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**TOP MINORITY ACHIEVERS TO BE HONORED; MILLIONS IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED**  
at Center for Leadership Development's 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Minority Achievers Awards and Scholarship Gala  
*presented by Title Sponsor Citizens Energy Group*

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN**– The Executive Director of White River State Park Development and a Partner at Ice Miller LLP along with 15 additional award recipients will be honored at the Center for Leadership Development's (CLD) **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Minority Achievers Awards and Scholarship Gala** scheduled for Thursday, March 21 at the Indiana Convention Center's Sagamore Ballroom. **Citizens Energy Group** will serve as the Title sponsor and a reception begins at 5:00 p.m. with the dinner at 6:00 p.m. Seating is available for purchase at [www.CLDinc.org](http://www.CLDinc.org) through March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Top honors will be bestowed upon:**

**2019 Accomplished Achievement Award –**

**Lacy Johnson, Partner, Ice Miller LLP**

Lacy Johnson is a Partner at Ice Miller LLP where he primarily focuses on public affairs services. In addition to Partner, he also serves as a co-chair to the Public Affairs and Gaming Group. Johnson has a long history of putting his resources into supporting Indianapolis and has helped increase minority participation in business and the community by providing invaluable counsel and support to many deserving Indianapolis organizations. He has received numerous awards including a Sagamore of the Wabash, Indiana Super Lawyer, Golden Laurel Award and The Best Lawyers in America (Gaming Law) among others. Lacy graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Purdue University and Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

**2019 Mme. C. J. Walker (Outstanding Woman of the Year) Award –**

**Carolene Mays-Medley, Executive Director, White River State Park Development Commission**

Carolene Mays-Medley is the Executive Director of the White River State Park Development Commission, America's only urban cultural State park, and is comprised of 250-acres located in the heart of downtown Indianapolis. Mays-Medley is the former Vice-Chairman/Commissioner of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Indiana State Representative, Newspaper and Magazine Publisher and Television Talk Show Host. Carolene was honored with a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Mike Pence in 2016 and has been featured in numerous publications such as Indianapolis Monthly Magazine and Indianapolis Business Journal. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Management at Indiana State University and is a candidate for a Masters of Jurisprudence from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

**2019 S. Henry Bundles, Jr. Award for Service to the Center for Leadership Development –**

**Steve Jones, (CLD Alumnus of 1981), Director, Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies and Dean for Professional Development, Wabash College**

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, Steve Jones exemplifies the purpose of this honor. Jones, the Dean for Professional Development at Wabash College, is heavily involved in serving as an advocate and champion for the youth of Indianapolis.

### **2019 Distinguished Alumni Award –**

**James Johnson II, (CLD Alumnus of 1998), *Production Supervisor, Lowes Companies***

James is a CLD Alumnus ('98) and graduate of Arsenal Technical High School ('01). He served 4 years in the Indiana National Guard before graduating from Ball State University ('08). James comes from a family of CLD alumni, and has demonstrated his many servant-leadership traits by facilitating over 348 hours since 2014 for CLD's Self-Discovery, Project MR., Business Orientation Project, Jr. Self-Discovery and Imani Book Club programs. He is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated and active within Central Lodge #1 (PHA) of Indianapolis. James is currently a Production Supervisor for Lowe's Companies, and an independent business owner as well. When he is not working in the community he spends his free time with his 3 children, James III, Jasmine and Jayla.

**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 the Directors Award.

### **The 2019 Awards nominees are as follows (in alphabetical order):**

<b>Misty Ackles-Dumas</b>	Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township
<b>Kenneth Allen</b>	Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males
<b>Tashianna Avery</b>	Girl Scouts of Central Indiana
<b>Crystal Babb</b>	FedEx Services
<b>Christopher Barney</b>	Team Cruiser
<b>LaToya Black</b>	Marion Academy
<b>Robbie Blackwell</b>	<i>Youth Board Member</i> , Timmy Global Health
<b>Nikki Blaine</b>	Nikki Blaine Couture
<b>Dr. Monet Bowling</b>	Hendricks Regional Health
<b>Wayne Burris</b>	Roche Diagnostics Corporation
<b>Shawn Bush</b>	Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township
<b>Tracey Bush</b>	Warren Central High School
<b>LaDarrius Calvin</b>	Starfish Initiative
<b>Derrick Carter</b>	The Art in Carter
<b>Ron Clark</b>	Indianapolis Public Schools
<b>Kiamesha-Sylvia Colom</b>	Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP
<b>Dr. Sharron Crowder</b>	Indiana University School of Nursing
<b>Kiahna Davis</b>	TeenWorks
<b>Roy Dobbs</b>	Pike Preparatory Academy
<b>Constance Dumas-Coleman</b>	Indianapolis Public Schools
<b>Crystal Evans</b>	Allison Transmission
<b>Rodney Francis</b>	EmployIndy
<b>Nashelle Frazier</b>	Old National Bank
<b>Jordyn Goins</b>	Kindezi Academy at Joyce Kilmer School 69
<b>Taylor Green</b>	Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre
<b>Cicely Hart</b>	Duke Energy
<b>Nichelle Hayes</b>	Indianapolis Public Library
<b>Robert Henderson</b>	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana

<b>Christia Hicks</b>	Eskenazi Health
<b>Celest Higgins</b>	The National Bank of Indianapolis
<b>DeShonne Jackson</b>	Starbucks Coffee Company
<b>Lacy Johnson</b>	Ice Miller LLP
<b>Dr. Peggy Lee</b>	Indiana University Kelley School of Business
<b>Linda Lewis-Everett</b>	Retired
<b>Carolene Mays-Medley</b>	White River State Park Development Commission
<b>Andrea McGordon</b>	The National Bank of Indianapolis
<b>Dr. Marsha McGriff</b>	Hudson & Holland Scholars Program
<b>Cynthia Newman</b>	Primerica Financial Services
<b>Kendra Nowell</b>	Girl Scouts of Central Indiana
<b>Brittany Person</b>	Raytheon Company
<b>Dr. Jada Phelps-Moultrie</b>	Michigan State University
<b>Brian Pinkins</b>	OneAmerica Financial Partners, Inc.
<b>Dr. Nicole Plenty</b>	Community Health Network
<b>Barath Raman</b>	Lewis Wagner, LLP
<b>Loren Ray</b>	PFL
<b>Pat Roe</b>	Strada Education Network
<b>Sherie Scott</b>	Global Preparatory Academy
<b>Lahny Silva</b>	Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law
<b>Rachel Stein</b>	Metropolitan School District of Washington Township
<b>Dr. Quiona Stephens-Russell</b>	Smith & Nephew
<b>Tyler Stewart</b>	Goodwill Education Initiatives
<b>Tameka Warren</b>	Goodwill Nurse-Family Partnership
<b>James Wide</b>	Cummins
<b>Maria Wiley</b>	Indianapolis Airport Authority
<b>Cheryl Wilkins</b>	New York Life Insurance Company
<b>Tamara Winfrey Harris</b>	Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF)
<b>Rita Wise</b>	Recorder Media Group
<b>Jeremy Wolley</b>	Crispus Attucks High School
<b>Fred Yeakey</b>	Providence Cristo Rey High School

The event will also focus on CLD’s higher education institutions and community partners who will introduce the 2019 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 million in scholarships have been awarded to CLD students since 2004. At the 2018 Achievers Gala, \$4.2 million was leveraged to support over 60 students.

**The following students have been offered a scholarship that upon acceptance will be presented at the March 21<sup>st</sup> Minority Achievers Awards and Scholarship Gala:**

<b>Avon High School</b>	LaPam-Ela Long	<i>offered by</i>	Marian University
<b>Avon High School</b>	Maiya Sargent	<i>offered by</i>	Hanover College
<b>Avon High School</b>	Sa'adiya Tai	<i>offered by</i>	Butler University
<b>Ben Davis High School</b>	Imani Brown	<i>offered by</i>	Ball State University
<b>Ben Davis High School</b>	Jazlyn Khan	<i>offered by</i>	Butler University

<b>Ben Davis High School</b>	Janet Lovera	<i>offered by</i>	Butler University
<b>Ben Davis High School</b>	Taylor Smith	<i>offered by</i>	University of Indianapolis
<b>Brebeuf Jesuit High School</b>	Calyn Coleman	<i>offered by</i>	Indiana University
<b>Brebeuf Jesuit High School</b>	Jennah Hackett	<i>offered by</i>	Indiana University
<b>Brebeuf Jesuit High School</b>	Meka Wiggins	<i>offered by</i>	Indiana State University
<b>Brownsburg High School</b>	Zahria Hart	<i>offered by</i>	Ball State University
<b>Brownsburg High School</b>	Oliva McGuire	<i>offered by</i>	Ball State University
<b>Brownsburg High School</b>	Kabrial Waters	<i>offered by</i>	Butler University
<b>Calvary Christian School</b>	DeJhari Woodard	<i>offered by</i>	Taylor University
<b>Carmel High School</b>	Brenden Lewis	<i>offered by</i>	IUPUI
<b>Carmel High School</b>	Sierra Talbert	<i>offered by</i>	Purdue University
<b>Cathedral High School</b>	Nandi Hawkins	<i>offered by</i>	Purdue University
<b>Cathedral High School</b>	Jordan Owsley	<i>offered by</i>	DePauw University
<b>Cathedral High School</b>	Maliq Washington	<i>offered by</i>	Purdue University
<b>Charles A. Tindley</b>	Brittani Bullock	<i>offered by</i>	University of Evansville
<b>Charles A. Tindley</b>	Leila Champion	<i>offered by</i>	Indiana University
<b>Charles A. Tindley</b>	Kiera Hilliard	<i>offered by</i>	Indiana Wesleyan University
<b>Charles A. Tindley</b>	Josiah Poole	<i>offered by</i>	Purdue University
<b>Charles A. Tindley</b>	Chelsea Wilson	<i>offered by</i>	Purdue University
<b>Charles A. Tindley</b>	Hannah Wilson	<i>offered by</i>	Marian University
<b>Crispus Attucks High School</b>	Alexis Dunlop	<i>offered by</i>	Purdue University
<b>Fishers High School</b>	Payton Bullock	<i>offered by</i>	Indiana University
<b>Franklin Central High School</b>	Maya McCloud	<i>offered by</i>	Franklin College
<b>Hamilton Southeastern High School</b>	Jarren French	<i>offered by</i>	Indiana University
<b>Hamilton Southeastern High School</b>	Isaiah Simmons	<i>offered by</i>	Ivy Tech Community College
<b>Herron High School</b>	Jaala Weaver-Young	<i>offered by</i>	Purdue University
<b>International School of Indiana</b>	Olivier N'Tala	<i>offered by</i>	University of Notre Dame
<b>International School of Indiana</b>	Emmanuel Smith	<i>offered by</i>	IUPUI
<b>Lawrence Central High School</b>	Ayana Parchman	<i>offered by</i>	Indiana State University
<b>Lawrence North High School</b>	Miranda Stovall	<i>offered by</i>	Purdue University
<b>Lawrence North High School</b>	Jada Webster	<i>offered by</i>	Earlham College
<b>Mount Vernon High School</b>	Brent Donaldson II	<i>offered by</i>	Vincennes University
<b>North Central High School</b>	Anika Dean	<i>offered by</i>	Purdue University
<b>North Central High School</b>	Lailah Gude	<i>offered by</i>	University of Indianapolis
<b>North Central High School</b>	A'Jewelle Johnson	<i>offered by</i>	Grace College
<b>North Central High School</b>	Rebecca Myers	<i>offered by</i>	Anderson University
<b>North Central High School</b>	Shaunya Sowell	<i>offered by</i>	Indiana University
<b>North Central High School</b>	Avery Stoker	<i>offered by</i>	Indiana State University
<b>Pike High School</b>	Malaysia Lewis	<i>offered by</i>	St. Mary-of-the-Woods College
<b>Pike High School</b>	Anthony Mackey	<i>offered by</i>	University of Evansville
<b>Pike High School</b>	Makyia Wykle	<i>offered by</i>	North Carolina A&T State University
<b>Shortridge High School</b>	Allen Johnson, Jr.	<i>offered by</i>	Wabash College
<b>Warren Central High School</b>	Alaea Bowman	<i>offered by</i>	Indiana University
<b>Warren Central High School</b>	Alexis Moment	<i>offered by</i>	St. Mary-of-the-Woods College
<b>Warren Central High School</b>	Cearra Townsend	<i>offered by</i>	DePauw University

COVERAGE OF 2017'S MINORITY ACHIEVERS AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP GALA CAN BE VIEWED HERE:

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