**President’s corner**

**Growth continues**

Greetings! I hope all of you had a great summer! 2005–06 was an exciting year for the IU Asian Alumni Association. We participated in events such as IU’s annual Homecoming Parade, co-hosted a cookout for the very first Asian Little 500 Men’s and Women’s teams, and co-sponsored an awards banquet to recognize the achievements of our graduating Asian students and student organization leaders. One of the highlights of the year was the privilege to recognize Belle Liang, BS’89, with the inaugural Distinguished Asian Alumni Award.

In September, we were excited to welcome two new members — Jeanny Chung and Jessica Kim — to the association board (see bios on page 2). In addition to continuing our participation in many of the events we have been involved with in the past, one of our major goals this year is to focus on establishing stronger relationships with IU’s Asian student organizations — our future members!

The organization is very much in its infancy stage, and we cannot be successful without your support. If you would like to get involved, please do not hesitate to contact me. On behalf of the Asian Alumni Association board, we send you our warmest wishes and hope to see you at one of our future events!

— Eunice Donovan, MS’98, president
IU Asian Alumni Association

**Graduating seniors bid farewell at banquet**

The late actor Christopher Reeve said, “So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable.” And so it was that on the night of the Senior Recognition Banquet, we witnessed the culmination of one set of our dreams and the onset of the inevitable. In attendance were the graduating Asian seniors, on the night when we celebrated their accomplishments.

The night began with an introduction of the inaugural Distinguished Asian Alumni Award winner, Belle Liang, by the president of the IU Asian Alumni Association, Eunice Donovan. Liang then described her years at IU in the early 80s. Far from feeling alienated, she recollected the warm embrace of the community and the strong sense of togetherness that her alma mater gave her. Nodding heads of approval suggested that her words resonated across the generations. She spoke of friendship, memories, and her unique experiences at IU.

Dinner followed, and the planned events made way for conversations of future plans, be they long term or for the evening! Dean Richard Mckaig, vice president for student affairs, spoke after dinner about the legacy of Asian seniors to IU and their roles and responsibilities in the global community. Associate Dean Chris Viers, from the Office of International Services and Programs, spoke about the contributions of individual students and groups. Awards were handed out for best Web sites, organized cultural events, and more.

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**Nominations sought for annual award**

We are currently accepting nominations for the IU Asian Alumni Association’s first Distinguished Asian/Pacific American Alumni Award. We are looking for Asian/Pacific American alumni who have made a significant contribution to their chosen profession, who have shown commitment to serving the community and enhancing academic excellence, and who have shown involvement with the Asian/Pacific American community.

Nominations are due by Jan. 31, 2007. The recipient of this award will be honored in April during the celebration of Asian/Pacific American Heritage month. A nomination form can be found on page 2 of this newsletter and online at www.indiana.edu/~asianaa/daa.html. Questions may be directed to Melanie Castillo-Cullather at acc@indiana.edu or (812) 856-5361.

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Up close and personal with Belle Liang, 2006 Distinguished Asian Alumni Award recipient

Q What was your most memorable experience at Indiana University?

A My most memorable experience at IU was biking through the hills of Brown County on a perfect October day. Every fall, I am reminded again of riding along quaint roads, seeing brilliant orange and red autumn leaves falling, and breathing crisp country air. There are few places that I have been that are as beautiful as IU and Bloomington.

Q What would you say to current students about following their dreams and achieving their potential?

A When I returned to Bloomington this spring to receive the Distinguished Asian Alumni Award, I was deeply moved to see a room full of Asian American students who had found each other and a home for sharing their experiences. Here, I thought, are the future recipients of the Distinguished Asian Alumni Award. What pride and joy I take in them, and in my alma mater, IU, which has encouraged the diversity and opportunities that make the growth of these students possible. In the end, my fondest reflection on being the first recipient of this award is knowing that I am merely the first of many to come.

Q How did Indiana University help you prepare you for your future?

A When I was an IU student, I felt as though I was one of the only Asian Americans in a gigantic sea of white faces — this gave me a fundamental sense of aloneness at times. Through this aloneness, I gained a deep appreciation for the mentoring of Professor Ken Heller and for my spiritual journey — both of which enabled me to embrace my difference and not be afraid of striking out on new ground.

Meet our new IUAAA board members

Jeanny Chung

Jeanny Chung graduated from Indiana University Bloomington in May 2005 with a BS degree in secondary education (biology and chemistry). She is a project manager for the Women’s Health division at Cook Urological Inc. in Spencer, Ind.

Chung is from Chicago, but she now considers the Bloomington area as her home. You can catch her kayaking or canoeing on Lake Monroe or eating at Bloomington area restaurants in her spare time.

Jessica Kim

As the daughter of a military serviceman, Jessica Kim had the opportunity at a very young age to travel and live in several different cities across the nation and overseas, but she grew up predominantly in Indianapolis.

Kim graduated from Indiana University in 2004 with a BA in East Asian languages and cultures and a minor in psychology. While a student at IU, Kim participated in several student organizations including the Asian American Association, Indiana University Student Foundation, Commission on Multicultural Understanding, and Panhellenic Board. She remains a Delta Gamma member.

Kim began her current position in 2004 as a marketing specialist for Cook Inc., the largest privately held medical-device manufacturing company in the world, whose global headquarters is located in Bloomington. “Not only do I get to work with a wonderful company that helps save patients’ lives, but I also get to live in a city I fell in love with during my undergraduate years!”

Recently married, Kim and her husband, Joe, live in the McDoel Gardens Conservation District near downtown Bloomington.

“I am honored to serve on the IU Asian Alumni Association board,” Kim says, “because the IUAAA provides an avenue to remain connected with fellow IU alumni and currently enrolled IU students, and it provides an opportunity to grow a network of individuals with the same multicultural interests and passion for community service.”

Nominations sought for IU Asian/Pacific American Distinguished Alumni Award

The purpose of the Distinguished Asian/Pacific American Alumni Award is to provide recognition for outstanding achievements by the Asian/Pacific American men and women of Indiana University. Use this form to nominate someone for the IU Asian/Pacific American Distinguished Alumni Award. It must be accompanied by a statement of nomination, including a resumé or biographical data. Additional letters of support are welcome. Nomination forms may also be obtained from the IU Alumni Association office or online at www.indiana.edu/~asianaa/daa.html. Questions may be directed to Melanie Castillo-Cullather at acc@indiana.edu or (812) 856-5361.

Nominations are due by Jan. 31, 2007.

Nominee _______________________________________________________________
Graduate year(s) and degree(s) __________________________________________
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City ____________________________ State ______ Zip _______________________
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Please return this form to the IU Alumni Association, Asian/Pacific American Alumni Association, DeVault Alumni Center, 1000 E. 17th St., Bloomington, IN 47408-1521. Phone: (800) 824-3044 or (812) 855-4822. Fax: (812) 855-8266.
Recognizing our accomplishments

The annual Recognition and Appreciation Banquet honoring Distinguished Asian Alumni Award recipient Belle Liang, graduating seniors, student leaders, and volunteers was at 7 p.m. on April 28, 2006, at the IU DeVault Alumni Center Special guests in attendance were Dean Richard McKaig, vice president for student affairs, and Associate Dean Chris Viars, of the Office of International Services.

Clockwise, from top: Clarence Boone, right, IUAA director of diversity programs and liaison to IUAAA, presents IU memorabilia to graduating seniors; Kohsiroh Harada, left, 2005–06 president of the Japanese Student Association, receives the Best Web Site Award from Professor Howard Rosenbaum, School of Library and Information Science; distinguished alumna Belle Liang, right, meets students and finds out that they belong to her sorority, Alpha Delta Pi; students cut the ceremonial cake; Dean Richard McKaig, left, vice president for student affairs, presents the Distinguished Alumni Award to Belle Liang, professor, Boston College; Sherman Chan, left, outgoing Asian Student Union president, and Melanie Castillo-Cullather, director of the Asian Culture Center, present a Volunteer Appreciation Award to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Huerta for providing video and technology support to Asian student groups during their events; and Eunice Donovan, left, IUAAA president, with Vienna May Galgana, ACC Language Learning Program volunteer and Filipino language class teacher.
Alumni Notebook

1970s

Desmond C. Wong, BS’73, is Ernst & Young Americas China subject matter expert at its Chicago office. He provides decision support to clients in the Americas and China. Wong is on the board of the IU Foundation and the Kelley School of Business Dean’s Advisory Council. He is a former president and director of the Kelley School of Business Alumni Association. He and his late wife, Karen, established IU athletics and Kelley School of Business scholarship endowments. Wong lives in Northbrook, Ill., with his children, Katy and Justin.


G. Michael Witte, BA’79, JD’82, is a judge in the Dearborn County Superior Court No. 1 in Lawrenceburg, Ind. In March 2005 he was appointed to the Indiana Commission on Courts, and in July 2005 he was elected secretary of the IU School of Law–Indianapolis Alumni Board. In August 2005, Witte was elected chair of the American Bar Association National Conference of Specialized Court Judges. He and his wife, Dawn, live in Lawrenceburg. His address is mwitte@dearborncounty.in.gov.

1980s

Margaret C. Fung, PhD’83, is an adviser at the Examination Yuan in Taiwan. She has published two volumes of her works, recording her contributions to library and information science. After a stroke five years ago, she writes and paints with her left hand rather than her right. She received a national award last year for one of her landscape Chinese brush paintings. Fung lives in Taipei with her husband, John. A former board member of the Taiwan Chapter of the IUAA, she can be reached at fung@ms2.kntech.com.tw.

Samuel Y. Lee, BS’88, is an athletic trainer at Castle High School in Kaneohe, Hawaii. He lives in Kailua.

Belle Liang, BS’89, received the inaugural Distinguished Asian/Pacific American Alumni Award from the IUAA in April. Liang was selected for her professional achievements and service to her community. She is an associate professor at the Lynch School of Education at Boston College. She is a licensed clinical and community psychologist who specializes in intervention and prevention from cross-cultural and developmental perspectives, trauma recovery, and resiliency. A national expert in youth mentoring, Liang and her students launched an award-winning Web outreach project, created for and by young people called Generation Pulse at www.generationpulse.com. Her book *First Do No Harm: A Call for Ethical Guidelines in Youth Mentoring* is forthcoming from Harvard University Press.

1990s

David W. Chih, BA’90, PhD’01, is the director of the new Asian American Cultural Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign, which had its grand opening on Sept. 9, 2005.

Loretta Young Heidorn, BS’91, is manager of continuous improvement and productivity for Vectren. A certified public accountant, she is married to Robert Heidorn and has a child, Johnnie, and two stepchildren, Laura and Rachael. She lives in Evansville, Ind., and can be reached at lyheidorn@vectren.com.

Nandita Guha Shepherd, BA’92, JD’98, has joined Barnes & Thornburg as an associate in the law firm’s Indianapolis office.

Christina R. Bowen, BSN’94, lives in Downers Grove, Ill., with her husband, Derek, BS’92, MBA’98. She is taking time off from her nursing career to stay at home with their children, Megan and Danielle. Derek is marketing director at Sara Lee in Chicago.

Tracer A. Chow, BS’94, reports that he moved to the Boston area in the last three years to start a furniture import company H20 Furnishings. He married in Chicago. He and his wife, Wendy, live in Brookline, Ma.

Yongyi Song, MLS’95, of Alhambra, Calif., received the American Library Association’s 2005 Paul Howard Award for Courage. According to award committee.

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The IU Alumni Association’s new online career services center, IUAlumniCareers.com, is officially open! This Web site provides online career and mentoring services for IU alumni. Register at IUAlumniCareers.com to search for jobs posted by employers, post your résumé for review by employers, or search for an alumni mentor for career advice.

IU alumni are invited to register as mentors to give career advice to their fellow alumni. As a mentor, you may choose how often and in what manner you wish to be contacted, and you may opt out of the mentor program at any time.

Employers are invited to register to post job openings at no charge.

Only IUAA members may search for jobs and mentors, so activate your membership today!

Contact the IUAA membership department at iuaamemb@indiana.edu or (800) 824-3044.
Maysee Yang Herr, MS’01, receives Governor’s Award

Maysee Yang Herr, MS’01, of Indianapolis was honored as one of 12 future leaders of Indiana selected as recipients of the Governor’s Award for Tomorrow’s Leaders by the Indiana Humanities Council. The recipients of the award were recognized on June 8, 2006, during the fifth annual Indiana Leadership Summit in Indianapolis. The Governor’s Award for Tomorrow’s Leaders was created in 2003 by the Indiana Humanities Council to recognize outstanding young Indiana leaders between the ages of 19 and 29 for their achievements in entrepreneurial, community, education, and cultural arenas and for their commitment to Indiana.

Herr has explored how schools can incorporate community concerns into the elementary curriculum and how students can become involved in social action projects. As a teacher, she has taught multicultural education courses and has participated in and helped plan community events such as the Bloomington Multicultural Festival and children’s culture programs at the public library. She has extended assistantships for students to explore issues of diversity and policy on campuses alongside administrators and staff. Herr helped establish the Asian American Graduate Organization and the Asian Alumni Association while at Indiana University.

“It is imperative that we engage our state’s young leaders by recognizing and rewarding the tremendous contributions these individuals have already made to their communities and the state of Indiana. We recognize these young leaders with great pride and are honored to support their ongoing leadership,” said Scott Massey, CEO of the Indiana Humanities Council.

Herr was nominated for this prestigious award by Sean Woodard of Flashpoint. As part of the Governor’s Award for Tomorrows Leaders, a monetary gift of $1,000 is given to each award recipient. Herr is granting her gift to the Asian Culture Center in Bloomington for children’s programming.

The Indiana Humanities Council is an independent, not-for-profit organization supported by contributions from individuals, corporations, foundations, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. In its 30 years of existence, the council has created a legacy of work dedicated to promoting education, nurturing leaders and expanding cultural resources. For more information on the Indiana Humanities Council, visit www.indianahumanities.org.

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M. tee chair Gale Burrow, Song was selected for the award “because of his efforts to document and present the true history of China’s cultural revolution in the face of tremendous opposition from Chinese authorities.” Song is technical service and collection development librarian at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library at California State University, Los Angeles.

Eight IU alumni were featured in Indiana Lawyer newspaper’s new special section “Leadership in Law,” honoring lawyers who have made meaningful contributions to the profession. Lakshmi D. Hasanadka, BS’97, JD’03, assistant corporation counsel at the Office of Corporation Counsel for the City of Indianapolis was among the eight alumni featured.

After earning her degree in journalism, Arti V. Jaiman, MA’97, returned to her job as a feature writer for The Economic Times in Delhi, India. In 1996, she helped found an online portal for children (www.pitara.com) with her husband, Ajay. She now divides her time among writing content for the portal, doing freelance writing and editing assignments from home, and looking after her two children.

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2000s

Shakti Routray, MBA’00, married Anthony Harris on April 22, 2006. The couple was featured on The Learning Channel’s “A Day of Weddings” on June 9. The show documented the wedding planning, ceremony, and reception. One of three couples profiled, their segments were mixed with the other couples’ segments during the one-hour show.


Brenda Mathews, BS’01, is environmental manager for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in Indianapolis.

Mark K. Snakenberg, BA’01, reports that he has returned from a second tour of duty in Iraq. An armor captain, he served as his battalion’s chief of operations during 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment’s most recent tour in Ramadi, Iraq. He is stationed at Fort Benning, outside of Columbus, Ga., and is attending a captain’s career course.

Mike B. Zawahri, BS’02, is an accountant with the Medical Protective Co. He and his wife, Aseel, have a daughter, Elaina, born in July 2005. The family lives in Fort Wayne, Ind., and can be reached at mzawahri14@yahoo.com.

Manika Bhateja, BS’04, is a student at the IU School of Medicine.

Tazeen Jamal, BS’04, is a medical student at IU.

Shreya J. Patel, BS’04, of Indianapolis, is a full-time student in the IU School of Dentistry. Her address is sjpatel @indiana.edu.

Paras B. Ramolia, BS’04, is a student at the IU School of Medicine.
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Clarence Boone, the IU Alumni Association’s director of diversity programs, spoke of how the students and organizations enhance the strong cultural awareness at IU and how this is shaping the future of the university, much as the students are shaped by their experiences at IU. Melanie Castillo-Cullather, director of the Asian Culture Center, gave the final address of the day, individually recognizing student leaders for their achievements. The night ended with short adiues by the seniors. With this, our dearest and fondest left our midst, but not our hearts, to follow their dreams and achieve the inevitable.

— Adrian D’Lima

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