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**Indy's Best and Brightest Finalists Selected**

Winners to be announced during the virtual awards program on Thursday, March 11, 2021

**[Indianapolis, IN]** Junior Achievement of Central Indiana announces its finalists for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Indy's Best and Brightest event presented by KPMG LLP. The event honors 100 of central Indiana's most outstanding young professionals, age 40 and under, in 10 different industries.

A virtual awards program to recognize these outstanding young professionals will take place on Thursday, March 11, 2021. All 100 finalists will be recognized and the winners in each category will be announced. Approximately 600 people are expected to log in view this event.

"KPMG is proud to serve as the presenting sponsor for this noteworthy event for the 17th consecutive year. We understand the importance of honoring these young professionals, who also serve as outstanding role models and mentors for the youth of our community and will make sure they are honored with the same enthusiasm virtually," said Mark Shaffer, MidAmerica Partner in Charge, Audit of KPMG LLP.

The Best and Brightest event was created by Junior Achievement to recognize up and coming talent and the next generation of leaders in our community. Finalists in each category are judged on professional accomplishments, civic contributions, character, and leadership qualities. The finalists to be honored at the event are listed below, as well as on the Junior Achievement website: [www.indysbestandbrightest.org](http://www.indysbestandbrightest.org).

The categories honored are: Accounting; Banking & Financial Services; Education & Nonprofit; Government; Health & Life Sciences; Law; Manufacturing, Retail & Services; Media, Entertainment & Sports; Real Estate, Development & Construction; and Technology.

Sponsorship opportunities are currently available; please contact Kacy Wendling at [Kacy@jaindy.org](mailto:Kacy@jaindy.org) or 252-5900 ext. 8. Proceeds from Indy's Best and Brightest benefit Junior Achievement of Central Indiana, Inc.

To register to attend the event please visit our website at [www.indysbestandbrightest.org](http://www.indysbestandbrightest.org)

**About Junior Achievement of Central Indiana**

Junior Achievement of Central Indiana, Inc. (JACI), in partnership with the business and education communities, empowers young people to own their future success. JA educates and inspires young people in the areas of career exploration, employability/life skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and philanthropy through hands-on, experiential learning opportunities for children in preschool through high school.

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## 2021 Indy's Best and Brightest Finalists

### Accounting

Kylie Cunningham, Crowe LLP  
 Chaleise Fleming, CPA, CFE, Greenwalt CPAs, Inc.  
 Sharease Flores, Emarsys  
 Bud Graessle, OneAmerica Financial Partners  
 Justin Hayes, Katz, Sapper & Miller  
 Michael Jamison, CPA, CGMA, OnTarget CPA  
 Keely Mitchell, Republic Airways  
 Amy Northard, Amy Northard, CPA  
 Nickie Redick, BKD CPAs and Advisors  
 Max S. Woodbury III, EA, Woodbury Group, LLC

### Banking & Financial Services

Mark Bower, MJ Insurance  
 Celia Campbell, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.  
 Jamar Cobb-Dennard, J.D., Indiana Business Advisors, LLC  
 Rebecca Fiscus, Indianapolis Airport Authority  
 Tony Kaufman, First Merchants Bank  
 Sarah Mahaffa, CFP, Bedel Financial Consulting, Inc.  
 Molly McIver, Capital Group  
 Mark Minner, First Person  
 Brian Sullivan, Merchants Capital  
 Nicole Woodson, Regions Bank

### Education & Nonprofit

Amrou Awaysheh, Kelley School of Business, Indiana University  
 Samantha Burke, Pass the Torch for Women Foundation  
 Al Carroll, TechPoint  
 Aleanya Moore, Ladies Under Construction Inc.  
 Candace Pate, Martin University  
 Betsy Revell, EmployIndy  
 Ashley Scott, Indianapolis Public Schools  
 Joe White, The Mind Trust  
 Amanda Wright, Marian University  
 Frederick Yeakey, Providence Cristo Rey High School

### Government

Brittany Collins, Indiana Commission for Higher Education  
 Ashley Craig, Crowe LLP  
 Devon Davis, Bose Public Affairs Group  
 Kavita Mahoney, Indy Parks – City of Indianapolis  
 Timothy McFarlane, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration  
 Janelle O'Malley, Indiana Supreme Court – Office of Judicial Administration  
 Josh Richardson, Indiana Department of Workforce Development  
 Blake Roebuck, Indy Chamber  
 Ronnie Saunders III, Indianapolis Fire Department  
 Ben Tooley, Indiana House of Representatives

### Health & Life Science

Kamal Adulebda, MD, Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University  
 Health and Indiana University School of Medicine  
 Cynthia Bennett, Roche Diagnostics Corporation  
 Andrea Kessler, Indiana University Health  
 Terri Lee, Indiana State Department of Health  
 Vanessa Lucas, Community Health Network  
 Charles McKinney Jr., Eli Lilly & Company  
 Sarah Michaels, Apex Benefits  
 Jessica Parks, MBA, CCHW, Managed Health Services  
 Reed Richardson, hcl  
 Nicholas Schellinger, Medical Structures

### Law

Hilary Barnes, Hotel Tango Distillery  
 Addison Bradford, Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman, P.C.  
 Colin E. Connor, Plews Shadley Racher & Braun LLP  
 Kimberly Jewell, Jewell Law Office, LLC  
 Melissa Macchia, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP  
 Stephanie V. McGowan, Frost Brown Todd  
 Sabra Northam, Barnes & Thornburg LLP  
 Maurice R. Scott, Scott Legal & Consulting  
 Aaron J. Williamson, Williamson Civil Law, LLC  
 Mark Wohlford, Bose McKinney & Evans LLP

### Manufacturing, Retail & Services

Dan Abeln, ADT (formally DEFENDERS)  
 Joseph Almazni, Roche  
 Latoya Draughon, Beckman Coulter Life Sciences  
 Marcus Hall, California Closets  
 Jason Jackson, Miebach Consulting  
 Kelli Jones, Be Nimble Foundation & Sixty8 Capital  
 Charles D. Knott Sr., Brenntag Mid-South  
 Kurt Mink, Cork Medical  
 Brodie Sears, Goodwill of Central and Southern Indiana  
 Christina Zerfas, Amazon.com

### Media, Entertainment & Sports

Duchess Adjei, Beckman Coulter Life Sciences  
 Spencer Anderson, Pacers Sports & Entertainment  
 Tanorria Askew, Tanorria's Table  
 Kathryn Bobel, Indianapolis Indians  
 Megan Carrico, Indianapolis Airport  
 Stephanie Pemberton, Indianapolis Colts  
 Pete Seat, Bose Public Affairs Group  
 Anna Skinner, Current Publishing  
 Leticia Sullivan, Pacers Sports & Entertainment  
 Muhammad Yasin, PERQ

### Real Estate, Development & Construction

Quan Cork, Grand Realty  
 Mitch Doner, RESOURCE Commercial Real Estate (now Bradley Company)  
 Jamison Downs, Veritas Realty  
 Aletha Dunston, Fort Harrison Reuse Authority  
 Shane Hageman, Hageman Group  
 Jordan Hollingsworth, Safety Management Group  
 Ross Nixon, American Structurepoint  
 Mike Scott, Scott Estates  
 Jason Speckman, SIOR, MBA, Colliers International  
 Anthony White, Pepper Construction

### Technology

Rebecca Bormann, Bell Techlogix  
 Matt Dillon, Reciprocal Technologies  
 Lauren Gaudion, Republic Airways  
 Sara Jones, netlogx LLC  
 Lindsay McGuire, Formstack  
 Alicia E. Mckoy, Peak Mind LLC  
 Delano Robinson, Eli Lilly and Company  
 Jack Shepler, Ayokay  
 Nick Smarrelli, GadelNet Consulting Services  
 Lujia Zhang, KSM Consulting