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## THE MITCH DANIELS LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION LECTURE SERIES SCHEDULES EVENT IN INDIANAPOLIS IN MARCH BUTLER UNIVERSITY

## **HOWARD L. SCHROTT CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVES WILL MEET WITH STUDENT LEADERS FROM OVER 25 HIGH SCHOOLS FROM 5 DIFFERENT COUNTIES; ANNOUNCE THE FOUNDATION'S NEXT DANIELS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

INDIANAPOLIS - When the <u>Mitch Daniels Leadership Foundation</u> Lecture Series comes home to Indianapolis on Friday, March 6, 2015, its speakers will visit Butler University – Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts, West 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

Featured speakers will be Cathy Langham, President and CEO Langham Logistics and Mitch Daniels Leadership Foundation, Inc. board director; 2013 Daniels Leadership Prize recipient <u>Tim Solso</u>, current chairman of General Motors and former chairman of Cummins, Inc.; and 2013 Daniels Prize Grant Recipient <u>Earl Phalen</u>, creator of the Summer Advantage USA program and other K-12 educational initiatives. Former Indiana Governor and current Purdue University President <u>Mitch Daniels</u> will also attend and will make remarks and participate in the question and answer portion. Butler University President, Jams M. Danko, will welcome the students.

At 10:00 AM EST, the Lecture Series group will speak with public and private high school students who are currently juniors from over 25 different high schools and from 5 Indiana counties – Franklin, Johnson, Hamilton, Hendricks and Marion. High school students who are currently juniors are scheduled to attend this Lecture Series event, which will include a question and answer session. During this event, Harry Gonso, President of the Mitch Daniels Leadership Foundation will present a \$2,500 leadership scholarship to one high school junior student.

At the event, the Leadership Lecture Series speakers will discuss leadership qualities, challenges, lessons learned and the rewards of being career leaders.

This Lecture Series is designed to connect recognized leaders with Indiana's rising young leaders and is a component of the Mitch Daniels Leadership Foundation, created to encourage and instill leadership that lifts the arc of progress in Indiana as was done by Mitch Daniels as <u>Indiana's 49th governor</u>.

The Mitch Daniels Leadership Prize is awarded every two years. A non-partisan jury, currently chaired by former Chief Justice Shepard, selects the Prize winner. In 2013, the <u>Daniels Prize Jury</u> selected Tim Solso to receive the inaugural Daniels Prize, for his leadership that has dramatically advanced Indiana. In turn, Solso selected Earl Martin Phalen, for his efforts to create and build the nationally-renowned

<u>Summer Advantage</u> and <u>George and Veronica Phalen Leadership Academies</u> programs, both actively enhancing educational progress for Hoosier students, to receive the Foundation's \$50,000 award for use in that work. As part of the Lecture Series, Mr. Solso and Mr. Phalen have met with student and civic leaders around Indiana to encourage and discuss their future aspirations, expectations and actions in Indiana.

**BUTLER UNIVERSITY, HOWARD L. SCHROTT CENTER FOR THE ARTS, West 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208.** The Lecture Series event at Butler University is not open to the public. However, media wishing to attend may contact (Gina Dankert, (317) 379-6788), email: gina.dankert@att.net

## **MEDIA AVAILABILITY**

Ms. Langham, President Daniels, Mr. Solso and Mr. Phalen will be available to speak with the media immediately following at approximately 11:15 AM EST.

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