

### **Hoosiers Honored by The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

Indianapolis, Indiana---The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is presenting its Excellence in Media and Friend of Education Awards at its Celebration Luncheon being held at the Indianapolis JW Marriott on July 30<sup>th</sup> during the organization's International Convention.

The Bedford *Times-Mail* is recipient of the Excellence in Media Award for its commitment to educational coverage both locally and statewide. The newspaper consistently recognizes local educators and promotes both school events and programs. Staff writers not only attend and report on educational events but take an active role in organizing school-related happenings.

Dr. Vic Smith, founder of the *Indiana Coalition for Public Education*, is receiving the Excellence in Media Award for his *ICPE Notes* and *Vic's Statehouse Notes* distributed by social media. He covers current educational events in the Statehouse, the State School Board meetings, and the education arena in a straight-forward, focused approach. Dr. Smith encourages readers among his wide audience to contact policy makers directly to impact educational decisions.

*WFYI*, the Public Broadcasting System station in Indianapolis, is being recognized with the Excellence in Media Award for its long history of providing educational programming for classroom use, as well as for students, parents and teachers. Broadcast programs as well as on-line games, websites, and other digital resources are available for learners of all ages in both English and Spanish. *WFYI* offers professional development and resources for educators and brings culture and education together for all viewers.

Glenda Ritz, Indiana's State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is receiving the Society's Friend of Education Award. Ms. Ritz brings to her office extensive experience in the classroom as well as a commitment Indiana students statewide. Her emphasis is on the importance of literacy

and the necessity that all children be able to attend schools with equity in resources and to the expectation of a high-quality education. Her vision of *"Imagining the Possibilities. Making Them Happen."* is a testament to her goal to support every school to that end.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is an organization of key women educators in seventeen countries whose purpose is to promote the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.