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Crain named to Lilly Endowment staff

Clarence Crain, civic leader and retired executive with General Motors Corp., has been named a program director in the Education Division of Lilly Endowment Inc.

Crain, a 1973 graduate of Butler University, has just completed a six-year term on its board of directors. He is the current president of 100 Black Men of Indianapolis.

Crain's 30-year career at General Motors included two five-year stints as area manager in the pressrooms in Indianapolis and Marion where he served as a member of the executive staffs for plant operations of 2,500 and 1,700 employees, respectively. Before that he was personnel director at the Indianapolis Metal Center, and earlier in his career he distinguished himself as a supervisor of industrial relations.

"We at Lilly Endowment are most fortunate to have a person of Clarence's character and experience on our staff," said Sara B. Cobb, vice president for education. "From his high school days to now, his life has been one of accomplishment and success, and we are delighted that he will be sharing his wisdom and knowledge of our state and community with us."

A native of Indianapolis, Crain is a graduate of Shortridge High School where, among other accomplishments, he was a member of the All-Star Indiana High School Basketball Team. He also played basketball as a Butler Bulldog and was voted Most Valuable Player and presented with the Hilton U. Brown Award. He is a member of the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. He has received the Business Accomplishment Award from the Center for Leadership Development and was named "Man of the Year" in 1999 by the 100 Black Men of Indianapolis.

He has served as president of the Maple Crest Civic Association and on the board of the Indianapolis Urban League, the United Way Community Service Council and the public works committee of the City-County Council of Indianapolis-Marion County. Besides serving on the

board of Butler, he was a member of the school's board of visitors for the College of Business Administration, alumni board of directors and a charter member of the Minority Alumni Council.

He has been an active member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church since 1990.

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