Celebrate the Spirit: Groups 40th Anniversary

Alumni will come together this fall for a special weekend event to commemorate the Program’s 40th anniversary. You’re invited!

Calling all alumni and friends of the Groups Program! Mark your calendars and begin making plans now to attend the 40th Anniversary/Homecoming Reunion, Oct. 24–26.

The first Groups reunion, which celebrated 30 years of Indiana University’s Groups Student Support Services Program, was held in 1998. "Honoring the Bridge Builders and Preserving the Bridge" was the reunion’s theme. Group 43, the program’s first class, along with Rozelle Boyd and La Verta Terry, the first two Program directors, were honored.

We come together again this fall for this second Groups reunion, which celebrates the 40th anniversary of the program’s founding.

The reunion theme is: “Celebrating the Spirit of Our Alumni and Supporting the Dreams of Our Students.” Group 69, the Program’s second class, will be honored. Lee Ann Bell, Michael Mitchell, Laurence Prescott, and Marianne Siegmund, all charter members of the Gray Project that conceived and established the Groups Program in 1968; Dennis C. Hayes, ’69, BS’74, JD’77, a distinguished member of Group 69; and Janice L. Wiggins, retiring director of the program, will be honored.

Weekend highlights

Highlights of the three-day event include the Bloomington film premier of Pieces of a Dream on Friday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m., followed by an alumni reception.

And on Saturday, Oct. 25, attendees can witness dedication of the Groups Program’s campus clock and the unveiling of the Kappa Alpha Psi historical marker. At our reunion banquet on Saturday evening, Hayes, who is interim president and CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will deliver the keynote address. All are invited to attend the Sunday morning GAA National Business Meeting as well.

A complete schedule of events and registration information can be found on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter.

Spread the news!

Starting today, make yourself a committee of one by spreading this news among your friends and former classmates. Give your fellow alumni a call or send an e-mail alerting them regarding the Groups Program’s 40th Anniversary/Homecoming Reunion.

We encourage you to spend this beautiful October weekend in Bloomington, renewing precious relationships with former Groups staff, IUB faculty, and Groups classmates.

Save the date! Oct. 24–26

Spend a beautiful fall weekend in Bloomington renewing precious relationships with Groups staff, IUB faculty, and Groups classmates and celebrating the spirit of the Groups Program!

More details are included throughout this newsletter. Register online at www.alumni.iu.edu/gaa.
40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 24
noon–4 p.m.
REGISTRATION
East Lounge, Indiana Memorial Union

noon–4 p.m.
GENERAL HOSPITALITY ROOM
Distinguished Alumni Room, IMU

noon–1 p.m.
“NOON EDITION,” WFIU-FM
Topic: “Pathways to Success: A 40 Year Retrospective Look at the Origins and Evolution of Indiana University’s Groups Program”

2 p.m.–4 p.m.
BUS TOUR OF BLOOMINGTON AREA AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL LANDMARKS
Tour concludes with “Taste of Bloomington” reception.
Bloomington City Hall Atrium

3 p.m.
THOMAS ATKINS LIVING LEARNING CENTER ALUMNI RECEPTION
Forest Residence Center

3 p.m.
LA CASA ALUMNI RECEPTION

3 p.m.
AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTS INSTITUTE ALUMNI RECEPTION
Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center

3:30 p.m.
“PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS”/GAA DIVERSITY RECRUITMENT TOUR OF THE IU CYCLOTRON FACILITY
Event concludes with a tour of the Black Film Center and Archives.

4:30 p.m.
HOMECOMING PARADE LINEUP
Returning Groups alumni and staff are invited to ride in a decorated bus behind members of Groups ’08, who will carry the Program’s banner.

5:30 p.m.
50TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE

6:30 p.m.
PEP RALLY AT THE STUDENT BUILDING
Featuring Coach Bill Lynch, the cheerleaders, the Red Steppers, the Marching Hundred, and fireworks!

7:30 p.m.
Premier of “Pieces of a Dream”
Bloomington film premier.
Whittenberger Auditorium

9 p.m.
Groups Program Reception
University Club (first and second floors), IMU

Saturday, Oct. 25
8:30 a.m.–9:15 a.m.
“PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS”
GAA DIVERSITY RECRUITMENT ORIENTATION BREAKFAST
“Indiana University is My University, Too,” presented to 43 first-generation African American and Latino middle and high school students from the Indianapolis Public School System
Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center

9:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m.
REGISTRATION REOPENS

9:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
“PATHWAY TO SUCCESS” STUDENTS TOUR COLLEGE’S SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS
Department tour concludes with a visit to the Groups Program.

9:45 a.m.
GAA DEDICATION CEREMONY: GROUPS PROGRAM CAMPUS CLOCK
Swain Hall

10:30 a.m.–noon
21ST ANNUAL HOMECOMING LUNCHEON
Special seating for Groups alumni. Bus transportation provided for registered alumni. By invitation only, as space is limited.
Mellencamp Pavilion

11 a.m.
UNVEILING CEREMONIES OF THE KAPPA ALPHA PSI HOUSE HISTORICAL MARKER
Alpha Chapter House

11 a.m.–4 p.m.
WEST BADEN SPRINGS HOTEL AND FRENCH LICK CASINO BUS TOUR

**1 p.m.
HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME
IU vs. Northwestern
Memorial Stadium

4 p.m.
IU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION POST-GAME PARTY
De Vault Alumni Center tent

6 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
REGISTRATION REOPENS

6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
REUNION AND AWARDS BANQUET RECEPTION
IMU Solarium

7 p.m.
COMMENORATIVE GROUPS CLASS ALUMNI PHOTOGRAPHS

7:30 p.m.
GROUPS PROGRAM REUNION AND AWARDS BANQUET
Keynote speaker: Dennis Hayes, Interim President and CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
IMU Alumni Hall

GREEK STEP SHOW COMMAND PERFORMANCE
Performance follows reunion banquet.

Sunday, Oct. 26
8 a.m.–9:30 a.m.
FAREWELL CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
State Room East and State Room West, IMU

9:30 a.m.–11 a.m.
GROUPS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING
State Room East and State Room West, IMU

**Football kickoff time is subject to change. If the time changes, the Homecoming luncheon will begin two hours before kickoff. The bus tour to French Lick will leave at the time of kickoff. Shuttle service will be provided for events, and a final itinerary and bus schedule will be available at registration.

40th Anniversary registration required.
President invites all alumni to be involved in reunion planning

The following statement is excerpted from Groups Alumni Association president Lindsey A. Smith’s full report, which he gave at the luncheon.

“My message today focuses primarily on the commitment we all must have towards making our 40th Groups Reunion successful,” said Groups Alumni Association President Lindsey A. Smith, marking the tone of the association’s annual meeting on April 21, 2007.

“Though this event is approximately 18 months away, there is much to do in every facet of the planning and organization. As such, I don’t believe we can allow ourselves to work out the details of this major event in our spare time. [If we do] ‘we will never make it’

To be best assured this reunion will be a success, I believe it will require a coordinated effort on all our parts for our committees to identify goals, track objectives, and note each milestone of accomplishment.

Therefore, I propose that we agree to conduct a joint committee meeting to brainstorm our expectations. This reunion is a reflection of us. It will trace our beginnings from the first class of 1968 — Project 43 — to the present. And it may even determine our future.

I know we are all proud of our experiences as student members of each of our Group classes, and as graduates of Indiana University. As this reunion date approaches, we must demonstrate our full commitment to showcase that pride and to build another bridge to our future.”

Smith (‘71), BA’76

Mark your calendar!

GAA reunion joint committee meetings:

April 19..................10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
IU Alumni Association
DeVault Alumni Center
Lunch will be served.

May.............................TBA

June 7......................10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
IU Alumni Association
DeVault Alumni Center
Lunch will be served.

July 12.....................11 a.m.–3 p.m.
GAA State Business Meeting,
followed by awards luncheon at the Indianapolis Urban League

40th Anniversary details

Access the reunion registration forms and hotel reservation information can be accessed from the Groups Alumni Association’s Web site: www.alumni.iu.edu/gaa.

✔ Weekend package

Package includes all reunion events Friday through Sunday (Bloomington tour, homecoming luncheon, football ticket, IUAA post-game party, banquet), t-shirt, and banquet momento, and game transportation: $125

✔ Friday ticket

Bus tour of area historical African American landmarks and Taste of Bloomington reception at Bloomington City Hall: $10

✔ Saturday ticket

• (1) Homecoming luncheon: $15
• (2) IU vs. Northwestern football game: $32
• (3) West Baden Springs Hotel and French Lick Casino bus tour and lunch (limited to the first 46 registrants): $40
• (4) Banquet:
  Single......$35
  Couple......$60
  Table......$300

IU Alumni Association Membership

One year: $30 (regularly $40)
Recent grad: $20 (Applies to graduates who received the first IU degree within the last five years.)

GAA Memorabilia

40th Reunion group photo $10
40th Reunion banquet DVD $10
Director emphasizes a decade of Groups’ successes

Since its 30th Anniversary Reunion, which was celebrated during Indiana University’s 1998 homecoming weekend, the Groups Student Support Services Program staff and students have continued to make a significant, positive impact upon the university’s efforts to promote a culture of diversity, equity, and multicultural understanding.

The program at work

The program has been recognized nationally four times for having the “best practice” for serving freshmen. Furthermore, the United States Department of Education’s Analysis of Student Support Services Projects Success ranked IUB third in the nation, measuring the total number of participants who were either retained at institutions or graduated from them.

During this same period, these are some of the noteworthy accomplishments by staff and students, built from the strong foundation laid by former directors Rozelle Boyd, La Verta Terry, and Carolyn Calloway-Thomas:

- More than 2,800 students have participated in the Groups Program since 1997.
- Persistent participation rates for freshman to sophomore year hover around 80 percent.
- Six-year graduation rates have increased by 41 percent since 1997.
- For the 2007–2008 academic year, 11 students are enrolled in professional degree programs and 84 in graduate school.
- More than $400 in Groups Upperclass merit awards was given to outstanding Groups students for academic achievements during 2006–2007.
- Since 1997, more than 200 Groups students have studied abroad in Africa (Ghana and Madagascar), Asia (China and Korea), Australia, Caribbean (Dominican Republic), Europe (England, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, and Spain), and South America (Mexico). In 2006–2007, 21 students participated in an overseas program.
- Over 150 Groups upperclass students have been inducted into the Alpha Chapter of Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society since it was chartered on the IUB campus in 1998.
- Groups established a Men of Color initiative to actively address the “achievement gap” of African American and Latino males on the IUB campus. Male alumni and IUB staff collaborated in establishing this highly effective mentoring initiative.

Connecting with alumni

Clearly, one of the most significant outcomes of the Groups Program’s 30th Anniversary Reunion was the beginning of deliberations between staff and alumni to establish an alumni association.

I would like to thank Patricia Carlton-Nyangira (’88) and William H. Wiggins Jr., professor emeritus of African American and African diaspora studies, co-chairpersons of this task force. Joining me in serving on this group were: Clarence Boone Jr.,

Discover new ways to support the dreams of the program’s students who are, now, where you once were.

Ulysses C. Burnett II, Roger Gildersleeve, Harold Hansborough Jr., Wakisha Malone, Tiffany Mann, Delia McClam, Dionne McKaskle, Lloyd E. Sally, Doris Sims, Jim Sims, Lindsey A. Smith, and Janice Tharp. Thanks to their dogged determination and selfless service, the Groups Alumni Association was founded in 2004.

I close my report with an invitation to all alumni, especially those who came through the program from 1997 to 2008, to make plans to return to the IUB campus for the Groups Program’s 40th Anniversary Reunion, to be held Oct. 24–26, during IU’s 2008 homecoming weekend.

Come, and help us celebrate the spirit of you, our distinguished alumni. Discover new ways to support the dreams of the program’s students who are, now, where you once were.

Membership Matters

It’s the best way to stay connected to and support IU.

Join or renew today!

(800) 824-3044
www.alumni.indiana.edu
The 2007 Groups Alumni Association Board meeting began promptly at 11 a.m. on July 14, 2007. The meeting took place at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis.

Board members in attendance were: President Lindsey A. Smith (’71), BA’76; Vice President Iris Outlaw, BA’73; Secretary Carrie (Spellers) Williams (’74), BA’78; Treasurer James Sims (’75), BGS’97; Web site Editor Tracie (Michael) Greer (’93), ’97, BGS’05; Director of IU Alumni Programs Clarence Boone Jr.; Chaplain Donald Griffin (’69), BA’78; and Groups Director Janice Wiggins. Doris Sims (’75), BS’79, Cert’94, Marvin “Tom” Williams (’74), Lillian Casillas (’85), BA’89, Evelyn Bushrod, and William H. Wiggins Jr. also attended. Frank Motley, IU’s executive director for academic support and Groups alumni Kathy Moore-Majors (’69), BA’73, MA’76, and Jeannette (Johnson) Jackson (Group 43) joined the meeting as well.

The group discussed the following agenda: reading and approval of the minutes; the GAA President’s report, treasurer’s report, director’s report, and committee reports; as well as updates on the GAA Web site, GAA IU Football Fundraising Project, and the 2008 Groups 40th anniversary celebration. Attendees addressed old business and new business items before adjourning at noon.

Smith opened the GAA’s 2007 awards luncheon with an official welcome to more than 100 alumni, students, family members, and friends seated at cloth-draped tables with individual settings of crystal and silver. After introducing his fellow GAA Board Member, he welcomed those in attendance.

“Good afternoon. These have been exciting times, and I am proud to see our association evolve and develop every year into a vibrant and effective organization. The board members conducted our business meeting this morning and discussed plans for our 40th Reunion of the Groups Program, set for October 2008, and other activities.

This meeting and luncheon culminate in the recognition of some of our finest men and women associated with the Groups Program. We will honor their achievements in business, education, community service, and arts and entertainment. In addition, we will present two special awards. So, I welcome all of you — distinguished guests, public officials, students, and board members — to our Group Alumni Association Annual State Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon as friends. We are pleased to share our success and our future endeavors with you!”

After Smith’s welcome, Griffin gave the invocation, and a three-course luncheon was served. Williams served as master of ceremonies. The luncheon closed with brief year-end reports from Director Wiggins and Smith. Learn more about our award-winners and presenters on page 6.

In the media

Alumni appear in local and national media

Groups alumni were featured in several Indiana newspapers and electronic publications:

• The Jan. 9, 2007, issue of the Bloomington, Ind., Herald-Times quoted Lindsey A. Smith (’71), BA’76, director of the Monroe County Department of Child Services, in a front-page story. When asked about the process for placing an abandoned baby in a stable home, Smith told reporters: “There are too many variables that would determine how long a child would stay in a foster home … I would say it would take at least a year for a child to remain in a foster home before we could take actions for permanency.”

• The Feb. 13, 2007, issue of the Bloomington, Ind., Herald-Times featured a Black History Month profile on William R. Knox (’95), BA’99, the director of Hoosier Amateur Sports Corp. “Hopefully,” Knox said, “[Black American youth will see] black males in a different light, as professional individuals doing their jobs.”

• The Feb. 18, 2007, issue of the Bloomington, Ind., Herald-Times featured a Black History Month profile on La Verta Terry, second director of the Groups Program. If she had the opportunity, Terry said she’d “revamp the entire history curriculum to make sure the true story, the whole story is told. Not only for black kids, but for all children.”

• The 2006-07 SPEAlumni featured an article on Roderick D.S. Wheeler (’72), BA’98, MPA’00. “Hope is what brought me to SPEA,” Wheeler said. “Hope is what drives my passions. And it is my hope that I will leave...” (continued on page 8)
Alumni honored for achievements, contributions

Lifetime Achievement Award

David F. Hummons

David F. Hummons, assistant bursar for Indiana University Bloomington, was awarded the Groups Program’s Lifetime Achievement Award. Lindsey A. Smith ('71), BA’76, current Groups Alumni Association president, presented the award.

In fall 1970, two years after the Groups Program was founded, Hummons began his IU career. From 1973 to 1988, he formed an unlikely collaboration with Jimmy Ross, director of the IU Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. Together, this dynamic duo shepherded hundreds of Groups students through IU. Kenny Ware, a member of the Groups Program’s 1969 freshman class, described their means of operation well when he said that Ross and Hummons were “part of that older concept of being able to reach back and help, to hold the door open to let others through. ... All [they] wanted to do was help make the transition as easy as possible.”

Hummons said recently, “We need to help create a welcoming environment for students and, in particular, for those underrepresented groups.” For almost four decades, Hummons has held the door of educational opportunity open at IU for legions of Groups students.

Covered Bridge Award

Nancy A. Lorenz

Nancy A. Lorenz, BS’68, MS’70, received the Covered Bridge Award. The award is the highest honor given by the Groups Program. Janice L. Wiggins, Groups Program director was the presenter.

With the exceptions of two brief excursions she made — one into elected office as auditor of Owen County (Ind.) from 1977–78 and one as owner of Craftmanship consignment handcrafted products from 1982–84 — Nancy’s professional career has been with IU Bloomington residence halls.

She served as coordinator for residence life of Foster Residence Center (1971–76) and Read Center (1978–82) and associate director of residential life (1982–97). In 1997, Lorenz became director of Residential Programs and Services for Academic Initiatives and Services, where she continues to serve. Her professional focus has been to create a collaborative relationship among student residents, faculty, and staff and to bring the academic life and mission of the university into the residence halls.

Some career highlights include: creation of Community Councils, expansion of the Residential Class Program to 500 classes annually; developing the Residential Fellows Program and the Academic Initiatives and Services Advisory Committee; alteration and expansion of the RPS Library System to serve 143,000 patrons annually; and the creation and expansion of Thematic Learning Communities and Living Learning Centers, including the Fitness and Wellness Center and the Thomas I. Atkins Living Learning Center.

Sassafras Awards

Arts & Entertainment: Deva Roberts-Newman

Deva Roberts-Newman (’86), BA’90, won the Sassafras Award for her contributions to the arts and entertainment.

James E. Sims (’75), BGS’97, presented the award.

Roberts-Newman, an Indianapolis native, is an award-winning executive producer of Brand Creative Group for TV Land and Nick at Nite, part of the MTV Networks family headquartered in New York City. Previously, she worked as a production manager for Black Entertainment Network and Dateline for NBC.

In addition to management experience, Roberts-Newman has written, directed, and produced outstanding promotional campaigns for TV Land, Nick at Nite, and Nickelodeon Networks. During her four-year tenure at NBC, she produced a number of competitive national news stories including her Emmy-nominated work on the Columbine High School tragedy in Littleton, Col. She was also nominated for a National Academy of Television Arts and Science Emmy Award in 2006 for contributions to the network’s acclaimed Black History promotion, which utilized the talents of poets from HBO’s Def Poetry.

Business: Steven A. White

Steven A. White (’78), BA’82, a native of Indianapolis, earned the Sassafras Award for his sterling career in business. Tracie (Michael) Greer (‘93), ’97, BGS’05, presented the award.

White was appointed regional senior vice president of Comcast Cable in November 2002. He is responsible for $1.7 billion in annual revenue. He oversees an organization of 4600 employees with management responsibilities for sales, marketing, engineering, operations, human resources, public relations, local government, programming content, and finance covering Tennessee, Virginia, Arkansas, and West Palm Beach, Fla., respectively.

In addition, White oversees Comcast Sports Southeast, a joint venture of Comcast and Charter Communications. Launched in 1999 and based in Atlanta, CSS is a 24-hour regional sports network that reaches 7 million homes.

Prior to joining the cable industry, White was marketing director for Colgate Palmolive’s Toothbrush Division, and held administrative positions at Pepsi-Cola and American Hospital Supply. He currently serves on the board of trustees for Georgia State University, CTAM’s strategic planning committee, and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and he is a member of Leadership Atlanta 2002.

Community Service: Lauren E. Crowner

(Posthumous)

Lauren E. Crowner (’00), BAJ’03, an Indianapolis native and 2002 Indianapolis 500 Festival queen, was awarded posthumously a Sassafras Award in community service for her investigative reporting. Iris Outlaw, BA’73, presented the award.
Our 2007 GAA Awardees, pictured left to right, were Juan Anaya (Sassafras/Education); Lauren Crowner (Sassafras/Community Service, posthumous), accepted by her mother; Nancy Lorenze (Covered Bridge); Deva Roberts-Newman (Sassafras/Arts and Entertainment); Jerry Maynard (Sassafras/Community Service); and David Hummons (Lifetime Achievement). Below, GAA members enjoy the annual luncheon.

Crowner began her television career as a news reporter and weekend anchor at WFLL-TV in Lafayette, Ind. During her tenure at WFLL-TV, she was awarded the best news story at the 2004 IBA Spectrum Awards. In January 2006, she moved to a position as news reporter for WCMH-TV in Columbus, Ohio. WCMH-TV news director Stan Sanders praised Crowner’s career at the station. “Lauren was a true treasure,” he said. “She loved life and helping her co-workers, friends and young people. Her passion for journalism was pure and she always strived to do her best each and every day. Her spirit and positive approach to everything was inspiring; she will be missed by all.”

On July 31, 2006, Crowner was injured in an automobile accident. Complications resulted in her untimely death on Aug. 22, 2006. Crowner’s passing was memorialized in community services in both Indianapolis and Lafayette. Later in fall 2006, she was honored at the Second Annual Black Press All-Star Awards, held in Baltimore, Md. Crowner’s family has established the Lauren Elizabeth Crowner Memorial Fund to encourage African American youth to pursue careers in journalism.

Community Service: Jerry L. Maynard II

Rev. Jerry L. Maynard II (’85), BA’89, JD’93, was awarded the Sassafras Award for his community services in Nashville, Tenn. Doris J. Sims (’75), BS’79, Cert’94, presented the award.

Maynard, who was born in Muncie, Ind., is pastor of operations for Cathedral of Praise Church in Nashville, where he oversees the delivery of all ministry services. He is also a leader in the Tennessee State Democratic Party.

In 2004, he served as Tennessee outreach director for the presidential campaign of John Kerry and his running mate John Edwards, helping register more than 41,000 new voters in Davidson County. He also worked extensively to move African Americans in that county to vote; in 2004 over 75 percent of registered African American voters cast ballots.

In 2005, Maynard was nominated and appointed to the Tennessee Democratic Executive Committee and is currently serving as executive committee member for Senate District 19. In July 2005, he was named deputy chairman of the Tennessee Democratic Party, making him responsible for the day-to-day operations of the TNDP. And in fall of 2007, he was elected to an at-large seat on Nashville’s City/County Council.

Education: Dr. Juan M. Anaya

Juan M. Anaya (’74), BS’81, MS’88, was awarded a Sassafras Award for his distinguished career in public education in Indiana. Lillian Casillas (’85), BA’89, presented the award.

Anaya earned a PhD from Indiana State University’s educational and administrative foundation program in 2004. Prior to his current position as superintendent of the School City of East Chicago, Anaya served as distinction as a teacher and administrator in public schools throughout the region.

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this world better than I found it. I am a program officer for the Central Indiana Community Foundation, where we hope to ‘reduce human suffering and enhance human potential.’ I am a living testament that following your passion will ultimately lead to personal success.”

• Loraine Addison (’92), BSW ’02, Cert ’05, is director of Volunteers in Medicine of Monroe County. The group’s Web site states, “Volunteers in Medicine is a national program with a history of success in other communities around the country. Led by a group of retired medical professionals, the community of Hilton Head, S.C., established the first clinic. Today, that clinic provides care for more than 20,000 patient visits and has served as a model for some 50 additional Volunteers in Medicine clinics in cities across the United States, including Columbus (Ind.) and Indianapolis.”

• The Spring/Summer 2007 Chalkboard, official publication of the IU School of Education Alumni Association, published a profile article on Dante Brown (’91), BSEd ’98, Brown, a native of Anderson, Ind., “got to IU Bloomington through Groups Student Support Services, a program to support first-generation, low-income, and physically challenged students coming to IU.” Brown, who is now the director of middle and high school college programs for 21st Century Charter Schools, said his schools provide options. “Charter schools are the first thing that’s come up that told a parent, ‘If I don’t like the school on the corner, I can choose the school at the next corner, because now I have an option,’” he said.

• The Summer 2007 Open Paths, the IU Office of the Vice President for Institutional Development and Student Affairs newsletter, featured Dawn Ridley (’86), BA ’91, in “Leadership Roles Prepared Alumna for Success.” Ridley, who was recently promoted to senior vice president for the NFL Players Association, recalled fondly her undergraduate days at IUB. “The years I spent at IU were some of the best of my life,” she said. “The quality of education, the libraries, the support network — to have access to all those resources made all the difference.” And the friendships she developed with faculty members such as James Mumford, whom she met when she started out with the Groups program, have had a lifelong impact.”

• On Sept. 22, 2007, the Gary Post-Tribune reported the efforts of Delia McClam (’68), BS ’72, BA ’81, MS ’75, and Mary Edwards, executive director of Brothers’ Keeper, to receive temporary municipal shelter for their social agency. McClam chastised the three at-large councilmen for not visiting the agency, saying: “How are they going to learn about what we do there if they don’t come down to see it?”

• The 2007 November/December issue of Indiana Alumni Magazine featured an article on the GAA’s 2007 Sassafras Award winners: Juan M. Anaya, (’74), BS ’81, MS ’88; Lauren E. Crownover (’00), BA ’03; Jerry L. Maynard II (’85), BA ’89, JD ’93; Deva Roberts-Newman (’86), BA ’90; and Steven A. White (’78), BA ’82.

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For two years, he was principal of West Side Junior High School. He served as principal of Hammond Clark Middle/High School, which was then Indiana’s largest Hispanic school, with 1,600 students and a 50-percent Hispanic population. While serving as a teacher for the School City of East Chicago, Anaya founded courses for native Spanish speakers and a class in Latino American studies. He also co-founded “Viva la Hispanidad,” an extracurricular student organization dedicated to developing leadership skills and instilling cultural awareness and pride among its students.

Anaya is a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Locally, he is a member of the Hammond Hispanic Community Council, East Chicago Evening Lions Club, and a founding member of the Harold Gomez Chapter of the American G.I. Forum.

Giving back to the Groups Program

Group 43 scholarship fund

The Groups Alumni Association established a scholarship fund to generate scholarship assistance for undergraduate African American and Latino students.

The fund derives its name from the 43 African American and Latino students who started IU’s Groups Student Support Services Program in the fall of 1968. The mission driving these scholarships is to carry on the can-do spirit of Group 43 and all other students who have come through the Groups Program.

Our goal is to raise $43,000 dollars between now and the Groups Program’s 40th Reunion, scheduled for October 24-26. The method is simple: We are asking alumni, parents and friends of the Groups Program to make a pledge to contribute $43 dollars before the reunion.

All we need are 1,000 pledges from the 9,000-plus students who have matriculated through the Groups Program to reach our goal. Groups Director Janice Wiggins and GAA president Lindsey Smith will announce the total funds raised during the reunion banquet on Saturday, Oct. 25. Instructions on how to contribute will be published on the Groups Alumni Association Web site.

THE COVERED BRIDGE

This newsletter is published twice a year by the Indiana University Alumni Association, in cooperation with the Groups Alumni Association, to encourage alumni interest in and support of Indiana University. For activities and membership information, call (800) 824-3044, or e-mail iualumni@indiana.edu.

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Notes: Throughout this newsletter, alumni are identified by Groups entry date in parentheses after names, followed by IU degrees/dates.

The picture of the covered bridge in the masthead was provided by IU Office of University Archives and Records Management.
The Groups Program’s undergraduate students were actively involved in academic and extracurricular activities during 2007–08.

- In fall 2007 Adrienne Garcia (‘03), was chosen to introduce Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice at a national meeting in Washington, D.C.

- Beverly Haro (‘05), Susana Mota (‘04), and Monica Ozaeta (‘05) were very active in community outreach programs for their sorority, Sigma Lambda Upsilon during the 2007–08 academic year.

- In March 2007, the Groups Alpha Delta chapter of Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony in the IU Memorial Union. To be eligible for induction, a student must have a 3.0-cumulative GPA or two consecutive semesters of 3.0 GPA or above. Inducted into the honor society were: Zahra Ayoubi (‘05), Marcus Brown (‘04), Heather Deckard (‘01), Beverly Haro (‘05), Rebeca Hernandez (‘05), Fatmata Jalloh (‘05), Ashley Lewis (‘05), Ta’Vonna Robertson (‘05), Carlos Silva (‘04), and Akiera Varnado (‘05).

- On the evening of July 28, 2007 the Groups freshman class, members of their families, Groups staff, and citizens of Bloomington were entertained by the Groups Theatre Project’s production Jesus Christ, Superstar. Staged in Willkie Auditorium, the production was directed by James E. Mumford. Groups cast members were: Troy Thomas Jr. (Jesus Christ); Darral Walton (Judas Iscariot); Tasha Turner (Mary Magdalene); Marcus Patikas (Caiaphas, High Priest); Juan Young (Annas); Victor Williams, II (Priest #2); Juan Young (Simon Zealotes); Rafael Ishman (Pontius Pilate); and Cameron Claiborne (King Herod). The cast of extras included Groups members Renee Beckett, Natasha Carter, Tiffany Chest, Tiffany Clay, Ashlee Douglass, Chelsea Goodlow, Whitney Humphrey, Hanna Joergens, Amber Marshall, Isaiah Green, and DeAndre Mcdade.

- On April 26, 2007, the Groups 2007 graduating class was honored with a dinner in IMU Frangipani Room. The class of 2007 included eight associate’s degree graduates, 166 bachelor’s degree graduates, 20 master’s degree graduates, and two doctoral degree graduates Tracy Walls, State Farm Insurance Agency career track specialist for Indiana, delivered the keynote address. Director Janice Wiggins presented the Omar Castaneda Scholarship to Susana Mota (‘04). Nicole Burt (‘03) BS’07, and Monte Simonton (‘97), BA’02, Cert’02, saluted the graduates. Wiggins led them in a concluding toast.

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**2007 Groups freshmen awards ceremony**

**Class president Coleman asks freshmen to stay ‘connected’**

On Aug. 3, 2007, an award ceremony and reception was held for the Groups 2007 freshman class. Class President Michael Coleman presided as master of ceremonies and was assisted by vice presidents Andres Jara and Mallory Ervin.

In his farewell speech, “The Law of Few: The Law of IU Groups,” Coleman challenged his classmates to return to IU in the fall prepared to meet new challenges. “The theme of Groups 2007 was ‘Get Connected,’” he reminded his classmates. “In the fall there will be 6,000 incoming freshmen and 40,000 other students on campus. We need to end the ‘us vs. them’ mentality we have gained here at IU Groups against outsiders, and now reshape and let others join in with us.”

Following president Coleman’s address, awards were given in the following categories: outstanding elective classroom leadership (chemistry, conversation on race, topics in informatics, and theatre project); outstanding classroom leadership (critical reading and reasoning, English, and math); and residential (most improved, outstanding leadership).

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Milestones

Marriages
Justin Mikel Diercks and Shannon Irene Smith, daughter of Lindsey A. Smith (’71), BA’76, and Dawn Smith, were married Dec. 22, 2007 in Bloomington.

Births
Brandon Matthew Alfred, grandson of Gail Bushrod (’70), BA’74, Son of Gail’s daughter, Dorienna, and Greg Alfred.
Aaralyn Brown, daughter of Stefanie (Crews) Brown (’92), ’96, and Tommy Brown.
Santiago Cabada, son of Salvador Cabada and Zelideh (Martinez) Cabada (’00), BS’04, MSED’06. Salvador is a history major at IUB.
Marcos Abel Pineda, nephew of Tracie (Michael) Greer (’93), BGS’05, and son of Heather and Ivan Pineda.

Retirements
Roz Byrd, MSED’82, guidance counselor, Elkhart Community School Corp., Elkhart, Ind.
Vicki Stark, recommender, Southside High School, Muncie, Ind.
Suzie Wallace, recommender, Shenandoah High School, Middletown, Ind.

Deaths
Beatrice J. Dunn, 81, mother of Dawn Smith and mother-in-law of Lindsey A. Smith (’71), BA’76. Services were held in Elkhart, Ind.
Irving Katz, professor of History and Jewish Studies at IUB and longtime faculty mentor of the Groups Program died at age 75. Services were held in New York City.
Constance Kinard Holland, MA’60, widow of Dr. James (Jim) Holland, a founding member of the Groups Program, and mentor of Group 43 student services, was born in Pennsylvania.

1970s
Delia M. McIam (’68), BSED’72, MS’75, published “Tied to My Grandmother’s Apron Strings.” The novella explores McIam’s experiences as a child and shows how the strength of her grandmother, a full-blooded Blackfoot Indian, helped her.
Jeanette (Johnson) Jackson (’68), BSED’73, MS’74, is a guidance director/counselor for MSD of Warren Township.
Iris Hardiman Outlaw, BA’73, is director of multicultural student programs and services at the University of Notre Dame. Her husband, Warren, MS’81, is director of education talent search at the university. He is a member-at-large of the IUAA Executive Council. The Outlaws live in South Bend, Ind. Their daughter, Lauren, MD’06, also lives in South Bend.
Luis F. Padilla (’70), BA’73, is the deputy regional attorney for the National Labor Relations Board covering Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. He and his wife, Nancy, have been married 28 years and have two grown children. Having received his JD from the University of Wisconsin, he writes, “The toughest decision is whether to root for the Hoosiers or Badgers on game day, although I have to admit IU basketball always gets a thumbs-up.”

For the third time in his career, Dennis C. Hayes (’69), BS’74, JD’77, has been appointed interim president and CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, headquartered in Baltimore. He was previously general counsel for the NAACP. He serves on the American Judicature Society, the Public Justice Center of Baltimore, and the Columbia Sportsmen’s Association in Maryland. Hayes is also a writer.

Gail Bushrod (’69), BA’74, published a short story entitled “Binta the Mermaid” in the fall 2007 edition of the Henderson Community College Literary Magazine. Her daughter, Dorienna Harris-Alfred, BS’97, PhD’04, became a licensed psychologist in the state of Missouri on Sept. 30, 2006 and her son-in-law, Gregory Alfred, MS’03 (BS’96, West Point Military Academy) was promoted to major in the U.S. Army on June 7, 2006.
Eric N. Broadus (’69), BS’75, MS’80, is a biology teacher for Indianapolis Public Schools.
Richard Jackson (’69), BA’75, MS’85, teaches school in the Indianapolis Public School system. He is also a Gospel recording artist.

In December 2005, Sherry A. Jenkins Young (’72), BA’76, was promoted to vice president and general manager at Huntington Bank in Avon, Ind. She was listed in Who’s Who in Black Indianapolis in 2005 and 2006.

1980s
Kevin R. Mayfield (’76), BS’80, is a senior planner of transportation for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization, where he does transportation planning for an eight-county region. He lives in Indianapolis.
Essie Motley Britton (’76), BS’81, and Pierre A. Britton, ’79, have a daughter, Pillar Britton, who attends IU Bloomington. Essie teaches first grade at Indianapolis Public School 42, Elder W. Diggs School.
Felice R. Bradford (’77), Cert’82, BA’83, is an officer for U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Indianapolis. She lives in Indianapolis.
Angela Jones Walls-Windhauser (’78), BS’82, lives in Cambridge, Minn., where she is the owner of Golden Gates & Blue Walls, a database service. She writes about retired director of IU’s African American Choral Ensemble James E. Mumford, MME’78, PhD’84: “I can remember being so shy that I cried before I could go on the stage. Mumford came to me backstage while I was boo-hooing, and he gave me the best words of inspiration that I still hold in my heart to this day. Mumford, I used those words of confidence and your style of inspiration to cheer on my sons, and I have used them to start my own business. I draw from those words you spoke to triumph over stumbling blocks in my life. You have no idea how much you style and caring words have helped me during the past 28 years.”
Steven A. White (’78), BA’82, has relocated in California.
Gina M. Woodley (’78), BA’83, works in medical records for American Senior Communities in Indianapolis. She was named employee of the year for 2006 at Spring Mill Meadows Retirement Community in Indianapolis.
Dorrie L. Ball, BA’84, is a director of human resources in the desserts division of Kraft Foods in Tarrytown, N.Y.

1990s
Dawn L. Ridley (’86), BA’91, was promoted to senior vice-president for the National Football League Players Inc. in

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Alumni spotlight

Broadcaster innovates for hometown-sports fans nationwide

Thom Bailey (’78), BS’82, a native of Indianapolis, has come a long way in sports radio since 1981. That year, Bailey served as a play-by-play and color analyst for Indiana University’s student radio station, narrating as the Isiah Thomas-led Hoosiers won the NCAA National Basketball Championship.

Upon graduation from IU, Bailey moved to Dallas, Texas, to further hone his broadcasting skills. A front-page feature article on Bailey in The Dallas Examiner noted that, upon coming to Dallas, “For 16 years, Bailey was Sports Director for KNON-FM, where he built a sports department while writing columns for several publications including The Dallas Examiner. He had his own television show on Channel 52. At KFCD-AM, and he conducted a morning show on Sundays before branching out to his current format.”

In January 2007, Bailey broadcast Sports Fan 900, the first in a 12-hour block of sports talk shows that cater to an audience of local sports fans. “Our focus is on local stuff. What we have done is put a local program together we feel can go up against any of the other shows,” Bailey said, speaking of the basic mission of Sports Fan 900. “There is an audience for what we’re doing which the other outlets just don’t have. We talk sports and give the fan what they want. There’s room in the marketplace for an actual third sports talk station.”

Not one to rest on his laurels, Bailey went on to be founder and publisher of The Dallas-Ft. Worth Sports Weekly, a dot-com publication, in February 2008.

Jacqueline S. Wiley-Morris (’94), BA’02, writes, “It was a great experience attending IU. It prepared me for my ultimate challenge of obtaining a PhD in organizational leadership. In all your endeavors, continue to strive for your goals.” Wiley-Morris lives in Douglasville, Ga.

Gregory Hicks (’97), BS’02, shared this e-mail with Roger Gildersleeve, his Groups academic advisor. “I was actually viewing the Groups Web site. … and after seeing your name, I had to say hello. I am living in Indianapolis, working as an assistant manager for Wells Fargo Financial. I am married now and have a two-year-old son and a six-year-old stepdaughter. We purchased our first home just last month and are really enjoying it.”

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I’m sure the Groups Program is still just as successful as ever in benefiting the lives of those who might not have the same opportunities as others.”

Justin M. Guild (‘99), BS’03, is pursuing a master’s degree in public relations from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., and plans to finish in August 2007.

Jessica Montalvo (‘99), BA’03, teaches Spanish at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne, Ind. Vanessa (‘99), her twin sister, graduated from IPFW in May 2007.

Justin D. Hayes, (‘00), BA’04, MS’06, e-mailed the Groups staff this exciting news: “I spent the Christmas holidays in Amsterdam, Holland, before settling in at Latvia. I am learning so much. So far, I have met with six leading CEOs from Latvia! I don’t know where they will place me after the holidays, but I pray it is somewhere warm with a rich culture.”

Angela Tsai (‘99), BS’04, OD’06, is an associate optometrist for a three-doctor private practice in Fredericksburg, Va. She performs general-practice and specialty work in ocular disease and pediatrics.

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