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40 and Forward: The Indiana Academy Celebrates Forty Years of Hoosier Achievement and Contribution

INDIANAPOLIS, June 1, 2010 - Five new members will be inducted into The Indiana Academy at its 40th anniversary dinner and symposium on Monday, June 7. This special “40 and Forward” celebration will be held at The Conrad Indianapolis and feature the premiere of a video, “Small Can Be BIG,” highlighting the contributions of the state’s 31 independent colleges and universities and their graduates to the advancement of Indiana.

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.

This year’s honorees, who will be recognized for lifetime achievement and contribution to Indiana, are:

- **Gwyn Richards** (Bloomington), dean of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, the largest university school of music in the world and rated number one in quality in the United States according to three independent surveys of college and university schools of music. During his ten-year tenure as dean, the school has attracted significant gifts and such world-class musicians as Joshua Bell and Sylvia McNair to its faculty. Richards has also fostered a strong partnership between the Anderson University and IU schools of music.
- **Anne K. Shane** (Indianapolis), vice president of BioCrossroads, Indiana’s initiative to grow the life sciences through targeted efforts in the areas of workforce development and education, marketing, scientific collaborations, and new business formation/entrepreneurship. She serves as a trustee for Ivy Tech Community College and as a member of the University of Evansville Board of Visitors; as chair of the Indianapolis Economic Development, Inc.; and as the Indiana region board chair of Teach for America.
- **David N. Shane** (Indianapolis), president, CEO, and board member of LDI, Ltd., LLC holding company and former partner in the law firm of Baker and Daniels. A current member of the Indiana State Board of Education and the Wabash College Board of Trustees, he has also served as a senior policy advisor for education and employment to Governor Mitch Daniels, assisted former Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson in establishing the Mayor’s Charter School Board, and chaired the K-12 subcommittee of the Indiana Government Efficiency Commission.
- **Michael L. Smith** (Carmel), retired executive vice president and CFO of Anthem, Inc., and its subsidiaries, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and a founding member of Cardinal Equity Partners, a mid-market private equity investment fund headquartered in Indianapolis. The current chair of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, he is also a member of the board of Lumina Foundation for Education, DePauw University, and Central Indiana Community Foundation.
- **Frank D. Walker** (Indianapolis), chairman emeritus of Walker Information Inc., a 71-year-old Indianapolis firm specializing in customer loyalty and survey research, and president of The Walker Family Foundation. A trustee emeritus of the University of Indianapolis, he has been honored as the Indiana Chamber of Commerce’s Outstanding Business Leader of the Year, a Sagamore of the Wabash, and an Indiana Business Hall of Fame inductee and has led fund-raising and alumni efforts for his alma mater DePauw University.

A complete listing of Academy members is available 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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