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**TOP MINORITY ACHIEVERS OF INDIANAPOLIS CELEBRATED...  
FOR LIFE’S WORK, SERVICE AND SCHOLARSHIP**



**INDIANAPOLIS, IN**– The President and CEO of Eskenazi Medical Group and the Vice President, Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs for Indiana University Foundation along with 15 additional award recipients were honored at the Center for Leadership Development’s 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Minority Achievers Awards & Scholarship Gala. The Gala took place Thursday, March 22 in the Indiana Convention Center’s Sagamore Ballroom and OneAmerica served as the Title sponsor.

The Center for Leadership Development was pleased to publicly announce a \$1million gift from Derica Rice and Robin Nelson-Rice, previous press release here: [Center for Leadership Development receives \\$1 million gift from Derica and Robin Rice](#). Lawrence Dewey, Chairman and CEO of Allison Transmission, also made a surprise announcement with an additional \$100,000 gift.

**Top honors were bestowed upon:**

**2018 Accomplished Achievement Award –**

**Dr. Curtis Wright**, *President and CEO of Eskenazi Medical Group*

Curtis Wright is the President and CEO of Eskenazi Medical Group, a practice that provides a comprehensive range of primary and specialty care services with a 315-bed hospital and more than 30 primary and mental health care sites. In addition to President and CEO, Dr. Wright has also served as a Hospitalist at Eskenazi Health, Associate Chief of Medicine at Wishard Health Services, Medical Director for Hospital Medicine at Eskenazi Hospital and Associate Program Director for the Internal Residency Program at Indiana University School of Medicine. Dr. Wright graduated with Distinction from Colorado College with a degree in anthropology and completed medical school and his Internal Medicine Residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

**2018 Mme. C. J. Walker (Outstanding Woman of the Year) Award –**

**Joyce Q. Rogers**, *Vice President for Development and External Relations, Indiana University Foundation*

Joyce Rogers is the Vice President for Development and External Relations for Indiana University Foundation, a partner to Indiana University that is dedicated to marshalling resources to provide IU with philanthropic assets necessary to

achieve its aspirations. Rogers previously served as the Vice President for Development at Ivy Tech Community College, CEO and President for Indiana Black Expo and serves on several boards including The Mind Trust, the Madame C.J. Walker Theatre and Health & Hospital Corp. Joyce earned her bachelor's degree from Indiana State University and is an alumna of Indiana University McKinney School of Law.

**2018 S. Henry Bundles, Jr. Award for Service to the Center for Leadership Development –  
Bruce E. Hill, Jr., Member, CLD Board of Directors (2005 – Present)**

Named in honor of CLD's founder to recognize special, unique individuals who have made significant investments of resources (time, talent, and treasure) to help assure CLD's existence, strength, sustainability, and growth, Bruce Hill exemplifies the purpose of this honor. Hill, a recent human resources and employee recruitment retiree of Eli Lilly and Company, has served on the CLD Board of Directors since 2005 and is heavily involved in ensuring the organizations success serving as an advocate and champion for the youth of Indianapolis.

**2018 CLD Distinguished Alumni Award –  
Regina Majors (CLD '81), Alumni Facilitator**

Regina, a native of Indianapolis, is a 1982 graduate of North Central High School and proud CLD Alumna. A past president of the CLD Alumni Association, she earned her bachelor's degree at IUPUI/Purdue University and her MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University where she served as the University's Ambassador from 2013-2015. She is currently working on a Master's in Education from Walden University. Regina has been employed for State Auto Insurance Companies for nearly 25 years as a Premium Audit Specialist, and has been an active CLD facilitator for the last 14 years.

Thirteen additional awards were 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.

**The 2018 Awards Winners are as follows (in categorical order):**

<b>Andrea Smith</b> <i>Studio 57</i>	Achievement in Arts & Entertainment
<b>Ryan Lynch</b> <i>Republic Airways</i>	Achievement in Business & Industry
<b>Brandi Davis-Handy</b> <i>Indianapolis Power &amp; Light</i>	Achievement in Communications/PR/Advertising
<b>Mariama Carson</b> <i>Global Preparatory Academy</i>	Achievement in Education, K-12
<b>Khala Granville</b> <i>Indiana University</i>	Achievement in Education, Postsecondary
<b>Justin Christian</b> <i>BCforward</i>	Achievement in Entrepreneurship
<b>Nathaniel Turner</b> <i>Signator Investors, Inc.</i>	Achievement in Financial Services
<b>Dr. Anthony Sanders</b> <i>Community Health Network</i>	Achievement in Professions
<b>Alisia Apple</b> <i>Pride Academy</i>	Achievement in Public & Community Service
<b>Timothy Coleman</b> <i>Eli Lilly and Company</i>	Achievement in Science & Technical Disciplines
<b>Katherine Jackson-Lindsay</b> <i>Jackson Legal Services</i>	"Up & Coming" Achiever
<b>Veronica Ford</b> <i>Delta Sigma Theta Sorority</i>	Human Achievement Award
<b>Regina Majors (CLD '81)</b> <i>CLD Alumni Facilitator</i>	CLD Distinguished Alumni Award
<b>Doris Pryor</b> <i>U.S. Attorney's Office</i>	Director's Award
<b>Bruce E. Hill, Jr.</b> <i>CLD Board of Directors</i>	S. Henry Bundles, Jr. Award for Service to the Center for Leadership Development

**Joyce Q. Rogers** Mme. C.J. Walker  
*Indiana University Foundation* (Outstanding Woman of the Year) Award  
**Dr. Curtis Wright** Accomplished Achievement Award  
*Eskenazi Medical Group*

The event also focused on CLD's higher education institutions and community partners who introduced the 2018 class of "CLD Scholars". CLD's educational scholarship sponsors help make education accessible, affordable, and achievable for CLD participants and their families. Since 2004, CLD has been in partnership with various colleges and universities throughout the state of Indiana that see the value of CLD's programming. Over \$23.7 million in scholarships have been awarded to CLD students since inception. **At the Achievers Gala, \$4,206,568 was leveraged to support CLD students in full and partial scholarships by 27 college, university and corporate partners.**



Support for the **Minority Achievers Awards and Scholarship Gala** was graciously provided by: Allison Transmission, Ball State University, CBS4, Citizens Energy Group, Eastern Star Church, Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, Eskenazi Health, Fox 59, Indianapolis Power & Light Company, Lumina Foundation, OneAmerica, Strada Education Network and more...

#### **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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