Hoosier ROLE MODELS: From ALL Walks of Life

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WITH THANKS TO:

Past, present and future students of my *Valuing Diversity and Similarity* class at Butler University for making this a dynamic and relevant presentation which reflects our commitment to addressing the needs of ALL learners in today’s schools.
“CHILDREN HAVE MORE NEED OF MODELS THAN CRITICS.”

Carolyn Coates
JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY, The Hoosier Poet, says

Children
Take ‘em as they run
You kin bet on ev’ry one!
Treat ‘em right and reco’ nize
Human souls is all one size!
Being a role model is not about ‘fame’

The famous are either

- Much talked about, i.e., WELL-KNOWN (Late night host David Letterman?)
- Honored for achievement, i.e., CELEBRATED (Pharmaceutical giant founder Eli Lilly?) or
- Discreditably renowned, i.e, NOTORIOUS (Gangster John Dillinger?)
So let’s consider

Hoosier ROLE MODELS, persons who are
– Hoosier by birth or
– Hoosier by their contribution to our state and

Hoosiers from ALL walks of life
– who perhaps weren’t or aren’t famous
– and who certainly aren’t perfect,
– but are respected for who they are
HOOSIER ROLE MODELS

Walk of life? Hispanic!
CAROLYN CURIEL

🌟 An Indiana native
🌟 The first Latina presidential speech writer
🌟 Senior Presidential Speechwriter and Special Assistant to President Clinton
🌟 US ambassador to the Central American country of Belize

[Curiel Biography]
ESPERANZA ZENDEJAS

- Former Superintendent, Indianapolis Public Schools, 1995-98 (first woman, first Hispanic)
- Author of *The Tame Cactus*
- Mexican Indian artist and a ventriloquist!
- Daughter of migrant worker
- Then became chief academic officer for Cobb County Schools in Marietta, GA (2004)
FR. MAURO RODAS

- Catholic Priest (Retired)
- Served St. Mary’s parish in downtown Indianapolis for years
- Was assisting with Spanish services at St. Gabriel’s, also in Indianapolis
- Then became an academic advisor at Indy’s Cathedral High School
- Has four master’s degrees!
Con un conmovedor relato en inglés, de sus obstáculos y triunfos obtenidos en la adquisición del nuevo idioma, María Alejandra Páez, estudiante de escuela elemental Osolo de Elkhart, obtuvo el primer lugar entre varios oradores para quienes el inglés es su idioma nativo.

http://www.webelpuente.com/index.html
WALK OF LIFE? BI-RACIAL!
Only in the year 2000 did the federal census form begin to permit persons to check off more than one of the racial classifications. Classifications include white, black, Asian or Pacific Islander, and American Indian or Alaskan Native, with Hispanic listed in a separate question.

Golfing phenom Tiger Woods self identifies as bi-racial. Earl Woods, his father, is half black, one-quarter American Indian and one-quarter Chinese. Kultida is half Thai, one-quarter Chinese and one-quarter white.

http://biracialfamilies.meetup.com/members/
WENDE PERSONETTE

Terre Haute mom, Wende Personette, speaks up for her bi-racial children at March Against Hate campaign that was developed after the arson of the Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute as well as the recent racial violence against a biracial family in Sullivan, Indiana.

She was present with her children, 6-year-old Montgomereee Porter and 1-year-old Lela Porter.

"My children are biracial, so it's important to us to fight hate and racism," Personette said.

Pictured here: Susan Moss speaks at March Against Hate (1/30/04).
Y-Press interviewed two multiracial teens to learn about their experiences and how they view themselves in relation to their parents' backgrounds (Indianapolis Star 2/1/98).

Amber Graham, 17, and Victoria Raymond, 16, both of Indianapolis, have white mothers and black fathers.

**AMBER:** Many times I'm just taken for another white . . . because of how light my skin complexion is and how my hair is so much like the Caucasian race. I don't think people notice right off the bat unless they know me personally that I have that black in me.
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WALK OF LIFE?
EUROPEAN AMERICAN!
JANE PAULEY

- Graduate of Warren Central HS in Indianapolis and Indiana University with a BS in Political Science
- Began co-anchoring NBC’s Today Show when she was 25 years old
- Principal anchor, Dateline NBC
DAN QUAYLE

Dan is from Huntington, IN and served as Vice President under George H Bush from 1987-1991. Other US VPs from Indiana include:

- Thomas Marshall was VP under Woodrow Wilson (1913-21) and practiced law in Columbia City
- Charles Fairbanks of Indianapolis was VP under Teddy Roosevelt (1905-1909)
- Thomas Hendricks, a Hanover grad, was VP under Grover Cleveland in 1885 but died after 8 months in office
- Schulyer Colfax of New Carlisle was VP under Ulysses S. Grant from 1869-1873.

_presidents William Henry Harrison and Benjamin Harrison also had Indiana ties!_
ASTRONAUT JANICE VOSS

🌟 South Bend native
🌟 Went into space for fifth time Feb 11, 2000 as payload commander aboard space shuttle Endeavour.
🌟 Attended Purdue and MIT
🌟 Has her doctorate in electrical engineering
ANN MURTLOW

璪 CEO of Indianapolis Power and Light Co. 2002-2011
璪 Formerly VP of AES Corporation in London
璪 BS in Chemical Engineering, Lehigh Univ.
璪 Member of the Board of Directors of
  – Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce,
  – Indiana Electric Assn
  – Central Indiana Corporate Partnership
JEAN AND JANE FORD

• Sibling success!
• Indiana-born Jean and Jane Ford built their Benefit Cosmetics company into a $100 million business.
• Benefit Cosmetics is the industry’s fastest-growing and sixth-largest company.
• Both graduated from North Central High School in 1965 and IU in 1970.
Barb Skinner

Member, Butler University Athletic Hall of Fame & Butler School Counseling Cohort 2

Counselor, MSD Lawrence Twp, then counselor, Mt. Vernon HS; founded Career Planning Resources www.useyourstrength.com

Member, Hoosier Basketball’s 20 Best HS Players of All Time; won 8 varsity letters at Butler

Featured in History of Women’s Basketball Exhibit at IN Basketball Hall of Fame
Violin virtuoso and Indiana University graduate
Perhaps surprisingly, he was said to have been both a nerd and an athlete in school. In fact, Martin Short once declared, "he used to beat himself up at recess."
Born in Bloomington, he received his first violin at age four, a 1/16th size instrument his parents gave him after they discovered he had stretched rubber bands around the handles of his dresser drawers, to pluck out melodies he heard his mother playing on the piano.
AMID THE VIOLENCE, AUTHOR’S GOAL IS TO FIND BALANCE

Suzanne Collins, Indiana University Class of ’85, is the author of “The Hunger Games,” a critically acclaimed novel for young adults that has been adapted into a movie.

Collins, who majored in theater and telecommunications at IU, now lives in Connecticut. This question-and-answer session was provided by her publisher, Scholastic.

Question: “The Hunger Games” is an annual televised event in which one boy and one girl from each of the 12 districts is forced to participate in a fight-to-the-death on live TV. What is the appeal of reality television? Answer: They’re often set up as games, and, like sporting events, there’s an interest in seeing who wins. The contestants are usually unknown, which makes them reliable. Sometimes they have very talented people performing.

Then there’s the voyeuristic thrill — watching people being killed or brought to tears, or suffering physically — which I find very disturbing. There’s also the potential for desensitizing the audience, so that when they see real tragedy playing out on, say, the news, it doesn’t have the impact it should.

If you were forced to compete in the games, what do you think your special skill would be? At hiking. I’d be scaling those trees like Katniss and Rue. Since I was trained in sword-fighting, I guess my best hope would be to get hold of a rapier. But the truth is I’d probably get about a fourth in Training.

Q: The trilogy’s premise is very brutal, yet is handled so tastefully. Was this a difficult balance? A: Yes, the death scenes are always hard to write. It’s difficult to put kids in violent situations — Gregor, the protagonist in “The Underland Chronicles,” is in a war, but it’s probably better to work on another type of story.

Given that, you have to remember who you’re trying to reach with the book. I try and think of how I would tell a particularly difficult event to my own children. Exactly what details they need to know to really understand it, and what would be gratuitous.

Q: The Hunger Games” lacks issues like severe poverty, starvation, oppression and the effects of war among others. What drew you to such serious subject matter? A: That was probably my dad’s influence. He was a career Air Force, a military specialist, a historian and a doctor of political science. When I was a kid, he went for a year in Vietnam. It was very important to him that we understood certain aspects of life. So, it wasn’t enough to visit a battlefield, we needed to know why the battle occurred, how it played out, and the consequences. Fortunately, he had a gift for presenting history in an fascinating story. He also seemed to have a good sense of exactly how much a child could handle, which is quite a bit.

Q: What is the most surprising feedback for “The Hunger Games”? A: Probably how differently people view the book. Some are attracted to the dystopian world, others are there for action and adventure, still others for the romance. The readers are defining the
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WALK OF LIFE?
COPING WITH HEALTH ISSUES!
PROVIDING HEALTH SERVICE!
RYAN WHITE

“I’ve seen how people with HIV/AIDS are treated and I don’t want others to be treated like I was.”

Born with hemophilia
Contracted HIV through blood-clotting products
Attended Hamilton Heights High School in Cicero

www.ryanwhite.org
INDY 500 DRIVER (1998-2000)

Initiated the *Racing to Make a Difference* program in cooperation with the National Center for Learning Disabilities

Has overcome dyslexia, dysgraphia, and perception difficulties

[Stan Wattles Biography](#)
MICHELLE PORTER

Michelle, age 44, received a low-interest loan to buy a fully accessible home on Indianapolis' Southside.

A state program paid for modifications to accommodate Porter, who has cerebral palsy.

On their 2000 census forms, about 1 million Hoosiers reported having some type of disability.
KAREN LOZOW

- Former Special Education Counselor at Pike HS
- Her MS (multiple sclerosis) didn’t get in the way of earning an MS (master’s degree)
- Former case manager for Noble Centers
- Began doctoral program in psychology at University of Indianapolis in 2000
- [http://www.nationalmssociety.org/spotlight-mobility.asp](http://www.nationalmssociety.org/spotlight-mobility.asp)
- MS symptoms such as fatigue, iffy balance, weakness, and muscle spasticity make mobility difficult
HOWARD WARREN

d. March 14, 2003

Director of Pastoral Care at the Damien Center since 1989, two years after his own HIV+ diagnosis and after he revealed to Presbyterian Church officials that he was gay.

Until advent of protease inhibitors, the Damien Center could count on losing 1-2 dozen clients/month (1429 since Damien Center opened in 1987)

www.damien.org
OB-GYN, St. Vincent Hospital

First black department chair in the history of Duke University [per Indy Star 9/15/02]

Listed as one of the top 100 black physicians in America

Credited with helping Marion County reduce one of the highest infant mortality rates in the country
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WALK OF LIFE?
RURAL, COUNTRY, FARM, SMALL TOWN!
LARRY BIRD

🌟 Not ‘just a hick from French Lick’!
🌟 A NBA Hall of Famer
🌟 Indiana Pacers President of Basketball Operations 2003-2012
🌟 Led Indiana State to an 81-13 record, including a 50-1 record at home
🌟 Holds 30 Indiana State records, including most points (2,850), steals (240) and rebounds (1,247)
CANDACE SMITS

- Wife of former Indiana Pacer center, Rik Smits
- From farm in Martinsville, IN;
- Active in NBA Wives Association
- Earned her Master’s in School Counseling from Butler ’01!
BRAD MILLER

Says he’s a “Small town guy living the big life”

Played basketball for East Noble HS, Purdue & the Indiana Pacers

13 yrs as NBA pro, 2011-2012 w Timberwolves

On possible retirement location in hometown of Kendallville, IN..

– It’s 609 acres of woods, swamp and trash… it’s heaven!”
The farmer’s farmer (b. 1914)  
US Secretary of Agriculture (1971-1976)  
Born on farm near Albion, IN (Noble County)  
Purdue faculty member and dean  
Donated $1m to Purdue Ag Econ Department  
Where can agriculture take you?
http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu/destination/Fall03/index.htm
ALL 4H MEMBERS!

http://www.4h.org/
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WALK OF LIFE?
NATIVE or FIRST AMERICAN!
TECUMSEH

🌟 b. 1768 at Old Piqua on Mad River in western Ohio; Chief of the Shawnee Nation
🌟 Fought at Fort Recovery and Fallen Timbers
🌟 Established Prophetstown at juncture of the Tippecanoe and Wabash rivers
🌟 His political leadership, oratory, humanitarianism, and personal bravery attracted the admiration of both the British and Americans
KYWIN SUPERNAW

- Indiana University defensive back and team co-captain
- Played in Hula Bowl
- Parents are descendents of the Caddo and Osage tribes
- Played with the Detroit Lions (1998-2002)
- Was defending Viking receiver Chris Carter when Carter caught pass #1000.
CORY WITHERILL

- Rookie driver at Indy 500 in 2001
- 2004 with Team Diabetes Racing Program; now trying NASCAR
- Full-blooded Navajo, born on reservation
- Grew up in Santa Monica, CA
- Cory’s father has owned a healthcare corporation in California for 30 years

http://www.corywitherill.com/
Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Indiana University

B.A., M.A. & Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Washington, Seattle

Please visit his personal website at
http://www.indiana.edu/~fniu/thomasw/

Learn about pow wows in Bloomington
http://www.indiana.edu/~fniu/powwow0304.html
aya aya! teepahki iishiteehiaanki keewiihkawilotawiaanki.
or, Welcome! We are glad you have come to visit us
Before 1846, the Miami People were one people and therefore shared the same history, language, and culture. After the 1846 removal the Miami became split into two distinct tribes.
Today the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma maintains offices in Ottawa County, OK and the Miami Nation of Indians of Indiana maintains offices in Peru, IN.
Miami comes from their Ojibwe name, Oumami or "people of the peninsula"
THE MIAMI NATION TODAY

http://www.indianamiamis.org/text/introduction.html
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WALK OF LIFE?
AFRICAN AMERICAN!
Making history at McDonald’s

Purdue graduate is the first black CEO of fast-food chain

By Bruce C. Smith
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Don Thompson is known to show up for early morning meetings with other trustees of Purdue University — carrying armloads of McDonald’s Egg McMuffins and cups of coffee.

That gesture says a mouthful about the 48-year-old Thompson, who on Wednesday was named president and chief executive officer of McDonald’s, becoming the first black leader of the world’s largest restaurant chain.

A leader with deep Hoosier roots, he is often described as warm, friendly, inspiring — and very attuned to others’ needs.

“I find him to be a clear-thinking and practical and process-oriented member of the board, as you might expect of an electrical engineer,” said Michael R. Berghoff, president of

DON THOMPSON

» AGE: 48.

» EDUCATION: 1980 North Central High School; 1984, bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering, Purdue University.

» FAMILY: Wife, Liz; a son and a daughter.

» RESIDENCE: Suburban Chicago. Thompson was born in Chicago in 1963 and moved at age 10 to Indianapolis to live with his grandmother.

» WORK HISTORY: Engineer at Northrop Corp. Joined McDonald’s in 1990 as a project engineer; held several leadership positions in McDonald’s operations, including president of McDonald’s USA and president and chief operating officer of the global McDonald’s.

» MEMBERSHIPS: Boards of Exelon Corp., Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Purdue University.
MAYS CHEMICAL COMPANY

An Indianapolis-based minority business enterprise

Mays Chemical celebrates over 20 years as an innovative industry leader and the 13th largest chemical distributor in the world

Servicing the beverage, food, pharmaceutical, automotive, personal care, electronics, paint and coatings, pulp and paper, and chemical processing industries.

Bill Mays retires from Mays Chemical -- The most successful black businessman in Indiana plans to retire 12/31/2011 from the company that bears his name as part of a transition that ultimately will put his daughter at the helm.
First woman and first African American Indianapolis ever sent to Congress
Served 18 years in the Indiana General Assembly
Succeeded by her grandson Andre Carson
Award winning Indy Buick Dealership
Public Relations VP for General Motors
Ran for Congress in 2006
Dickerson serves as a board member of Public Television WFWI TV 20 and The Behavior Corp
Other minority-owned dealerships included Payton Wells Chevrolet on Meridian and Kennedy Chrysler Jeep

Not the Colts Hall of Fame football player.
MADAME WALKER

American’s first self-made, female millionaire

Via the sale of hair care products for African Americans

1867-1919

www.mmewalkertheatre.org
VIVICA ANJANETTA FOX

Actress, b 7/30/1964 in Indianapolis
Graduate of Arlington High School
Career Start: Who’s The Boss
Independence Day

www.absolutepictures.com/f/fox_vivica
Hamilton Southeastern HS, class of ’04

Wrestling state finalist warns of drug/alcohol use that imperiled his career

“I used to smoke weed a lot, like every day,” Patrick said. “I mean, in the summer, that’s all we used to do. …And on the weekends, go to parties, whoever was having a party.” “banned from sports for his entire junior year” “I thought I was invincible.”

Indy Star 3/22/04
Has a home in NW Indiana

See Oprah.com

When Winfrey talks, her viewers — an estimated 14 million daily in the U.S. and millions more in 132 other countries — listen.

Any book she chooses for her on-air book club becomes an instant best seller.

When she established the "world's largest piggy bank," people all over the country contributed spare change to raise more than $1 million (matched by Oprah) to send disadvantaged kids to college.
Executive chef of St. Elmo Steak House, began as a dishwasher in another restaurant.

Jones and three other local chefs hope to inspire other blacks to become leaders in restaurant kitchens.
BEVERLY VELASQUEZ

As a black woman, this co-owner of Mo Bev's Deli & Coffee Shop in Butler-Tarkington, is a rarity in the ranks of professional chefs.

• **Personal:** The 39-year-old Indianapolis native and her husband, David, live on the Far Northside. She has two children, Angelica, 13, and Julian, 11, and two stepsons, David Jr., 26, and Stephan, 25.

• **Career:** Has degree in environmental science from San Diego State University and an associate degree in applied sciences from Augusta Technical College of Culinary Arts in Georgia. Has worked at the Many Glacier Hotel in Montana, a NATO officers' club in Belgium, as an executive chef for Aramark Corp. Opened Mo Bev's in 2001.

• **Goals:** Wants to open a second restaurant Downtown in May.

• **Signature dish:** Kalypso chicken salad, featuring ginger-marinated chicken breast, romaine lettuce, mango and vegetables tossed in a raspberry vinaigrette.
MESHACH TAYLOR

🎉 Graduated from Crispus Attucks HS in Indianapolis
OSCAR ROBERTSON

- b. 1938
- Basketball standout at Crispus Attucks HS in Indianapolis
- Played professionally with the Cincinnati Royals and Milwaukee Bucks
- Elected to Basketball Hall of Fame in 1979
- Still holds NBA record for triple-doubles
TAVIS SMILEY

🌟 First black host of a signature talk show (a show with his name in the title) [per Indy Star 9/30/02]
🌟 38 year old from Kokomo now living in LA
🌟 On WFYI-FM at 8P, 9P in the winter
🌟 Also has TV show – *Late Night on PBS*
BARBARA BOYD

First African-American woman on television in Indiana

25 year career as consumer reporter at WRTV

Anchor from 1981 to 1984

Reported on her own mastectomy from her hospital bed


http://www.depauw.edu/library/archives/ijhof/inductees/bboyd.htm
NOBLE SISSLE

- www.redhotjazz.com/sissleo.html
- Wrote “I’m Just Wild About Harry”
- Graduated from Shortridge HS in Indianapolis
- One of the nation's premier composers and bandleaders
- He worked in a band with Eubie Blake in Baltimore as early as 1915
- The Sissle/Blake team scored an early hit with "It's All Your Fault" which Sophie Tucker performed in her act.
- They co-wrote and produced with Blake the historic shows Shuffle Along and Chocolate Dandies.
- Sissle recorded over 30 vocals during the early and mid-'20s.
Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds

- Graduate of North Central HS, Indianapolis
- Winner of 8 Grammy nominations in 1998
- Including for “The Day” as Album of the Year
- Has 3 consecutive Grammys as Producer of the Year

www.babyfaceonline.com
WILMA RUDOLPH

1940-1994

Overcame childhood polio to win three gold medals in Rome Olympics

20th of 22 children

The Wilma Rudolph Foundation is based in Indianapolis

http://www.lkwdpl.org/wihohio/rudowil.htm
CRISPUS ATTUCKS

Never set foot in Indiana, but…

Attucks HS, now Attucks Middle School in Indianapolis, is named for him

A Revolutionary War hero who took the first bullet at the Boston Massacre
Condoleeza Rice

- President George W. Bush’s National Security Advisor
- Was Provost of Stanford University for six years
- Has doctorate from Notre Dame
MARSHALL “MAJOR” TAYLOR

1878-1932
World champion bicycle racer
Grew up in Indianapolis
One of the first black athletes to achieve international fame
Major Taylor Velodrome on 38th Street named for him

http://www.isomedia.com/homes/bhd2/marshall_taylor.htm
ANITA DeFRANTZ

Vice President – International Olympic Committee (IOC)

Shortridge High School – Indianapolis; BA, Connecticut College; J.D., Univ of Pennsylvania School of Law

Attorney at the Juvenile Law Centre of Philadelphia (1977-1979); Administrator, Princeton University (1979-1981); Counselor; Corp. for Enterprise Development


Rowing bronze medalist (eight oars with coxswain) and team captain at the Games of the XXI Olympiad in Montreal in 1976
ROZELLE BOYD

- Graduated from Crispus Attucks High School; Butler University with BA in History and Political Science and Master’s in US History as Lilly Fellow from Indiana Univ.
- Was elected to the Marion County Council in 1965, and since the introduction of UniGov, was elected to the Indianapolis-Marion County City-County Council continuously 1969-2011.
- Served as the President of the Council body, chair of the Rules and Public Policy Committee and the Committee on Committees, and was on the Community Affairs Committee.
WALK OF LIFE?
COACHING!

When this PowerPoint was originally created in 2004, African Americans were head coach of the Pacers and Colts and at IU and ND.
MIKE DAVIS

Former IU Hoosiers Head Basketball Coach

Davis grew up in Fayette, Ala. where he was named Alabama's Mr. Basketball in 1979.

At the University of Alabama he won the team's Hustle Award four times.

As a college player, Davis scored 1,211 career points, 25th on the all-time list, he also produced 165 steals.
TONY DUNGY

 ורק:

- Starred as a quarterback at University of Minnesota from 1973-76.
- After 15 years as an NFL assistant coach, was named Tampa Bay Buccaneers' sixth head coach in 1996.
TYRONE WILLINGHAM

- Notre Dame Irish Head Football Coach 2002-2004
- 1977 grad of Michigan State
- Head coach at Stanford for seven years
- The Irish also got it done in the classroom in Willingham’s first season when fifth-year senior John Crowther became the 42nd Irish football player to earn Academic All-America honors.
ISIAH THOMAS

🌟 Former Indiana University standout and Most Outstanding Player of 1981 Final Four
🌟 Former Pacers Coach 2000-2003
🌟 Currently New York Knicks General Manager
🌟 Elected to Hall of Fame in 2000
LINDA BAMRICK

Women’s Basketball Coach – Indy’s Cathedral HS
99-00 3A State Champs – 27-1 record
00-01 3A State Champs – 29-1 record
2004 YWCA Sports Achievement Award
2004 McDonalds All American Girls Selection Committee
Coached Purdue’s Sharika Webb
Counselor Greg Bamrick of Cohort 007 is her husband
TAMIKA CATCHINGS

An All-American Lady Vol at the University of Tennessee

Indiana Fever 2002-2012

Voted by fans as one of top 15 players in the history of the WNBA
Perry Meridian HS grad
Helped lead Purdue University to 1999 NCAA Women’s Basketball Championship
Indiana Fever – 2008 -
MVP of 2006 WNBA All-Star game
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WALK OF LIFE?
ANOTHER COUNTRY IS HOME!
JOSE LUSENDE

• Originally from The Congo

• Blue Ribbon winner in 2000 at Indianapolis International Festival

• Fluent in French and his tribal tongue as well as English

• Has master’s degree in education and is the College of Education’s Director of Development at Butler University.

• http://congofood.com
RIK SMITS

🎉 Rik Smits – Indiana Pacer 1988-2000
– From Netherlands, 7’ 4” center for Pacers in the nineties
– His kids, his cars, his family important in his retirement from basketball
SIDNEY TAUREL

• Chairman, president and chief executive officer for Eli Lilly and Company 1998-2008
• Born a Spanish citizen in Casablanca, Morocco
• Graduated from Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales in Paris
• MBA from Columbia University
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WALK OF LIFE?
ASIAN AMERICAN OR
PACIFIC ISLANDER!
DAVID WONG

- One of four Lilly scientists who developed the anti-depressant drug, Prozac
- Helped change psychiatry and society

http://www.spu.edu/depts/uc/response/winter98/features/prozac.html
ISAMU NOGUCHI

- American’s best known sculptor, 1904 - 1988
- Attended Interlaken HS, Rolling Prairie, IN
- Japanese father was internationally acclaimed poet
- American mother was writer and teacher
- When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Noguchi was living in California. Although an American citizen, the half-Japanese Noguchi soon found himself viewed as an alien threat.

www.noguchi.org
DR. BOBBY FONG

-President of Butler University, 2001-2011
-Former dean of the faculty, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
-First American-born son of Chinese immigrants
-BA from Harvard; Ph.D. from UCLA

http://dawgnet.butler.edu/archive/040126/1942.html
KEIKO KASZA

Author/Illustrator from Bloomington, IN

Born and raised in Japan but received training in the arts at California State University at Northridge

Worked as a graphic designer, writing and illustrating children's books as a hobby, but the hobby eventually became her profession.

Husband teaches at Indiana University

Has two small boys.

In addition to American and English editions her books have been published in Spanish, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Danish, and Dutch.

Including Dorothy and Mikey, 1999; Don't Laugh, Joe!, 1997; Grandpa Toad's Secrets, 1995; Rat and the Tiger, 1993; Mother for Choco, 1992; etc.
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WALK OF LIFE? GAY LIFESTYLE!
COLE PORTER

Composer and lyricist
Wrote What Is This Thing Called “Love”?, Begin the Beguine, and Night and Day
Born in Peru, IN 1893
Graduated from Yale in 1913
US Postage Stamp issued in his honor in 1991

http://www.coleporter.org/
TED ALLEN

- Fab Five food expert on “Queer Eye for the Straight Guy”
- Now host of Food Network’s *Chopped*
- Carmel High School grad
In 1997, over 2 million Americans left the welfare rolls – the largest decline in history – and Elaine Kinslow of Indianapolis, divorced mother of four teenagers, was one of those success stories.

President Clinton publicly praised this Hoosier in his 1998 State of the Union address.

She joined Hillary in the first lady’s box as a representative of all the former welfare recipients who have worked their way into the employment mainstream.

Now a transportation dispatcher making $18,000 a year, Kinslow left welfare for good after 13 years on and off the rolls and was able to move her family to a better neighborhood with better schools for her children.
RUBY PAYNE

_attended Goshen College
Taught at English at Northridge HS in Middlebury, IN
Founded aha! Process, Inc in 1994
Has shared her insights about the culture of poverty in more than a thousand workshop settings throughout North America
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WALK OF LIFE?
RELIGION and SPIRITUALITY!
RABBI ERIC BRAM

Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

A Northside Reform synagogue of about 1400 families
T. GARROTT BENJAMIN, Jr.

Senior Pastor and Presiding Bishop – 1970-2012

Light of the World Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN

www.lightoftheworld.org
Rabbis Sandi and Dennis Sasso

- She has been rabbi at Beth-El Zedeck since 1977
- She teaches at Butler and has honorary doctorate from BU
- She, an award-winning author of children’s books
- They, the first rabbinical couple to lead a congregation
- She, the first rabbi to become a mother
SHEIKH
MOHAMMED NUR ABDULLAH

President,
ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

Located in Plainfield, Indiana
In 1983, thanks to a grant from the Lilly Endowment to fund a full-time staff, CHARLES WILLIAMS resigned as a special assistant to Mayor William Hudnut to become the first paid president of the organization.

Indiana Black Expo, Inc., (IBE) was founded in Indianapolis in 1970 by a group of religious and civic leaders. In 1971, the same group created an exposition at the Indiana State Fairgrounds that showcased the achievements of African-Americans in the areas of culture, art, history and economics.
YES,
FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE!!!!
Find Out About These People Too!

May Wright Sewall – women’s rights advocate
Eliza Blaker – pioneer of free kindergarten movement
Tecumseh and The Prophet – Shawnee leaders and warriors
Frances Slocum – White captive-turned-American Indian loyalist
Peyton Manning

Levi Coffin – Underground railroad leader
Herman B Wells – Indiana University president
David Wolf - Astronaut
Sandi Patty – Gospel singer
Evan Bayh – Governor, senator
Jim Davis – Cartoonist
Robert Indiana - Sculptor
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