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2026 IMPACT REPORT

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A WORD FROM CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Dear sponsors and supporters,

The Center for Leadership Development's College Prep Conference & College Fair (CPC) is a day-long college-readiness experience. CPC provides minority students and supportive adults with the skills needed to build a successful and comprehensive academic, college and career path. Session topics empower them with the knowledge to overcome common pitfalls that hinder post-secondary admission, persistence and completion.

CLD's 19th annual event was held August 22, 2026, at the Indiana Convention Center for CLD's second largest annual event that supports our mission of advancing black youth towards educational attainment and career achievement.

Due to your continued support, this exceptional event was provided at a minimal cost for participants. We look forward to continuing to grow. Thank you for your generosity!



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ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS



199 9TH -12TH
GRADE STUDENTS

SUPPORTIVE
ADULTS **87**

TOTAL **286**
PARTICIPANTS

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CPC SESSION PRESENTERS

CLD was privileged with a talented array of presenters. Each presenter lead and amplified the character traits we teach at CLD. Thank you to each of the presenters for giving their time and talents to impact the youth of Indiana and further the mission of CLD.

Aaron Durham
Aleanya Moore
Ashley Simone Simmons
Cassandra Gregory
Cassandra Williams
Glasia Walker
Ivorye Long
Joel Olufowote
KaNeasha Koebcke
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The Center for Leadership Development extends our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported our College Prep Conference & College Fair. Your partnership, generosity, and commitment helped make this transformative experience possible for students and the supportive adults who guide them.

Because of your support, students had the opportunity to gain essential knowledge, explore college and career pathways, connect with valuable resources, and build the confidence needed to navigate their academic and professional futures.

This event is an investment in the dreams, aspirations, and potential of our young people. We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, partners, volunteers, college and university representatives, presenters, educators, families, and community supporters who came together to empower the next generation of leaders.

Thank you for believing in our students, investing in their futures, and helping the Center for Leadership Development create pathways to opportunity and success. Together, we are making a lasting difference.

