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Giving Tuesday

November 28 is [#GivingTuesday](#), a day of giving "fueled by the power of social media and collaboration." Please consider including the [Indiana Bar Foundation](#) in your Giving Tuesday plans, and join in the conversation on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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Thank you!

Four New High Schools in *We the People* State Finals



Castle High School's *We the People* class after winning first place at the Southwest Regional Competition.

The *We the People* State Finals, December 10-12, will have four new high schools competing this year. They are: Castle High School (Newburgh), Columbus Signature Academy, Heritage High School (Monroeville), and West Lafayette High School. [Volunteer to judge at the state finals here.](#)

Thank you to the schools that donated space for our regional competitions this year: Franklin Township School Corporation, the Public Safety Academy at Ivy Tech (Fort Wayne), Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs (Bloomington), and the University of Southern Indiana, which not only donated the space but also paid for the students' lunches! Thanks also to the Franklin Township Educational Foundation for operating the snack bar both days of the Central Region competition. Such generosity is a great aid to helping these students.

Indiana Civic Health Index Launched in Three Cities Statewide

The third release of the [Indiana Civic Health Index](#) contained a few surprises and continued sobering news about voting. Indiana improved in residents' participation in activities associated with healthy communities and healthy families. Voter turnout, however, remained unchanged. One bright spot: Indiana rose from 17th in 2010 to third in the nation in "dining frequently" with a family member.

The Foundation launched the report's third edition in

Staff conducted a brief survey of communications preferences in October and is assessing those results for discussion with volunteer leadership on the communications and development committee. Thank you everyone who responded. We will share those results in January's e-newsletter.

Evansville, Fort Wayne and Indianapolis with the help of sponsors and former Chief Justice Randall Shepard, former Congressman Lee Hamilton, and former Attorney General Greg Zoeller.

New Fellows, Volunteer Awards and Keystone Society Recognition on December 10

The 2017 Fellows class represents a distinguished list of private and public sector attorneys and judges who have placed service to the community and the profession as high priorities. Read about the 2017 Class and what makes them special [here](#). [Register for the dinner](#) that will honor them and other award-winning attorneys by *December 1*.

Judge Dowling Honored



Congratulations to Coalition for Court Access member Hon. Kimberly Dowling, Delaware Circuit Court, for receiving the Excellence in Innovation Award from the Muncie Innovation Connector. Judge Dowling was recognized for her leadership in developing the Self-Help Center in Delaware County for self-represented litigants to learn about and access the proper court documents to assist with their legal cases.

High School Mock Trial 2020

The Foundation's board won a bid for Indiana to host the 2020 National High School Mock Trial Championship in Evansville! This will be the Championship's first return to Indiana since the 2013 national finals. As a statewide organization, it's important to rotate major events to broaden the education mission's impact. It's estimated the event will have a \$1.6 million economic impact for the area.

The Championship will bring 900 high school students, their parents, teachers, coaches and national mock trial aficionados to Indiana's third largest city and secure Indiana's place as a premier provider of civic education nationally. The High School Mock Trial program in Indiana provides valuable education in the American judicial process and trial procedures while also educating the students in teamwork, public speaking and critical thinking skills.

Articles from the press conference held in Evansville last month can be found below. The Foundation's board is grateful to the steering committee for its help for the next three years: Co-chairs: Hon. Richard Young, Hon. Steven David; Volunteers: Hon. Melissa May; Fundraising: Donald Lundberg; Case: Scott Barnhart; and Logistics: Beverly Corn.

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Want to be involved? Mark **May 8-9, 2020** on your calendar and visit the [Championship website](#) where you can sign up to be added to the volunteer list.

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When you think of deferred giving, do you think about the value a stock or real estate

donation might bring to the mission you care about? Have you considered how donating an asset you no longer need could help further your goals for the legal profession? Donating material items could help you establish an endowment at the Foundation that furthers your goals for the profession and the colleagues who have meant so much to you. Who have helped you not just make a living but make the world better by promoting civic values, civility in the profession, and charitable deeds for those who cannot afford a private attorney.

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