

A Lasting Legacy

Inaugural Scholarship Fund

Kermit L. Hall could claim many accomplishments during his brief tenure as University at Albany president. However, he doubtless would have considered the founding of the Inaugural Scholarship Fund (ISF) his greatest achievement.

Declining an inauguration on his arrival in February 2005, he used the \$100,000 that would have funded the celebration to establish the ISF, which would support UAlbany undergraduates while building the University's endowment by \$1 million within a year. He and his wife, Phyllis, gave another \$10,000 to the fund. Faculty, staff, alumni, friends,

corporations, foundations and students joined the effort; by late 2005, the fund totaled more than \$1.5 million, and the first four scholarships were awarded. The ISF now stands at nearly \$2.8 million in gifts and pledges, and a second round of awards, to 15 students, was made this fall. Each award totals \$2,500.

Chandra Cirulnick, a senior English major planning a career in publishing, was "very excited and honored" to be named an Inaugural Scholar. Although she never met Hall, the Long Island native "heard he was an amazing person, and I hope that future presidents follow his lead."

Fund Renaming Honors the Halls

UAlbany and The University at Albany Foundation have announced that the Inaugural Scholarship Fund will now be known as the Kermit L. Hall and Phyllis A. Hall Inaugural Scholarship Fund.

University at Albany Foundation President George R. Hearst III noted: "Improving the undergraduate experience was Kermit Hall's top priority... It is a great honor to rename this fund in his memory and in recognition of the support of his remarkable wife, Phyllis."

"I wish to express my deepest appreciation to the University and The Foundation for honoring Kermit in this way, and to the many people who have supported Kermit's vision by giving to the Inaugural Scholarship Fund," said Phyllis Hall.

— Carol Olechowski

Gifts in memory of the late president may be designated to the Kermit L. Hall and Phyllis A. Hall Inaugural Scholarship Fund through The University at Albany Foundation, UAB 226, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222 or online at www.albany.edu/giving/inaugural.htm.

Scholarship recipients, from left: YanArabell Lin, Alice Forestal, Timothy Gao (in back), Yangfei Liu, Erick Rubio, Rebekah Adamoschek, Rose Destin, Maria Carranza and Chandra Cirulnick.



Gary Gold

Fall 2006 Inaugural Scholars include:

Rebekah Adamoschek
Sprakers, N.Y.
senior; history

Maria Carranza
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
senior; social welfare

Chandra Cirulnick,
North Babylon, N.Y.
senior; English

Rose Destin, Kingston, N.Y.
senior; biology

Alice Forestal, Amsterdam, N.Y.
junior; biology

Timothy Gao, Highland, N.Y.
junior; sociology

YanArabell Lin, Queens, N.Y.
sophomore; human biology
(intended)

Yangfei Liu, New York, N.Y.
junior; actuarial and mathematical
science

Nicole Miklos, junior; psychology

Naa Adoley Pappoe, New York, N.Y.
sophomore; French (intended)

David Richardson, Pearl River, N.Y.
junior; mathematics

Erick Rubio, Hillsborough, N.J.
junior, accounting

Vimla Singh, Schenectady, N.Y.
junior; biology

Nisha Taneja, Yonkers, N.Y.
junior; biology

Wingate Wellington,
Brooklyn, N.Y.
junior; accounting