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February 2016

The Exchange News

Notice Something Different?

2016 Executive Team

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President

Adrienne Slash
VP of Membership

Question Holland
VP of Programming

Tekiah Tunstall
VP of Operations

Sharvonne Williams
Secretary

Joel Githiri
Treasurer

Yes, we changed our name! The Indianapolis Urban League Young Professionals is now **The Exchange at the Indianapolis Urban League**.

Why the change?

We listened to our members and the community and wanted to come together as one collaborative effort that resonates with everyone who wants to serve our diverse community. The name is different, however, the mission and goals remain the same. We are here to promote, advocate, develop and serve. The Exchange is our way to empower the next generation and build a positive connection with the City.

The best way to find out more is to stay connected to our [Facebook](#) page or join us at one of our monthly meetings, currently held the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

Stay Connected

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Y P E M P O W E R

National Urban League Young Professional chapters across the country were encouraged to affirm their members as part of the YPEmpowered program. Check out our [facebook](#) page to see nearly 20 amazing and emerging community leaders.

Like us on Facebook 



T h e E x c h a n g
I B J F o r t y U

Congratulations to Camille Blunt, Malina Simone Jeffers and Marshawn Wolley.



Owner
Malina Simone Inc.

A former arts services manager at the Arts Council of Indianapolis and director of marketing and programs at the Madame Walker Theatre Center, Malina Jeffers now creates projects on her own, including many under the Mosaic City brand.

[Read More](#)



Legislative Director
Office of the Mayor

Camille Blunt joined the new administration of Mayor Joe Hogsett in January after working 14 years at Bose Public Affairs Group, where she left as the second vice president specializing in lobbying for education and health care clients, including the Indiana Urban Schools Association. A member of the Indianapolis Public Library board, Blunt will now oversee the city's relations with the Legislature.

[Read More](#)

T h e E x c h a n g e

The Exchange at the Indianapolis Urban League hosted our third session of the Exchange Leadership Fellows Program, a partnership with the Kelley School of Business - Indianapolis. Prof. Charlotte Westerhaus Renfro, led a session on negotiation for program participants.

This program is an effort to empower participants in the skills they

need to become civic, government, nonprofit and business leaders, as well as to engage in an intergenerational conversation on leadership in our community.

Watch the Kelley School of Business-Indianapolis Dean's Council [video](#) discussing our unique partnership.



I n d y L o v e s F

The Exchange was proud to partner on the #IndyLovesFlint project and support member Brent Lyle in efforts to gather necessary items for Flint, Michigan. Bottled and gallons of water, hand sanitizer and baby/sanitary wipes were some of the most needed items, in addition to monetary donations.



P r e s i d e n t i a

Thank you to everyone who attended our first in a series of Watch Parties for the 2016 Presidential Race co-hosted by the Marion County Young Democrats at 36 Degrees.

Indy's finest young professionals and civically engaged residents were able to network and have a good time.



J o i n W e e k 2



--Member Reflection--

I had a great time meeting new people at Movie Night sponsored by The Exchange at the Indianapolis Urban League. It was refreshing to see interest in and talk about The National Urban League's pre-college initiatives with prospective volunteers. I can't wait to work with these volunteers as we sponsor new activities to stimulate the minds of Indy's youth.



--Member Reflection--

Great program at the Madame Walker Theatre Center! Paying tribute to Amos Brown, Bill Crawford and Bill Mays was so inspiring. Everyone has the power to serve.

W e l c o m e N e w M e m

Mia Baird
Ryan Bennett
Jasmine Blackmon
Camille Blunt
Ceceily Brickley
Michael Chapuran
Kelvin Crowe*

Tamara Cypress
Courtney Edmonds
Dionna Embry
Bryon Farmer
Janelle Gearries*
Marisol Goueia
Kristopher Graves
Brandi Holland
Duane Ingram
Leighton Johnson
Channie Jones
Faren Jones
Kristen Lampkin*
Eronica G Locker
Jillean Long*
Emily Massengill
Marcia McDonald
David McGuire
Tamara Nance*
Dominic Paicely
Arnetta Scruggs
Jean Smith
Yuri Smith
Crystal Smitherman
Lashelle Tipton
Tekiah Tunstall
Alisa Vesely
Marshawn Wolley*

*Renewed Membership

U p c o m i n g E v

March 12, 2016

Overcoming Adversity (Juvenile Detention Center effort
10am @ Marion County Juvenile Detention Center)

March 21, 2016

General Body Meeting featuring Interim Indiana Civil Rights
Commission

Judge Noel Allen and Jamal Smith

6:00pm

Location: IUL

March 14-18, 2016

March 19, 2016

Exchange Leadership Fellows Program

Health and Quality of Life

Location: IUPUI Kelley School of Business

IUL NEWS

I n d y F r e e T
U r b a n L e a g u



It is tax season again! Do you need access to a computer to prepare and file your taxes online? Are you tired of paying tax preparation fees?

The Indianapolis Urban League, a new Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site will offer the Indy Free Tax Prep Program which provides free tax preparation assistance to individuals and families

with a combined household income of \$60,000 or less per year. Individuals will be able to use IUL computers and tax filing software (MyFreeTaxes.com) for free to file their returns. An IRS-certified volunteer will be on-hand to assist tax filers.

Thursday, March 17, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Tuesday, April 12, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Indianapolis Urban League, Sam H. Jones Center, 777 Indiana Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46202

RSVP: To RSVP, please contact Lela Green at lgreen@indplsul.org or (317) 693-7603



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In recognition of National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day,
the Indianapolis Urban League presents:



Sistas, We Need
to Talk!



**HIV is 100% preventable, yet our mothers, sisters,
daughters and girlfriends continue to contract it!**

WHAT: Short video, engaging discussion, prevention tips
& free food.

CELEBRITY APPEARANCES: Sasha & Woody

WHEN: Thursday, March 10, 2016, 6:30-8:30 PM

WHERE: Indianapolis Urban League, 777 Indiana Avenue

Prevention begins with **YOU** so please bring a
lady/teen with you and let's talk!

For more information or to R.S.V.P, contact Shar'ron Mason at
smason@indplsul.org or 317-693-7646



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Empowering Women, Girls and Teenagers



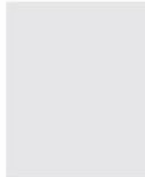
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PRESENTS:

2016 Health & Wellness Speaker Series

Thursday, March 17, 2016
The State of Our Community Health



Dr. Virginia Caine, Director
Marion County Public Health Department

LOCATION: **Avondale Meadows YMCA**
3908 Meadows Drive

TIME: **6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Panel discussion will immediately follow lecture featuring influential leaders in Public Health.

Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is not required. For more information please contact ldixon@indplsul.org or call (317) 693-7644

The IUL Health & Wellness Speaker Series is a quarterly series that brings a prominent speaker to talk about a health issue of contemporary concern. Through the series, we hope to bring influential speakers to share their insight on current issues and potential strategies for change. It is also a desire to build and strengthen the relationships of the Indianapolis Urban League and all organizations represented.



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PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

INDIANAPOLIS URBAN LEAGUE'S EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DAY

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016

INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER – 500 BALLROOM

2016 Keynote Speaker



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Please support the Indianapolis Urban League's signature event, **Equal Opportunity Day** which recognizes corporations, individuals, and organizations that champion the principles of equal opportunity, civil rights and social justice, while simultaneously raising money to support our mission. Hundreds of executives in business, government, education and nonprofit organizations participate in this annual event which includes a professional development workshop followed by the Equal Opportunity Day Luncheon.

This year, we are pleased to announce that noted labor economist, author and commentator, Dr. Julianne Malveaux, will serve as our keynote speaker. Dr. Malveaux has been described as "one of the most iconoclastic public intellectuals in the country" by Dr. Cornel West. Please join us for her informative and thought-provoking speech!

Luncheon Ticket Prices: \$100 (Individual); \$1000 (Table of 10)
Workshop Admission Price: \$125 (Individual)
Luncheon & Workshop Price: \$200 (Individual)

For more information, contact the Indianapolis Urban League at 317-693-7603

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE NEWS





"You can holler, protest, march, picket and demonstrate, but somebody must be able to sit in on the strategy conferences and plot a course. There must be strategies." - Whitney M. Young, past National Urban League president

The Civil Rights Movement exploded in the middle of the 20th century, calling attention to the stark contrasts in quality of life between Black and White Americans. Separate but equal was no longer acceptable to millions living in poverty and discrimination.

The League found itself a visionary leader in Whitney M. Young, Jr., who took the helm as executive director in 1961. A social worker like his predecessors, he substantially expanded the League's fund-raising ability and, most critically, made the League a full partner in the Civil Rights Movement.

[Read More](#)

Get heard, spread the word.

You know the story, lay it on your Black brothers and sisters. Let them know if they don't do their bit to make Black add up in the census, they're stealing from every Black in America. They're stealing jobs, housing, schools, hospitals, food. Let them know every Black man, woman and child is counting on them.

There's a lot more to this story, so if you want more information, or if you have questions, or even better, if you'd like to volunteer to help make all of the Black people count in the '70 census, write or call us at the office, below.



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A Century of **SAVING OUR CITIES**

Where it counts!



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black
count

Coalition for a Black Count

Get in the '70 Census

KEEP US INFORMED

The Exchange would like to know what is going on with you and celebrate your accomplishments. Please provide us with current contact information, recent achievements, noteworthy honors and advancements.