

# Indiana University Honors College Alumni Newsletter



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## From the dean

## Students' achievements embody strength of college

Last year was an exciting and productive year for the Honors College and its students. As you will read in this newsletter, Indiana University formally recognized the vision and the generosity of Edward L. Hutton, the founder of the International Experiences Program, by naming the program in his honor. The value of the program was recognized and sustained by other generous donors, too, such as Les and Mary Lou Waters, and by the hundreds of grateful students whose academic studies, whose lives, were immeasurably expanded and enriched by the opportunities afforded by this program.

Honors College students in increasing numbers are studying overseas, doing research in other countries, or engaging in service projects abroad. The thoughtful accounts they write of these experiences testify to the myriad ways in which their understandings of

the world have been deepened, their perspectives broadened, their goals clarified. We are delighted and moved when we hear the stories and reflections of the students who have returned from this time abroad, and we are heartened as another group of students prepares plans for international work or study during this coming academic year.

Honors College students were also doing wonderful things on campus – winning major national and international scholarships, earning academic prizes, achieving school and departmental recognition and awards, and giving back to the community through campus, city, and county service projects. Honors

students were also engaged, every day, in learning. Of course, learning can occur through many routes, in many venues.

Many honors students become involved in research projects and creative activities, so this year, in order for our students to share with one another the fruits of some of these labors, the Honors College organized the first IU Bloomington Undergraduate Research Fair. The College of Arts and

Sciences and the Kelley School of Business co-sponsored this fair, and there was representation from a great range of disciplines and majors. SPEA and School of Music students participated as well, so participants in and visitors to the fair – including IU Bloomington Chancellor Sharon Brehm – enjoyed a variety of interesting and enlightening presentations on a wide array of topics. The fair was another  
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Honors Dean  
Karen Hanson



Rhodes Scholar Kathleen Tran

## Tran awarded Rhodes Scholarship

Wells Scholar and Honors College student Kathleen Tran, a May 2003 graduate with majors in music, biochemistry, and biology, was named last December as one of only 32 Americans to receive Rhodes Scholarships.

Tran's connections with the university run deep. Her father, Lanh Tran, is a professor of mathematics at IU Bloomington, and her mother, Sam Tran, is a systems analyst with the IUB registrar's office. Tran's father  
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# Les and Mary Lou Waters establish IEP scholarship

Leslie Waters, PhD, LLD, professor emeritus of transportation/business history at the Kelley School of Business, and his wife, Mary Louise Waters, have created the Les and Mary Lou Waters Scholarship in the Edward L. Hutton International Experiences Program. The intent of this scholarship is to support undergraduate students in an international experience of study, research or service.

Les and Mary Lou have long been advocates of international friendship and ties. Professor Waters's expertise is in the field of transportation. His work with the U.S. Department of Commerce helped lay the groundwork for federal transportation programs. He has worked as a consultant to private industry, trade associations, and governments in the United States and Europe. He worked with Colin Powell during the Persian Gulf War as the transportation adviser to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Waters received the first honorary degree given to an American by the University of Ghent – given in recognition of forging a bond between the University of Ghent and IU.

It seems “forging bonds” is a skill at which the Waterses are expert. Through the years, the Waterses have hosted hundreds of students at IU – forming relationships still in existence today. Mary Lou is fondly thought of as Indiana University's “first lady” with regard to international connections. One only need meet the Waterses to truly understand the positive impact their lives have had in representing Indiana University and forging bonds all over the world.

Professor Waters has authored several books and been published in numerous publications. A list of the honors bestowed upon this couple in appreciation of their efforts and outstanding achievements runs the length of several pages. Honors include the L. Leslie Waters Chair in International Business in IU's Kelley School of Business, named in honor of Waters's instrumental role in helping implement the school's mission of internationalism following World War II.

On a personal note, it seems the Waterses have found a perfect balance in their lives – intelligence and common sense, honesty and kindness, compassion and discipline, determination and flexibility – while holding themselves to a set of strict personal standards and values. These are people



Les and Mary Lou Waters

who have worked with both “kings and commoners” and who are respected and loved by all.

The Waterses have been highly supportive of the International Experiences Program and call it “the best program on the campus!” This scholarship is a tangible expression of their conviction. (See related stories on pages 5 and 6.)

## Rhodes Scholarship

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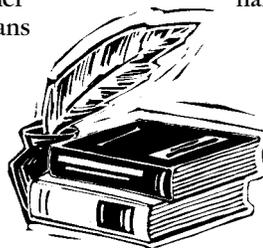
and mother came to this country from Vietnam in 1964 and 1972, respectively, and met in California. Her brother Andrew attends the IU School of Medicine; Tran plans to attend medical school following her studies at Oxford.

Tran first took classes at IU at age 11, studying piano with Luba Edlina-Dubinski of the IU School of Music. She began taking classes in French at IU at age 14.

Tran is the 14th Indiana University student to be named a Rhodes Scholar. The last was Raju Raval of Fort Wayne in 2000. Tran is the second woman from IU to receive the honor.

“My professors at IU really encouraged me to pursue this and I'm very appreciative,” she said.

At Oxford, Tran plans to work toward a master's degree in biodiversity and a master's degree in integrative bioscience. During the summer of 2002, she worked in cancer research at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City.



Tran moved to Bloomington with her family at the age of only five months, when her father accepted a faculty position at IU. She attended public schools in Bloomington, graduating from Bloomington High School South in 1999. She was named a Wells Scholar at Indiana University in spring 2001.

At IU, Tran served as the spokeswoman for the Vietnamese Students Association. She also worked as a volunteer at the dialysis center at Bloomington Hospital.

Rhodes Scholarships provide two or three years of study at the University of Oxford in England. The Rhodes Scholarships, the oldest of the international study awards available to American students, were created in 1902 by the will of Cecil Rhodes, British philanthropist and colonial pioneer.

Rhodes Scholars are chosen on the basis of high academic achievement, integrity of character, a spirit of unselfishness, respect for others, potential for leadership, and physical vigor, according to the announcement of the award. Rhodes wrote that his namesake scholars should “esteem the performance of public duties as their highest aim.”

# Survey of May graduates highlights Honors advantages

Last May we ran an informal survey among Honors College graduating seniors. We asked them about their future plans. We also asked them to comment about their Honors College and IU experiences. Despite the press of final exams and graduation activities, more than 50 students responded. Not surprisingly, their comments reflected some of the best aspects of the Honors College experience. Here are some of their replies. See the complete survey on the Honors College Web site ([www.indiana.edu/~iubhonor](http://www.indiana.edu/~iubhonor)).

**Natalie Abell** of Jasper, Ind., received a BA in anthropology, classics, and French, as well as an honors notation. She spent the summer interning with the American Battlefield Protection Program in Washington, D.C. "I love the Honors College," she wrote. "They have been incredibly helpful (and willing to give money) throughout my undergrad experience. The honors classes have been excellent, the professors have been helpful and accessible, and I could not have chosen a better community of people to have been involved with at Indiana University."

**Angela Beale** of Delphi, Ind., received a BS in marketing, is transferring to the University of Minnesota to complete pre-medicine requirements, and hopes to attend medical school. "The classes I took through the Honors College allowed me to meet the people at IU who were as dedicated and serious about getting the most out of their education as I am," she said. "My honors professors were some of the best I had at IU."

Virginia native **Melissa Ann Blake** earned a BS in biology and is pursuing a master's degree in biological sciences. "I have lived in the Honors Residential Community for four years," she said. "Living with other people of differing opinions but uniformly high aspirations has been one of the most enriching things I've ever done."

Kokomo's **Claire C. Carter** received a BA in political science and will be teaching elementary education in Phoenix as a member of the Teach for America Corps. After her two-year commitment ends, she plans to pursue a doctorate in political theory. "The Honors College has provided me many

great amenities: small classes, greater professor contact, multitudes of scholarship and volunteer opportunities," she said. "However, the most overlooked benefit are the friends I have made in honors classes. One of my roommates and my best friend at IU are two girls I met during first semester of freshman year in H211."

**Elizabeth Clifford** of Ann Arbor, Mich., earned a BA in psychology and a LAMP certificate. She is living in Chicago doing free-lance work while she seeks employment in the management consulting industry. "Working on *Labyrinth*, the Honors College literary magazine, for four years gave me an arena to pursue my love of poetry, photography, and the dissemination of art amongst my peers and became the platform for some of the greatest friendships I made at IU and the source of some of the best laughs," she wrote.

**Jared Dixon** of Vincennes, Ind., got both a BA in math and a BS in psychology. He plans to pursue a graduate degree in either mathematical statistics or actuarial science. "My collegiate  
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occasion for learning, and it also served to recognize and celebrate the achievements of these talented and hard-working students, along with the contributions of their faculty mentors. We hope that the research fair will become an annual event, and plans for next year are already in the works.

Also in the planning stages is an enhancement of Honors College outreach, both on campus and in the larger Bloomington community, as well as nationally and internationally. The HC is working with the Office of Admissions to do more to recruit the very best students to IU. We have a new group of HC student ambassadors forming this year, and they are certain to play an important role in these efforts. We were also fortunate to have been able to add a full-time staff position to Honors College advising, and we were especially fortunate to find Nigel Pizzini to fill that position. Pizzini, originally from New Zealand, comes to the HC with a background in teaching, counseling, and community-service organizing, as well as university advising, and he will be assisting many of our new initiatives and

providing continuity and guidance for our student organizations. Kelly Brannam, Mike Fekete, and Joe Walterman – graduate students who have served HC advising with devotion – have all finished their studies at IU and will be moving on. We wish them well. We are also pleased to welcome to the Honors College Jan Cleaver, a doctoral student in history who will be joining the advising staff this year.

We are very unfortunate to be losing to retirement one of the mainstays of the Honors College. Doreen Cole, who has worked at IU for more than 20 years and who has been the hub of the Honors College for much of that time, will be leaving at the end of September, moving to Washington, D.C., to join her husband, Bruce Cole, who is chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Doreen, who is director for administration of the HC, has been the college's institutional memory, and she has kept things running smoothly day in and day out, year in and year out. She has coped quietly with difficult situations, solved problems with imagination, intelligence, and good humor, and kept a firm but gentle hand on our operations.

Her dedication to the mission and the values of the Honors College has been unwavering, and she has been a source of priceless wisdom and extraordinarily tactful advice to legions of HC staff, faculty, and students. She is both deeply admired and genuinely liked by all of us who have been lucky enough to know her.

We can all understand why, after a couple of years of long-distance commuting, Doreen is moving to Washington, but this will still be an unfortunate loss for us. On the brighter side, Doreen promises to stay in touch via e-mail, so we can still seek her advice and good company – and she plans to return to Bloomington every summer.

We hope you will stay in touch, too. Please see the back page for an invitation to comment on the question, "What should an educated person know?" We are eager to learn your views on this topic, so if you have a moment, please drop us a line. We always like to hear from you, and if you are in this area, permanently or just for a visit, I hope you will think about dropping in and reconnecting with the Honors College.

– Karen Hanson



# IU Honors student selected for Beinecke Scholarship

Jessica M. Sisk, a senior at Indiana University Bloomington, was one of 22 college students nationwide who were selected last spring to receive the Beinecke Scholarship by the Sperry Fund of Bethlehem, Pa.

Sisk is the third IU student to receive the scholarship, which awards \$32,000 for graduate study in the arts, humanities, or social sciences at any accredited university.

The Beinecke Scholarship process to select the IUB nominee for the national competition is administered by the Honors College.

An interesting twist for Sisk is that her twin sister, Amanda, an accomplished IU senior with a double major in printmaking and art history, was another finalist during the university's nomination process for the scholarship.

"From what I understand, the decision was rather difficult," Jessica

Sisk said. "She has been splendid about it all."

Both women are the daughters of Timothy S. and Allison R. Sisk of Crawfordsville, Ind., and now are residents of Bloomington. They are students in IUB's College of Arts and Sciences.

The Beinecke Scholarship Program was established in 1971 by the directors of the Sperry and Hutchinson Co. to honor Edwin, Frederick, and Walter Beinecke. The board created an endowment to provide substantial scholarships for the graduate education of young men and women of exceptional promise.

The program seeks to encourage and enable highly motivated students to pursue opportunities available to them and to be courageous in the selection of a course of graduate study. Since 1975, the program has selected more than 315 students from 94 different schools for

support during graduate study. (More information about the IUB Beinecke selection process and about national graduate fellowship competitions is available on the Honors College Web site: [www.indiana.edu/~iubhonor](http://www.indiana.edu/~iubhonor).)

Jessica Sisk currently has an overall grade-point average of 3.88 (on a 4-point scale) and is working toward a bachelor's degree with a double major in Latin and classical civilization and a certificate in medieval studies. She will remain at IU until December to complete an honors thesis.

She also was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa honorary society this year. Her previous academic awards include the Pratt Traveling Fellowship, the 2003 Mary Campbell Book Prize, the 2002 Gertrude Johnson Scholarship for Latin, the 2002 Jenny and David Curry Scholarship (awarded by the IU Department of

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## Classes of 2006, 2007 continue tradition of excellence

The profile of the class of 2006 (549 students who entered the Honors College in August 2002) resembles recent Honors College classes in almost all respects. They're smart. They have diverse interests. They come from all over.

Let's take a look at the numbers, which were compiled by Honors College admissions director Jill Baker:

### Accomplishments

Combined SAT scores: Three percent between 1500 and 1600. Twenty-two percent between 1400 and 1499. Forty-nine percent between 1300 and 1399. Twenty-three percent between 1200 and 1299.

Math SAT scores: Forty percent between 700 and 800.

Verbal SAT scores: Twenty-nine percent between 700 and 800.

Class Rank: Twenty-five percent ranked in the top 1.9 percent or better of their graduating class. Forty-eight percent ranked in the top 3.9 percent or better. Sixty-one percent ranked in the top five percent.

### Interests

Two hundred one students initially opted for majors in the College of Arts and Sciences (51 in biology, 29 in biochemistry or chemistry, 23 in political science, 18 in psychology, 18 in

English, the rest in 17 other majors). Another 136 students chose business to start their college careers, while 112 students listed themselves as either undecided or exploratory. Twenty-three students chose the School of Journalism, 15 students opted for the School of Education, and 14 enrolled in the School of Music.

### Geographic Background

While most come from Indiana and contiguous states, the remainder hail from 30 other states and three other countries.

Three hundred thirty-four '06 students call Indiana home. Forty-two came to IU from Illinois, 37 from Ohio, 14 from Kentucky, and 11 from Michigan. Missouri led the non-contiguous states by providing 15 new Honors College students. New Jersey and Pennsylvania sent eight students each, California and New York seven each. Twenty states, including Alaska and Hawaii, most of the New England states, as well as most states in the upper Midwest and Southwest had no representatives in our '06 class. Six students joined us from overseas, three from India, two from the Republic of China, and one from Singapore.

### '07 Snapshots

Here are some short takes on some

members of this year's incoming class of Honors College students, another stellar group. The class includes:

- Cincinnati's fastest high school breast stroke swimmer.
- A mathematics and art major who developed a math tutoring project that significantly improved the SAT math scores at her high school.
- A talented violinist from New Jersey coming to IU also to study finance.
- An accomplished high school poet who headed a fund-raising drive for a young leukemia victim that netted more than \$30,000.
- An all-star softball player who organized her school's gay and lesbian community.
- An accomplished graphics artist who scored 800 on the SAT verbal exam and wants to study linguistics.
- A double major in Japanese and computer science who wants to improve the translations now prevalent in Japanese animation films, comics, and video games.

### Help Us

You can help us to continue attracting such quality students. Tell your friends about us. Tell your friends' children. Tell the people at your local high school. Tell your own children.

IU's Honors College has a lot to offer bright, interesting, and diverse students.

# Study abroad program named for founding donor

In a late afternoon ceremony on April 28 at the residence of IU Bloomington Chancellor Sharon Brehm, the Honors College International Experiences Program officially became the Edward L. Hutton International Experiences Program.

Hutton, chair of both Chemed Corp. in Cincinnati and Omnicare Inc., grew up in Bedford, Ind., during the Great Depression. After earning bachelor's and master's degrees from IU, he served in the U.S. Army in Germany. After the war, he worked in Berlin in the occupational government's Export/Import Division, negotiating trade agreements with several countries to help rebuild the German economy.

"The experience profoundly changed my life, so much so that I've always held that those years of living and working abroad were the key to my development as a person and success as a businessman," Hutton said.

After his Army service, he moved to New York, continuing to work in international trade. In 1951, he joined W.R. Grace & Co., where he became a senior officer and director. Returning to the Midwest in the 1970s, Hutton became president, chief executive officer, and eventually chair of Chemed and Omnicare, which is the leading firm in the United States supplying pharmaceuticals to nursing home patients.

The beneficiary of an IU scholarship and of mentoring from caring faculty members, Hutton has been generous in funding scholarships for students and endowed professorships for faculty at IU. Hutton's early experiences in Europe inspired him to create the Honors College International Experiences Program in 2000. Hutton feels strongly that our leaders of tomorrow need to spend some time studying abroad and becoming exposed to other cultures.

Since 2000, the program has helped subsidize overseas experiences for more than 300 students. Recipients have



Honors College Dean Karen Hanson, third from left, Edward L. Hutton, fourth from left, and IU Bloomington Chancellor Sharon Brehm, third from right, join several student recipients of International Experience Program awards to help celebrate the naming of the IEP program after Hutton.

traveled to five continents and to more than 30 countries. The program helps pay travel and living expenses for all qualified IU Bloomington students so they can spend time working as interns, doing service or research, or studying abroad. Edward L. Hutton International Experiences Program grants are made on a competitive basis. Preference for these awards goes to students who entered IU Bloomington as Honors College students (or who joined the Honors College prior to their junior years) and students in the Herman C. Hudson Scholars Program and the James P. Hollend Scholars Program. The Honors College remains the only honors program in the nation that guarantees help for overseas activities for all of its students who meet the award criteria.

Hutton received the Herman B Wells Visionary Award from Indiana University

last October. This award is given to individuals whose vision and entrepreneurial spirit have brought them to an extraordinary level of achievement in their professional endeavors and in their service to humanity. Hutton also received an honorary doctor of laws degree from IU in 1992.

In addition to Hutton – who spoke briefly about his commitment to fostering overseas experiences for all IU students – and Chancellor Brehm, other speakers at the ceremony included Vice Chancellor for Academic Support and Diversity Charlie Nelms, Dean of the Honors College Karen Hanson, and several student recipients of IEP grants.

See the Honors College Web site ([www.indiana.edu/~iubhonor/hds/overseas.php3](http://www.indiana.edu/~iubhonor/hds/overseas.php3)) for more information about the Edward L. Hutton International Experiences Program.

## Beinecke Scholarship

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Classical Studies), the 2002 Janet Frazee Hayes Scholarship, a 2002 IU Foundation Scholarship, and the 2001 Palmer-Brandon Prize for the Humanities.

She also received the 2002 O'Meara Merit Award and the 2001 Josephine K. Piercy Award for Creative Writing, both given by the Bloomington chapter of the

National Society of Arts and Letters for collections of poetry.

She is a member of the Women's Classical Caucus, Golden Key Honor Society, Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

In her spare time, Jessica Sisk volunteers for Middle Way House in Bloomington and the state Science Olympiad Competition.

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# IEP grant facilitates student's medical work in Honduras

**K**imberly Harris traveled to Honduras during spring break 2003 with a group of students from the IU Timmy Foundation Club. (The Indianapolis-based Timmy Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the medical treatment available to children living in poverty.) Harris and the other volunteers worked in a medical clinic. Her trip was made possible by an Edward L. Hutton International Experiences Program grant from the Honors College.

Like all recipients of IEP grants, Harris had to write an essay describing some significant aspect of her journey. Here's what she wrote:

"My voyage to Honduras was a life-changing event. My experiences will forever impact my views and visions for humanity. I realized what true poverty means, learned the limits and boundaries of how I could help, and discovered the path that was truly meant for me in life.

"I always thought I had seen the poorest of the poor during my work with Hospice of Bloomington Hospital. Every time I went to a new patient's home and found an old trailer, I felt as though I was seeing the lower end of the socioeconomic scale. Once I stepped off the plane in Honduras, my views changed. I actually witnessed what poverty really meant for the first time in my life. Americans who feel as though they have very little actually live in luxury compared to the people in Honduras.

"Upon arriving in Honduras I was completely overwhelmed. There was so much to be done, and I knew I could contribute in so many ways. As the week progressed, I could see every inch of myself being consumed. They had so little and were so desperate for anything I could give. By the end of the week, I had a better understanding of how to set limits for myself in order to help the maximum number of people. Even



Kimberly Harris assists a child during her spring break trip to Honduras, made possible by an Edward L. Hutton International Experiences Program grant.

though it was comforting to see that they enjoyed their lives despite having so little, the trip gave me a better overall view of how needy people can be in poor Third World countries.

"I soon realized I needed to help myself first to better handle the situation. I realized that I could benefit people by going to medical school. I truly believe that helping those in need in Honduras, or anywhere else in the world, is what I want to do with my life. There is no better reward than to see smiles of hope, thankfulness, and relief. If I become a physician I would have the capability to aid and help people and alleviate suffering and hopefully make people's lives better.

"This experience will forever shape who I am and what I do. I have Mr. Hutton and the Honors College to thank for this wonderful opportunity."

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## Alumni notebook

### 1970s

**Robert L. Iverson**, BA'70, MD'74, chief of critical care at Vassar Hospital, retired in July 2002 and now lives in Sarasota, Fla.

**Evan Bayh**, BS'78, was honored in May with a doctor of management degree from Purdue University for his efforts to eliminate corporate fraud and for his leadership in national education reform legislation. Bayh is a U.S. senator and former two-term governor of Indiana.

**Brad King**, BA'78, of Indianapolis, writes, "I was recently sworn in for another term as state election division co-director by Secretary of State Todd Rokita. During the next several years, the election division will be working with the secretary of state and county election officials to replace the last lever machines and punch card systems used by Indiana voters."

### 1980s

**Paul A. Helfrich**, BM'84, MA'86, is executive director of the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra and performing arts program manager for the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences. He lives in Cross Lanes, W.Va., with his wife, Geane, and sons, Donald and Garry.

**Elizabeth A. Hoover**, BS'84, moved her financial planning practice to Lincoln Financial Advisors at Keystone Crossing in Indianapolis.

**Denise Gwen Barone**, BA'85, CB St'85, is enormously relieved to announce that, after many years, she has succeeded in securing a literary agent to represent her in obtaining a publisher for her novel, *Breaking Out*. The Batavia, Ohio, resident describes her book as a "chick-lit style story set in L.A. and Bloomington, Ind."

**Alison M. Gavin**, BA'85, is the 2003 recipient of the E. Geoffrey and Elizabeth Thayer Verney Fellowship given by the Nantucket Historical Association for original research on topics relevant to the history and culture of Nantucket Island, Mass. She is a graduate student at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., and works for the National Archives and Records Administration.

**Jeffrey J. Beihoff**, BS'87, JD'90, joined the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King P.A., in the firm's Naples, Fla., office as senior counsel. A resident of Naples, he has practiced law in the area for the past 10 years, previously with Fowler White Boggs Banker.

**Andrew G. Long**, BS'87, of Frederick, Md., is the group controller of the BioWhittaker BioProducts division, a subsidiary of Cambrex Corp.

**Michael L. Jones**, BA'88, owns a multimedia production company and provides video services for clients such as American Express and Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. He lives in Union City, N.J.

**John D. Skrentny**, BA'88, recently published *The Minority Rights Revolution*. He is a sociology professor at the University of California in San Diego.

**Joshua D. Bell**, ArtD'89, recently premiered a concerto written for him 10 years ago by former IU classmate Bezhad Ranjbaran, BM'82. He is also being recognized as one of five recipients of the 2003 Indiana Governor's Arts Awards, to be presented on Oct. 23. Bell, an internationally renowned violinist and multiple Grammy Award-winner, also earned an Academy Award for Best Original Soundtrack for his work on the film *The Red Violin*. He lives in New York.

**Melanie A. Ebdon-Nielsen**, BA'89, works for IBM and lives in San Jose, Calif.

**David L. Levinsky**, BA'89, ordained as a reform rabbi in 2002, is currently working on a PhD in religious studies at Stanford University. He lives in Palo Alto, Calif.

**Robert Nigro**, BA'89, is a programming manager for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, where he helps develop continuing education courses for legal professionals. He also is the founder and moderator of "Whatever's Write," a local workshop group for prose writers. He lives in Marlton, N.J.

**Stacey L. Spears**, BA'89, of Streamwood, Ill., is a music and theater teacher and director. She is active in many community theater groups in the Chicago area.

### 1990s

**Sheri Lessne Farbish**, BA'90, is in private law practice and lives in Miami with her husband, Howard J. Farbish.

**Yolanda Hart**, BS'91, is now a stay-at-home mom to her new son, Colin Jeffrey. She lives in Chicago.

**Eric S. Marcus**, BS'91, is a residential real estate broker and owner of ESM Realty, located in the Lakeview area of Chicago. He serves on the board of the IU Alumni Club of Chicago as one of the community service leaders. In cooperation with his Purdue Club counterpart and Lifesource Blood Services, he helped establish the March Madness Battle for Blood in the Chicagoland area. He can be reached at [esmarcus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:esmarcus@sbcglobal.net).

**Tracy L. McEuen**, BA'92, recently moved to Evansville, Ind., and is brand manager at Mead Johnson Nutritionals.

**Lynn Y. Moskovitz**, BS'92, is a sales manager for Elite Sportswear and also is a

part-time gymnastics coach. She lives in Reading, Pa.

**Joanna Rossi**, BS'92, writes, "All my time is spent, apart from working, raising my two daughters. On special occasions I still play some tennis." She lives in Cyprus.

**Amy R. Wolverton**, BA'92, is the associate legal counsel and director of the Media Program at the Campaign Legal Center. She previously worked as an attorney and fellow for the Citizens Communications Project at the Institute for Public Representation, one of Georgetown University Law Center's legal clinics, representing major consumer and civil rights organizations in litigation and administrative actions before the Federal Communications Commission. She lives in Bethesda, Md.

**Traci E. Brown**, BS'93, recently relocated to New Jersey with Colgate Palmolive as human resources manager for manufacturing operations. She lives in Morris Plains, N.J.

**Gerard M. Hempstead**, BS'93, a financial representative at Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, received his certified financial planner designation. He lives in St. Louis.

**Mark A. Krockover**, BA'93, is in his 10th year of teaching at Maine East High School. He earned a master's degree in educational leadership from Northeastern Illinois University in August 2002. He lives in Park Ridge, Ill.

**Danielle Gates Rush**, BA'93, writes, "I was recently promoted to region editor at the *Kokomo Tribune* and won an award for feature writing from the Society of Professional Journalists." She and her husband, Bradley, live in Greentown, Ind.

**Kenneth K. Savitsky**, BA'93, was promoted to  
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associate professor with tenure at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. He is a social psychologist and his research examines the psychology of everyday life.

**Ellen Prince Hession**, BA'94, recently married Christopher Hession, BS'93. They live in Chicago.

**Christine R. Hitchcock**, BS'94, teaches global history and advanced placement world history at Bethlehem Central High School in Delmar, N.Y.

**Gena V. Mason**, BA'94, is an alternative rock musician and poet and recently premiered her debut CD, *Goldmine*. She lives in Los Angeles.

**Joy E. Volz**, BA'94, MS'99, writes, "I have been an English teacher at Hamilton Heights for nine years and an adjunct professor for IU for four years. I [also] coach cross country." She lives in Westfield, Ind.

**Robyn R. Werner**, BS'94, was promoted to senior manager in the assurance and advisory business services practice with Ernst & Young. She lives in Greenwood, Ind.

**Charity McCoy Zink**, BA'94, MS'95, is a neuroscience researcher at Eli Lilly & Co. She celebrated the birth of her son, Carter Daniel, in March 2002. She lives in Fishers, Ind.

**Nora E. Barrett**, BS'95, was re-elected province director of chapters for Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity. She will work with collegiate chapters of the fraternity in Massachusetts and New Hampshire and their respective alumna advisory house of boards. She lives in Medford, Mass.

**William E. Swigart**, BS'95, MD'03, recently completed his MD at IUPUI and married Jana R. Swigart, BA'94, BS'98, on June 7. They live in Indianapolis, where William is completing a residency in emergency

medicine.

**Francesca L. Draughon**, BA'96, and her husband, **Aaron B. Thacker**, BA'96, live in Stanford, Calif.

Draughon received a PhD in musicology from UCLA in June 2002 and is now a postdoctoral fellow in the humanities at Stanford University. Aaron received a master's degree in comparative literature at UCLA and is now in his first year at Stanford Law School.

**Robert Jelani Eddington**, BA'96, practices international law in New York. He is on sabbatical this year and has several world concert tours scheduled.

**Michelle L. Niehaus**, BA'96, writes, "I am the coordinator for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services at Community Mental Health Center. Providing direct services, developing programs, educating professionals, and reaching out to the deaf community is both challenging and rewarding." She lives in Louisville, Ky.

**Benjamin L. Perry**, BS'96, received a master's degree in human factors and applied cognitive psychology from George Mason University in 2002. He lives in Seattle and works at Microsoft as a usability engineer.

**Carey K. Ransom**, BA'96, moved to Santa Monica, Calif., from Chicago and has begun working toward an MBA at the Anderson School at UCLA. He hopes to finish in 2004.

**Justin T. Stieler**, BS'96, writes, "I am assigned to the fraud squad of the U.S. Secret Service, Los Angeles Field Office, where I investigate identity theft and credit card fraud. I traveled a lot on temporary protective assignments related to the midterm congressional elections, and should be in Los Angeles until the 2004 presidential campaign gears up."

**Martin L. Weaver**, BS'96, is president of Veros Partners. He married Loralee Kilgore on Oct. 27, 2001, and lives in Indianapolis.

**Andrea K. Marsh**, BA'97, has joined the law firm of Sommer Barnard Ackerson PC as an associate. She lives in Indianapolis.

**Jennifer J. Neakrase**, BS'97, received her MS in physics in May from Arizona State University. She lives in Tempe, Ariz., with her husband, Lynn D. Neakrase, BS'97, BA'98.

**Matthew H. Novell**, BS'97, is working toward an MBA. His wife, **Candace E. Novell**, BS'97, recently graduated from UCLA with a law degree and is working at O'Melveny & Myers in Newport Beach, Calif.

**Heidi E. Stoor**, BA'97, of Bloomington, and her husband, Erik D. Stoor, celebrated the birth of their first child, Noah David, on Dec. 1, 2002.

**Cara A. Tracewell**, BS'97, is working toward a doctorate in chemistry at Yale University in New Haven, Conn.

**Jill M. Waggener**, BME'97, writes, "I am in my sixth year of teaching elementary music in Bloomington, and I specialize in early childhood music and movement for babies through 6-year-olds, which I teach at the Monroe County YMCA. I also teach the youngest children of the IU Children's Choir and am working on a master's in early childhood education at IU."

**David L. Feinberg**, BS'98, married Maureen E. Keller, BAJ'01, in August. He is a CPA at Crowe Chizek, spending most of his time in the education and development department. An Indianapolis resident, he can be reached at dfeinberg@crowchizek.com.

**Laura J. Hilmert**, BS'98, JD'01, of St. Louis, is a patent attorney with Senniger Powers Leavitt Roedel. Her work focuses primarily on

the biotechnology and pharmaceutical fields.

**Theresa A. Hoffman**, BA'98, has an MSW and is certified in the model approach in parenting partnership and prevention and management of aggressive behavior crisis prevention and intervention, and is currently a behavioral specialist at a long-term residential treatment center in Atlanta.

**Amy R. Judd**, BA'98, lives in Pittsburgh and works at the Children's Institute as a speech-language pathologist. She married Jason Judd in July 2002.

**Kimberly A. Katte**, BA'98, is working toward a master's degree in Gestió Cultural at the University of Barcelona. She works part time for a CD distribution company and is learning classical guitar. She lives in Barcelona, Spain.

**Marissa B. Kaye**, BS'98, is a principal treasury accountant for the Coca-Cola Co. in Atlanta. She is also vice president of the IU Alumni Club of Atlanta.

**Varda E. Lobanov**, BS'98, is pursuing a master's degree in instructional design. She lives in Norcross, Ga.

**Matthew P. McDaniel**, BA'98, premiered his short film, *Cause and Affection*, at the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival on April 6. The ensemble comedy about crime and romance over the course of a day in New Orleans's French Quarter is part of a double feature along with the film *Score!* He lives in Noblesville, Ind.

**Heidi B. Renner**, BS'98, is working toward a medical degree at Loyola University, which she planned to finish in June. She lives in Riverside, Ill., with her husband, Donald Renner, BA'00.

**David A. Sasso**, BM'98, BS'98, composed Indianapolis's first professional children's opera, *The Trio of Minuet*, presented by

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the Indianapolis Children's Choir in May. He is now working toward a combined MD/MPH at Northwestern University Medical School, where his wife, **Dana Small**, BM'98, BS'98, is an assistant professor of neurology. They live in Chicago.

**Glenn E. Snyder**, BA'98, married Jennifer L. Snyder, BA'97, on June 6, 1998. He received an MAR from Yale University Divinity School in May 2002. In September he begins a PhD in religion at Harvard University.

**Sarah E. Boehm**, BA'99, works as a bilingual/ESL instructor for Township School District 214 in Arlington Heights, Ill.

**Marry Ann Hildegard East**, BME'99, is the choral director at Marshall High School in Falls Church, Va. She is pursuing her MM in vocal performance and choral conducting at George Mason University. She lives in Centreville, Va., with her husband, Joseph.

**Raymond A. Glaser**, BS'99, of Minneapolis, is a business development manager for Procter & Gamble.

**Elise T. Kleinman**, BA'99, AC'99, is a television and radio producer at Gwhiz, a youth marketing firm. She lives in New York.

**Anton K. Neff**, BA'99, a lifetime resident of Spencer, Ind., was elected chair of the Owen County Democratic Party in November 2002.

**Elvadine R. Seligmann**, BS'99, of Aurora, Colo., married Eric Seligmann on Feb. 13. Elvadine writes that she recently left the telecommunications industry and is now using her IU music degree to teach private voice lessons on a full-time basis.

## 2000s

**Marissa L. Bracke**, BA'00, will be attending Valparaiso University School of Law

beginning in August. She writes, "While my post-law school plans are certainly still subject to change, I am at least preliminarily planning to return to the Fort Wayne area to practice, and I hope to focus on real estate, divorce, personal injury, civil litigation, and elder law." She lives in Ossian, Ind.

**Stacey L. Buher**, BS'00, of Greenwood, Ind., married Chad Buher on Aug. 3, 2002.

**Elisa M. Carlson**, BS'00, is involved in a dueling piano show and lives in Chicago.

**Lauren M. Cregor**, BA'00, recently released her debut album, *Mean Little Fingers*. Her Web site is [www.laurencregor.com](http://www.laurencregor.com).

**Jennifer R. Downing**, BM'00, was accepted to join the New World Symphony. She lives in Miami Beach, Fla.

**Gretchen M. Green**, BS'00, of Knoxville, Tenn., is in her third year of veterinary school at the University of Tennessee. She takes bluegrass fiddle lessons in her free time.

**Travis E. Gregg**, BA'00, joined the President's Own United States Marine Band as a sound technician. He lives in Hyattsville, Md.

**Jennifer M. Hess**, BA'00, completed her JD in May at IU Bloomington and currently lives in Indianapolis.

**Jill C. Hazel Layton**, BS'00, married Kevin M. Layton on Oct. 26, 2002. They live in Franklin, Ind.

**Nicole T. Roales**, BAJ'00, was promoted to assistant features editor at the *Kokomo Tribune*. She lives in Kokomo, Ind.

**Jane K. Soung**, BSM'00, was promoted to editor at Rand McNally in Chicago in June. She also completed her first marathon in San Diego in June. She and her husband, **Nathan Pedretti**, BME'01, live in Skokie, Ill.

**Heather E. Stege**, BS'00, joined McKinsey & Co., as an

information analyst for the retail practice. She lives in Chicago.

**Audrey C. Vogler**, BS'00,

is an account executive for Leo Burnett working on the Procter & Gamble team. She lives in Chicago.

## Survey

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experience, as a whole, has been enhanced by the level of quality and commitment to a lifelong education the Honors College has facilitated," he said.

**Donnie Fahler** of Star City, Ind., earned a BS in biology. He plans to attend medical school. "The vast array of opportunities available to Honors College students was wonderful, and I am glad that I was able to be a part of many of the pizza discussions," he said.

Bloomington resident **David Feldstein** earned a BA in geography and political science and will be pursuing a master's degree in geography at the University of Toronto. "I am glad that I had the opportunity to take honors classes with some very insightful professors," he said. "They were all intellectually stimulating and were an integral part of my learning experience at IU."

**Kimberly Knowles** of Hoffman Estates, Ill., garnered a BA in economics and moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, to work in the consumer market knowledge department of Procter & Gamble. "My favorite thing about being part of the Honors College was being able to attend so many dinners with visiting scholars that enriched my mind in ways that would not have been possible otherwise," she said.

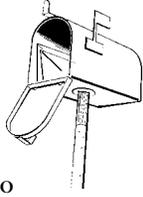
Los Angeles native **Jason Mallet** will become a financial analyst for Abbott Laboratories in Chicago. He received a BS in finance and international studies. "The guest lecture series challenged my beliefs, and added a healthy dose of perspective," he wrote.

**Rob Tayon** of Zionsville, Ind., had four majors: math, economics, biology, and chemistry. After a summer of backpacking in Europe, he will pursue a doctorate in economics at the University of Pennsylvania. "IU truly challenged me in ways I would not have imagined as a high school senior looking ahead," he said.

Texan **Paul Fava Theiss**, who earned a BS in sports marketing and management, is pursuing a JD at Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law. "The honors classes I enrolled in were challenging and required more time and effort than other classes on my schedule, but the element of fun was always involved," he said. "The topics took me outside of my comfort zone and were as thought-provoking as the professors were first-rate. This sounds cliché, but my only regret is that I did not have time to take more."

**Natalie Whitted** of Bedford, Ind., received a BA in history and French and will work this year in Bloomington, she hopes, before pursuing a doctorate in either European or American history. "Honors College activities and smaller honors classes brought me into contact early on with faculty, not to mention many multi-talented honors students," she said. "I have never felt like a mere number at IU and am continually impressed that such a culturally rich community and university exist almost in my own back yard."

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# What do you think an educated person should know?



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The Honors College is planning a series of extracurricular programs for the coming academic year to explore the question, "What should an educated person know?"

With programs on domestic issues and international affairs, religion, art, sports, and science, we hope to encourage conversations about what we need to know and why we need to know it, about the nature and purpose of a college education in a democratic society, and about what a bachelor's degree from Indiana University should signify. We also hope to talk about how this society measures, assesses, grades, and values education, and the responsibilities that come with education.

We would like to add the perspectives of alumni to the coming year's discussions and so we invite you to send us an e-mail message or letter of 200 words or less that answers one of the following questions and that you would be willing to have us share with others:

- What was the most useful course you took as an undergraduate at IU, a course that you think everyone, regardless of major, would benefit from having taken, and why?
- What was the most intellectually exciting course you took as an undergraduate at IU, a course that you think everyone, regardless of major, would benefit from having taken, and why?
- Was there a course you were *required* to take while at IU that you are especially glad you took? That has proved important to you in ways that have surprised you?
- What course do you *wish* you had taken, what extracurricular activity do you *wish* you had done as an undergraduate at IU, and why?

Please send your response to [hcextra@indiana.edu](mailto:hcextra@indiana.edu) or to Honors College Extracurricular Programs, Indiana University, 324 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN 47405.

Short, focused answers will be easier for us to share, but don't hesitate to write at greater length or respond to more than one question if you have the time.

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