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Conexus Indiana supports Indiana School Counselor Association *Keynote speaker Stedman Graham to speak Nov 2*

Conexus Indiana will join Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana to sponsor the keynote speech at the Fall Conference of the Indiana School Counselor Association on Friday, November 2, 2007. The speaker, Mr. Stedman Graham, is a well-known author and leader in the area of youth and community. His books, *Teens Can Make It Happen: Nine Steps to Success* and *Move Without the Ball* highlight positive life principles for young people.

Graham holds a bachelor's degree in social work from Hardin-Simmons University and a master's degree in education from Ball State University. Graham's presentation will be titled "School Counselors as Leaders who A.I.M. for Success with all Youth."

"I had the opportunity to work with Stedman Graham on a few occasions during my service with the U.S. Department of Education," said Carol D'Amico, President & CEO of Conexus Indiana. "I think Indiana school counselors will find his message both inspiring and practical. He is someone who understands the importance of service to community and education."

"Conexus Indiana was founded in part to deal with the perception that exists regarding the career path an advanced manufacturing and logistics job can provide young men and women. Today, Hoosier advanced manufacturing and logistics companies need smart, capable employees who want a solid career in an important industry. Teaming with the Indiana School Counselor Association, therefore, is a perfect fit for Conexus Indiana," added D'Amico.

The Conexus Indiana initiative was launched by the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership (CICP), the alliance of regional corporate executives and university presidents, in June 2007. A partnership among private industry, academia and the public sector, Conexus Indiana is dedicated to growing the state's manufacturing and logistics sectors through a focus on strategic workforce development, forming new industry partnerships and promoting Indiana's advantages and opportunities.

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