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**College Mentors for Kids Announces
2012 Inspire Award Finalists**

INDIANAPOLIS – Finalists for the third annual Inspire Awards, hosted by College Mentors for Kids, have been selected. Winners will be announced at the awards luncheon on February 29 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

The Inspire Awards recognize and honor seven individuals for their selfless service to others through mentoring. Six industry categories recognize workplace mentoring and a youth mentoring category recognizes community members investing in our youth. College Mentors for Kids will also present a lifetime achievement award to Mickey Maurer for his lifelong contributions to mentoring. Finalists include:

Accounting, Legal & Financial Services Finalists

Al London, JP Morgan Chase
Brian Bosma, Indiana House of Representatives
Nicole Duncan, PNC Bank
Nicol Miner, Old National Bank
Scenario Adebessin, Fifth Third Bank

Education & Nonprofit Finalists

Debbie Sullivan, MSD Decatur Township
Kara Larkin, Clark Pleasant Academy
Kenneth Coopwood, Missouri State University
Lynn Sygiel, Y-Press Youth News Network
Thomas & Nancy Lange, St. Luke's United Methodist

Marketing, Media & Athletics Finalists

Lee Anne Brooks, Entrepreneur
Rich Reasoner, University of Indianapolis
Allison Melangton, 2012 Super Bowl Host Committee
Linda Paul, USA Diving
Melissa Beckwith, Butler Business Accelerator

Business, Retail & Services Finalists

Anne Campbell-Rojas, Village Experience
Billie Drago, Repucare
Doug Collins, DSS Consulting
Paul Lushin, Lushin and Associates
Paul Schlegel, Schneider National

Health & Health Sciences Finalists

David Youran, Indiana Reproductive Acupuncture
Leslie Montgomery, Planned Parenthood of Indiana
John Hayes, Eli Lilly & Co - retired
James Trippi, Gennesaret Free Clinic, Inc.
Carrie Maffeo, Butler University

**Technology, Engineering &
Manufacturing Finalists**

Abby Bergman, Exacttarget
Andrew Warrington, Peerless Pump
Bob Cole, Eli Lilly & Co -retired
Kristin Steinman, Eli Lilly & Co
Mike Simmons, t2 systems

Youth Mentoring Award Finalists

Al Walus, Safe Harbor Afterschool Program
Cesar Munoz, Big Brothers Big Sisters
John Hoffman, Starfish Initiative
Kory & Allison Lantz, Transformation
Sally Bindley, School on Wheels

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Finalists were chosen based on their impact and how well they embody the characteristics of a mentor. Erin Slater, College Mentors for Kids' CEO, was impressed with the caliber of nominees for this year's award.

"Our selection committees for each category have an incredibly difficult task in choosing only one winner from this collection of well-deserving individuals," Slater said. "We are excited to formally honor all of these wonderful mentors."

Individual and group tickets for the Inspire Awards can be purchased from College Mentors for Kids' website at www.collegementors.org/purchase-tickets. Admission includes the award ceremony and lunch.

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About College Mentors for Kids, Inc:

The Inspire Awards support College Mentors for Kids, a nonprofit that connects college students with the most to give to kids who need it most. The organization now operates 23 chapters in 20 communities across Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. For more information, please visit www.collegementors.org