

Honoring

Colin Powell (1937-2021)

The International Association of Black Professionals in International Affairs (BPIA) joins with others across the nation and around the world in mourning the passing of Colin Powell, an extraordinary leader and statesman. Born into an immigrant family, Secretary Powell in many ways embodied the American dream. A lifelong public servant, he served our country at home and abroad, first as an infantryman in the U.S. Army where he rose to the rank of four-star General and became the first African American to serve as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Secretary Powell also made his mark as the first African American Secretary of State and National Security Advisor. He was an outstanding and remarkable leader and a man with great moral authority. With a distinguished career, Powell was also known as a man who "cared for his troops," whether in the military or at the State Department. He also supported young people to achieve through the organization he founded, America's Promise Alliance. We honor him for his exemplary life of public service and his many contributions during an "American Journey" that inspires others to follow his lead and work to make our world a better place for all. His legacy will long endure.

BPIA extends its heartfelt sympathy and condolences to his widow, Mrs. Alma Powell, and the entire Powell family.
