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### **Future Leaders Partner with Newly Formed Trucking Workforce Association**

The Future Leaders of Indiana (FLI), a council within the Indiana Motor Truck Association (IMTA), has partnered with the newly formed trucking industry workforce association, Next Generation (NextGen) in Trucking Association to help solve the long-standing workforce issues the industry has faced for many years. The council is comprised of both emerging leaders and leaders with fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and a passion to serve the trucking industry.

“The FLI council heard about NextGen, and we immediately wanted to help. It’s all about being a part of an initiative bigger than ourselves and helping to create awareness of the opportunities within our great industry,” said Garrett Knollman, Chairman of Future Leaders of Indiana council and CEO of Transmark Logistics.

NextGen is a non-profit trade association with the mission to promote trucking as a positive career field; create programs that encourage Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) and Diesel Technician training of our nation’s youth; and connect them to training and employment opportunities. The organization’s volunteer leadership consists of industry professionals who are passionate about trucking, career technical education, and providing our emerging workforce with a pathway to well-paying and rewarding careers. Membership consists of industry stakeholders who share our mission: students, teachers, schools, business professionals, partners, and sponsors. “Founded in 2020, NextGen is looking for industry support and assistance in developing the next generation in trucking,” said Lindsey Trent, Customer and Business Development Manager of Ryder and Co-Founder and President of NextGen. Dave Dein, CDL Instructor at Patterson High School in Patterson, California, and Co-Founder of NextGen put his vision into action by creating one of the nation’s first high school truck driving programs. He is now turning his efforts to assisting high schools across the country in implementing the turn-key curriculum he developed. “We are excited and hopeful to see CDL training offered to every student across the United States. It starts with education and training to help the trucking industry continue moving America forward.”, said Dave.

For more information regarding NextGen in Trucking Association, please visit their website [www.nextgentrucking.org](http://www.nextgentrucking.org).

#### **ABOUT THE FUTURE LEADERS OF INDIANA**

The mission of the FLI Council is to further the professional development of its membership through education, mentorship and leadership opportunities while continuing to grow and develop the Indiana Motor Truck Association membership. For more information go to [www.intrucking.org](http://www.intrucking.org)

