

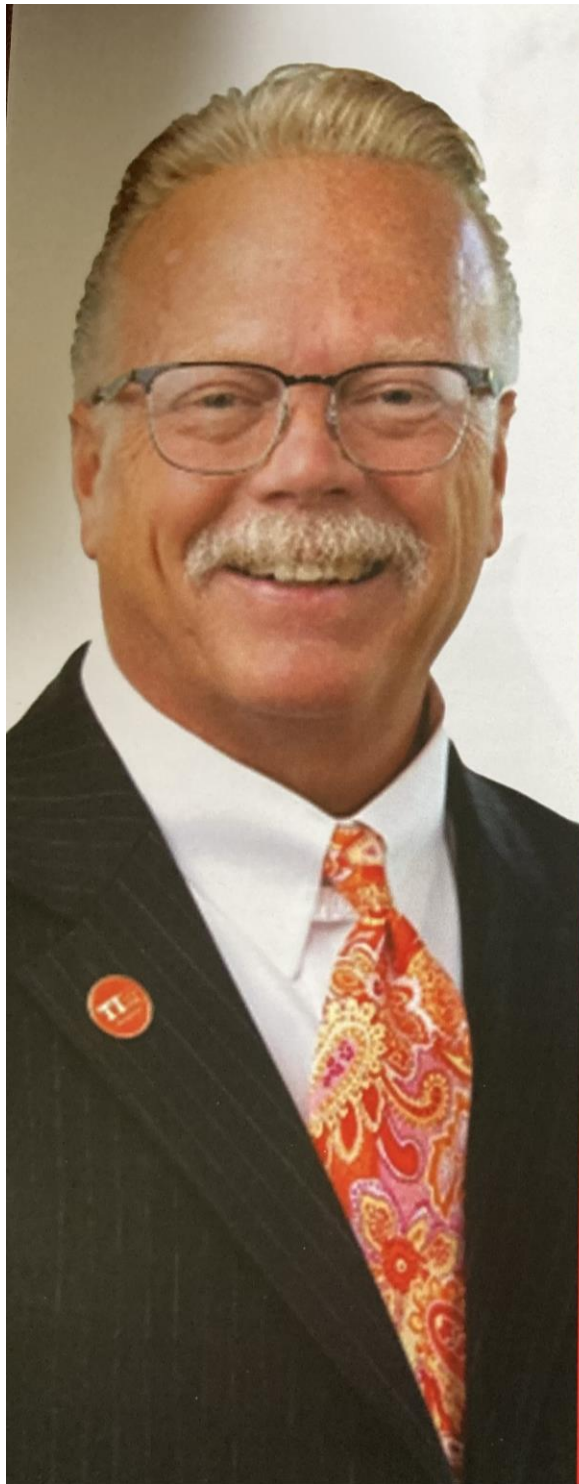
Dr. Walls receives the Black Expo 2025 Unsung Heros Award



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**Saturday, March 8, 2025**  
Parkview Mirro Center | 10622 Parkview Plaza Dr. | Fort Wayne IN 46845  
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## Dr. Jeff Walls

Dr. Walls has spent the past 36 years transforming business education at Indiana Institute of Technology, shaping both the future of his students and the broader professional community in Fort Wayne. Since joining the faculty in 1989, he has been a driving force behind the university's Human Resources concentration, securing the prestigious Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) endorsement beginning in 1998 and ensuring curricular alignment with industry standards through 2028. As the founding advisor of Indiana Tech's SHRM student organization, Dr. Walls has mentored thousands of students, instilling in them the principles of leadership, integrity, and professional excellence. Many of his former students have earned SHRM certification and reached great heights in their careers (Mayor, CEOs, Entrepreneurs, etc.) later stepping up to mentor the next generation and help new graduates secure their first jobs. Thus, Dr. Walls' influence has built a generational network of professionals, connecting students and alumni across industries and nations.

Beyond academia, Dr. Walls has made a lasting impact on the Fort Wayne community through his commitment to professional development and connection-building. His influence extends far beyond the classroom, creating opportunities that bring people together in meaningful ways. In 1990, he co-founded the TWIST (Trask Walls Invitational Student Tournament), transforming it into a flagship university event that unites students, alumni, and business leaders on the golf course. For 35 years, he has also served as the faculty advisor to Sigma Phi Epsilon, guiding students in building a lifelong brotherhood rooted in leadership and service. His dedication to student life is equally evident in his unwavering support of Warrior Athletics, where he has been a constant presence at games, celebrating student achievements both on and off the field. Recognized through numerous awards, including SHRM's National Student Advisor of the Year and Indiana Tech's Faculty of the Year (multiple times), Dr. Walls' contributions have become an enduring cornerstone of the Indiana Tech's culture. As he prepares for retirement, his legacy of service, scholarship, and mentorship will continue to strengthen Indiana Tech and the Fort Wayne community for years to come.



