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The Indiana Academy to Induct Six Leaders for Lifetime Achievement and Contributions to Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS, May 27, 2009 - Six new members will be inducted into The Indiana Academy at its annual dinner and symposium on Monday, June 1, 2009, in Indianapolis. This year's honorees, the thirty-ninth group so selected, will be recognized by the Independent Colleges of Indiana for their lifetime of achievement and contributions to the cultural, scientific, literary, civic, religious, and educational development of Indiana. This year's honorees are:

- **Keith E. Busse** (Fort Wayne), founder, former president and CEO, and current chairman and CEO of Steel Dynamics, Inc., named *Fortune* magazine's 2008 "Most Admired Company"; member of the board of the University of Saint Francis and Trine University and the athletic board of directors at IPFW; and recipient of numerous awards, including "Steel Man of the Year" and "Steel Maker of the Year," the Leukemia Society of America's "Man of the Year," and the National Association of Builders and Contractors' "Man of the Year for Free Enterprise."
- **Louis E. Gerig** (Indianapolis), president of Sease, Gerig & Associates, one of the city's leading public relations firms; former member of President Reagan's administration and a former press secretary to U.S. Senator Richard G. Lugar; longtime member and chair of the Anderson University Board of Trustees and the school's "Outstanding Alumnus" in 1981; former chair of Indianapolis Public Transportation and chair of media coverage for the 1987 Pan American Games in Indianapolis, and current board member of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis and past "Man of the Year" for the Benjamin Harrison YMCA.
- **F. Joseph Loughrey** (Columbus), recently retired longtime executive with Cummins Inc., serving as vice chairman, president and COO, and member of its board of directors and foundation board; leading advanced manufacturing proponent and trustee of The Manufacturing Institute and chairman of Conexus Indiana; University of Notre Dame alumnus and vice chair of its Advisory Council to the Colleges of Arts & Letters; board member of the Lumina Foundation for Education and Community Education Coalition of Columbus; and 2007 Indiana Global Business Person and 2008 Ellis Island Medal of Honor recipient.
- **John C. Schroeder** (Evansville), president, CEO, and member of the boards of Wabash Plastics, Inc., and Crescent Plastics, Inc., and member of the board of Cresline Plastic Pipe Co., all family-owned businesses; member and past chairman of the University of Evansville Board of Trustees; Wabash College alumnus and board member; and active supporter of numerous community causes, including serving on the boards of the Evansville Regional Business Committee, Keep Evansville Beautiful, and the Evansville Vanderburgh Schools' Superintendent's Business Council.
- **Ralph D. Trine** (Angola), chairman and CEO of Vestil Manufacturing Corporation, specializing in the automotive and material handling equipment industries, pediatric equipment for physically disabled children, and ergonomic solutions, with plants in northeast Indiana, Wisconsin and China; ardent supporter and board member of Trine University (formerly Tri-State); and nature and animal lover, instrumental in family donations to the State of Indiana of the Trine State Recreation Area and the Oakhill Conference and Retreat Center at Pokagon State Park.
- **Andrew Steffen** (Indianapolis), *posthumous induction*, attorney with McHale, Cook and Welch (now Bingham McHale) until his retirement, as well as former senior vice president at Ameritech's corporate headquarters in Chicago; owner and racer of thoroughbred horses; founder, incorporator, and board member of Junior Achievement in Indianapolis, as well as elected lifetime board member of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra; and alumnus of the University of Notre Dame and creator of a major endowed scholarship fund at Marian College.

Detailed biographies of the 2009 inductees are available at www.icindiana.org/giving/2009bios.asp. Modeled after The French Academy, The Indiana Academy was established in 1970 by the Independent Colleges of Indiana to further the development of public service, higher education, the arts and sciences, literature, and the general culture of the state through the recognition of individual leadership, achievement, and philanthropy designed to



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promote these ends. While supported by many over the years, the inspiration and driving force for The Indiana Academy was Indianapolis attorney and civic leader Kurt Pantzer, president of The Academy from 1971 to 1977.

A complete listing of Academy members may be found at <http://www.icindiana.org/giving/academy.asp>. The program of The Indiana Academy is maintained through the support of the Tony and Mary Fendrich Hulman Endowment Fund and donations from members of The Academy.

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