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**NATIONAL COALITION OF 100 BLACK WOMEN, INDIANAPOLIS CHAPTER TO HONOR  
2014 BREAKTHROUGH WOMEN AWARD RECIPIENTS, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014.**

**On Thursday, September 25, 2014**, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Indianapolis Chapter, Inc. (NCBW) **will honor five outstanding women who have achieved extraordinary levels of success in their professional careers.** The *“Breakthrough Women 2014 – We Rise and Create Change”* awards reception will take place at **6:00 p.m. at the Indianapolis Art Center, 820 E. 67th Street in Broad Ripple, Indianapolis. The program will begin at 7pm.** The event is free and open to the public, however seating is limited. Individuals planning to attend the Breakthrough Women program can reserve a seat(s) by emailing [RSVPBTW@gmail.com](mailto:RSVPBTW@gmail.com)

The NCBW 2014 Breakthrough Women honorees are as follows:

- Arts and Culture: **Nikki Blaine**, Owner of Nikki Blaine Couture
- Education: **Andrea Neely**, Regional Development Director for United Negro College Fund
- Leadership Development: **Deborah Oatts**, Co-Founder and Principal of Nubian Transport Management, Inc.
- Economic Development: **Tasha Phelps**, President and CEO of Phelco Technologies, Inc.
- Public Policy: **Danielle Patterson**, Government Relations Director at American Heart Association

“Within their respective fields, our 2014 Breakthrough Women are truly breaking through barriers and shattering the glass ceiling,” said Nadine Bonds, president of the NCBW, Indianapolis Chapter. “These outstanding leaders have honed their skills through hard work, discipline, determination, faith and perseverance. They have contributed to substantial progress within the Indianapolis community through their extraordinary accomplishments.”

Since 1988, the Coalition has recognized over 100 women in the Indianapolis community who have broken through barriers, achieved a level of accomplishment above and beyond what is considered typical in her profession, and contributed to substantial progress in her community. An organization of progressive women of African descent, NCBW advocates on behalf of women of color through strategic alliances that promote its national agenda of leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment.

