

PACERS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT IS THE 2017 INTERNATIONAL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The International Center is proud to announce that its Board of Directors have selected **Pacers Sports & Entertainment** as the 2017 **International Citizen of the Year!**

Pacers Sports & Entertainment, which encompasses the Indiana Pacers, Indiana Fever, management of Bankers Life

Fieldhouse, the Fort Wayne Mad Ants and the Pacers Foundation, will receive the award from The International Center at a special dinner and program on Sept. 13, 2017 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in

Indianapolis.

International Center Board members **Julie Griffith**, vice president of public affairs for Purdue University, and **Brian Gildea**, economic development manager for

Vectren Corporation, will serve as co-chairs of the event.



Since its establishment in 1973, The International Center has worked to promote public, private and civic global objectives in Indiana and build greater community awareness of international issues and opportunities. The International Citizen of the Year event, begun in 1985, is The Center's signature event as the way to recognize Hoosiers who have fostered a world view in Indiana through business, culture, education, government, medicine, research, media, sports and community service.

"The impact that the Pacers, together with the Indiana Fever and under the extraordinary leadership of the Simon Family, have had on our city and state's international profile is

enormous," said **Marsha Stone**, Board Chair for The International Center. "People from all around the world have trained their eyes on and followed the career of some of the world's most gifted basketball talent, right here in Indiana," she said.

"We are truly honored by this distinction," said **Rick Fuson**, president and chief operating officer of Pacers Sports & Entertainment. "Every member of the Pacers Sports & Entertainment team—from the players and the front office, to the ushers and box office attendants—have played a role in advancing the globalization of Indiana through healthy Hoosier competition. I am proud to be part of an organization with a rich legacy of diversity and global awareness."

To read more about the International Citizen of the Year, including a list of past recipients, [click here](#).

WHAT'S NEW AT THE CENTER

The International Center is honored to be one of 29 Central Indiana nonprofit organizations to receive funding from The Indianapolis Foundation, a community fund managed by the Central Indiana Community

Foundation! We are grateful to The Indianapolis

Foundation and its Board of Directors for this display of confidence in the Festival Fund and commitment to celebrating diversity in our community through a \$30,000 grant.



[Click here](#) to read more about The Indianapolis Foundation's gift.

[Click here](#) to discover how your organization might apply for a Festival Fund grant.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

World Trade Day

April 13

The Wellington Fishers

Perry Cultural Festival

April 29

Baxter YMCA

Taiwan's Seasonal Wonders

May 8

Marian University

Workshop Series: China

June 2

The International Center

Indy Midsommer Festival

June 10

Latvian Community Center

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FOR EXPATRIATES: FRAE'S STORY

"In Ethiopia, where I grew up, giving is part of the culture. After living in the USA for several years, there was a part of me that missed that feeling of connectedness to communities that result from giving and sharing. It was a void I could not quite fill through monetary donations alone. So I began to search for a different approach. I started by first finding an environment to share my culture with others of similar backgrounds. I joined Lilly

AMECA ERG, an employee resource group that represents people from Africa, Middle East, and Central Asia. At AMECA, I served on the executive team where I led the Community Outreach Program. Being part of the internal and external AMECA community presented an avenue to express, share, and empower cultures including mine."

[Click here](#) to read the rest of Frezewed "Frae" H. Kazmierczak's blog about the experiences that prepared the inaugural [Civic Engagement for Expatriates](#) program graduate for her newest role as an [Immigrant Welcome Center](#) Board Member.



WORLD TRADE DAY

Join the Indy Chamber and keynote speaker Charles

Kenny of the Center for Global Development for World Trade Day on April 13 at The

Wellington Fishers Banquet & Conference Center!



Kenny is a renowned author and senior fellow at the Center for Global Development. His current work advocates for policies governing investment, trade, technology and migration that is good for developing and

Industrial countries alike. Kenny is also a contributing editor at Foreign Policy magazine, and his articles have been featured in the Wall Street Journal, Politico, CNN and more.

Register for World Trade Day by [clicking here](#).

THE CENTER HIRES THREE, PROMOTES ONE

The International Center has hired three new staff members, filling the roles of

development manager, relocation services coordinator and office manager. The Center has also promoted a member of its marketing and development department.

[Laura Limp](#) brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her new role as The International

Center's development manager. The Indiana University graduate joins The Center after a successful stint as a development officer with the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites. Limp plans to relocate to Central Indiana from Evansville this summer.

Relocation services coordinator [Danielle Reed](#) has joined The Center's growing relocation services team, the organization's largest department, after serving as an eligibility representative at Angie's List. Reed is a Ball State graduate and former AmeriCorps member.

[Tyler Smoot](#), office manager, previously served as an application support analyst at Aprimo (formerly

Teradata). He also held positions with Blackbaud and Brothers Publishing/Ball Publishing. Smoot was a

classical studies and archaeology major at the University of Evansville.

The International Center has also promoted [Logan Charlesworth](#) to the role of marketing and communications manager. Charlesworth, a Ball State graduate, has been with The International Center for one year as its marketing and communications associate. She currently manages The International Center's community outreach, graphic design and social media efforts in addition to her role as the Festival Fund administrator.

Welcome to the team, Laura, Danielle and Tyler, and congratulations, Logan!



LAURA LIMP
DEVELOPMENT MANAGER



DANIELLE REED
RELOCATION SERVICES
COORDINATOR



TYLER SMOOT
OFFICE MANAGER



LOGAN CHARLESWORTH
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS
MANAGER

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

The International Center is searching for exceptional Interns to join our team this summer! Students who wish to gain experience in global affairs, improve their professional skills and make meaningful connections with leaders across the state are encouraged to review available positions on our [website](#) or contact [Hannah Day](#).

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