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A new opportunity: Hudson and Holland scholarships

Indiana University's Hudson and Holland Scholarship Program was originally created to help further the education of minority students. For students majoring in a field of science or mathematics, the scholarships provide \$4,000 per year to the Hudson scholars and \$6,000 per year to the Holland scholars.

Until the fall of 2004, the scholarship was offered only to African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans. In the 2004–2005 school year, HHSP decided to extend the program and offer these fellowships to Asian Americans for the first time.

To qualify for the scholarship, students must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale in high school; an SAT score of 1000 or higher or an ACT score of at least 21; and must be ranked academically in the top 20 percent of their graduating class.

Once accepted into the program,

students are required to take a Critical Reading and Research Seminar, commit to doing 40 hours of community service for during their time in college, and have at least one internship by graduation. The Critical Reading and Research Seminar, EDUC-X155, is a three-credit course intended to help students adapt to college life through discussions and writing papers. Each HHSP scholar is required to see an HHSP adviser three times per semester and is also required to attend three mandatory events from a list presented to the student. I found the advisory meetings and several of the mandatory meetings to be quite beneficial.

Regarding one such workshop on graduate school, Jeff Capati, another Asian American awarded an HHSP scholarship, said, "I think the greatest benefits to being a HHSP scholar, other than the

money, of course, are the opportunities we receive. We are given the opportunity to meet influential people and attend beneficial meetings, such as motivational talks, graduate school information meetings, workshops, and more. We are also given a variety of resources and information on other minority scholarships, internships, and volunteer opportunities."

Not only has the HHSP offered many academic benefits, but the program also wants students to have an enjoyable college experience. Some of the workshops this semester include male and female rap sessions, and also a self-defense class for women. This semester, the program took many HHSP students to King's Island theme park, a very fun trip. If you are an Asian American student looking for a great opportunity that will help you pay for college and also help you set goals for your future, this is a great program for you!

For more information, check out www.indiana.edu/~hhsp/index.htm.

— Samantha Loo



Naomi Funkhouser, a board member of the IU Asian Alumni Association, gets her family and truck ready for the Homecoming parade on Oct. 7, 2005. The IUAAA participated along with members of the various Asian student groups on campus.

Nominations sought

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. 30, 2006.

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.

Remember when ...

The IMU: A place for all things

Like the stereotypical Asian student, I spend a lot of my undergraduate years studying for exams, writing papers, or doing other academic things. But I like to relax, too. And no, that doesn't mean hanging out at the library for five minutes prior to picking up the books again.

Where can I go on campus to relax, watch TV, and get some food? Of course! The Indiana Memorial Union.

The sheer size of the IMU makes it a great place to go. There are many different lounges, study areas, and eateries. I'm sure you remember walking up the stairs of the hotel lobby and seeing many people asleep on the couches or even on the floor; maybe you walked past the food court, where some Asian kids regret the decision to try the sushi that they offer. Or you can see the hip, fashionable girls perusing the Cosmo at the bookstore. In the back, some Asian student groups, such as the Asian American Association, go bowling or play pool. Then, there's the typical scene, the Asian student franti-

cally solving math problems or chemistry equations in the back corner of the study lounges. But work does need to get done.

Some of you may remember attending dances, socials, or even career fairs at the IMU. The Frangipani Room and Alumni Hall are popular places for large events. Taste of Asia was held in Alumni Hall, and concerts have been performed there. You may even remember the "once a year" poster sale that they held ... every two weeks.

I love going to the IMU, not only because of the comfortable couches in the East Lounge, but also because it's a great place to relax, socialize, or do work. With over 35,000 students on the Bloomington campus, it's not difficult to run into a friend, classmate, or professor. I have many fond memories of the IMU; from big, campuswide events, to just napping on a couch while waiting for a class. I'm glad to know that there is a place that can accommodate anything I want to do.

— *Raymund Ramirez*

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. 30, 2006.

Nominee _____

Graduate year(s) and degree(s) _____

Business Title _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____

Nominated by _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime phone _____

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.

Asian teams to compete in Little 500

Mount your bicycles! For the first time in the history of the Little



500, the Asian student body will be represented. Several students expressed interest in forming teams. After a call-out meeting and informational session, full men's and women's teams with alternates were assembled. Practices have also begun now for the great race in April. Please come support the Asian teams during the "World's Greatest College Weekend."

Men's team

Kohshiroh Harada, Gorn Jantaraweragul, Shuhei Ogawa, Ashish Patel, Chun-Yi Shei, Young Jae Jeon, Aobo Zou

Women's team

Julia Azriel, Hsuan Chen, Meera Jogani, Danning Du, Diana Zhao

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Graduation Reception and Awards Banquet a big hit

The second annual IU Asian Alumni Association Graduation Reception and Awards Banquet was a great success this year. It was held on April 29 to celebrate the many accomplishments of graduating Asian/Pacific American seniors, as well as the great works of the many Asian student organizations on this campus.

A large and diverse crowd came to the event — graduating seniors, members of student organizations, faculty members, parents, and even administrators. Gifts were given to the graduates and awards were also presented. Among the winners were Lena Trang Le, of the Vietnamese Student Association, who won “Best Student Group Leader”; and the Japanese Student Association, who won “Best Student Group.”

We hope that the success of this event will lead to large growth and greater attendance in subsequent years. Be sure to look out for announcements for this upcoming school year’s reception and awards banquet. See you there!



GRADUATION RECEPTION AND AWARDS BANQUET 2005: *Clockwise, from top left, Colin Chang, president of the Asian Alumni Association, chats about professional issues and alumni activities with junior Tony Truong; graduating seniors from the Asian American Association and Asian Student Union enjoy their evening; students from Permias and the Taiwanese Student Association await for the awards ceremony; members of the Japanese Student Association — awarded “Best Student Group” through votes from the student body — relax and enjoy their dinner; and Lena Trang Le, president of the Vietnamese Student Association, accepts her award for “Best Student Group Leader.”*



Asian students grow, reach out during leadership retreat

The Asian Culture Center holds an annual Student Leadership Retreat focusing on empowerment and leadership development. At little or no cost to participants, students participate in a variety of challenge and team-building activities at Bradford Woods, Indiana University's outdoor education facility. Many of the graduates of the Student Leadership Retreat go on to become leaders of our student organizations. Two participants share their stories here.

Not just fun and games

Between the silly games that allowed us to meet each other and relax, the leadership activities that were more than meets the eye, and the candlelit conversation under the stars, I couldn't help but have fun at the ACC Bradford Woods Leadership Retreat.

And though these things were memorable, it was the people I met who made the weekend truly wonderful. It was kind and mighty Goh, friendly and helpful Haruka, bright and smiling Connie, "sleepy" and funny Moto, and all the others. These people were the take-aways — they were the highlight of my weekend.

Back at IU, I note the difference it has made. I see these 40 people everywhere and realize the campus has become smaller. I find myself going to events hosted by their student groups to support my new friends in their endeavors. We have been given the opportunity to find kindred spirits, to close the distances that separate us, and to work together.

Still, the retreat has only opened the door — it is up to us to make good on it. Now that I have found these people, I will collaborate with them to fulfill our common purposes, to make the APA presence known, and to make our voices heard.



Asian students from IU Bloomington gathered at Bradford Woods over the Labor Day weekend for the Asian Culture Center's annual Student Leadership Retreat.

Thank you to the ACC for organizing this delightful event and to the Bradford Woods staff for doing a tremendous job facilitating it. Also thanks to the participants — you made my weekend.

— Tony Truong

Asian American Association

Getting in touch with now

The 2005 Bradford Woods Retreat will not be forgotten by any of its participants. However, if you asked any of us what exactly happened on the retreat, we'd probably start talking incoherently about shooting fireballs, getting stuck in a gigantic spider web, or juggling marbles. The inside jokes and details of that weekend are trivial. I had fun that weekend. I made lasting friendships. But what

pleased me most was that I took home a new view on how to live life.

I signed up for this Asian leadership retreat with low expectations. Honestly, I just figured some of my friends were going and it was free. Why not go?

Once we arrived, we were split into random teams. I knew some of my teammates, I recognized a few more, but I had never seen most of them before in my life. Some of the strangers rubbed me the wrong way. Yet Carmen, our counselor, gently stripped us of our masks. Somehow, we slowly bared some of our inner thoughts and ideas to each other. By nightfall, our group felt like family.

The next morning, we said our goodbyes and headed out of the woods, promising to keep in touch.

Although I had started the weekend with a bad impression of some people, I began to believe that humans are all inherently good underneath their masks.

I know I just glossed over the details of what happened, and this story sounds unbelievably corny. Yet despite the corniness of the whole situation, we simply lived in the moment — and we enjoyed it! And that was my take-home message: I learned to enjoy myself with total strangers by taking off my mask and living in the moment.

If this opportunity is available again next year, I encourage you to go.

Thanks to Carmen, Team Wa, all Bradford Wood Retreat participants, the ACC, and the spider that wove that giant web.

— Sibö Lin

Class of 2008 (chemistry)



Asian Alumni Association board members, faculty, and alumni shared refreshments and snacks at the annual Alumni Social Hour in April, held at Truffles Restaurant.

Alumni Notebook

Before 1990

A member of the Alameda County (Calif.) Airport Land Use Commission, **Joe Chan**, BA'66, has been appointed to the California Transportation Commission's Technical Advisory Committee on Aeronautics.

Lloyd I. Nakahara, MM'66, of Mililani, Hawaii, received an Edwin Franko Goldman Award from the American Bandmasters Association in 2004.

Since moving to St. Petersburg, Fla., in 2002, **Ray E. Luck**, DM'78, has completed a concert tour in Asia and Australia (in 2003), an artist residency at Brandon University (in February 2004) as a Fulbright Senior Specialist, and a five-week concert and teaching tour of the Caribbean in October 2004.

Crystal Hyon (Bell) Jackson, AS'80, is vice president for American Contact Lens Service, Indianapolis.

Young M. Kim, PhD'81, of Seoul, South Korea, is a professor of microbiology at Yonsei University, where he also

serves as dean of the College of Science and director of the Institute of Life Science and Biotechnology. He is president elect of the Korean Society for Molecular and Cellular Biology.

Oliver N. Oyama, PhD'85, is assistant director of the Morton Plant Mease/University of South Florida Family Medicine Residency Program in Clearwater, Fla. He and his wife, Kathy Oyama, MAT'83, have three children.

Lester K. Li, MBA'88, is the chief financial officer for One Call Communications.

1990s

After **Alison L. Choy**, BA'93, graduated from Seton Hall University School of Law in 2004, she moved to Seattle to work as a law clerk and bailiff for a judge on the King County Superior Court.

Susan L. (Mathew) Gibbons, MA'95, MLS'95, assistant dean for public services and collection development for the River Campus Libraries at the University of

Rochester, N.Y., was one of 51 librarians nationally honored by *Library Journal* with the annual Movers and Shakers Award.

Jack Y. Duan, BS'97, is enrolled in the MBA program at the University of California Berkeley.

Robert Lewellen, AGS'97, BGS'98, founded the Great White Painting Company in Bloomington, Ind., in 2004.

Gitanjali Mathur, BM'98, MM'00, PD'02, was chosen to sing the role of Despina in the Rome Festival Opera's production of *Così fan Tutte* in 2005.

Anand Rajaratnam, MBA'98, was married to Julia Knoll in July 2003 and is now director of business development at StudentUniverse, Boston.

Jason Chi, BS'99, works for Booz Allen Hamilton in Washington, D.C., and lives in Gaithersburg, Md. He majored in computer information systems and international business.

2000s

Vani Menon, BA'00, lives in Los Angeles and works full time at PPG Industries as a human resources supervisor. Menon writes, "I attend the University of Southern California on a part-time basis and will graduate with my MBA in 2007. I'm interested in keeping in touch with IU alumni, so feel free to contact me at vmenon@ppg.com."

Suzannah J. (Park) Sorg, BS'00, MD'04, and Jason K. Sorg, BS'00, MD'04, were married in May 2004, the week after they both graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine. They have both begun residencies in Indianapolis.

Maria Y. Wen, MBA'00, is a marketing manager for *Entertainment Weekly* magazine in New York.

Neesha S. Patel, BA'01, BS'01, JD'04, is a public defender in the juvenile division of the Marion County (Ind.) Public Defender's Office.

Priya (Kulkarni) Young, MD'01, has been appointed assistant professor of dermatology at the Medical College of Wisconsin and to the medical staff of Froedtert Hospital.

Sheila B. Lalwani, BA'02, is a reporter for the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*.

Teresa Chen, BS'04, writes, "I am living in Boston and working for the U.S. Government Accountability Office, a federal agency that does policy research for Congress. Since moving here a year ago, I've enjoyed becoming a Red Sox fan and improving my awful Russian."

Alumni perspectives

Learning and cultural diversity

Hi, I'm Adrian D'Lima, a new member of the IU Asian Alumni Association, an engineer for Boston Scientific, a four-year Bloomington resident, and a person of Indian descent. I hope my membership in the Alumni Association facilitates cultural diversity at Indiana University among the alumni and students and interaction with the local community.

Most would shy away from offering a definition for cultural diversity that encompasses all facets of the principle; fewer still would present examples of the effect it has had on society. As a person of Indian/Asian descent in America, I cannot claim to be culturally diverse or represent diversity. "Cultural diversity" is a nebulous term that encompasses race and background, people and places, music and food, song and stories, and so much more. Acceptance of each of these different elements gives strength to society. It makes our daily lives richer. And there is no better place to experience the strength of diversity than at college.

My time in college rivals my years as a toddler for the "Happiest Time of My Life" award. There are more than a few similarities between the two times — which I shall leave to your collective imaginations — and some differences. The biggest difference was the way in which I began to understand the world — as a witness to momentous global change, to comprehend my cultural identity, to envision my future, and to find a path. No part of this was predicted or directed. My education and the experiences surrounding it have opened doors, provided hands to shake, and created life long friendships.

And through it all, I have embraced cultural diversity as the many flavors in the meal of life. I still cherish the richness of each experience, and I hope these cherished experiences are a wealth that I can share with all.

Learning is a treasure
that will follow its
owner everywhere.

— CHINESE PROVERB

Only when all contribute
their firewood can they
build up a strong fire.

— CHINESE PROVERB

— Adrian D'Lima

From the president

Second year holds promise

Last year was a great start for the IU Asian Alumni Association, and this year is shaping up to be even better. We have already started to plan some great new events, as well as improving on some of last year's programs. This year we would like to add a pre-party celebration before a football or basketball game and choose a charity to support. We are going to improve on the homecoming events of last year by having a post-parade party at the Chow Bar — finishing off the night with karaoke for the musically daring!

The 2004–2005 school year was the first full year for the IU Asian Alumni Association to help host or support events. We attended an IU Auditorium performance by the Taiwanese Acrobats. We attended several student functions and gave away gift certificates to the Mikado and Truffles restaurants. This year we would like to do attend these events again and make a larger contribution to them. The graduation dinner at the end of the year and the social hour at Truffles were well attended and were the pinnacle of the year for us.

We would like to strive each year to improve our efforts to support IU, our alumni, and the town of Bloomington. Please help us achieve these goals and have a positive impact on our community. If there is anything you think we could help with, please bring it to our attention. I promise that our board will evaluate it and make a timely decision. Good luck this year!

— Colin Chang, president,
IU Asian Alumni Association

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