

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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These last three years have been wonderful and I believe we accomplished many of our goals. But a new opportunity awaits me with The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. So, I am leaving and want to share a modification of one of the songs from a favorite movie, just in time for the Oscars.

*There's a sad sort of clanging from the clock in the hall
And the bells from the schoolhouse too
And over in the park, the cardinal, our Indiana state bird
Is chirping just to say "Hoosier"*

*Regretfully they tell me
But firmly they compel me
to say goodbye to you*

*So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, don't laugh
I hate to go and leave this awesome staff*

*So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, adieu
My work here is over but now there's even more to do*

*So long, farewell, au revoir, auf wiedersehen
My send off was fun but where was the champagne*

*So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye
I leave and heave a sigh and say goodbye*

*I am glad to go, I cannot tell a lie
My heart breaks, my eyes cry, but I quickly fly
To D.C. to help both girls and guys*

*So goodbye, take care, and show others you care
Our lives are full and happy only when we share
So goodbye, goodbye, goodbye*

Paula

ACT NOW!! Only one week left of Early Bird Registration!

Highlights of the 2008 Governor's Conference include:

- ◆ 75 breakout sessions in 7 conference tracks
- ◆ Presentation of Governor's Awards for Volunteer Service
- ◆ Keynote speaker Henry Lozano, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of USA Freedom Corps
- ◆ Peanut butter and jelly drive service project
- ◆ Networking and interaction with your non-profit, service-learning and volunteer management peers



Be sure to register by the Early Bird deadline, Friday, February 29, to receive the reduced rate of \$129 (\$79 for students)!

Register at <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2472.htm>.



2007 Governor's Award Spotlight: Susan Haynes

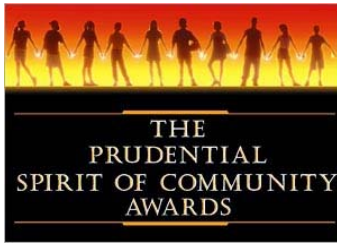


Susan Haynes of Camby was the 2007 recipient of the Governor's Award in Service-Learning. Susan was nominated by Assistant Superintendent Denis Ward of the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation for her leadership and service to the school system. Susan oversees projects at seven schools as the coordinator of the service learning program she helped to create. Susan has secured nearly \$300,000 in grants for Mooresville schools and has held numerous successful drives for books, school supplies and cash donations.

In his nomination letter, Denis Ward wrote, "Susan doesn't only work hard, she works smart. If a program or project is not running up to its potential, she looks for ways to improve it... When there is a roadblock to success she keeps looking for ways to help solve the problem, even if it takes months or years."

Remember to send your completed Governor's Award nomination forms in by 5:00 EST—Today is the deadline!

Visit <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2509.htm> for more information.



The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Honoring Outstanding Community Service by Young Americans

Several students from Indiana are among a select group of young Americans named as the nation's top youth volunteers for 2008, in the 13th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. This is an extraordinary honor; the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is America's largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteerism.

Brittany Oliver of Lafayette and **Alison Mansfield** of Fort Wayne have been selected as Indiana's top youth volunteers. As State Honorees, they will receive a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, DC, in May for the program's national recognition events. Brittany, a senior at Lafayette Jefferson High School, initiated a program called "Reading Teams" that recruits school and community volunteers to read to young children in day-care centers and after-school programs. Alison, a seventh-grader at Summit Middle School, has collected over the past two years large quantities of personal-care items, cookies, and letters of support for service members serving in Iraq and recuperating back in the U.S.

In addition, the program judges recognized six other Indiana students as Distinguished Finalists for their impressive community service activities. Each will receive an engraved bronze medallion: **Carah Austin**, 14, of Whiteland, an eighth-grader at Clark-Pleasant Middle School, organized a 10-hour tour of historical sites in Indiana for 120 disadvantaged and learning-disabled children from four local elementary schools. **Sarah Boesing**, 18, of New Albany, a senior at Christian Academy of Indiana, founded a year-round ministry that provides encouragement and support to families facing childhood cancer or other life-threatening illnesses. **Jacqueline Exline**, 18, of Sullivan, a senior at Sullivan High School, led a fund-raising drive that raised more than \$10,000 to start an endowment fund for the Sullivan County Community Kitchen, where she has helped prepare and serve meals for the past seven years. **Daniel Frascella**, 18, of Carmel, a senior at Carmel High School, founded a school chapter of Best Buddies, an international organization that recruits peer "buddies" for people with intellectual disabilities to provide them with support, friendship, understanding and acceptance. **Marushka Grogan**, 17, of Indianapolis, a high school junior at the Grogan Home School, conducted a folk-art program for 6- and 7-year-old disadvantaged children at the Martin Luther King Community Center last summer. **Ajay Major**, 17, of Valparaiso, a senior at Valparaiso High School, formed a volunteer multimedia team at his school to provide badly needed technological expertise to school staff and students.

Congratulations to our awesome Hoosier Students!

Encore Presentation!

U.S. Dream Academy Inc. is pleased to join The Tabernacle Presbyterian Church in presenting DREAMFEST 2008. This **FREE** benefit concert of inspirational music, featuring Internationally Acclaimed Recording Artist Wintley Phipps, will be on **Sunday, February 24th** at 5 PM at The Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, 418 East 34th Street in Indianapolis. Freewill donations will be accepted and all proceeds will benefit the U.S. Dream Academy, Inc. For more information call 317-373-2239 or 800-873-7326.

The U.S. Dream Academy operates eleven after school Learning Centers around the country. Washington, DC hosts two sites and there is one each in Salt Lake City; Philadelphia; East Orange; Memphis; Houston; Baltimore; Orlando; Los Angeles; and one in collaboration with the **John Marshall Middle School in Indianapolis**. The program addresses academic under-achievement and the alarming cycle of intergenerational involvement in the criminal justice system, effectively lifting the children of prisoners, and those falling behind in school out of this devastating cycle. This valuable service is provided at no charge to participating students.



Community-based programs and helping eligible students sign up for the state's Twenty-first Century Scholars program. They are also providing mentoring and tutoring help to those students graduate from high school and enjoy college success. To read the complete article, visit http://www.iyi.org/issue_alert/low-income-students



Interfaith YouthCore seeks undergraduate student leaders from diverse faith and moral traditions who are committed to interfaith action on campuses across the country. Fellows receive year-long stipends to support interfaith organizing work on their college campus. To learn more, visit <http://www.ifyc.org/fellows>

On **February 25th and 26th**, the Afterschool Alliance is asking after-school advocates, participants and supporters from across the nation to take a moment to call their Members of Congress to express support for a continued investment in afterschool. To learn more, visit <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/>



Mental Health America of Greater Indianapolis is hosting the Arthur B. Richter Pre-Conference Dialogue, *Attention Disorders and Learning Disabilities: Connections and Interventions*. This conference will be on **Thursday, February 28th** from 1:40 PM to 4:30 PM at the Mental Health America of Greater Indianapolis, 2506 Willowbrook Parkway, Suite 100, in Indianapolis. The cost is \$15 and the deadline for registering is February 26th. For more information, please contact 317-251-0005.

Check out upcoming training opportunities on the OFBCI website at

<http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2414.htm>

If you have a training opportunity you would like considered for inclusion on the Training Calendar, please send the information to jgegel@ofbci.IN.gov



The first 50 STUDENTS to register on-line receive an MP3 Player!

INDIANA SCHOLAR FAIR

PRESENTED BY:



Saturday, February 23, 2008 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Indiana Statehouse Rotunda – 200 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

WORKSHOPS – 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

- Applying For College, Your Essay Says It All
- Trip to College/Drive Of Your Life
- Getting into the College of your Choice is One Thing;
Paying for it is Another
- From the High School Court to the College Arena:
College Sports Eligibility



**CALLING ALL
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MIDDLE SCHOOL, &
NON-TRADITIONAL
STUDENTS!**

ATTENTION

Schools, Churches and Youth Organizations - bring a group of students and register to win an **IBE Prize Package!**
Need a way to get to the Fair? IndyGo bus passes are available while supplies last.

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Get the scoop - text "IBE" to 95495. Standard text messaging rates apply.

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Hoosier Teens Talk Health

Thursday, March 13, 2008

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Indiana Convention Center
in downtown Indianapolis

High school-aged Hoosier teens are invited to attend this event to discuss solutions to health problems facing today's youth, including obesity, tobacco use, and injuries. Change starts with you.

Featured speakers:

Rupert Boneham from CBS hit reality series *Survivor* and **Tasha Jones**, local poet and educator

Register now to attend at:
www.statehealth.IN.gov.

