# AGC OF INDIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BRING YOUR GAME DAY ENERGY



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Feat. Desmond Howard
Keynote Speaker





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#### 10:00 AM: REGISTRATION AND MORNING NETWORKING, INDIANA ROOF BALLROOM

Join us early at the Indiana Roof Ballroom to allow plenty of time for parking and entrance into the venue. *The earlier you arrive to the venue, the easier entrance will be.* Plan some extra time in your morning!

#### **MORNING HUDDLE**

11:00 AM: GAME DAY KICKOFF:

**OUR GENERAL MANAGER: Mitch Davison. Wilhelm Construction** 

A few words from Mitch Davison, Wilhelm Construction and AGC of Indiana Board President

#### CONFERENCE WELCOME FROM OUR HEAD COACH: Molly Burns, Wilhelm Construction

Welcome from Molly Burns, AGC of Indiana Annual Conference Task Force Chair and Vice President of Wilhelm Construction.

11:30 AM: HALFTIME HUDDLE: TEAM LUNCH

#### **GAME DAY ENERGY AND WINNING CULTURE**

#### 12:15 PM: INSIDE THE HUDDLE WITH FORMER HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER AND SUPER BOWL MVP, DESMOND

**HOWARD.** Desmond Howard is a former NFL player, Heisman Trophy winner, and Super Bowl XXXI MVP, who is now a prominent college football analyst for ESPN. After a standout career at the University of Michigan, he played 11 NFL seasons as a wide receiver and specialist returner, holding the single-season NFL punt return yardage record. Howard became the only special teams player to win Super Bowl MVP and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2010. The fireside chat with Desmond Howard is moderated by Anthony Calhoun, WISH TV Sports Director.

#### 1:15 PM: MEDIA TIME OUT

We will take a 15 minute break. Please take a moment to cast your vote for the winning team of our AGCI Leadership Track Community Service Project. Votes must be cast by 2:00 pm. Vote using the QR code.

#### THE RED ZONE

#### 1:30 PM: THE QUARTERBACK SNEAK: HOW LOCAL MAYORS DRIVE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

A great quarterback knows how to read the defense and lead their team down the field. In our communities, mayors are the quarterbacks, and a strong construction industry is their offensive line. Join us for a candid discussion with local mayors as they reveal the "quarterback sneak" strategies they use to attract investment and drive commercial growth. Panelists include Mayor Easter, City of West Lafayette and Mayor Ferdon, City of Columbus. Panel moderated by Deb Kunce, J.S. Held.

#### 2:15 PM: THE PLAYBOOK: A LOOK AT THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRY ADVOCACY.

The rules of the game at the Indiana Statehouse have fundamentally changed over the past year and we will see more changes in 2026. New executive and legislative state leadership, fresh approaches to state budgeting, likely redistricting and an adjusted approach to XBE firm engagement are all creating challenges in our industry. How do we ensure our industry can flourish in this new environment? Panelists include Lauren Box, Barnes and Thornburg and Rob Henderson, Indiana State Building Trades. Panel moderated by Rob Barnes, Hagerman Construction and AGC of Indiana Advocacy Task Force Chair.

#### 2:45 PM: AGC WORKFORCE SPECIAL REPORT: SPOTLIGHTING OUR INDUSTRY WORKFORCE MVPs

The competition for top talent is fierce and this is where we celebrate the programs and individuals who are developing the next generation of construction industry leaders. Join our industry workforce development pros for a conversation about the X's and O's of industry recruitment. Panelists include Lynn Busby, Indiana Careers in Construction Association; Richard Rouse, Force Construction; Sarah Walker, Hagerman Construction. Panel moderated by Brian Turmail, Vice President of Public Affairs and Workforce Development, AGC of America.

3:15 PM: MEDIA TIME OUT: We will take a 15 minute break.

#### **SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT**

#### 3:30 PM: SEASON TICKET HOLDER UPDATE, Michelle Boyd & Michelle Travis, AGC of Indiana

AGC of Indiana connects, educates and advocates on behalf of the construction industry. This is the essential State of the Association briefing, delivered directly by AGC of Indiana Leadership. Our team will break down the past year and give you an inside look at what we are preparing for next season!

#### 4:00 PM: BLUE CHIP PROSPECTS: AGCI LEADERSHIP TRACK JACKET PRESENTATION

During the past year, our AGC of Indiana Leadership Track Class participated in leadership forums designed to build their leadership skills. Today, we recognize those participants who completed the 2025 program with the AGCI Leadership Track Jacket presentation. Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

#### 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM: GAME DAY CELEBRATION AND NETWORKING RECEPTION

Reception featuring Bourbon Tasting and Door Prizes. Door Prize Drawing to be held at 5:30 PM. Must Be Present to Win.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DESMOND HOWARD

- HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER
- SUPER BOWL XXXI MVP
- PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAMER
- ESPN COLLEGE GAME DAY ANALYST

Born in Cleveland, Ohio Desmond earned All-American honors as a tailback during his senior season at St. Joseph High School scoring 18 touchdowns with a record-breaking 5,392 rushing yards during his high school career. During his college career at the University of Michigan, Howard set or tied five NCAA and 12 Wolverines records. He also led the Big Ten Conference in scoring with 138 points during the 1991 season on his way to winning the Heisman Trophy, Maxwell Award and Walter Camp Award, earning first-team All-American honors. Howard captured 85 percent of the first-place votes in balloting for the Heisman, the largest margin in history at that time. Howard also earned a bachelor's degree in communications in 1992.

Desmond was selected in the 1st round (4th pick) of the 1992 NFL Draft by the Washington Redskins where he played from 1992–1994. He later played for the Jacksonville Jaguars (1995), Green Bay Packers (1996-1999), Oakland Raiders (1997-1998) and Detroit Lions (1999-2002). Desmond was voted the Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl XXXI against the New England Patriots and is the first and currently the only special teams player to win the award. He is one of only four players to win both the Heisman Trophy and Super Bowl MVP: Roger Staubach, Jim Plunkett and Marcus Allen are the others.

In his 11 NFL seasons, Howard caught 123 passes for 1,597 yards, rushed for 68 yards, returned 244 punts for 2,895 yards, and gained 7,595 yards returning 359 kickoffs. He also scored 15 touchdowns (7 receiving, 8 punt returns). Overall, Howard gained 12,155 all-purpose yards in his professional career.

After his NFL playing career, Desmond joined ESPN in 2005 as a member of the popular College GameDay crew and works alongside Rece Davis, Kirk Herbstreit and Coach Lee Corso each Saturday during college football season as part of ESPN Gameday. You can watch Desmond on set during college football season as the ESPN Gameday crew visits some of the best week in and week out college football games throughout the country. After the college football regular season you can watch Desmond as he covers the major bowl games (Sugar, Rose, Fiesta, Orange, and National Championship) on ESPN with the Gameday crew and other ESPN analysts.



FIRESIDE CHAT
MODERATOR:
ANTHONY CALHOUN
SPORTS DIRECTOR
WISH TV

Emmy Award-winner and Evansville native Anthony Calhoun leads the most dynamic TV sports team in Indiana as Sports Director and main anchor at WISH-TV.In addition to his daily reporting and anchoring, A.C. hosts several highly rated shows including, SportsLocker, seen every Sunday at 10:15pm on WISH-TV. During football season, you can also catch A.C. on the Emmy-award-winning Countdown to Kickoff Colts pre-game show on Sunday mornings.

Calhoun, one of the most trusted journalists in the state is also one of the most versatile sportscasters in Indy. A.C. has also served as a play-by-play announcer for NCAA Basketball on ESPN, as well as the voice of Butler Basketball on WNDY-TV. Prior to joining WISH-TV in 1998, A.C. began his professional career as weekend sports anchor/reporter at WTVH-TV in Syracuse, New York.

A.C. is a graduate of Syracuse University, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Broadcast Journalism. During his time at Syracuse University, A.C. was named a Remembrance Scholar, which is the highest award given by the university. A.C. has also been recognized as one of the most influential people in Indianapolis. He was honored to be named Central Indiana's "Favorite Sportscaster" by two popular publications, Indianapolis Woman magazine and NUVO.

# **MEET OUR SPEAKERS**

## SPEAKERS | MORNING HUDDLE



MITCH DAVISON
OPERATIONS MANAGER,
WILHELM CONSTRUCTION
PRESIDENT,
AGC OF INDIANA



MOLLY BURNS
VICE PRESIDENT BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT,
WILHELM CONSTRUCTION
ANNUAL TASK FORCE CHAIR,
AGC OF INDIANA

# PANELISTS | THE QUARTERBACK SNEAK: HOW LOCAL MAYORS DRIVE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT



DEB KUNCE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT J.S. HELD



MAYOR ERIN EASTER
CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE



MAYOR MARY FERDON CITY OF COLUMBUS

### SPEAKERS I SEASON TICKET HOLDER UPDATE



MICHELLE BOYD
CHAPTER EXECUTIVE
AGC OF INDIANA



MICHELLE TRAVIS CHAPTER EXECUTIVE AGC OF INDIANA

## PANELISTS | THE PLAYBOOK: A LOOK AT INDUSTRY ADVOCACY



ROB BARNES
HAGERMAN CONSTRUCTION
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ROB HENDERSON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INDIANA STATE BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL

# PANELISTS | AGC WORKFORCE SPECIAL REPORT: SPOTLIGHTING WORKFORCE MVPs



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