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**Four Prominent Business Leaders to be Inducted into  
Central Indiana Business Hall of Fame**



*(2014 Hall of Fame Laureates from left to right: Billie Dragoo, Dave P. Lindsey, David E. Simon, and Michael Smith)*

**[Indianapolis, IN December 13, 2014]** Junior Achievement of Central Indiana, Inc. announces the 2014 Laureates for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Indiana Business Hall of Fame Event, presented by Crowe Horwath LLP, which will take place on Thursday, February 20, 2014. This year's Laureates are **Billie Dragoo, Founder, President and CEO of RepuCare; Dave P. Lindsey, Founder, President and CEO of DEFENDER Direct; David E. Simon, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Simon Property Group, Inc. and Michael Smith, Retired EVP/CFO of Anthem.**

The Chair of the 2014 Hall of Fame event will be Yvonne Shaheen, Retired CEO of Long Electric Company, Inc. and well known Philanthropist and Community Volunteer.

The Central Indiana Business Hall of Fame was established in 1989 by the Junior Achievement Board of Directors to honor outstanding men and women who epitomize success in the business world, high moral and ethical standards, and dedication to important civic causes, thereby improving the quality of life in our community.

The 2014 Laureates will be honored at a black tie event to be held on Thursday, February 20, 2014, at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. A VIP reception will kick off the event, followed by a dinner and awards ceremony at 7:00 pm.

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Junior Achievement students will participate in the evening's events, which will include introductions of the Laureates and video presentations highlighting their many accomplishments. Each Laureate will also provide brief acceptance remarks.

Jennifer Burk, Junior Achievement's President and CEO, said, "Our goal is two fold at the Hall of Fame event: to honor those Central Indiana business persons who are champions of free enterprise and are business role models to the youth of the community, and to spotlight the importance of providing financial literacy, work-readiness and entrepreneurship programs to today's students."

It is anticipated that approximately 500 business leaders and their guests will be in attendance at this traditionally sold-out event.

Since its inception, the event has inducted over 100 Laureates into the Central Indiana Business Hall of Fame.

Sponsorship opportunities are currently available; please contact Tabitha Williams at 252-5900 ext. 8 or visit [www.jaindy.org](http://www.jaindy.org) for more information.

#### **About Junior Achievement® (JA)**

JA is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about financial literacy, work-readiness, and entrepreneurship through experiential, hands-on programs. Today, more than 120 offices reach approximately four million students in the United States and JA Worldwide reaches more than nine million students in over 120 countries each year.

**Junior Achievement of Central Indiana (JACI)** is best known for its on-site student learning lab – JA BizTown for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Thousands of students visit the Gene B. Glick Junior Achievement Education Center each year for this signature program, culminating several weeks of in-class preparation. JA also offers in-school programs which bring members of the business community into K-12 classrooms to teach JA curriculum. The sequential lessons include hands-on activities that help students understand the business and economics of life. For more information, visit [www.jaindy.org](http://www.jaindy.org).

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