contributed towards making this historic organization a success. More details to follow.

The **Center for Leadership Development** thanks its students, parents and partners for their continued support. Help us celebrate by sharing this milestone on your media outlets and by using #CLDturns40.

ALSO JOIN US IN 2017 FOR...

- 100 Men Who Cook presented by Old National Bank benefiting CLD, **February 18, 2017**
- 37th Annual Minority Achievers Awards and Scholarship Gala, **March 23, 2017**
- CLD/3’D Trophy Golf Outing, **May 19, 2017**
- 10th Annual College Prep Conference & College Fair, **August 26, 2017**
- The “History of CLD” Book Release – **Fall 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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