IU School of Music receives $40 million gift

Music School renamed

The late Barbara Jacobs, wife of David H. Jacobs, Sr. (deceased), of Cleveland, Ohio, recently presented the IU School of Music with a $40.6 million gift. The idea was suggested by their son, David H. Jacobs, Jr., as a birthday gift from his mother prior to her death. The money will be used for scholarships and faculty positions. The school is being renamed the IU Jacobs School of Music in memory of the elder Jacobs who died in 1992.

Kumble R. Subbaswamy recipient of Excellence Award

The Alliance Promotion of Excellence Award and Honorary Membership was presented to College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kumble R. Subbaswamy at the Alliance Fall dinner on September 26 in Bloomington. The award was presented by Joe Steinmetz (BL), Eleanor Cox Riggs Professor of Psychology.

2005 Fall dinner

The 2005 Fall dinner was held in Bloomington and hosted by Chancellor Kenneth Gros Louis. President Adam Herbert gave a brief talk before dinner touching on the highlights of his State of the University address which was scheduled for the next day.

After dinner, the group was entertained by presentations from two of the three newly distinguished professors, Michael Lynch (BL), Biology, and Violette Verdy (BL), Ballet. Miriam Fried (BL), Violin, was unable to attend.

Approximately 175 members and guests attended the dinner. Among those attending were Board of Trustees members Cora Breckenridge, William Cast, Steve Ferguson, and Sue Talbot.
The Alliance wishes to thank Chancellor Gros Louis and his events planner, Ann Viel, for a truly nice event.

Gros Louis receives national award

Kenneth Gros Louis (BL), Bloomington Chancellor and Trustee Professor, received a national diversity award from the American Council on Education. He is one of three people to receive the Reginald Wilson Diversity Leadership Award given by the council’s Center for Advancement of Racial and Ethnic Equity.

The award is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to diversity in American higher education.

For more information go to: http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/2540.html

Schneider Fulbright-Hays recipient

William Schneider (IN), Constance M. Baker and Robert S. Ort Chair, Department of History, recently received the Title VI Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Award. Professor Schneider will trace the history of blood transfusion in Sub-Saharan Africa and the development and transmission of the HIV virus and AIDS.

For more information go to: http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/2352.html

Another “Living Legend” among Alliance members

Harvey Feigenbaum (IN), Distinguished Professor (Medicine), was honored in July by the Indiana Historical Society as a “living legend.” Some previous recipients of the award are basketball legend Larry Bird, astronaut David Wolf, author Kurt Vonnegut, jazz musician David Baker, violinst Joshua Bell, former first lady Judy O’Bannon, and former Indiana Governor Otis R. Bowen.

13 Alliance members on list of Top Doctors for Cancer

Alliance members involved in cancer research and treatment at IU School of Medicine and Clarian Health Partners have been selected to be profiled in the first edition of America’s Top Doctors for Cancer, published by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd.

The doctors are selected by a physician-led research team based on comprehensive national surveys of physicians and medical leaders.

They are:

John J. Coleman III, James E. Bennett Professor of Plastic Surgery

Lawrence Einhorn, Distinguished Professor

Robert Fallon, Zachary E.
Dr. Lawrence Einhorn honored

The Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) has established a LAF Chair in oncology with an endowment of $1.5 million to the IU School of Medicine to honor the work of Dr. Lawrence Einhorn (IN), Distinguished Professor. Dr. Einhorn successfully treated Armstrong for testicular cancer in 1996.

Special Honors and Awards

The following members have received special recognition in their field. They are:

Bruce Cole (BL), Distinguished Professor Emeritus, has been reappointed by President George W. Bush to serve another four-year term as Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Richard DiMarchi (BL), Jack and Linda Gill Chair in Biomolecular Science, is the recipient of the 2005 Research Achievement Award in Biotechnology from the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists.

Michele Fratianni (BL), W. George Pinnell Professor, was honored with the Ferrazzano, Italy’s first honorary citizen award. He was chosen for his ancestral connections and his contributions to academia, journalism, and policy-making.

Marjorie Lyles (IN), American United Life Chair in Business Administration, has joined the Indiana Economic Development Corporation’s International Development Advisory Board as a founding member. The Board will provide strategic counsel on Indiana’s opportunities for international trade and investment and global economic development.

Angela Barron McBride (IN), Distinguished Professor (Nursing), recently received the Indiana Women of Achievement Award from Ball State University as well as the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indiana chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals for her work in health education leadership.

Richard T. Miyamoto (IN), Arilla Spence Devault Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, has been elected president of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and its foundation.

Paul Newman (BL),
Distinguished Professor Emeritus, is the recipient of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union Volunteer of the Year Award.

Milos Novotny (BL), Distinguished Professor and Lilly Chemistry Alumni Chair, is the recipient of the 2006 American Chemical Society Award in Analytical Chemistry. The award is given to recognize and encourage outstanding contributions to the science of analytical chemistry, pure or applied, carried out in the U.S. or Canada.

Jeffrey Palmer (BL), Distinguished Professor (biology) and The Class of 1955 Endowed Professor, has been chosen by The American Academy of Arts and Sciences to be among the 2005 class of fellows. IU Bloomington now has 40 AAAS fellows.

Menahem Pressler (BL), Distinguished Professor and Dean Charles H. Webb Chair in Music, has been awarded the German president’s Deutsche Bundesverdienstkreuz, or Cross of Merit, First Class. He also received France’s Commandeur in the Order of Arts and Letters Award in September.

John W. Ryan (BL), President Emeritus and Honorary Member, was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Public Service Degree by South Dakota State University. The honorary doctorate recognizes Ryan’s extraordinary career and contributions to higher education in the United States and around the world as well as his personal ties to the institutions of higher learning.

Gerald L. Salamon (BL), A. L. Prickett Professor of Accounting, has received the American Accounting Association’s 2005 Outstanding Accounting Educator Award.

Richard Shiffrin (BL), Distinguished Professor and Luther Dana Waterman Professor of Psychology was elected to membership in the American Philosophical Society.

Denis Sinor (BL), Distinguished Professor Emeritus, has been appointed an Honorary Professor at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow).

David H. Weaver (BL), Roy W. Howard Research Professor in the School of Journalism, received the Trayes Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Mass Communication Field from the Mass Communication & Society division of the Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication.

David R. Williams (BL), Harry G. Day Chair in Chemistry, is the 2005 recipient of the Edward Leete Award given by the American Chemical Society Division of Organic Chemistry for outstanding contributions to teaching and research in organic chemistry.

Note: If you wish to have your award or special recognition included in the next issue of Excellence, please email the information to jblack@indiana.edu

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Alliance since the June 2005 issue of Excellence.

Marcia Baron (BL), Rudy Professor of Philosophy

John F. Butterworth, IV (IN), Robert K. Stoelting Professor of Anesthesia

David W. Dunn (IN), Arthur B. Richter Professor of Child Psychiatry

Tatiana Foroud (IN), P. Michael Conneally Professor of Medical and Molecular Genetics

Michael Grossberg (BL), Sally M. Reahard Professor of
History

Jaime Laredo (BL), Linda and Jack Gill Chair in Violin

Michael Edward McGerr (BL), Paul V. McNutt Professor in American History

Leandra Lederman Newton (BL), William W. Oliver Professor of Law

Kumble R. Subbaswamy (BL), 2005 Alliance Honorary Member

Promotion of Excellence Award

Nominations are solicited for honorary membership in the Alliance and the Alliance's Promotion of Excellence Award in 2006. The Alliance is committed to the promotion of excellence at Indiana University. In keeping with this mission, members elect from time to time individuals to honorary membership in the Alliance and for the Promotion of Excellence Award.

To be eligible for these awards, an individual must have (1) pursued excellence in her or his own career; (2) facilitated the achievement of excellence in others; (3) created mechanisms at Indiana University that enabled others to pursue excellence; and or (4) moved an organizational unit at IU forward to achieve an outstanding reputation.

Nomination Process: Members wishing to nominate an individual to honorary membership and the Promotion of Excellence Award must submit an application that includes:

- Letter of nomination, describing in detail the candidate's accomplishments as they bear on the aforementioned criteria
- Letters of support from at least two other members of the Alliance
- Candidate's Curriculum Vitae
- Additional supporting evidence as appropriate

Nominations should be sent to Janet Black, Indiana University, Alliance Office, Poplars 823, IUB (47405) or by email jlblakc@indiana.edu by March 1, 2006.

Profiles in Excellence

The following interviews were conducted electronically. We wish to thank Professors Bond and Sherman for their participation.

MEMBER PROFILE I

Gary R. Bond (IN), Chancellor’s Professor of Psychology. From 1983-1997, he was the first director of the doctoral program in Clinical Rehabilitation Psychology, the first Ph.D. program on the Indianapolis campus outside of the IU School of Medicine.

Q. What are your research interests? Your Mission?

A. Over the past 25 years, my research focus has been on “evidence based practices” for individuals with schizophrenia and other severe mental illnesses. Evidence-based practices refer to treatments that are well defined, have been...
validated by experimental research, and have shown generalizability across different communities. Two areas in which I have done most of my work has been in supported employment – a systematic approach to helping individuals attain competitive employment, and assertive community treatment (ACT) – an intensive outreach approach for individuals with mental illness who are homeless, are frequently hospitalized, or are in the correctional system.

My work is very applied. It involves field experiments in mental health centers around the country (and more recently international collaborations). During the 1980s I conducted a series of demonstration projects on the ACT model that contributed to research literature that led to designating ACT as an evidence-based practice. This studies helped lay the groundwork for the initiative making ACT a priority within the state, and other states as well. I also conducted one of the first experimental studies of supported employment for people with SMI, which also has been widely disseminated.

Currently, I am collaborating on a national evaluation of supported employment, using a sample of 3000 individuals with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder in 20 cities. Study participants are beneficiaries of the Social Security Disability Insurance program. We hope to replicate our employment findings with this population.

One of the key issues in my field is replicating successful programs in routine service settings once their effectiveness is shown in rigorous research studies. For the last decade we have been refining methods for assessing fidelity of program implementation. We now have developed such scales for a variety of evidence-based practices.

Q. Talk about your department and where it fits into your research.

A. For the first 14 years of my tenure at IUPUI, I was the first director of what is now the Clinical Rehabilitation Psychology Program, which was the first nonhealth PhD program at IUPUI approved by the Commission for Higher Education. After surviving the growing pains of the early years, our program achieved accreditation from the American Psychological Association and blossomed into a program that has produced a number of outstanding students. My research program has included many talented graduate students who have played key roles. One of my former students, Michelle Salyers, is co-director of the ACT Center of Indiana, which is a technical assistance center that has received national attention. This center, located in the Psychology Department, has become a wonderful learning community for our graduate students and faculty. I feel fortunate to continue to stay in touch with a number of my former students and delight in their accomplishments.

My research area has fostered collaborations with clinical and industrial-organizational psychology colleagues within and outside my department, and I also collaborate with psychiatrists, social workers, economists, and researchers from other disciplines.

Q. Speak to the meaning of excellence in your life and work and how you foster excellence in your associates and colleagues.

A. Defining excellence is difficult – perhaps the title of the book “In Search of Excellence” is not accidental. In my own quest of excellence, I have tried to set goals and then pursue them with passion. I would like to think that paying attention to the two dimensions I’ve studied in my research program – the outcomes achieved and the systematic methods used to achieve these
outcomes – have helped to guide my career and guide my mentoring process.

Celebrating positive accomplishments is a critical element in building a culture of excellence within an organization. Angela McBride, former Dean of the School of Nursing, does a better job of this than anyone I know. She has a knack for recognizing excellence in her colleagues, and this attitude becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. She is an inspiration for how I seek to interact with colleagues and students.

I also believe that excellence is individually determined, as expressed in a quote from Kierkegaard – “to be that self that one truly is, that is the opposite of despair.” I have found that I have gotten into trouble when I am trying to be someone I am not. I am more successful when I pursue research interests that seem important to me instead of chasing grant dollars because they are easy to get.

But I think excellence also requires going outside one’s comfort zone. One of the most rewarding experiences in my career was a sabbatical I spent at a research center at Dartmouth. Being immersed in a critical, challenging environment jarred me out of some of my habitual ways of thinking about things. So I believe that it’s important to seek out people who challenge you.

Q. Mention any special honors.

A. Over the last two years I have been invited to give lecture series and keynote addresses in Vancouver, the Netherlands, Japan, Spain, and Australia. In years past I have been invited to Hong Kong, Finland, Ireland, United Kingdom, Spain, and the Netherlands. These invitations reflect the keen interest internationally in improving the quality of life of individuals with severe mental illness.

Q. What are your interests outside of research?

A. A central part of my work day is lunch with colleagues from the psychology department. We review current events (I am a bit of a news junky), joke, and occasionally even discuss research and teaching. I feel fortunate that my wife Karli has been able to join me on many of the aforementioned international trips. We have been able to share kangaroos, kabuki theatre, and canals in ancient Dutch cities. We’ve had wonderful hosts wherever we have gone. These trips have helped us gain a fuller understanding of other people and their history. Karli is a gourmet cook, so when we are not traveling, every night is a feast. Karli, my son Matt, and I are avid Scrabble players, although I am afraid Matt has gone to a new competitive level. Finally, I might mention that my wife and I are fanatical Chicago Cubs fans, even naming our daughter after a Cub pitcher. I am certain next year is their year.

Q. Finally, is there anything of human interest that you may want to share with the members?

A. I enjoy plants and flowers, but I’m not a gardener. Even the excellent sunflowers outside my office window are self-planted from my birdfeeders. The university landscaping crew is kind enough to mow around these volunteer plants and this last summer even watered them!

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MEMBER PROFILE II

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Steven J. Sherman (BL), Chancellor’s Professor of Psychology. His research interests are in the areas of social cognition. He has studied how impressions are formed of individuals and of groups, and how group stereotypes develop
and are maintained.

Q. What are your research interests? Your mission? Talk about your department and where it fits into your research.

A. I am a pretty eclectic researcher, and my main interests are in the general area of the social cognitive processes involved in judgments and decision-making, stereotypes, individual impression formation, substance use, counterfactual thinking, and psychological models of similarity and preference judgments. My research goal is to integrate work in many areas of social and cognitive psychology to arrive at general principles of individual thought processes within a social context.

I would never, ever have achieved whatever success I have had without the incredible colleagues that I have had in the psychology department. It is the smartest, most helpful, most interesting group of psychologists that I could ever imagine. I have done work with colleagues in virtually every area of the department - social, cognitive, developmental, clinical, and animal learning and behavior. it is a truly remarkable department. the leadership of the department by the chairs has also been a great factor in the success of individual faculty members.

Q. Speak to the meaning of excellence in your life and work and how you foster excellence in your associates and colleagues.

A. Excellence is doing what you love to do and doing it well. I love working collaboratively. Thus, excellence usually involves jointly (or grouply) solving research problems and finding the right methods, analytic tools, models, etc. to answer questions in a clear and compelling way. Always keeping an eye on the bigger picture is also a part of research excellence. I suppose that I try to foster excellence in associates by being demanding and by pushing. I'm probably seen as tough in this regard, but I love being pushed myself --so I never ask of anyone anything that I wouldn't do or give myself.

Q. Finally, is there anything of human interest that you may want to share with the members?

A. Both children are Ph.D.'s in social psychology. My son is an academic and works in areas similar to mine. We are now working on several projects together, and it is a joy. I should probably also mention my participation in local politics - member of the Bloomington city council for 8 years (1992-2000). All in all, life is very good.