

# Who are those people Downtown? Indianapolis summer convention list

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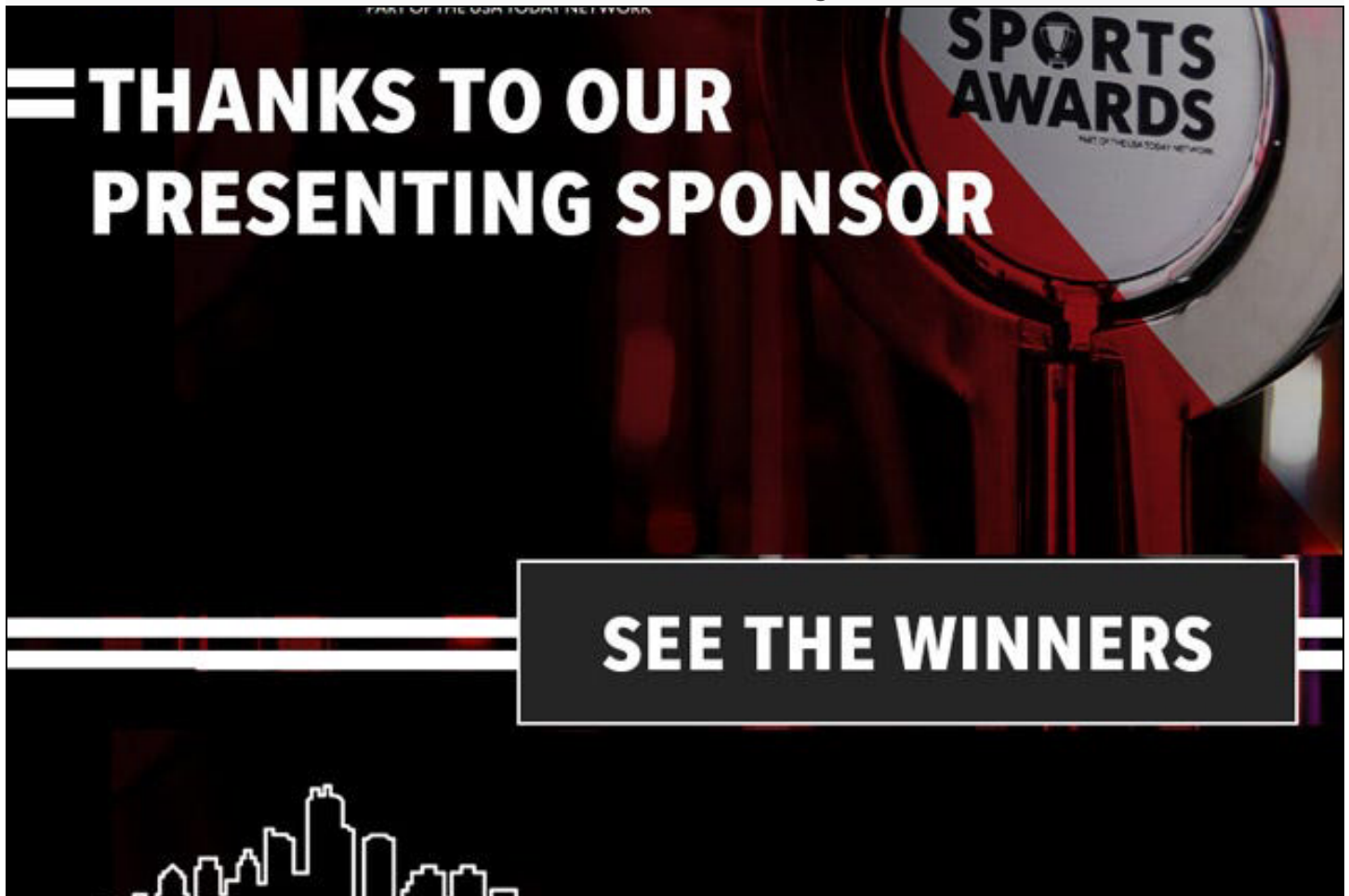
## Gen Con cosplay for all shapes, sizes, and complexions

These Gen Con cosplayer say cosplay is for all shapes, sizes, and complexions.  
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From gaming to jump scares, summertime in downtown Indianapolis means weekends that are jam packed with conventions and celebrations centered

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It also means lots of foot traffic on Georgia Street, and longer than usual lines at the Circle Center Mall Food Court.

So if you've ever wondered, "what the heck are all these people doing downtown?" we've got you covered with a complete list of summer conventions coming to the Circle City that are expected to draw 1,000 people or more.

**June 28 - July 6**

**USA Volleyball Association Girl's Jr. National Championship**

What: The 40th annual championship is being held in Indy this year. It features 1,320 teams competing for one of 26 divisional titles in seven age categories. The championships boast an estimated 13,000 players and more than 35,000 supporters.

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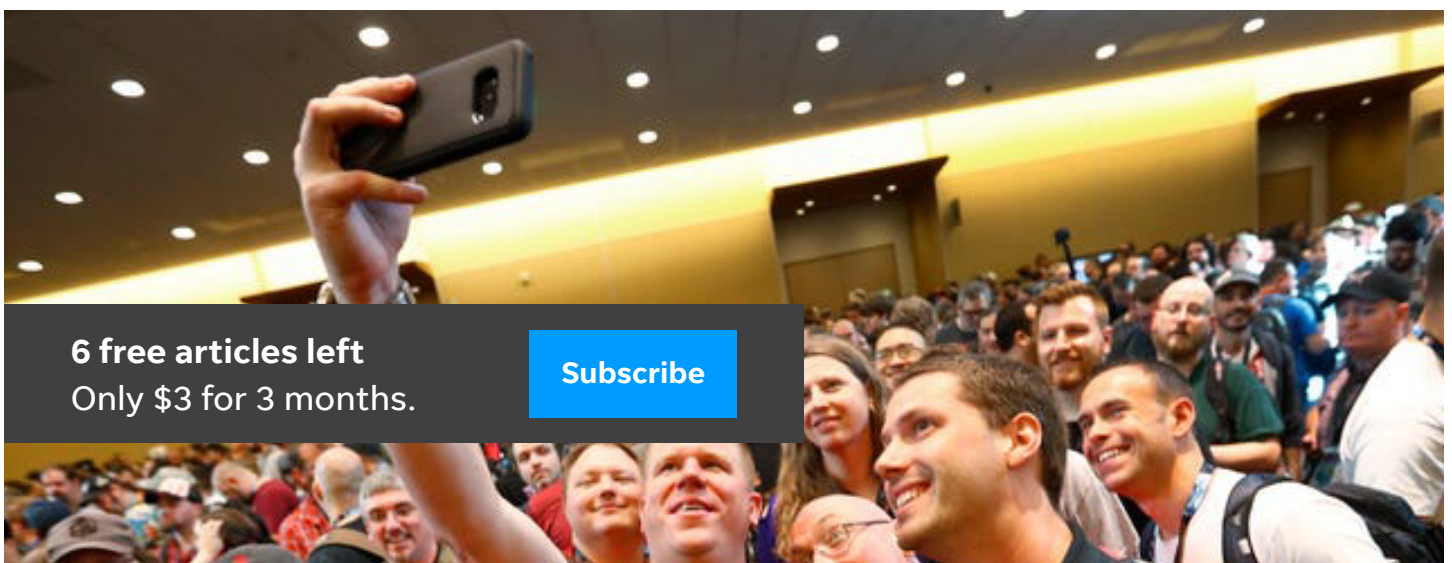
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How many: 48,000 people

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People take a group selfie while waiting for the doors to open on opening day of Gen Con 2018, at the Indiana Convention Center, Thursday, ... **Show more** ▾

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## July 2

### **National Federation of State High School Associations Centennial Celebration**

What: The National Federation of State High School Associations celebrated its 100th anniversary throughout the 2018-19 school year, and will cap it with a centennial celebration in the organization's hometown of Indianapolis.

How many: 1,100 people

More info: <https://www.nfhs.org/100years>

## July 19 - 21

### **Indiana Black Expo 2019 Summer Celebration**





Marsha Ambrosius will perform July 20 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

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**What:** One of the year's most anticipated gatherings, the annual IBE summer celebration promises 11 days of "arts, education, culture and community." Among the special guests at this year's expo are Teddy Riley, Jazmine Sullivan, Joe, Carl Thomas and Marsha Ambrosius.

**How many:** 25,000 people

**More info:** <https://summercelebration.net/>

## **July 24 - 27**

### **National Urban League Annual Conference**

**What:** Founded in New York City, the National Urban League provides economic and educational opportunities to underserved urban communities through programs, public policy initiatives and advocacy. This year's

conference will include a one-day Small Business Matters Entrepreneurship Summit as well as a gathering called Tech Connect, which brings together innovators influencing racial justice and social change through emerging technology.

How many: 4,000 people

More info: <https://nul.org/>

**July 24 - 25**

**Cybertech Midwest 2019**

What: Cybertech is described as the cyber industry's foremost B2B networking platform conducting industry-related events around the globe. Its conferences serve as the go-to place to learn all about the latest technological innovations, threats and solutions to combating cyber threats.

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How many:1,500 people

More info: <https://midwest.cybertechconference.com/>

**Aug. 1 - 4**

## Gen Con

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### Here's what opening day at Gen Con 2018 looks like



What: Known as "The Best Four Days in Gaming," Gen Con also continues to reign as the city's biggest convention of the year. It is also the largest and longest-running game convention in North America. Tabletop gaming, insane cosplay and thousands of unique events within the four-day convention makes Gen Con a must see affair.

How many: 61,000 people

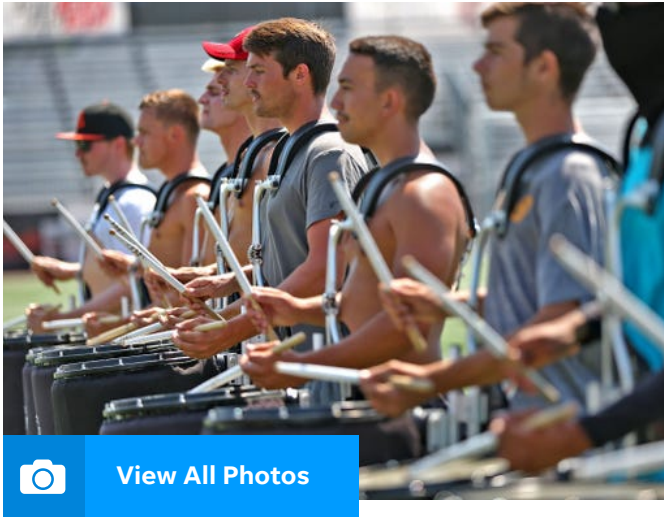
More info: <http://www.gencon.com/>

**Aug. 7 - 10**

**DCI Drum/Bugle Corps World Championships**

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**The Blue Devils drum corps practice for DCI World Championships**



What: The 47th annual Drum Corps International Tour will see 52 days of competition end with the World Championships in downtown Indianapolis. On Aug. 7, the DCI Performers Showcase features individuals and ensembles at the Indiana Convention Center and iconic Indianapolis Artsgarden. The following three days moves the action to Lucas Oil Stadium.

How many: 30,000 people

More info: <https://www.dci.org/>

## **Aug. 12 - 14**

### **HR Indiana Conference**

What: The HR Indiana Conference is one of the largest regional human resources conferences in the United States, and one of this year's keynote speeches will be delivered by actor Michael J. Fox. The event also features three days of educational sessions, networking opportunities and exposure to the latest HR products and services.

How many: 1,300 people

More info: <https://indianashrm.org/conference/>



**Aug. 20 - 29**

**The American Legion National Convention 2019**

What: The American Legion hosts its national convention in a different city each year and welcomes to it a large number of attendees. Legionnaires attending the event can take advantage of planned tourism attractions, discounted hotel and travel rates, Legion-sponsored events, and other convention-related offers.

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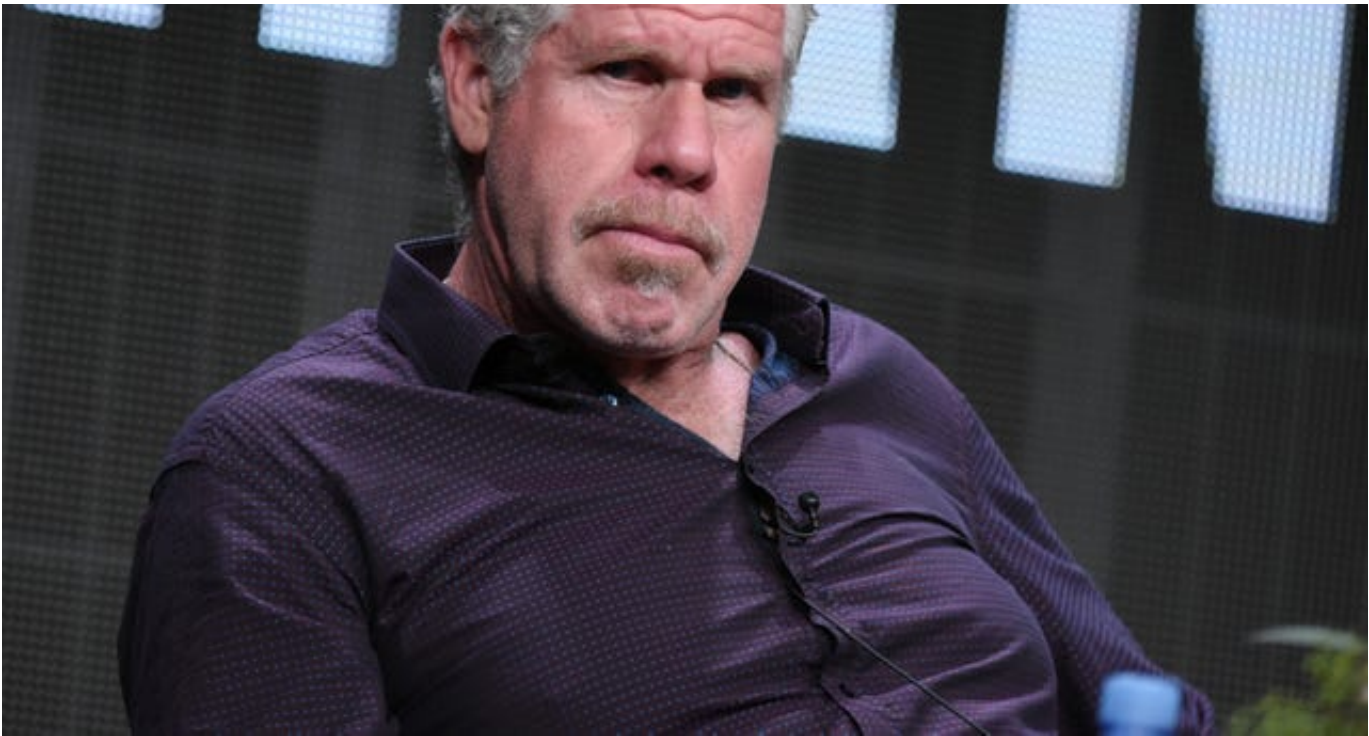
How many: 10,000 people

More info: <https://www.legion.org/convention>

**Aug. 30 - Sept. 1**

**Indiana Comic Con**





Ron Perlman will appear at Indiana Comic Convention Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019.  
RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION/AP

**What:** The Indiana Comic Convention has earned a reputation as a great place for collectors, and prides itself on catering to fans of comic books, magazines, toys, games, anime, manga, cosplay and more. It also brings in the celebs, and this year's event will be appearances by Kate Beckinsale, Ron Perlman, Caroll Spinney and Elodie Yung.

**How many:** 30,000 people

**More info:** <https://indianacomiconvention.com/>

## **Sept. 4 - 6**

### **Auto Glass Week/International Window Film Conference and Tint-Off**

**What:** The International Window Film Conference and Tint-Off brings together all segments of the window film and paint protection film industries education, networking and competitions.

**How many:** 1,000

More info: <https://www.wfctevent.com/>

## HorrorHound Weekend



Indy's HorrorHound Weekend brought many celebrated celebrities and a motley crew of horror fans out to the JW Marriott on Aug. 25, 2018

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**What:** Horror Hound has always brought horror icons to Indianapolis, and this year's event continues the tradition. Paul Reubens, Malin Akerman, Neve Campbell, David Arquette and Steven Yeun a just a few of the dozens of celebs who will be on hand.

**When:** Sept. 6 - 8

**How many:** 3,000 people

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info: <http://www.horrorhoundweekend.com/shows/201909/default.shtml>

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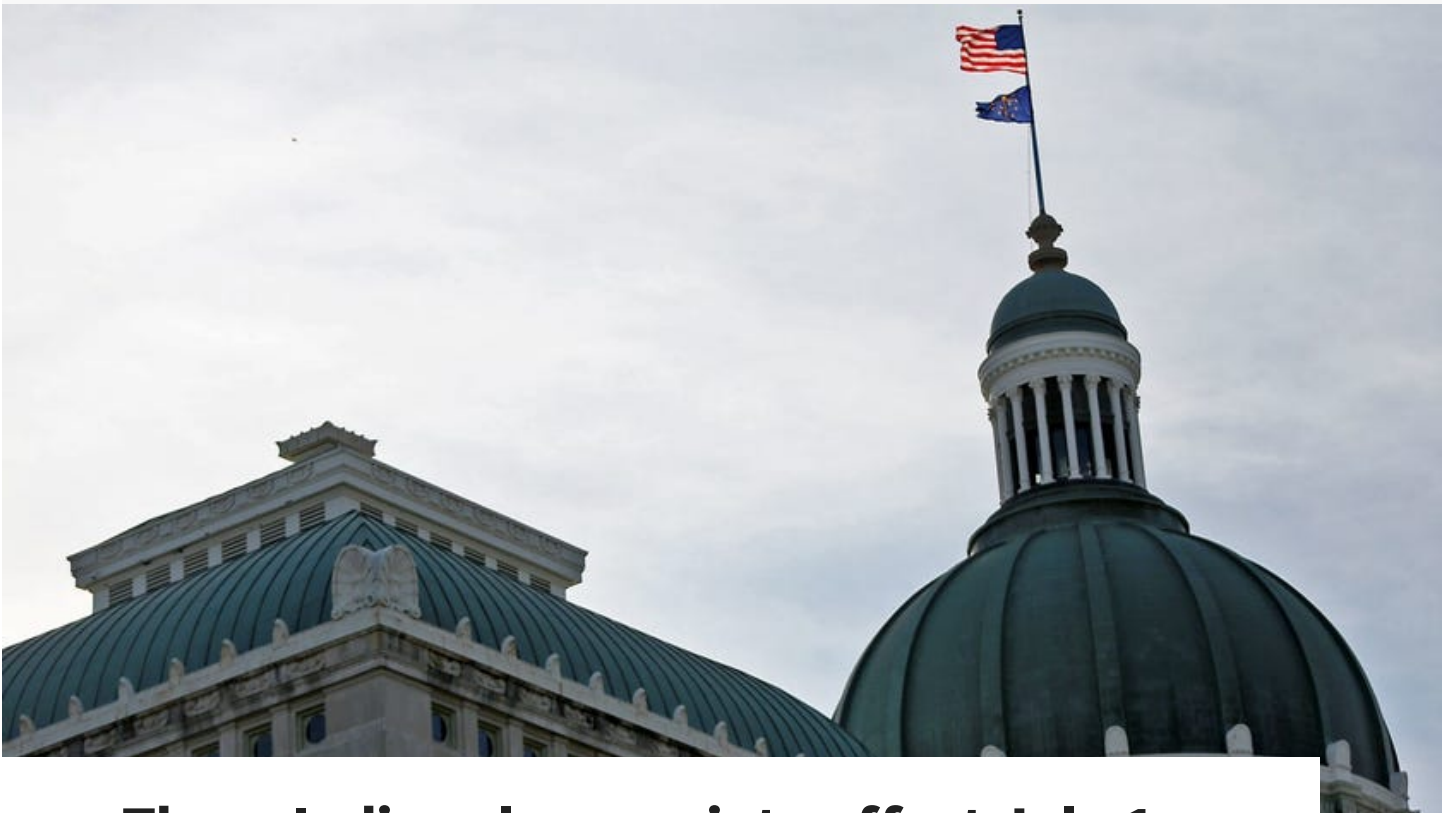
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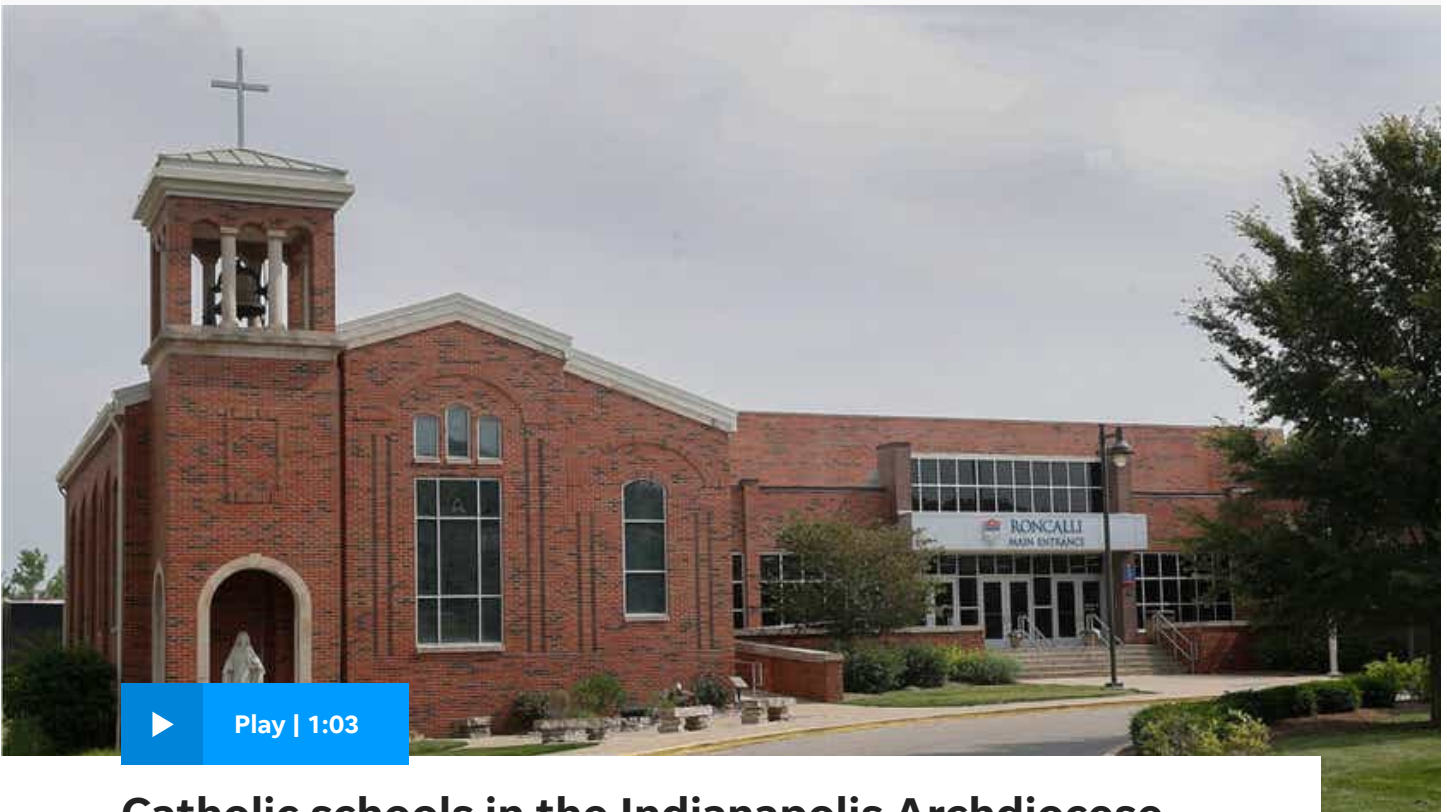
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