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**Nationally Renowned Educators and Authors Dr. Michael Eric Dyson and Ron Clark
Tapped to Keynote Indiana Black Expo's 10th Annual Education Conference**

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana Black Expo announced today that nationally renowned educators and authors Dr. Michael Eric Dyson and Ron Clark will keynote Indiana Black Expo's 10th Annual Education Conference presented by Indiana Civil Rights Commission and Cummins Inc. The conference will take place on Thursday, July 13th from 7:00AM – 4:00PM. A Meet & Greet Reception hosted by Indiana Wesleyan University will take place immediately following the conference.

“We are excited to have Dr. Dyson and Mr. Clark for our 10th Annual Education Conference,” says Tanya Bell, IBE President & CEO. “IBE celebrates ten years of partnership with education advocates and supporters, educators and administrators across the state to enhance K-12 outcomes for students, particularly students of color,” added Bell. This year, IBE has added a post-secondary education track that will share best practices on access and retention of African-American students and teacher preparation courses on classroom management, social justice and other topics. IBE will offer Professional Growth Plan (PGP) points to conference attendees. Early Bird Registration for the conference is \$40.00. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

About this Year's Keynotes

Michael Eric Dyson

Named by Essence magazine as one of the 50 most inspiring African Americans in the U.S., Michael Eric Dyson is also a best-selling author, one of the nation's most renowned public intellectuals, and he has revitalized the title with the fervor of an ordained Baptist minister. Called “a street fighter in a suit and tie,” he takes on the toughest and most controversial issues of the day, including race, politics and pop culture, with his fearless and fiery rhetoric.

An MSNBC political analyst and former host of NPR's The Michael Eric Dyson Show, Dyson is also an award-winning author. His speeches and books both provide some of the most significant commentary on modern social and intellectual thought today, interwoven with a combination of cultural criticism, race theory, religion, philosophical reflection and gender studies. Works such as Making Malcolm X; I May Not Get There with You; Holler if You Hear Me; and Mercy, Mercy Me: The Art, Loves and Demons of Marvin Gaye deeply probe social themes and cultural politics.

Ron Clark

Known to many as "America's Educator," Ron Clark is the 2000 Disney American Teacher of the Year, a two-time New York Times Bestselling author, the subject of a television movie and the founder of The Ron Clark Academy. Ron is regularly featured on network and cable television (The Today Show, CNN and Oprah,) and was dubbed by Ms. Winfrey as her first "Phenomenal Man."

Ron Clark brings charisma, energy and devotion to the education profession. Ron pioneered innovative projects in rural North Carolina working with minority students in a low wealth area. His highly effective programs garnered national attention and led to a White House invitation to be honored by the President of the United States.

About Indiana Black Expo, Inc.

Indiana Black Expo, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) statewide organization with 12 chapter affiliates. The mission of IBE is to serve as a voice and vehicle for the social and economic advancement of African-Americans. IBE is known for its two major fundraisers, Summer Celebration and Circle City Classic®. IBE provides year round youth and family programs, including its Indiana College & Scholarship Fair, Summer Internship Program, Circle City Classic® Scholarship Fund, State of Our Black Youth Report and Initiative, Parent Leadership Academy, Youth Media Institute, Statewide Anti-Tobacco Initiative, Education Conference, Youth Leadership Summit, Employment Opportunity Fair, and Minority Business Conference. IBE is currently responsible for the implementation of OpportunIndy as part of former President Barack Obama's My Brother's Keeper Program.