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Celebrate Civic Engagement

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At the March American Council on Education (ACE) national meeting, Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), announced that for the sixth time since winning the top award in 2006 for civic engagement by colleges and universities, IUPUI is on the U.S. President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

This recognition highlights institutions of higher education that provide exemplary programs and best practices in campus/community partnerships.

One of the reasons IUPUI has achieved such prominence is because our commitment to partnerships with our community is ingrained, pervasive, and valued across campus. The Robert G. Bringle Civic Engagement Showcase and Symposium is our annual opportunity to celebrate the local leaders among our faculty, staff, students, and community partners whose individual commitment to civic engagement has fueled our reputation for best practices in campus/community partnerships. It is also an opportunity to learn from the experiences of others and continuously improve our efforts to serve and engage our community.

This year's symposium will feature workshops on the Talent Alliance and other campus and community collaborations focused on helping youth be successful in school. The keynote speaker is Dr. Henry Louis Taylor, Jr., one of the nation's leading authorities on inner city development. A historian and urban planner, this internationally known scholar is founding director of the University at Buffalo Center for Urban Studies, a research, neighborhood planning and community development institute that focuses on the regeneration of distressed neighborhoods.

The Civic Engagement Showcase and Symposium concludes with recognition of individuals and partner organizations that have contributed to IUPUI's civic engagement activities in the past year.

There is still time to RSVP before Tuesday, April 16.

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