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Partners in Philanthropy Dinner
Remarks of Michael A. McRobbie
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6:00 p.m. reception
7:00 p.m. dinner
8:00 p.m. remarks and awards presentation

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Thank you, Dan.

It is a great pleasure to be here this evening and to welcome you all to the 2019 Partners in Philanthropy Dinner.

I would like to welcome a number of members of the Board of Trustees of Indiana University who are with us tonight. I will ask them to stand as I introduce them, and I ask that you hold your applause until all are introduced. Joining us tonight are: the chair of the Board of Trustees, Michael Mirro; Trustee Zach Arnold and his wife, Tori; Trustee MaryEllen Bishop; Trustee Harry Gonso and his wife, Lucy; Trustee Jim Morris and his wife, Jackie; Trustee Pat Shoulders and his wife, Lisa; and Trustee Donna Spears.

Would you join me in welcoming our Trustees and their spouses?

2. TWO CENTURIES OF SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP

As most of you are aware, the beginning of a yearlong celebration of Indiana University's Bicentennial is now only 25 days away. In the coming year we will all celebrate Indiana University's remarkable growth over the last two centuries into one of the world's great public research universities.

Indiana University's growth and success in its first 200 years owes much to the generous and selfless philanthropic spirit and the volunteer leadership of its alumni and friends.

The enormous success so far of IU's *Bicentennial Campaign* is testament to this spirit and leadership. The campaign has the ambitious goal of raising \$3 billion by the end of June 2020. And you will remember in October of 2017 we raised the goal to this figure from \$2.5 billion because it was already so far ahead of schedule.

The campaign continues to be well ahead of schedule. In fact, tonight I am delighted to share with you that the Campaign has just passed its \$3 billion goal—with 13 months still to go to its completion! This incredible achievement has been made possible by the enormous generosity of over 300,000 alumni, friends, and organizations to whom we are all immensely grateful.

Of course, what this translates into is nearly 4,700 new endowed scholarships and fellowships so far, that mean that students from low income and minority backgrounds who could not otherwise have afforded to pursue a degree now have the opportunity to come to IU. It also translates into nearly 200 endowed chairs and professorships so far, that mean that some of the very best faculty in the world can be recruited and retained at IU. These represent increases of over 35 percent and 40 percent, respectively, over the total number endowed over roughly the previous 190 years of the university's existence.

It is also a loud and resounding signal to the world of how strongly committed to IU's future success its alumni, friends and supporters are, for it will be one of only a very few campaigns at any public university to break the \$3 billion barrier, among them being Berkeley, UCLA, and Michigan. We are now in rarefied company, indeed.

But as I said we are still 13 months from the completion of the campaign. So, this is no time for resting on our laurels. In 25 days, our Bicentennial Year will begin to be celebrated around the state, country and world. This is a time to take the fullest advantage that we can, and to seize the momentum of this truly unique year to build even greater support for the university's fundamental missions of education and research. I believe we can make it one of the most successful campaigns ever seen at any public university in the United States, with an impact at IU that will endure right through the next century. I believe the dedication and commitment of the IU community will reach such heights of enthusiasm during our Bicentennial that even a Campaign total of \$3.5 billion is now within reach!

2a. PARTNERS IN PHILANTHROPY

It is fitting then that tonight in light of the announcement I have just made, we gather to honor a number of Indiana University's partners in philanthropy—alumni, supporters, and friends whose philanthropic and volunteer leadership has helped transform the face of Indiana University and have helped make possible the success of the Bicentennial Campaign.

A member of each couple or family we will honor tonight either serves or has served as a member of the IU Foundation Board of Directors. In this role, they selflessly give their time and expertise to help the Foundation meet the challenge of preserving Indiana University's legacy of excellence in research and education.

A number of tonight's honorees also serve on school advisory councils, where they provide expertise and guidance that enable IU's schools and programs to grow and thrive.

Their commitment to IU reflects the spirit of excellence so central to this university.

They represent the commitment of hundreds of other volunteer leaders—many of whom are also here tonight—who help make Indiana University's successes possible.

On behalf, then, of this great university, Laurie and I extend our deep and enduring gratitude to all of you who are here tonight for all you have done to help make Indiana University one of this nation's most successful public universities.

Now, I invite Dan back to the stage as we begin the awards presentation.

3. THE PARTNERS IN PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

Tonight, we pay tribute to a number of dedicated couples and an exemplary family who have helped shape the future of the university.

The Partners in Philanthropy awards were created to recognize Indiana University's most dedicated advocates, supporters, and volunteers in philanthropy.

In selecting tonight's honorees, the IU Foundation solicited nominations from chancellors, deans, and development officers across the university. I want to thank them for the thought and care they put into their nominations. A diverse committee of representatives from the Bloomington, Indianapolis, and regional campuses selected tonight's honorees.

Although there were many remarkable candidates, those we honor tonight stood out. In many ways, they are ambassadors who represent the many people who do so much for Indiana University.

We are very pleased to honor them tonight as our 2019 Partners in Philanthropy.

4. CORNERSTONE AWARD: GARY AND KATHY ANDERSON

I now invite you to turn your attention to the monitors around the room for a presentation about the recipients of the 2019 Cornerstone Award, Gary and Kathy Anderson.

[Video is played. When the video concludes, PRESIDENT McROBBIE invites GARY and KATHY ANDERSON to the stage.]

Gary and Kathy, would you join us on the stage?

Gary currently serves on the IU Foundation Board of Directors. He has also taught in IU's Kelley School of Business in Bloomington as part of the Entrepreneurship Faculty of Practice at the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

Kathy's extensive service to IU also includes her roles as

- a founding member of the Women's Philanthropy Leadership Council,
- a member of the Women's Colloquium steering committee,

and

- as a member of the Jacobs School of Music's Dean's Advisory Council.

She currently serves as chair of the Indiana Arts Commission, an agency whose members work to promote responsible stewardship of the state's artistic resources.

In 2014, I had the pleasure of presenting Kathy with IU's Distinguished Alumni Service Award, the university's highest award given exclusively to an alumna or alumnus.

Gary and Kathy, in recognition of all you have done for Indiana University, it is an honor and a privilege to present you with the 2019 Cornerstone Award.

Congratulations.

Please join me once again in congratulating Gary and Kathy Anderson and thanking them for their service to Indiana University.

5. KEYSTONE AWARD: JOHN AND DONNA SHOEMAKER

I now invite you to turn your attention to the monitors for a presentation featuring the recipients of the 2019 Keystone Award: John and Donna Shoemaker.

[Video plays. At the conclusion of the video, PRESIDENT McROBBIE invites JOHN AND DONNA SHOEMAKER to the stage.]

John, would you please join us on stage?

As you saw in the video, John and Donna have been generous philanthropic supporters of IU, having funded scholarships and programs in entrepreneurship and innovation in both the Kelley School and the School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering.

They have both previously served on the board of the Stanford University Community Committee for International Students, and have hosted many international students in their home.

John continues to serve IU as a member of the Kelley School Dean's Advisory Council, the IT Advisory Council, and the Board of Directors of the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship. He is an emeritus member of the IU Foundation Board of Directors.

At the undergraduate Commencement ceremony in Bloomington last month, I had the great privilege of presenting John with an honorary IU doctorate.

John and Donna, it is my great pleasure to present to you the 2019 Keystone Award.

Congratulations.

Please join me once again in congratulating John and Donna Shoemaker and thanking them for their service to Indiana University.

6. FAMILY LEGACY AWARD: THE ALAN AND SUSAN GRAF FAMILY

I now invite you to turn your attention once again to the monitors for a video highlighting the recipients of the 2019 Family Legacy Award: the Alan and Susan Graf family.

[Video plays. At the conclusion of the video, PRESIDENT McROBBIE invites the GRAF FAMILY to the stage.]

Would Alan, Susan, and their daughters, Bridget and Carrie, join us on the stage?

In addition to those mentioned in the video, Alan's great uncles—the late Robert and Irvin Huncilman—both graduated from IU in the 1920s. Between them, they were active in many IU organizations, including Delta Tau Delta, the Arbutus yearbook staff, IU ROTC, and the Jordan River Revue. Both went on to serve in the Second World War and, subsequently, to have successful business careers. Robert's wife, Peggy, was a 1931 graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Alan is a member of the IU Foundation Board of Directors, the Kelley School of Business Dean's Advisory Council, and, like his late father, has been inducted into the Kelley School's Academy of Alumni Fellows.

Susan is a founder of the FedEx Family House, a nonprofit facility that provides housing for out-of-town families while their children receive care at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital.

The Graf family is a wonderful example of how Indiana University's many rich traditions contribute to the deep loyalty felt by multiple generations of alumni whose children and grandchildren follow in their footsteps as part of the IU family.

It is my great pleasure to present the 2019 Family Legacy Award to the Alan and Susan Graf family.

Congratulations.

Would you join me in once again congratulating the members of the Graf family.

7. THE HERMAN B WELLS VISIONARY AWARD: LINDA AND JACK GILL

And now, I invite you to turn your attention to the monitors for a video featuring our final honorees of the evening, the recipients of the 2019 Herman B Wells Visionary Award—Linda and Jack Gill.

[Video plays. At the conclusion of the video, PRESIDENT McROBBIE invites JACK and LINDA GILL to the stage.]

Jack and Linda, would you join us on the stage?

The Gills' generous philanthropy to IU extends well beyond their 2002 gift that established the Gill Center for Biomolecular Science. Jack and Linda have also supported the Jacobs School of Music; the Kelley School of Business; the School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering; the Department of Chemistry, of which Jack is an alumnus; and many other IU programs.

Jack is a former member of the IU Board of Trustees and of the IU Foundation Board of Directors. He has served as a member of the dean's advisory boards of the Kelley School of Business and the College of Arts and Sciences. He received IU's Distinguished Alumni Service Award in 2002, and an honorary IU doctorate in 2001.

Earlier this year, Jack and Linda celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The legacy they have built extends the reach of higher education, not only at IU, but across the nation. In addition to Jack's continuing involvement in teaching at universities that include Stanford, Harvard, and MIT, the Gill Foundation has supported scholarships, research, and clinical programs at the 11 universities attended by Jack, Linda, and their four children.

It is a privilege and an honor to present the 2019 Herman B Wells Visionary Award to Linda and Jack Gill.

Congratulations.

8. CONCLUSION

The volunteer leaders and supporters we have honored this evening are among this university's greatest ambassadors. Their continued service and support—and the volunteer service and support of all of you who are here tonight—will help to ensure that

Indiana University remains one of the great universities of the world as it enters its third century of service to the state of Indiana, the nation, and the world.

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for Indiana University.

Would you join me once again in a round of applause for ALL of this evening's honorees?

And now, I invite Dan Smith back to the podium.