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Greetings from Women's Philanthropy!

"To me, a philanthropic leader is someone who puts into effect the caring human spirit."

ANDREA DYNES
Women's Philanthropy Leadership Council Member

Women of IU

Martha Hoover honored as seventh recipient of Women Leading the Way award

Patachou Inc.'s founder and owner Martha Hoover received the Women Leading the Way award at the 2019 Indianapolis Women's Philanthropy Conference. Women's Philanthropy Leadership Council Chair Julie Davis, along with First Lady Laurie Burns McRobbie, presented Hoover with the award citing her tireless devotion to the Indianapolis community and philanthropic work through her nonprofit, The Patachou Foundation. The Patachou Foundation has served more than 110,000 healthy meals to food insecure residents in the Indianapolis area.

Hoover joins an esteemed list of Women Leading the Way award recipients: Patty Stonesifer, Maureen Hackett, Martha Tilaar, Jane Chu, Glenn Close, and Marcela Rovzar. "This remarkable group of women have set a very high standard for this award, exemplifying the many ways to excel as a woman in philanthropy," McRobbie said. "Martha, you truly are 'leading the way' as a woman of IU."

Preceding her award, Hoover gave a speech at the 2019 IWPC centered on the inequalities in the restaurant industry, and how her work strives to challenge people to think in new ways. She challenges the status quo, focuses on systemic change, and provides the resources to enable organizations to turn dreams into reality.

Chi Pang-yuan received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree

Chi is one of Taiwan's most renowned contemporary writers and has helped to introduce Taiwanese literature to the U.S. and other English-speaking nations through her translation work. She has written books like "The Last of the Whampoa Breed: Stories of the Chinese Diaspora," and the autobiographical "The Great Flowing River: A Memoir of China, from Manchuria to Taiwan." She spent time as a student on IU's Bloomington campus in the 1960s and 1970s, which she fondly recalls in her memoir.

IU has nearly 2,300 alumni affiliated with Taiwan. The stop in Taiwan is affiliated with the IU in Goes to Thailand trip, celebrating IU in Asia partnerships.

Read more about Chi Pang-yuan »

Farewell to Women's Philanthropy Executive Director Michele Boillotat

It seems impossible to accept that on March 6, we said goodbye to Michele Boillotat, our wonderful Executive Director of Women's Philanthropy for the past five years. Michele is off to her next adventure, as Assistant Vice President of Institutional Advancement for the University of Texas at Arlington. She has more than earned this next step in her career, and we can all be very proud of her, and of how well her time at Indiana University has helped prepare her to rise in her profession. We can also be extraordinarily proud of the progress Women's Philanthropy has made since Michele joined us in January of 2013. At that time, we were an energized core group of several dozen with ideas for how a small number of high-quality programs could be expanded; we are now a high-functioning leadership group with a network of activities and engagement opportunities across the country. We were a loosely formed constellation of interested alumnae and friends focused on increasing support for IU and our grants program when Michele came; we're now an expanding universe of several thousand

committed women (and men) about to celebrate the $1 million mark in total grant funding. Michele found a well-established and growing program when she arrived; we are now, as Rick Dupree put it when he announced Michele's departure to the staff of the IU Foundation, "…the gold standard of such initiatives throughout the country." None of this would have happened without all of you, but Michele's special gift has been to make us all feel necessary, visible, and part of something bigger than ourselves. That has been the "secret sauce" of Women's Philanthropy, and we are poised for making even greater leaps in the years ahead because of her leadership.

We will greatly miss Michele's energy and focus, her skill and competence, even her math brain and her colored spreadsheets! But mostly, we will miss her smile and the way she brightens every room she comes into. And we know she'll always carry some cream and crimson in her heart as she heads into yellow rose country. Always a Hoosier, and always a Woman of IU! —**Laurie Burns McRobbie**

NOTABLE EVENTS AND NEWS

IWPC

The 2019 Indianapolis Women's Philanthropy Conference took place on February 19 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. More than 300 people attended the event—a record number!

The morning began with an address from Chancellor Nasser Paydar from IUPUI, who offered a brief update on the exciting 50th anniversary of IU's Indianapolis campus.

The Civic Leadership panel session was moderated by Indiana State Representative Cherrish Pryor. Panelists included Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso from Women4Change; Claire Fiddian-Green from the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation; Ronni Kloth from Lilly Endowment Inc.; and Teresa S. Lubbers from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

The Personal Leadership session was a fireside chat moderated by IU's 18th First Lady Laurie Burns McRobbie. The Personal Leadership session featured IWPC Keynote Jean Case, who discussed her new book "Be Fearless: 5 Principles for a Life of Breakthroughs and Purpose." All IWPC attendees received a copy of Case's book!

The Philanthropic Leadership session began with an address by Featured Speaker Martha Hoover. The following panel was moderated by Una Osili from the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. Panelists included Martha Hoover; Debra Mesch from the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy; and Cindy Simon Skjodt from the Samerian Foundation.

For more information and photos from the 2019 Indianapolis Women's Philanthropy Conference, search the hashtag #2019iwpc on **Instagram** and **Twitter**.

Marie Harf moderated a discussion with Senator Richard Lugar and Congressman Lee Hamilton

Former State Department and CIA official Marie Harf moderated a discussion with Congressman Lee Hamilton and Senator Richard Lugar at the Indiana University D.C. office on January 31. The event was livestreamed on Facebook, and included discussion on international relations, U.S. foreign policy, current global events, and the legacy of Hamilton and Lugar at IU.

Watch the discussion from Women's Philanthropy's **Facebook Live** broadcast of the event.

LOOKING AHEAD

Little 500

Indiana University's Little 500 races are scheduled the weekend of April 12-13. Every year, Women's Philanthropy at Indiana University awards monetary support to women riders with the Colloquium for Women of IU Scholarship.

This year, we are honoring past riders and recipients of the CWIU Scholarship with the hashtag #Little500Fridays on our **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages.

For more information on how to get involved with the Women's Philanthropy Little 500 efforts, contact our office at **wpiu@indiana.edu**.