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More than \$350,000 in scholarships awarded to Indiana Latino students

Indianapolis, IN, July 16, 2014 – The Indiana Latino Scholarship Fund (ILSF) Dinner that took place July 10 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom raised more than \$350,000 to support scholarships to help Indiana Latino students attend college. This year alone, more than 100 scholarships were awarded to 100 students (some students received multiple scholarships), and two special honorees, Dow AgroSciences and Angela D. Adams, were recognized for their support of Latino advancement.

According to the U.S. Census, the number of Hispanic youth under 18 years of age in Indiana doubled from 2000 to 2012. Educating this fast-growing Latino/Hispanic population is critical for the state's economic future which makes the Indiana Latino Scholarship Fund's focus on increasing college attainment among Latino/Hispanic youth critical to advance Indiana's future.

Since 2008, ILSF has awarded more than \$1.5 million in scholarships making it the largest Latino scholarship Fund in Indiana. "The Indiana Latino Scholarship Fund is incredibly important to the state's top Latino students, who need and deserve our support in order to take the next steps in their academic careers. But more than that, the Fund reflects our community's commitment to achievement and the belief that in order for the community to excel, we must support individuals talents," said Brian Payne, President and CEO of Central Indiana Community Foundation.

ILSF recognized Dow AgroSciences as the corporate honoree. Dow AgroSciences and its more than 8,000 employees worldwide are committed to serving the unique needs of the communities in which it serves and operates. In Indianapolis – home of the company's global headquarters – they are ideally positioned to support the vibrant and growing Latino community in Central Indiana. They do so through volunteer efforts and investments in programs that address food insecurity, STEM education and community success. Dow AgroSciences and The Dow Chemical Company, are committed to diversity and inclusion programming and actively support the Metropolitan School District of Pike Township, Indianapolis Public Schools, Noche de Ciencias, Asociacion de Venezolanos en Indiana, Indiana Latino Expo, Indiana Latino Institute, and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, among others.

The ILSF individual honoree was Angela Adams, Associate General Counsel for Immigration at Indiana University, for her consistent and demonstrated commitment to advancing educational opportunities for Latino students. Over the years, she has advised numerous students in their pursuit of college diplomas, and Angela has worked with policymakers, opinion leaders, and institutions to change policies and open educational doors. She has also advocated for the DREAM Act, and for in-state tuition policies for undocumented students, introducing talented and persuasive young people to legislators. Angela's efforts, in large part, led in 2013 to the passage of Senate Bill 0207, which granted in-state tuition to undocumented students previously enrolled in college. Additionally, she has volunteered time and served on the boards of many organizations and programs that have advocated for expanding educational opportunities for Latino students, including Mexican Scholarship Fund, Mapping Education Towards Achievement (META) conference, and the Immigrant Welcome Center of Indianapolis.

Photos of the event are available upon request.

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About Indiana Latino Scholarship Fund

The Indiana Latino Scholarship Fund (ILSF) is a collaborative initiative founded out of the desire and need to provide talented Latino high school and college students with scholarships, enabling them to attend higher education institutions. The Central Indiana Community Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, serves as the ILSF fiscal agent. In the Spring of 2008, the fund was formed with seven (7) auxiliary organizations: Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF), Indiana Latino Institute (ILI), La Plaza, Mexican Scholarship Fund, Project Stepping Stone, Sociedad de Amigos de Colombia (SADCO), and USA Funds. By creating a fund that would support key Latino community-based organizations that already provide scholarships to Latino students, the combined efforts and resources for fund-raising would naturally generate a larger pool of funds, resulting in more financial opportunities through awarded scholarships for Indiana's top Latino students. For more information about ILSF, follow them on Facebook page at www.facebook.com/INLSF, Indiana Latino Scholarship Fund or visit their Website at www.IndianaLSF.org.

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