

MAYOR'S CELEBRATION —— OF ———

DIVERSITY



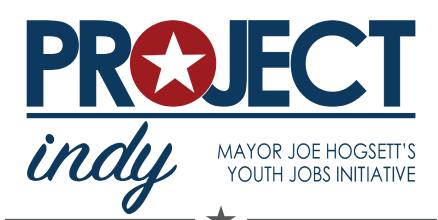
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August 19th, 2021







In 2016, Mayor Joe Hogsett launched Project Indy, the city's first comprehensive youth jobs initiative. The program is a smart way to provide thousands of young people with job experience, useful skills, and safe and productive alternatives to crime over the summer months.

In 2018, Project Indy added Job Ready Indy, a workforce development initiative that aims to validate participants' attainment of job skills through an online badging system. By combining a strong respect for both participant skill needs and employer workforce needs, Job Ready Indy aims to serve both.

By connecting young adults with jobs and helping them attain basic employability skills, Project Indy is working to develop Indianapolis' future workforce. For the fourth year, the Mayor's Celebration of Diversity is serving as a fundraiser for Project Indy. Today, as we celebrate the diversity of our current workforce, we are also working to secure Indianapolis' future as an inclusive city with opportunities for all.

Learn more about Project Indy at www.projectindy.net.



Welcome from Mayor Hogsett -



Greetings!

On behalf of the City of Indianapolis, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 20th Annual Mayor's Celebration of Diversity.

Two decades ago, Mayor Bart Peterson created the Mayor's Celebration of Diversity to recognize Indianapolis-based businesses and organizations that foster inclusive workplace environments. As this tradition has continued, our community has evolved.

Now more than ever, we must recognize organizations in our community that bring people together and value unique perspectives. The Mayor's Celebration of Diversity is more than a celebration—it's a commitment. All funds raised today are supporting Project Indy, a city-wide initiative to incentivize employers to prioritize diverse youth employment for a more representative community.

Project Indy provides our city's young people with job opportunities and trains the next generation of Indy's workforce. Project Indy is centered around the knowledge that early participation in the workforce helps young people gain critical workplace experiences, develop workplace skills, hone their talents, and most importantly, use these experiences to plan for their future. Participation from employers is not only beneficial for our city's young workers, but also for Indianapolis' workforce and economic development. Investing in youth now is vital to a future workforce with the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed and grow our city's economy.

Today, I look forward to celebrating the work our community has done to support our diverse workforce and to hear from voices in our community who know there is still work to be done, who will share with us actionable ways to continue moving forward—ensuring our places of work are responsive and inclusive.

Thank you to the Office of Minority and Women Business Development's Ava Taylor, EmployIndy, and all sponsors for the work that went into making this virtual event possible. All support of today's event is so valuable because it will help our residents get a start on a pathway leading to future of success.

Sincerely,

Joe Hogsett

Mayor - City of Indianapolis

Agenda

WELCOME

Fanchon Stinger, FOX59 Dan Spehler, FOX59

MAYORAL REMARKS

The Honorable Mayor Joseph H. Hogsett

A LOOK AT THE LANDSCAPE

Angela Carr Klitzsch, EmployIndy Michael Huber, Indy Chamber Tehea Harding, EmployIndy

SPECIAL VIDEO PRESENTATION PRESENTATION OF AWARD

Diversity of Leadership Award

REMARKS

Kelli N. Jones, Be Nimble Foundation & Sixty8 Capital

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

Excellence of Youth Employment Award

REMARKS

Pamela Ross, CICF

SPECIAL GUEST

Consuelo Poland Lockhart, Latinas Welding Guild

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

Diversity of Workforce Award

REMARKS

Ava Taylor, OMWBD

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DuJuan McCoy, Circle City Broadcasting

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

Sam H. Jones "Best of the Best" Award

CLOSING REMARKS

Alan K. Bacon, GANGGANG Malina Simone Jeffers, GANGGANG

Nominees

Arcamed

Bondry Consulting LLC

Citizens Energy Group

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Indianapolis Airport Authority

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RYAN Consulting Group

Shrewsberry & Associates, LLC

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