

# Residence Halls

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NEWSLETTER

## Participants, alumni gather for RHAA's 20th anniversary

On April 22, the Residence Halls Alumni Association celebrated a significant milestone and proved that an organization dedicated to the betterment of leadership, educational, and living opportunities for Indiana University's residence hall students could survive and flourish. On that blustery day at the Virgil T. DeVault Alumni Center, approximately 75 residence hall alumni, students, and administrators gathered to mark the 20th anniversary of RHAA.

The anniversary celebration started with a period of welcoming, including a sharing of hugs, memories, and pictures. A brunch was served by residence hall catering. **Nancy McKay Lorenz**, BS'68, MS'70, opened the event by recounting some of the group's accomplishments and by requesting continued financial support. She suggested that in commemoration of the 20th anniversary, contributions ranging from \$2 to \$2,000 be made to support the annual National Residence Hall Honorary Leadership Retreat, student attendance at local and national leadership conferences, and student-initiated educational, cultural, and social programs.

**John Santos**, BS'88, president of



Erin Ransford

Past Thomas J. Hennessy Award winners, from left, James Grandorf, BS'63, MBA'64, and Gloria Randle Scott, BA'59, MA'60, PhD'65, LLD'77, and 2006 winner Mark Kruzan, BA'82, JD'85, celebrate with the award's namesake Tom Hennessy, EdD'74.

RHAA, then introduced the 2006 slate of RHAA officers and received unanimous approval. The 2006–08 officers include Santos, president; **Jason Dudich**, BS'01, vice president; **Mike Pitz**, BS'77, treasurer; **Tom Hennessy**, EdD'74, executive secretary; **Erin Ransford**, Cert'01, BS'03, communications officer; and board members **John Desmarais**, BS'88, MBA'94, **Eric Hafner**, BA'04, **Sara Ivey-Lucas**,

BA'93, MS'95, **Nancy McKay Lorenz**, BS'68, MS'70, **Jonathan Purvis**, BA'98, and **Janelle Wiggins Tierney**, Cert'97, BS'98, Cert'04. Ex-officio members include Pat Connor, **Heidi Dolson**, BA'87, Lesley Green, Matt Jarson, **Jennifer Leitner**, BS'06, **Sarah Nagy**, MS'06, and **Owen Sutkowski**, BA'06. The board comprises past unit, center, RHA, judicial board, and

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## Hennessy Award honors work inside and outside RHAA

Every two years, the Residence Halls Alumni Association presents the Hennessy Award to an individual in recognition of outstanding achievement in professional endeavors or public service, or in recognition of ongoing support for the objectives of RHAA. Named for Thomas J. Hennessy, retired associate director for the IU Department of Residence Life, the award honors Hennessy's three decades as an advocate of using residence halls as classrooms to educate leaders who serve the community. The award is a plaque presented at the biennial meeting of the RHAA on IU Bloomington's campus. The recipient's name is affixed to the Hennessy plaque housed in the Alice Nelson Halls of Residence Building in Bloomington.

Past winners include:

- 1989 — **Gloria Randle Scott**, BA'59, MA'60, PhD'65, LLD'77, *president, Bennett College*
- 1991 — **James Grandorf**, BS'63, MBA'64, *controller and treasurer, Exxon Research and Engineering*
- 1993 — **Thomas I. Atkins**, BA'61, *civil rights attorney*
- 1995 — **Sarah Evans Barker**, BS'65, LLD'99, *chief judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana*
- 1997 — **Curtis R. Simic**, BS'64, *president, IU Foundation*
- 1999 — **Rapheal M. Prevot Jr.**, BS'81, JD'84, *labor relations counsel, National Football League*
- 2001 — **Robert M. Gates**, MA'66, *U.S. secretary of defense*
- 2003 — **Mary Scifres Grabianowski**, BA'79, MS'92, *teacher, Zionsville (Ind.) Community High School*

Send nominations for the 2008 Hennessy Award by e-mail to [rhaa@indiana.edu](mailto:rhaa@indiana.edu).

## Presidents' reports

### RHA restructures

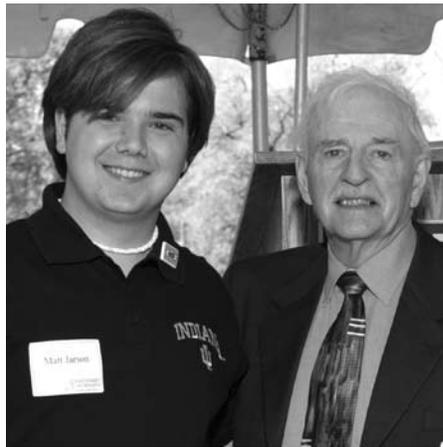
The Residence Halls Association has been working this year for our students, but the biggest change has already occurred. Last year, the RHA got a little bigger. After much deliberation within the presidents' council, a new legislative body was established and funding for the entire organization was restructured. The presidents' council is now the general assembly, referred to as the GA. The GA comprises a three-member delegation from each center, which includes the center president and two members appointed by the center. This new structure allows for more students to be involved in RHA and allows the center president to spend more time in-center, as the delegates are responsible for sitting on committees. Our increased membership has given us greater perspective as an organization.

To encourage center student-governments to focus their monies on programming for the centers, the RHA funding board was created. Now all outside groups requesting funds from RHA must go through the funding board and are no longer able to request monies from individual center boards of governors. This new process ensures that the RHA activity fees are not being used to fund entire programs for groups not affiliated with the residence halls, but it still allows RHA to be supportive of other organizations' programs. As a result, we have seen a blossoming in programming as the centers are able to focus their attention on truly serving their students. From Read's haunted house, a yearly favorite, to the Festivus celebration in Foster, our residents are seeing more than ever from student government.

We are in the second semester of this new system, and we already see great potential and a bright future for the RHA.  
— Matt Jarson, RHA president

### NRHH floats on

The National Residence Hall Honorary and Residence Halls Association had a great time decorating and participating in Homecoming activities this year. Our theme for the banner and window painting was a red IU Bloomington M&M and a green Michigan State University M&M. They both looked spectacular. For the float, the NRHH external vice president, Daric Wickstrom, designed a model of the



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RHA President Matt Jarson, left, and retired Associate Director for the IU Department of Residence Life Thomas J. Hennessy, EdD'74, mingle at the RHAA 20th anniversary gathering.

mermaid from Showalter Fountain. We spent all week creating her out of chicken wire and papier-mâché, then we coated her with bronze spray paint. She looked fabulous; unfortunately, the persistent rain canceled the Homecoming parade. But the executive board still wanted to show her off, and we towed her all around campus in the freezing rain and threw candy at people. Even though we didn't win, the board still had a great time being creative.

The January 2007 NRHH Leadership Retreat, "Leadership Luau," was hosted at the Fourwinds Resort & Marina on Lake Monroe. The NRHH executive board came up with some great ideas for speakers and other activities. The NRHH board hopes to increase participation and awareness. The board is looking forward to alumni involvement from the RHAA board.

— Lesley Green, NRHH president

### RHAA revamps site

Hello, fellow Residence Halls Association alumni. Our board of directors is in transition with our new members. With a renewed commitment and enthusiasm surrounding our organization, we are excited about our future plans. To better serve our alumni, an online survey has been created. Please take some time to provide us with input, so we can better define the direction our organization needs to take.

Currently, we are determining what our mission should be and developing a mission statement that will include our primary purpose, make-up of members, and regular agenda. Preliminarily, we feel

our organization is an alumni association for those who were once involved in the residence halls. Recently, we have helped current student leaders and groups with funding support and advising. RHAA also hosts a biennial reunion as an opportunity for our alumni to return to Bloomington, Ind., visit with old friends, and honor the Thomas J. Hennessy Award recipient.

We hope to continue these efforts and increase our involvement and support of current students and their initiatives. We are exploring the idea of providing internships for current students and creating a mentoring program that will pair professional alumni with current students.

It is undeniable that most of you feel you have learned a lot from your past involvement within the residence halls and are now in a position and willing to assist us with our efforts to work with current residence hall students. Contributions to our organization can be made by participating in our surveys, offering suggestions, serving on our board of directors, and helping with the implementation of internship programs or scholarships. Financial contributions are welcome as well.

We are in the process of evaluating and choosing our future Hennessy Award recipients for the next biennial reunion, scheduled for April 2008. Please feel free to send in any nominations or suggestions. We have had many great and accomplished award winners, and we are committed to continuing that trend.

— John Santos, BS'88, RHAA president

## Residence Halls Alumni Association

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# Alumni Notebook

## Before 1970

**Robert P. Kassing**, BS'59, JD'64, a partner and practicing attorney at Bose McKinney & Evans in Indianapolis, was named to the 2006–07 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He is a former member of the IUAA Executive Council and the IU School of Law–Bloomington Alumni Board.

After teaching high school for 43 years, **Ronald J. Hancock**, BS'63, MS'67, retired in August. He taught for 40 years at Portage (Ind.) High School. For 36 years, he served as a student council adviser. Hancock and his wife, Patricia, live in Valparaiso.

**George A. Hopkins**, BA'63, JD'66, is a judge in Howard County (Ind.) Superior Court 4. He lives in Kokomo.

**William J. Godfrey**, BS'64, MBA'68, is a developer, a former drug company executive, and the namesake of the William J. Godfrey Graduate and Executive Education Center at IU Bloomington. In September 2005, IU announced Godfrey's \$25 million gift to the Kelley School of Business, the largest gift ever from an individual to the school. It will fund need-based scholarships for business students and help pay for the \$34 million graduate center. Godfrey lives in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

**Sarah Evans Barker**, BS'65, LLD'99, was featured in *Indiana Lawyer* newspaper's new special section, "Leadership in Law." She is a judge in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana in Indianapolis.

**Richard T. Payne**, BA'66, JD'69, is a full-time alternative dispute resolution professional with Van Winkle Baten Rimstidt Dispute Resolution in Indianapolis. A former judge of Hancock Superior Court in Indiana, he was selected by the National Arbitration Forum to provide arbitration and mediation services for court-ordered or private-party alternative dispute resolution. Payne lives in Greenfield, Ind.

Retired, **Fern Rovin Stoffer**, MA'67, PhD'74, writes that she is taking trips and enjoying her family — husband Sid, MBA'76, and sons Jeffrey, 26, and Jonathan, 24.

**Sarah Marks Richards**, MS'68, of Honolulu, is president of the Hawaii Theatre Center, which was named the nation's outstanding historic theater for 2005 by the League of Historic American Theatres. Her address is sarahrichards@hawaii.rr.com.

## 1970s

**Kenneth A. Martlage**, BA'70, MS'73, John W. Vandeventer, BA'74, and Beth A. Meloy, MBA'83, formed Compete-Indiana, a consulting company for Indiana businesses. Martlage lives in Indianapolis.

**Steven J. Dick**, BA'71, MA'74, PhD'77, is the recipient of the fifth LeRoy E. Doggett Prize for Historical Astronomy, given by the Historical Astronomy Division of the American Astronomical Society in recognition of his distinguished career and publication record. Dick is currently the chief historian at NASA.

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

**James Torrance Baker**, MM'75, joined the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland as the director of major gifts at the office of development and alumni relations.

**Leslie E. Vidra**, BA'76, JD'79, is a partner with Ulrich & Vidra Attorneys in New Albany, Ind. Previously, she worked with not-for-profit groups in the Louisville, Ky., area, and she was in a counsel position for a large regional law firm. Vidra has also worked for the IU Foundation. She lives in Floyds Knobs, Ind.

**Chris Kaitson**, BA'78, is associate general counsel for Enbridge Energy in Houston.

**Sherri R. Walker**, BS'78, is director of service excellence

and volunteer services at St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers in Indianapolis.

Professional singer **Judith L. Caplan Ginsburgh**, BM'79, won first place in the Blair Sadler International Healing Arts Competition for her work in bringing the arts to hurricane shelters in Louisiana. As coordinator of the Arts & Healthcare Initiative of the Arts Council of Central Louisiana, she helps promote healing for patients, respite for family members, and stress relief for medical personnel. She founded Arts & Healthcare Press, publisher of *Beyond Katrina*, which contains poetry, quotes, and images from people affected by the 2005 Gulf Coast hurricanes. Ginsburgh and her husband, tax attorney Robert H., BS'78, live in Alexandria, La.

Col. **Thomas A. Hardy**, BS'79, was mobilized for active duty in the U.S. Army in September 2004. He returned to the states in November 2005 after a one-year tour in Iraq, serving as a battalion commander for the 620th Corps Support Battalion, an Army Reserve unit from St. Louis. When we heard from Hardy in July, he was serving in the 326th Area Support Group of the Army Reserve, stationed in Kansas.

## 1980s

**Bradley D. Wilks**, BA'81, is CEO and managing director of the investment and media relations firm Citigate Sard Verbinnen at its Chicago office. He has been elected a member of the National Investor Relations Institute board of directors. He is a chair of Goodcity, a not-for-profit organization that serves as an incubator of emerging community service organizations throughout Chicago, and is a member of the Economic Club of Chicago and the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

**Lisa A. Erwin**, BA'82, is associate dean of students at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. She completed a PhD in counseling and student development at Kansas State University.

**Scott A. Jones**, BS'84, ScD'02, of Carmel, Ind., is a Kelley

School of Business Distinguished Entrepreneur and founder of many companies. His recent successes include Gazelle Tech Ventures Inc. and the Scott A. Jones Foundation. *Indy Men's Magazine* featured Jones with his car of the future on the November 2005 cover and devoted several pages to an interview. Through his company, Jones is developing Indiana's Robotic Vehicle as a possible niche for an autonomous vehicle for the military, or, as he says, perhaps just a robotic lawnmower or snowblower.

A podiatrist in Chicago, **David A. Gerst**, BS'86, reports that he has completed 10 Ironman Triathlons. He lives in Orland Park, Ill.

**Jennifer L. Morgan**, BA'88, is the director for the global climate-change program at the World Wildlife Fund in Berlin. The program is present in more than 30 countries.

## 1990s

**Joe Hensler**, BS'91, MBA'92, has assumed a new role as associate director of global training and development at Procter & Gamble Co. in Cincinnati. He and his wife, Becky, have two children, Sarah, 3, and Daniel, 1. A former member of the IUAA Executive Council, he writes that he and Becky are "very proud that Sarah has learned how to sing the IU Fight Song."

**Roger W. Auer**, BS'97, works for a Boulder (Colo.) Macy's department store, where he sells men's clothing, suits, and sport coats. He lives in Boulder.

## 2000s

Teacher **Amanda J. Robbins**, BA'02, MAT'04, writes, "I have moved from New Jersey to the Sunshine State — West Palm Beach, Fla. Please feel free to contact me at any time. Or if any of you are living here and want to get together, get a hold of me, please." Robbins can be reached at robbinsamanda@yahoo.com.

**Aimee B. Dawson**, BA'03, reports that she is pursuing her master's degree in public policy at the University of Chicago and setting her career sights on public-sector consulting.

# Anniversary

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student-services officers and ranges from five to 40 years of alumni status.

Jarson, 2006–07 RHA president, and Connor, executive director of Residential Programs and Services, welcomed the group and gave brief comments regarding current residence hall innovations, renovations, and plans for the ensuing biennium. A major renovation of Campus View Apartments is complete, Ashton’s older buildings are demolished, an 80-student classroom opened in Briscoe, Forest will be air-conditioned this summer, and significant social areas are under construction in McNutt and Forest. These new facilities, open until the wee hours of the weekend, will be run by students and will feature the latest in electronic gaming, stagecraft, and high-definition viewing. The facilities and programs offered will serve as a safe and alcohol-free alternative for residence hall students.

Four individuals were recognized for their service to the residence halls and named honorary members of RHAA, bringing the number of honorary members to 40. This year’s inductees include **Robert Burton**, '44, Connor, Nagy, and David Rubenstein. Honorary members are nominated by membership and elected by the board of directors.

The highlight of each reunion is the naming of the Thomas J. Hennessy Award winner for that biennium. **Kevin Robling**, BS'84, JD'97, introduced this year’s recipient **Mark Kruzan**, BA'82, JD'85. Kruzan was president of Teter Residence Center, RHA, and IU Student Association, and he now serves as mayor of Bloomington, Ind. Sharing memories of his student days, Kruzan noted the significant value of his residence hall leadership experiences to his current endeavors. He also paid special tribute to the namesake of his award, Hennessy. Past award winners **Gloria Randle Scott**, BA'59, MA'60, PhD'65, LLD'77, and **James Grandorf**, BS'63, MBA'64, added their congratulations to the group.

Santos closed the reunion by introducing Hennessy, who gave his traditional Irish Godspeed. All present at the anniversary are in agreement that Hennessy is the moving force behind RHAA’s success. He has played a significant role in the success of hundreds, if not thousands, of residence hall students. Godspeed to you, Hennessy.

*Donations to assist RHAA and the efforts of current residence hall students may be made payable to “IU Foundation, The Greenleaf/Nelson Fund.” Mail to IU Foundation, c/o RHAA, 1500 N. State Road 45/46 Bypass, Bloomington, IN 47408.*



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