

ANNUAL AWARDS: 25 Years of Standout Speakers



Futurist Alvin Toffler (above, 1999) and long-time NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw (2010) are among the Annual Awards Dinner speaker alumni.



The “Silver Stars” cover of this issue primarily refers to the 75-plus business leaders, government leaders and communities that have been recognized (see Page 33) in the now quarter century of this program. Not to be overlooked is the company Dennis Miller joined this year as the keynote speaker/entertainer.

A few highlights:

- Tom Brokaw captivated the crowd in 2010 with his focus on “The Greatest Generation” and our country’s absolute need to support the men and women serving in the military. Brokaw had the 1,400-plus attendees on the edge of their seats with his every word.
- How do you follow up a dramatic and moving presentation like that? By preceding the big game coming to town three months later with four-time Super Bowl champion quarterback and NFL broadcaster Terry Bradshaw. Attendees were also on the edge of their seats here – nearly falling off them as Bradshaw masterfully poked fun at himself and many others in his trademark style.
- Live and in person: NBC was the home of back-to-back keynoters in 2004 and 2005

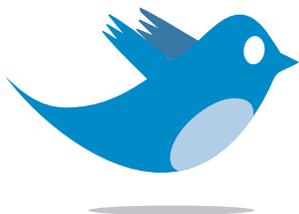
with the late Tim Russert of *Meet the Press* fame and sports host Bob Costas.

- Political banter: Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich (2008) was preceded by the famous dueling couple of Mary Matalin and James Carville. One-time presidential hopeful Steve Forbes proved more compelling in 1998 than his staid reputation.
- Additional duos: Matalin and Carville weren’t the only team effort. Others included former White House press secretaries Dee Dee Myers and Marlin Fitzwater (1996), the brothers who formed The Motley Fool financial investment empire (2001) and famous Watergate reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein (2012).
- A little entertainment: The Capitol Steps, the Washington-based parody group of all things political, hit a home run in 2002 and returned seven years later. Political satirist and piano player Mark Russell was in tune with attendees in 2003.

The Chamber looks forward to adding to this illustrious list in the coming years.

What’s Chirping on Tweet Street?

The Indiana Chamber has over 11,500 followers. Are you on the list? Here are some examples of recent activity:



@IndianaChamber

Our VP Vince Griffin is speaking to @MiChamber’s environmental/energy policy committee today about our water study: <http://ow.ly/BDKCX>

@DePauwU launches \$300 million fundraising campaign. President: “This is DePauw’s moment” ow.ly/Ckd7B (via @IIB)

Rolls-Royce backs plan to get more women working in science <http://ow.ly/C47tE> (via @HRGrapevine)

Key state and federal topics will be featured at Oct. 28 Indiana Tax Conference <http://tiny.cc/jw7zmx>

Developing mobile apps can bring legal issues <http://ow.ly/BnkgL> (via @densbornblachly @IIB)

@jonathanbender9’s joint therapy product a slam dunk. See @indystar update (<http://ow.ly/CcjHc>) & our 2013 story <http://ow.ly/CcjLy>

What others are saying to – or about – the Indiana Chamber:

@GerryDick: Headed to Capitol Hill for @IndianaChamber DC Fly-In. Great group of IN biz leaders on board. Roundtable with IN delegation tonight. @IIB

@DreamItDoinItIN: Amy Marsh from the @IndianaChamber sharing Indiana’s need for a strong middle skill workforce to our educators

@dredelman1: Joining business leaders, United Way & many others to support expanded state investment in quality preschool. @IndianaChamber priority.

@IndianaCECI: @IndianaChamber survey revealed duties of counselors to include mascot coordination, data gathering & study halls, not enough time to advise

@Indiana_Youth: Thank you to #Postsecondary Pathways partners #Subaru of Indiana, @CELLuindy, @IndianaChamber, #EWIN, & @IndianaCECI!

@ToddRokita: Tx @IndianaChamber for visit today! We discussed the #RedTapeRollback program - rokita.house.gov/redtape.pic.twitter.com/GXzzEp2x7s