

From the Desk of the Chancellor

Alumni career success



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One of the most reliable measures of the impact of any university is the career success of alumni. So I was very pleased to learn that IUPUI graduates accounted for nearly one out of five finalists last week at the Junior Achievement of Central Indiana 100 Best and Brightest recognition.

Junior Achievement selected 10 professionals under the age of 40 for each of 10 career categories. All were honored as “up-and-coming talent and the next generation of leaders in the community.” From that group, the top achiever in each category was named, based on professional accomplishments, civic contributions, character and leadership qualities.

One of the 10 winners was Donetta Gee-Weiler -- a graduate of the IU School of Nursing. Donetta is employed in Women’s and Children’s Services at Community Health Network.

Here are the remaining IUPUI alumni among the 100 finalists for the Junior Achievement 2014 Best and Brightest:

- Molly Dagon, Indianapolis Community Court and Indianapolis Veterans Treatment Court, IU School of Liberal Arts.
- Jeffrey O’Brien, WellPoint, Kelley School of Business.
- Julius Edwards, Ivy Tech Community College, Kelley School of Business
- Elia James, Division of Homeland Security, City of Indianapolis, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs.
- Elizabeth Ferries-Rowe, Eskenazi Health, IU School of Medicine.
- Chrissy Vazquez, Back on My Feet, Kelley School of Business.
- Matthew Priddy, Priority Physicians, IU School of Medicine.
- Angela Freeman, Barnes and Thornburg LLP, IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law.
- Jeremy Hill, Bingham Greenbaum Doll LLP, McKinney School of Law.
- Michele Jackson, Harden Jackson Law LLP, McKinney School of Law.
- Laurie Martin, Hoover Hull LLP, McKinney School of Law.
- Kyra Wagoner, Barnes and Thornburg LLP, McKinney School of Law.
- James Brown, Porch Light, IU School of Journalism.
- Leslie Bailey, The Indianapolis Star, IU School of Liberal Arts.
- Nicole Pence, Fox 59 News, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs.
- Duane Hunt, Form Stack, Kelley School of Business.
- Jonathan Thompson, Rook Security, Purdue School of Science.

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