

# INTERNATIONAL HOUSE TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS & ALUMNI OF INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

2021-22 FALL/WINTER

## Welcome Back Residents!



## Reopening Our Doors



# Executive Director's Message

## Reopening the Doors of Possibility



It has been a remarkable year indeed. Upheaval, resilience, renewal, and reimagining have now led us to the welcome occasion of our reopening! I am delighted to share with you that a full complement of new and returning residents from 64 countries and 86 areas of study are once again creating and experiencing the I-House magic.

As I reflect on my recently completed first year as Executive Director, I am extremely grateful for the dedicated support of the I-House community during this unprecedented time. We have emerged from the sad but necessary temporary closure of the house, and are experiencing a period of cautious optimism as we chart our course through the continuing pandemic. Foremost in our minds is providing the opportunity for current residents to take full advantage of the transformational experience of living at I-House, which generations of alumni have treasured for now going on ten decades!

In this issue, we begin by thanking several board members who are finishing their terms for their service and support and share an update on the many seismic, safety upgrades and renovations we've been able to make to our beloved historic building during the closure. As we continuously imagine the future while honoring the past, we are also planning additional improvements to increase accessibility, functionality, and ambiance.

One of the most exciting aspects of I-House has been the exceptional quality of our dining experience. In this issue, we introduce members of our hospitality team who are upholding this signature tradition with flair and excitement.

This issue contains the annual Honor Roll listing of gifts from the past year, which have made a world of difference, including those gifts made in memory and in honor of special family members and friends.

We also share an update on the **Global Community Initiative**, seeking to facilitate connections between alumni, and between alumni and residents. Please join our engagement and mentoring platform, [ihberkeleyconnect.org](http://ihberkeleyconnect.org), if you haven't already!

In our *Scholarship Spotlight*, this issue highlights some of the many worthy recipients of named scholarships generously provided by alumni and friends. As always, we hope that you will enjoy hearing about some I-House friends in our *News & Notes* feature, and will fondly recall those included in the *In Memory* section who have passed.

We'd like to take the opportunity of this newsletter to share the theme of our upcoming annual appeal season, "Who Opened These Doors for You?" as an opportunity to honor the remarkable history of I-House and to invite you to support us in celebration of our reopening.

As Executive Director, I welcome your contact, your ideas and suggestions, and I invite you to participate even more fully in our global community. My personal thanks for your support in keeping the I-House dream alive! ■

Sincerely,

Shaun R. Carver  
International House Executive Director

## Board Transitions

### New Appointments



Bukola Mabadeje  
Development  
Committee Chair



Jay Paxton  
(I-House Alum 1974)  
Vice Chair



Jamie Faulhaber  
(I-House Alum 1969-71)  
Vice Chair Emerita



Milan Kaur  
(I-House Alum 1987)



Peter Robertson  
Vice Chair Emeritus

### Rotating off the Board

*Thank you for your service to our mission!*

# Preserving the Past

## Preparing for the Future

During the sad but necessary closure of I-House due to health and safety concerns caused by the pandemic, our volunteer House Committee of the Board of Directors and staff have been working tirelessly to address the needs of today and of the future with respect, care, and appreciation for the historical significance of the building.

Preserving the look and feel of our architectural treasure while reimagining safety and security requirements, accessibility, functionality, and ambiance has necessitated new policies, procedures, building renovation and remodeling projects, and countless innovations large and small.



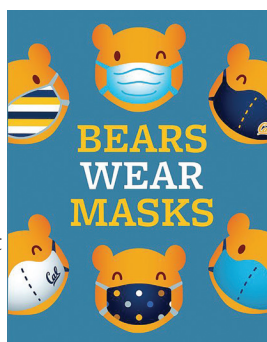
Larnie Macasieb,  
Housing Operations Assistant

COVID-19 precipitated the need to rethink how we promote community and connection—the lifeblood of the I-House “recipe”—within the physical and behavioral constraints inherent in safety, social distancing, and space utilization choices.

The question “What else can be made touchless?” led to many improvements such as touchless bathroom fixtures, sinks, soap and towel dispensers, hand sanitizer stations, and the

installation of card entry systems instead of old fashioned keys throughout the house. Plexiglass shields were installed at the Front Desk and Dining Commons reception area to protect residents, staff, and student workers from airborne transmission of the virus.

The wrenching decision to limit public access due to health concerns has impacted our current ability to provide the hallmark welcoming environment for dining guests, event participants, and returning alumni and friends. Everyone entering the building must be masked and present a completed green “daily symptom screener” badge to the Front Desk before being allowed entry. This is a campus-wide requirement designed to limit the spread of the virus. We love welcoming back alumni and friends. If you wish to visit, we ask only that you kindly contact us in advance so we may ensure everyone’s safety.



From left, back row: Billy Hudson, Santino Vera, Eric Brizedine, Francis Sogelau  
Middle row: Maria Lares, Anna Adele Saladino, Rodrigo Aguilar, Linla Yiu, Victoria Cortes (Supervisor), Cecilia Acosta  
Front row: Maria Moreno, Pauline Lei, Mary Cinko (Manager), Curtis Hall

One of the most important considerations for safely reopening I-House has been revising cleaning and disinfection protocols, and reconfiguring rooms. In addition to researching and bringing in new tools and cleaning systems to address the pandemic, Custodial Manager Mary Cinko and Director of Physical Operations Mark Cassettari and their teams have continued to keep the house in beautiful shape, despite recurring layers of dust needing to be removed as renovations and remodeling projects have been managed and completed.

Adding to the complexity of completing these improvements, Mary and Mark have successfully addressed more than the usual contractor and vendor challenges, supply chain interruptions, and impacts of limited staffing during the closure.

The timing of the relocation of the Berkeley International Office (BIO) offices from I-House to other space in Berkeley turned out to be fortuitous as it allowed I-House to renovate and to designate the 2nd floor as an isolation floor in the event of COVID-19 infection. Importantly, we added a wheelchair lift to make the second floor ADA accessible. Making the required building updates during the temporary closure was indeed one of the primary reasons why we were able to have the confidence to open to a full house of residents this year. Among the changes made to the 2nd floor are a separate entrance with restricted access, provisions for supplying food, coordination with health care workers, and a process of frequent communication between staff and impacted residents. ■



# Scholarship Spotlight

## Opening the Doors for Scholars from Around the World

Through the generosity of donors going back to the founding days of I-House, there are numerous scholarships available for international students and two special scholarships for residents from the United States. We are pleased to highlight a few of our superstar residents, and the scholarships that make their stay at I-House possible.

### The Gateway Fellowship Program



#### International House and Berkeley Graduate Division The 2021 - 2022 Gateway Fellows

##### MANAR AL-ASAD

Chevron-Xenel PhD  
Gateway Fellowship

##### YAHIA IBRAHIM

Eltoukhy Gateway  
Fellowship

##### PAUL RATHKE

EWJ Gateway Fellowship

##### ARMAN KARSHENAS

Carl and Betty Helmholz  
Gateway Fellowship

##### YEVANIT RESCHECHTKO

Joe Lurie Returning Peace Corps  
Volunteer Gateway Fellowship

##### I K M REAZ RAHMAN

Open Gateway Fellowship

##### KYLE RITCHIE

Allan and Kathleen Rosevear  
Gateway Fellowship

##### YUAN MINGYU

Adrian Hao Yin U  
Gateway Fellowship

##### BEATRICE DE FAVERI

Joan and Egon von Kaschnitz  
Gateway Fellowship

Learn more at [ihouse.berkeley.edu/gateway](https://ihouse.berkeley.edu/gateway)

In collaboration with the UC Berkeley Graduate Division, International House holds a competition for one-year awards for first-year or continuing graduate students in a doctoral program at UC Berkeley. Priority preference is given to new incoming graduate students, and only those with financial need are eligible.

Award recipients receive one academic year of single-occupancy room and board at International House, fees and tuition paid by the student's academic department, and a \$5,000 stipend from the University of California Graduate Division. To be considered for one of these awards, applicants must be admitted to UC Berkeley for the coming academic year, able to reside in a single-occupancy room at International House, and nominated by their academic department; or they may apply directly with the support of their department.

### Allan & Kathleen Rosevear Gateway Fellowship

This Gateway Fellowship was established in 2007 by International House alumnus **Allan Rosevear (IH 1960-62)** and his wife, Kathy. With priority consideration for students in physics or astrophysics, the award may also be made for students in the sciences. If no student meets the above criteria, the award may be given to any entering or continuing doctoral student with demonstrated financial need, of U.S. and/or international origin. Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Rosevear earned his master's degree in physics in 1962 at UC

Berkeley under the Chairmanship of Carl Helmholz. Mr. Rosevear lived at I-House for two years, forming friendships with students from around the world.



This year, the Rosevears have opened the doors of opportunity for Kyle Ritchie from the U.S. Kyle is a second-year Ph.D. student studying high energy theoretical physics.

Kyle writes,

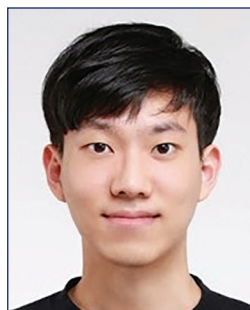
*"Like many others from New Mexico, I come from a family of mixed, largely Hispanic, background, which has*

*resided in New Mexico for generations.*

*"One of my ambitions, in addition to becoming a professional researcher in physics, is to give back to my community by providing serious learning and research opportunities to the many students who have interests and aspirations in physics and science like I do, but haven't historically had access to the same great opportunities that I've had."*

### Raphael Rodriguez-Golden Age Fellowship (RRGA)

Established in 1989, the Rafael Rodriguez-Golden Age Fellowship was a model for the Gateway Fellowship program. Recipients are selected annually by the Dean of UC Berkeley's Graduate Division after faculty input. This fellowship was made possible by the generosity of I-House alumni from the "Golden Age" (1946-1952), who created the fellowship in honor of fellow alumnus **Rafael Rodriguez (IH 1946-50)** of Costa Rica. The fund provides for a full room and board grant for one international student from an underserved country pursuing a Ph.D. Such a student may lack the financial resources to come to Cal, yet is deemed likely to benefit from and to contribute to life at I-House.



We are pleased to announce this year's Raphael Rodriguez-Golden Age Fellow, Hyunsuk Kim from South Korea. Hyunsuk writes,

*"As Korea is relatively a homogenous country, I haven't had much experience encountering people from diverse backgrounds. I am really looking forward to meeting new people here and*

*exchanging cultures with each other.*

*"Through five years of the Ph.D. program, I am looking forward to integrating many fields into my research. I am currently interested in statistics, but whatever topic I choose for my research, I will try my best to have a positive impact on the world."*



## Named Scholarships

We have both international and domestic scholarship opportunities at I-House. In addition to annual and recurring gifts to the I-House Scholarship fund, named scholarships are made possible by major and legacy gifts and pledges from donors and alumni who want to give back and “pay it forward.”

### The University Section Club I-House Scholarship Fund

The University Section Club, a non-profit UC Berkeley support group, was founded in 1927 with the following mission:

- To provide service to the University Community;
- To raise funds to aid deserving students, support student-related groups, and foster scholarship and international understanding; and
- To provide a social milieu for members to interact while sharing common interests in the various activity sections of the Club.

The UC Berkeley Section Club is a group of faculty spouses and community volunteers who are dedicated to helping foreign students adjust to a new environment and to make their stay easy and comfortable. The Club and I-House have been partners in service to foreign students at Berkeley for many years. The scholarship supports both foreign and American students who demonstrate financial need. The endowed Section Club I-House Scholarship Fund, made possible by donations of the Club's generous members, helps one or two grad students with room and board at I-House each year.



This year's University Section Club I-House Scholar is Cesar Rojas Angel, a journalist and political science professional from Bogotá, Colombia.

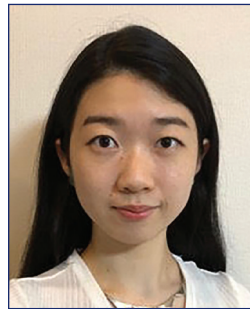
*“At UC Berkeley, I plan to go deep in my skills as an investigation reporter and gather the tools to become a documentalist. After this unique experience, I plan to work as a*

*correspondent for international media as a non-fiction filmmaker. I also speak French and I've been practicing it with my French and African neighbors at I-House.*

*“I would like to connect with people from around the world interested in the same issues, no matter if they are journalists, lawyers, engineers, or scientists. As a journalist, my job is to tell stories, but above all, I want to listen and understand.”*

### Sheridan (Sherry) and Betsey Warrick Scholarship Endowment

This fund was established by the Board of Directors in 1987 in honor of the retirement of Sherry Warrick, after 26 years as Executive Director of I-House. It continues to be supported generously by alumni and friends of I-House in honor of both Betsey's and Sherry's lives and service to I-House. Sheridan and Betsey Warrick Scholarship Endowment pays tribute to their love of music and is awarded to an international or U.S. resident with preference given to music majors.



Chinatsu Kato from Nagoya, Japan, is a recipient of the Sheridan and Betsey Warrick Scholarship this year. She is majoring in global studies and is interested in studying more about Asian development, especially East Asia and how its interactions with other countries affect the world. In her free time, she loves to play the violin, knit, and read. She hopes to

work in the United Nations someday.

*“I feel that there is a wall between countries, and these countries are competing rather than cooperating. Under such a difficult time, the value of living in I-House, where people can live in harmony as one, where all the international students come together and share their stories, values, and faith, is more important than ever before.”*

### C.H. Ramsden Scholarship

Named in honor of **Charles Ramsden (IH 1931-32)**, this scholarship assists students who are U.S. citizens only with a preference given to undergraduates and those majoring in the sciences, engineering, or economics.

### Mark Ross Scholarship

Mark Ross was born in Harbin, China, and attended UC Berkeley. After World War II, he founded an export trading firm and was active in promoting trade between the U.S. and Pacific Rim countries. This scholarship, funded by The Mark Ross Foundation of San Francisco, provides one or more room and board grants for students in significant financial need who are either U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Each year these scholarships are awarded to multiple residents.

## Keep in Touch

If you have moved, changed email or mailing addresses, or want to tell us what you have been up to since you left I-House, please let us know!

Contact us at:

[ihberkeleyconnect.org](mailto:ihberkeleyconnect.org) or [ihalumni@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihalumni@berkeley.edu)

## The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at UC Berkeley



Above: Patricia Quaye and Barbara Mensah (Ghana)

I-House is delighted to continue our collaboration with the UC Berkeley Center for African Studies in partnership with The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program to help prepare the next generation of African leaders. The Scholars Program aims “to develop a cohort of ethical, entrepreneurial, and energetic young leaders who will drive and lead socioeconomic transformation in Africa.” At UC Berkeley, the Program has provided support to over 120 undergraduate and master’s degree students from 2012 to 2020. This year, we are

pleased to have sixteen Mastercard Foundation Scholars living and learning at I-House.

Please visit [mcf scholarsprogram.berkeley.edu](http://mcf scholarsprogram.berkeley.edu) for more information on the program.

I-House has added value to the experiences and opportunities that MasterCard Foundation Scholars enjoy at UC Berkeley. For example, while I-House’s services center on the provision of residential rooms, meals, and educational experiences for students and scholars, intercultural programs are provided annually for residents at discounted rates and fees, partially funded by philanthropic support. In non-pandemic times, these include ethnic celebrations and festivals, culturally themed coffee hours, field trips, home stays, lecture and film series, social dances, and debates, in addition to traditional “Sunday Suppers” featuring resident performances. Staff members organize social gatherings to integrate the Scholars into campus life. I-House services for residents also include access to partially sponsored workshops and training on negotiating conflicts, designed to orient participants to the challenges and joys of intercultural exchange.

### Resident Statistics Fall 2021

#### Top Five Areas of Study

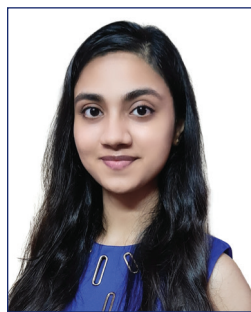
Economics	44
Electrical Engineering & Computer Science	39
Business Administration	35
Mechanical Engineering	34
Law	29

#### Top Five Countries

United States	160
China	42
India	41
France	37
Japan	33

- 587 Residents represent 64 Countries
- 273 Female, 305 Male
- 73% International, 27% U.S.
- 39% Graduate Students
- 58% Undergraduate Students
- 2% Visiting Scholar/Post Doc
- Average Age is 20 (range 18-52)

We are pleased to highlight some of our incredible current residents who are recipients of room and board scholarships made possible by the generosity of alumni and friends such as those highlighted in the Scholarship Spotlight.



### Aishwarya Acharya

Resident Initiated Socially Responsible Scholarship

Born and raised in Mumbai, India, Aishwarya completed her bachelor’s in electronics and telecommunications engineering in 2018. Fulfilling her dream of pursuing a master’s degree in one of the most prestigious universities in the world, Aishwarya intends to work in

FinTech and she hopes to give back to the Resident Initiated Socially Responsible Scholarship Endowment Fund in the near future.

*“My early embrace of various cultures reflects my background as a South Indian raised in Mumbai’s diversity. My motivation for being at I-House is to connect and learn about diverse perspectives. I want to appreciate our differences while still recognizing our cross-cultural similarities.”*



### Maxime Defauw

Tillson-Gedanken Scholarship

Maxime, a 22-year-old Belgian, obtained his bachelor’s degree in computer science as well as a master’s degree in business management from the Catholic University of Leuven. He is currently pursuing a master’s of engineering in computer science with a focus on robotics at UC Berkeley.

*“I-House immediately feels like a cozy home, which is very important when you live one year away from home. I want to leave I-House with a global network of friends, with improved leadership, social skills, and familiarity with diverse cultures.”*



### Tenzin Desel

Simone Sciobereti Scholarship

Tenzin was a Tibetan refugee, raised in India. Her academic passion emerges where psychology and neuroscience intersect, when systems of the brain and the unknown of the mind creates human experiences. She is a first year Ph.D. student in

the psychology department and her research area involves studying the association between sleep and Alzheimer’s disease.

*“Understanding cultural diversity does not come as a luxury but as a need for me to survive in this world. The opportunity to live at I-House is a continuation of my education, and I am eager to experience a burst of new ideas, relationships, and creativity.”*





## Arogya Koirala

Slusser Scholarship

Arogya is a first year graduate student at the Berkeley School of Information. He is a Nepali citizen, and the first in his family to pursue graduate studies here in the U.S.

A mechanical engineer by education, Arogya is passionate about using data and technology for social good.

At Berkeley, Arogya plans to focus on advancing his skills in data science and human-centered design. After graduating, he wants to use these skills to continue working toward advancing the use of data and technology in resource-poor communities in the world.

*"With I-House, I find comfort in knowing that I will once again be part of a community of people who—just like me—are nervous, excited, and curious about this new culture and society they are entering into. Believing that we will be navigating this period of transition together, and supporting one another, in sickness and in celebration, excites me!"*



## Yicun Liu

Daniel K. Freudenthal Scholarship

The first time Yicun heard about I-House was from her German friend's mom who stayed at I-House for one semester, and called that time the best experience of her college life. That was almost 30 years ago. It was amazing to Yicun what a rich heritage I-House created by

cultivating a community for international students who travelled thousands of miles to the U.S. and providing them with a place to call home. She wanted to live at I-House to be a part of, and contribute to, the I-House community and the principles it supports. For her, I-House is more than a place to live, but a place that gathers ambitious, thriving young talents that push for inclusion and gender equality. A place where people not only care about themselves, but care about each other, and care about the world. She believed she would be a good fit for such a community.

*"As a socially thriving person, I will actively engage in I-House activities during my stay. I will also continue to try my best to stay connected after I leave as I think the connection with I-house will be a valuable life-long treasure for me."*



## Tongai David Makoni

Ida Katherine Rigby I-House Room and Board Scholarship

Tongai David Makoni is currently a first-year MBA student at the Haas School of Business. Before joining UC Berkeley, Tongai worked as a research analyst at the World Bank Group's Global Partnership for Education (GPE) in Washington

DC. Tongai is interested in impact investing, particularly focusing on inclusive business and education in Africa. In his spare time, Tongai enjoys playing tennis, hiking, and running. He is fluent in Shona, is conversational in Hebrew, and is currently learning French. Tongai is a national of Zimbabwe and holds a public policy degree from Cornell University.

*"I-House is well-known for being a place where lifelong friendships are built and providing a safe and intimate space to enhance one's education through, for example, dining hall discussions, and the various intercultural events that the community hosts."*



## Mirna Kassem

50th Anniversary Scholarship

Mirna Kassem is currently pursuing graduate studies in geotechnical engineering at UC Berkeley for the academic year 2021-2022.

From Lebanon, Mirna has decided to live at International House because of its cultural diversity, its friendly community, and the chance it

offers to make lifelong friends from different backgrounds, nationalities, and experiences.

*"I believe that my country's culture is very unique, so I will introduce it to my potential friends at I-House. I am friendly and always open to make new friends, help other students, and share in organizing events."* ■

## Scholarships at I-House

Each year I-House offers room and board scholarships to deserving students with financial need. Descriptions of all the available scholarships, eligibility criteria, application instructions, and answers to frequently asked questions may be found on the I-House website at

[ihouse.berkeley.edu/scholarships](https://ihouse.berkeley.edu/scholarships)

# Resident Temperature Check

*How Can We Make Your Experience Better?*

*Overall, how satisfied are you with your International House Experience?*

Over the past nine decades, I-House staff have mastered the art of providing the highest quality service to generations of residents. Many current staff members have been with I-House for more than two decades, and know how to deliver compelling excellence through attention to details both small and large.

Executive Director Shaun Carver has instituted a weekly “temperature check” survey of residents to determine, through direct feedback, how well I-House is serving their needs, and to bring to light specific recommendations and concerns needing attention. Each Sunday morning, approximately one-sixth of the residents receive an invitation to provide their constructive input, followed each subsequent week by invitations to the next cohort so that every six weeks all residents are invited to participate.

Comments and suggestions received are shared directly with key staff, and overall rankings are shared and discussed weekly at the senior team meeting. Over time, this process will allow for benchmarking results year to year, fixing and anticipating recurring challenges, and attaining better and better quality outcomes in terms of the resident experience at I-House.

While issues raised are often known to staff and improvements may already be underway, it is of great importance to provide this feedback and satisfaction survey process for continuous improvement and responsiveness.

Once improvements are identified and implemented, specific responses to issues raised via the survey process are communicated to all residents. In this manner, the Executive Office and relevant teams such as Dining and Operations close the feedback loop and let residents know unequivocally that they are heard and that their concerns are important. Working to deserve the recognition by residents that I-House management listens to concerns, acts to address them, and responds promptly is one of the ways in which we are striving to build community. ■



## Have you considered making a gift to I-House in your living trust or will?

Whether you are currently retired or planning for it, Berkeley's Office of Gift Planning is available to help ensure that your gift meets both I-House's needs and your personal, financial, and philanthropic goals.

You may wish to make beneficiary designations for IRAs, insurance policies, or Donor Advised Funds. Or, create a named scholarship or dedicated endowment during your lifetime, funded with special recurring gifts or appreciated securities. This way, you can see the gift's impact now and arrange to augment your support of I-House with a gift through your estate plan.

**To begin planning your legacy gift to I-House, please reach out to the Office of Gift Planning at 800.200.0575 or [ogp@berkeley.edu](mailto:ogp@berkeley.edu) or visit**

**[planyourlegacy.berkeley.edu](http://planyourlegacy.berkeley.edu).**



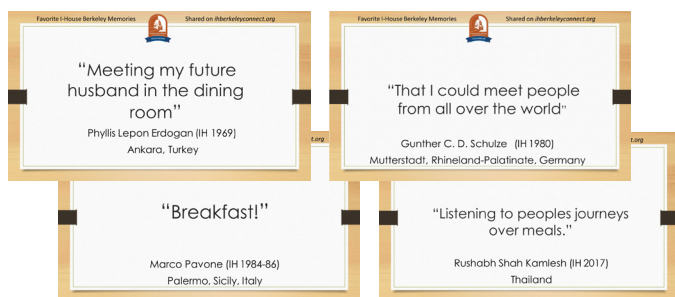


# Global Community Rekindles I-House Memories and Uncovers New Talent

Just over a year ago, we launched the I-House Berkeley Connect platform as part of our *Global Community Initiative*. The timing was fortunate as it kept our alumni connected during the pandemic and our subsequent temporary closure. Since then, membership has grown to nearly 1,500 active users. This summer, we were delighted to invite the incoming residents to join—many of whom were eager to meet their fellow residents virtually—prior to the official move-in on August 19th.

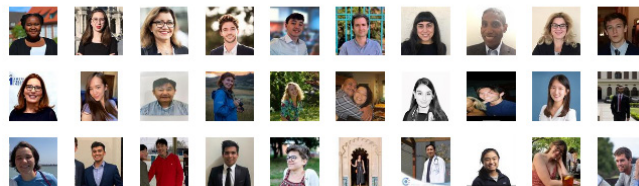
The platform has become a hub where alumni and current residents can interact with each other; a forum for Shaun and staff to share relevant news with the community; and a fountain of fond memories from alumni shared through profiles and photos. An unexpected benefit is that some of our “lost alumni,” for whom we didn’t have contact info, are finding their way back to the I-House community. We’ve been able to clean up our database and improve our global reach!

Moreover, we’ve been able to scout fresh stories and talent to feature for special multimedia projects. An example of this is our latest I-House Memories compilation video with memories provided by users of the platform. The video highlights 52 of the responses, spanning from the 1960s until today.



Cue the music! When computer science major and pianist Allen Mao posted videos of himself playing classical music, little did he know this would lead to his music accompanying our memories video. We recorded him performing a classical medley on the Kawai grand piano in the Chevron Auditorium, the first time the piano has been played in two years!

## Members Recently Joined | [ALL MEMBERS](#)



We found out that Allen has a unique connection to I-House! He writes, “Fun fact: in the early 1980s, my father, **Dr. Weili Cheng (IH 1980)**, resided at the International House for a quarter (yes, back when Berkeley was on the quarter system), while pursuing his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering. Dr. Cheng was among the first group of students from mainland China to come to the USA after the normalization of ties between the PRC and the USA. Dr. Cheng found love across the Bay and married Allen’s mother, a Stanford alum. Former UC Berkeley Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien attended the marriage.”

We encourage I-House Berkeley alumni to watch the video at [youtube.com/ihouseberkeley](https://youtube.com/ihouseberkeley) and contribute more favorite I-House memories on I-House Berkeley Connect.

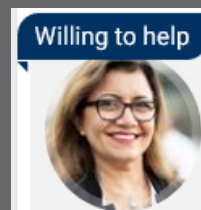
Here are more ways you can interact with our global community:

- Connect with another member via video chat or direct message;
- Browse the Directory and connect with I-House friends;
- Post or browse job opportunities;
- Offer mentoring or find a mentor;
- List your business or passion project in the Business Hub;
- Read Shaun Carver’s Friday posts to stay in the know!

Thanks to all of the alumni who have shared I-House memories, and thank you, Allen, for gracing our halls with beautiful music for the first time since our closure! ■

## MENTORSHIP MATTERS

Want to give back? Sign up to be a mentor to an aspiring current resident on I-House Berkeley Connect. This new program will have specific milestones for each pair, such as holding an introductory call, having a resume review, connecting on LinkedIn, meeting for coffee or over Zoom for interview practice, and so on. Update your profile by selecting “Willing to help” and visit the Mentoring Programs page at [ihberkeleyconnect.org](https://ihberkeleyconnect.org).



# Gifts to International House

*International House is proud to recognize contributors whose generous support b*

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## **Ambassadors** \$10,000 & Above

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Michael Behal  
Marciana Chang  
Professor Paul & Audrey  
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Kwei & Michele Ü  
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# International House Dining

## A Signature Tradition

Cedric Martin, Director of Hospitality Services, and his team led by Executive Chef Abbie Serbins and Dining Manager Laura Moir, have been hard at work putting practices in place that promote a safe dining and events atmosphere. Cedric says, "The last year has been a challenge for everyone, and we look forward to being able to provide residents with a safe, positive and pleasant dining experience. With that in mind, we aren't open to the public yet to ensure the safety of our residents, but look forward to welcoming our alumni and community back to dine with us again soon. Additionally, we have increased the dining hours of operation to accommodate the lower number of seats, required masks at all times except when consuming meals, and all residents and staff entering the Eric and Wendy Schmidt Dining Commons must show their green daily clearance badge." These and a number of other guidelines have been implemented and are updated based on the parameters of the Centers for Disease Control, the State of California, and local and UC authorities for the safety of our community.



Dining Manager, Laura Moir

Throughout the year, our students contribute recipes from their respective homelands to our menu during the course of the school session. We also prepare a number of Native American, Chicano-Latino, African American, European, and Asian-themed cultural meals to accompany major ethnic-heritage celebrations, often including Oktoberfest, Diwali, Lunar New Year, Persian New Year, among others.

International House recognizes that residents may have medically necessary or religious dietary restrictions, as well as varying food preferences. I-House offers a wide variety of food and drink selections, including items for those minimizing dairy, gluten, and/or meat products, subject to applicable health-code restrictions.

In addition to dining, Cedric's hospitality team is responsible for events, large and small, catering internal to I-House, for the broader campus community, and the beloved Café.



Executive Chef, Abigail Serbins

## Staff Highlight

### Executive Chef Marie Abigail Serbins

Chef Marie Abigail Serbins has been on the cover of a Wheaties box, and achieved the prestigious Le Cordon Bleu classification from California Culinary Academy. She's been named Super Chef of the Year and ranked among the top 20 women chefs by the Compass Group. Chef Abbie won on the Food Network TV program Guy Fieri's Grocery Games, she was George Lucas's chef, and now she's Executive Chef at International House! Here are some excerpts of an interview conducted by I-House Social Media Ambassador Azza Chairannisa.

**Why did you decide to work at I-House? What were some of your first impressions of the house?**

The name International House really is what draws me into this realm of the world. First of all, it just defines who I am as a chef. I am trained internationally in typical cuisines, different cultural backgrounds, and stuff like that. So I thought, *oh, why not work there and share my passion for food.*

It's a beautiful place. You know, I felt really at home as soon as I stepped foot here and just getting to see different faces,





different cultures. That's what really draws me into being here, and I just feel so at home.

**You've just started here; what does the Executive Chef of I-House do?**

Oh, what does it mean? Well, I am in charge of the whole culinary department. Daily, I'm in charge of picking the best and the freshest ingredients for nurturing people.

This is a gathering place for everyone. When you're in school, you're so stressed and you just want to relax and unwind, kind of like coming home to Mom, you know. You just want to relax and be in the dining room and then find your favorite dish. So I think that would be a place where people go to as a sanctuary to unwind and relax, getting ready for the next semester, exam or whatnot, something that's very good.

**Can you tell us about "spinning the globe" for inspiration in global cuisines?**

One of my favorite awards is my medal when I graduated from the culinary school in San Francisco. So I've kept this for a very long time because it really defines a huge significance of why I became a chef, and there's a lot of backstory about it,

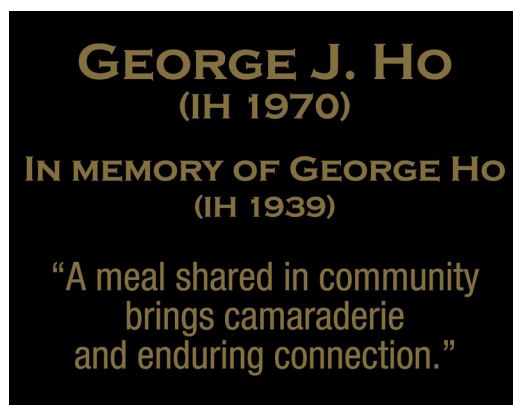
but with all of the hard work that I put in, finally, I graduated and I was so happy. I also have this globe with me that I had when I was at culinary school, almost 20 years ago. I carried this globe with me, and we did international studies of cuisine. And one of my chefs said, "You know, what really would hone you as a chef? You need to keep a globe in your kitchen and then you just spin it. Then you just put your finger on the globe with your eyes closed. That will be the dish that you're going to make for the day. I've been doing that for so long and I've kept it with me forever! ■



New paintings in the Dining Commons by Seren Moran



Pictured from left: Miguel Alvarez, Alex Barrios, Lap Hua, Greg Andrade, Simon Huang, Jake Casillas, Victor Taylor, Ceasar Palanca and Abigail Serbins



**George J. Ho (IH 1970)** honors the memory of his father **George Ho (IH 1939)** with this plaque installed at the entrance of the Eric and Wendy Schmidt Dining Commons

## International House Café News

Stay tuned for a newly renovated International House Café featuring coffee, small bites, beer, and wine. The I-House team is working diligently to bring to our residents an exceptional and unique experience in the Café. The Café will return in the near future with some modifications that will enable it to continue to be a central gathering point for our residents and community members as it has been for over nine decades.

We would love to hear stories about your favorite memories of special experiences at I-House Café throughout its many different forms. Please contact [ihalumni@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihalumni@berkeley.edu) or post on [ihberkeleyconnect.org](https://ihberkeleyconnect.org).

# Alumni News & Notes

## 1950s

### Rajnikant “Raj” and Helen Desai



(IH 1951-53)  
Helen Desai included this update: “Raj and I met at I-House (Raj from Mumbai, Helen from

Santa Ana, CA). We have been married for over 66 years (1954-2021).”

### Gunnar Engen (IH 1956-59) writes,



“My years at I-House were incredibly exciting and rewarding. My great 40-year career had its good start at

I-House. The second good reason I love I-House, namely, is that I met and married the love of my life, **Maria Sagarna (1956-58)**, a Fulbright student from Spain who also resided at I-House. This was 61 years ago. I proposed to Maria, and the final ‘negotiation’ took place on the I-House steps where this photo was taken.” Read their I-House love story at [ihouse.berkeley.edu/love](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/love)

### Mina (Rainès-Lambé) Parsont

(IH 1954-56) wrote in a message to I-House, “...This gift comes from my heart and from a ‘Hidden Child’ of the Holocaust who survived the war due to the kindness of people who took me and my sister in their home, risking their own lives.”

## 1960s

### Nancy Abell (IH 1962-63)

writes that she is working hard to bring end-of-life medical aid to New Mexico, where she has lived for the last 30 years with her husband **Bruce Abell (IH 1962-63)**, whom she met at I-House.

### Manohar Apte (IH 1961-62) (left)

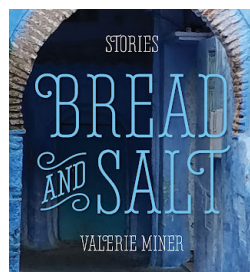


visited I-House along with his wife, Sheila, and daughter, **Anjali M. Apte (IH 1992-93)** (center), on the 60th anniversary

of Manohar’s arrival to the U.S. and to I-House. The Apte’s met with I-House Executive Director Shaun Carver (right) and shared some of their treasured I-House memories, including when Anjali performed the same traditional cultural dance of India at a Sunday Supper that her father performed at I-House decades before. Manohar’s memories of his time here inspired Anjali to live at I-House.

### Ron Fagin (IH 1967-70 and 1972-73)

writes that he does mathematical research at the IBM Almaden Research Center in San Jose, where he is one of 100 active IBM Fellows, IBM’s highest technical honor among their 350,000 employees. Recently, Ron was elected to the National Academy of Sciences. He is also in the National Academy of Engineering and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.



### Valerie Miner (IH 1968-69)

writes to let the community know about her 15th book, *Bread and Salt*. One of the stories, “Under

Stars,” features scenes from I-House in the days during her senior year at Berkeley. There is more information at [www.valerieminer.com](http://www.valerieminer.com).

**Lila Rayol (IH 1966)** writes, “The greatest news of the semester is that I became a great-grandmother. My daughter, Jacqueline, is a grandmother,

and Angella is a lovely mother to Aliyah, a little girl born on February 18, 2021. Lots of pictures keep me posted as I am here in the Amazon, as always, and the happy parents and new baby are in Deerfield, Florida, . . . we are all in constant contact via the internet and telephone calls.”

### John Sharp (IH 1963-65) shares,

“My dear wife, **Sara Colegrove Sharp (IH 1963-65)** arrived at I-House the same year I did, in 1963. I had a roommate from India, and Sara was studying public health, so naturally, her classmates included many from India. We married in 1966 and like to say that we had an arranged marriage since we were often among friendly groups of students from India. The experience of living in I-House was wonderful and transformative for us both, as I know it is for so many who come there.”

### Denis Vanier (IH 1965-66) reflects,

“Both **Dinoo Jal Vanier (IH 1964-66)** and I, like so many others, fondly remember the years of our stay at I-House, which greatly helped to enrich our friendship, and led to our marriage in Berkeley in 1967. Dinoo and I have now been married for 53 years. Dinoo was from India (Mumbai) and I was from San Diego. We primarily remember and still have rich friendships with I-House residents from all over the world!”

### Barbara Wagstaff (IH 1968-69)

writes, “I have been teaching at UCB since 1988 and am currently on leave to do research and writing.”

### Werner Zimmermann (IH 1965-66)

writes, “I recently had a wonderful reunion over Zoom with my I-House friends from the ‘60s, **Roland Wissaert (IH 1965-66)**, **Gavan Butler (IH 1965)**, **Gerard Wrixon (IH 1965-66)**, **Rene Massard (IH 1963-72)**, and **Georges Beauduin**. It was great to catch up after more than 50 years!”



## 1970s

**Eugenio Frongia (IH 1971-73)** writes, “I met my future and present wife at I-House, **Carmen Ochoa-Frongia (IH 1970-72)**, M.P.H. from UC Berkeley. We were residents of I-House in 1971-73. I wish “Lodestar” still existed: it would still be perfect for our times. We are a family of “BEARS.” Our first daughter, Laura, was at UCB 1999-2003 for a degree in astrophysics. She is now a surgeon. Our second daughter, Lisa, is now an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at UCSF. We are looking forward to the full reopening I-House!”

**Mark Winn (IH 1974-76)** writes, “I am and have been a professional actor and print ad model in LA. But most importantly, I have carried the torch of diversity and international cultural understanding my entire life after Cal. I incidentally portray international characters in both films and TV voice-overs on stage and in commercial print ads.”

## 1980s

**Lorene Kay Anderson (IH 1989-90)** writes, “I lived at I-House from January 1989 (through the summer too) until I graduated with my M.F.A. in May 1990. It was one of the best experiences of my life. I was a graduate student in the UCB art department. I am still a full-time artist, living in Oakland, CA.” A 3D walk-through of Lorene’s recent exhibition is viewable on her website at [www.loreneanderson.com](http://www.loreneanderson.com).

**Vanita Murthy (IH 1987-89)** and her husband, Gary Nobel visited I-House from San Diego to attend their son’s graduation in May 2021. The couple met while attending Cal and earned degrees in engineering, and their son followed in their footsteps 28 years later! They reminisced about the good times



they both had when Vanita lived at I-House. Vanita was part of the Uhuru (*freedom* in Swahili) group of friends who organized an alumni reunion in 2017. She writes, “It is always fun to be back on campus and reminisce about the many happy memories I made in I-House. Many of the people I met then have become lifelong friends.”

**Mark Spencer (IH 1988-89)** writes, “I met my wife, **Juliet Estrella (IH 1988-90)**, at I-House in 1988, and next year, we’ll celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary!” Read their I-House love story at [ihouse.berkeley.edu/love](http://ihouse.berkeley.edu/love)

**Christopher Gozali (IH 1992)** was excited to visit I-House from Jakarta, Indonesia, during his trip to Berkeley to help his son, William, settle into his

Freshman year. Christopher has an extensive architectural background and said that he was “like a kid in a candy store” with his camera, admiring and taking photos of the many details of our historic building during a tour with Associate Director of Philanthropy Joy Iwasa.

**Leyla Modirzadeh (IH 1988-90 and 2019-20)** writes, “I-House has been a big part of my life since I lived there when I was an undergraduate from 1988 to 1990. I teach at UC Berkeley, so I was living at the I-House last year until the pandemic. I recently wrote a book of my art drawings, and so many of the drawings are of the inside and outside of I-House! The book is called *Everyday Oddities: An Illustrated Year* and you can purchase it through my website: [www.leylamodirzadeh.com](http://www.leylamodirzadeh.com)”

## 2000s

**Nicholas Bridgman (IH 2002)** played piano in the I-House Jazz Band when he lived here in 2002. He shared some of his music on I-House Berkeley Connect, and his song, “Wheel of Life” accompanied the I-House Alumni Memories video last October. After graduating, he took up writing fiction and has since written over 50 short stories and a novel. Purchase his music and download a free e-book at [nicholasbridgman.com](http://nicholasbridgman.com)



## 2010s

**Thikrayat (Tina) Al-Attar (IH 2015-16)** writes, “There are so many reasons to call it one of my favorite places, but most importantly, I got to meet **Masaaki Julian Ward (IH 2015-16)**, who is now my husband! We stayed at I-House for the academic year 2015-16. We met over a game of ‘The Settlers of Catan’ at The Great Hall, that we both claim we have won (of course, I did)! We always love to visit whenever we’re up in the Bay Area!”



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# In Memory

1940s

## Kathryn M. Bailey (IH 1940s)



Kathryn Margaret Bailey (née Kennon) met **Donald Bailey (IH 1946-52)**, a tall and handsome Canadian graduate student at Berkeley, married him and moved to Ottawa in 1949.

## Jean Doris Kahn (IH 1946-52)

Jean Doris Kahn, originally from the Bronx, was a grad student in art. At I-House she met her husband **Benjamin S. Kahn (IH 1945-49)**, a Dutch refugee from the Holocaust as well as a veteran of the Dutch army. He took part in the successful effort to retake his homeland. He was a grad student in nuclear physics, studying with Enrico Fermi, among others. Neither completed their degrees choosing love and a life together instead.

## Beva P. Farmer (IH 1946)



Beva graduated from Carmel High School, then went to UC Berkeley, joining Alpha Phi and living at International House. She

met and married Peter Farmer; they had five children. Beva was an artist: calligrapher, painter, serigrapher, and other media.

## Marlene De Lancie (IH 1948-50)



Marlene De Lancie studied mineral metabolism in healing bone fractures at UC Berkeley, using radioactive isotopes. While

living at I-House, she met **Richard Henry De Lancie (IH 1949)**, her husband and fellow grad student. In 2001, Marlene was admitted to the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame and honored for her outstanding accomplishments and contributions. Marlene loved the daily paper, crossword puzzles, historical novels, PBS NewsHour, Rummikub, and most importantly, spending time with her six grandkids.

## Te Piao King (IH 1947-50)



Te Piao King, a biochemist whose pioneering research greatly advanced the science and treatment of allergic

reactions, earned his undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley in 1950, and his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1953. That same year, he joined the faculty of The Rockefeller University—then known as The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. King was a member of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, the American Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, and the American Society of Biological Chemists.

1950s

## Marcia Garbus Burnam (IH 1950)

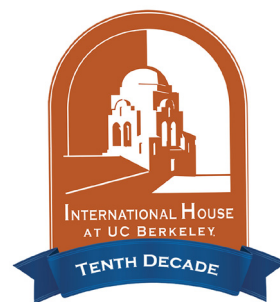
In 2017, Marcia Burnam wrote, “My year (1950) at I-House is still the best year of my life!” Passionate about justice and interracial understanding, she was a groundbreaking leader in interreligious affairs, and was an outspoken voice against domestic violence. In the 1960s, she headed the Portraits of American Women panel. Marcia later served as National Vice President, capping three decades of dedication to the American Jewish Committee.



## Ann Garfield (IH 1956)

Ann Garfield graduated from UC Berkeley with her teaching credential and M.A. in education from

San Francisco State. She was a special education teacher in the San Francisco Unified School District for over 40 years. In the early '60s, she bought a houseboat. She lived in it for almost 50 years. Ann had a great passion for activism and went on strikes for teachers. In her later years, Ann was an enthusiastic Gray Panther.





# In Memory

## Noor A. Lakhdhir (IH 1950-52)



As Noor was a poor Muslim boy in Mumbai, his mother thought it would not be possible for him to study in America. But Noor surprised her and received

a scholarship to study at UC Berkeley, from which he graduated in 1952. He then moved to New York and continued his journey with International House, living in I-House New York. One of his jobs was at the International House New York Newsstand, where he met Ann who also lived at I-House New York. She would stop by the Newsstand every morning. Noor and Ann got married and had two children.

## Henry Lurie (IH 1957-60)



Henry Lurie was a first-generation college student who obtained both his bachelor's and Ph.D. at UC Berkeley. Henry was awarded the University Medal as the highest-ranked graduating senior in

the class of 1957. He relocated to Los Angeles and started a long successful career at TRW, working on a number of important projects such as research and advanced space technologies. Henry was also a pioneer in helping design and develop the first artificial heart. In 1993, Henry was recognized as a Distinguished Engineering Alumni by the college.

## Roy "Ruy" S. Portugal (IH 1955-56)

On a 6th-floor room-plaque dedication, Roy "Ruy" Santos Portugal wrote, "The International House nourished the knowledge, confidence, and experiences to start my career. May this house continue to provide worldwide connections and relationships for a peaceful world." Ruy was born in

New York city to Portuguese parents, and then moved to Brazil. After service in the U.S. Navy, he came to Berkeley and lived at I-House. Ruy graduated in 1956 from the Haas School of Business. He enjoyed returning to I-House for visits, Haas for events, and Memorial Stadium for games after his retirement to Napa.

## David Shirley (IH 1953-62)



David Shirley served as director of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and professor at UC Berkeley. He was a pioneer of electron spectroscopy, a

teacher, a mentor, and an extraordinary scientific leader with broad vision. David was mentored himself by Nobel Laureate, UC Chancellor, and I-House Board member **Glenn Seaborg (IH 1934-35)**. After completing his doctorate here, David became a lecturer in chemistry at UC Berkeley in 1959 and then became chairman in 1968. He was a National Science Foundation fellow at Oxford University in 1966-67, was awarded the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission's Ernest Orlando Lawrence Award in 1972, was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1978, and received an honorary degree from the Free University of Berlin in 1987.

## Ruth Ellen Smith (IH 1952-57)



Ruth Ellen Smith earned both a B.A. and M.A. from UC Berkeley and earned a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Southern California. Dr. Smith worked

for most of her career as a clinical psychologist for the Porterville Developmental Center where she served as Staff Psychologist, Director of Research, and chair of several

committees. She served as a short-term volunteer helping with English in Indonesia, Poland, Hungary, and Portugal. She also volunteered on archeology digs in Germany and Peru.

## Millicent Tomkins (IH 1951)



Millicent Tomkins studied art and literature at UC Berkeley. Millicent made her professional concert debut as a soprano at the age of 30. She continued her

singing career for 20 more years and kept a number of small studios in which she developed her distinctive style of visual expression. Millicent Tomkins is remembered for her intense creative energy, her innate curiosity, and fine humor.

## Nancy Francis (IH 1955-57)



Nancy Francis attended Wellesley College in Massachusetts for a year. After that, she moved to UC Berkeley and started living at I-House. At I-House, she

met the love of her life, a graduate student in physics from Kansas, **Arthur Berrill Francis**. Nancy graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in Spanish language and was hired as a business language translator. She then obtained her teaching credential and became an elementary school teacher.

In the Eric and Wendy Schmidt Dining Commons, Nancy dedicated a plaque in the Service Station honoring her I-House experience.

# In Memory

1960s

## David Jenkins (IH 1960)



Remembered for being a “leading light” in his profession, UC Berkeley Professor Emeritus David Jenkins died March 6 at the age of 85. Jenkins

began his career in academia shortly after graduating from Kings College University of Durham, England, in 1960, with a Ph.D. in public health. In 1962, he joined UC Berkeley as an assistant professor in the department of civil engineering and eventually achieved full professor status in 1975, where he stayed until his retirement in 1999.

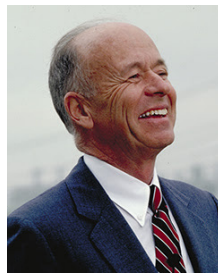
Jenkins was highly regarded around the world for his groundbreaking developments in wastewater treatment processes, according to a memorial written by his department colleagues. Through his craft, he was able to continue the notable legacy of his father, Samuel H. Jenkins, who was known for his contributions in cleaning up the River Thames and other polluted rivers.

### PROFESSOR DAVID JENKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We are pleased to announce that Professor Jenkins's family has established the **Professor David Jenkins Memorial Scholarship Fund** to provide room and board support for a graduate student in civil engineering at International House. Please contact Joy Iwasa at [jiwasa@berkeley.edu](mailto:jiwasa@berkeley.edu) if you would like to make a gift in support of the **Professor David Jenkins Memorial Scholarship Fund**.

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## Stephen D. Bechtel Jr.



Stephen D. Bechtel Jr. (known as Steve Jr.) was a global figure in business, public affairs, and philanthropy. He oversaw the company's growth into a world leader

in the construction industry, building iconic infrastructure on six continents and pioneering new technologies, engineering and construction methods. Active in civic affairs, he served on six presidential commissions for three U.S. presidents. In 1991, President George H.W. Bush awarded Steve, Jr. the nation's highest honor for technological achievement, the National Medal of Technology and Innovation. He also served in advisory roles at the California Institute of Technology, Purdue, MIT, Stanford, and the Hoover Institution.

In 1995, a gift from S.D. Bechtel, Jr., Royal Barney Hogan, and Bechtel Foundations supported high-speed internet connections in resident rooms and established an endowment to support resident orientations. The gift was recognized at one of our galas in the late '90s with other family members present. Several annual gifts from the Stephen Bechtel Jr. Foundation have been received in support of our financial aid program and annual fund efforts.

## Mary Ann Mason (Former I-House Board Member)



Mary Ann Mason served as UC Berkeley's first female graduate dean and was a dynamic champion for gender equity and work-family balance in

academia. During Mason's distinguished two decades at UC Berkeley, she served as a professor of social welfare before ascending in 2000 to dean of the

Graduate Division, which serves some 10,000 students. While gathering data about graduate students, she discovered that, while half were female, women represented a much smaller percentage of Berkeley's tenure-track faculty.

Dean Mason was the Chairman of the International House Board of Directors Financial Aid Committee.

## Michael Morgan (Former I-House Board Member)



Michael Morgan, trailblazer, former Board Member of I-House, and award-winning Music Director and Conductor of the Oakland East Bay Symphony, passed

away on August 20th.

I-House is grateful for Michael's service in support of our mission. A member of the Board Executive Committee, Chair of the Program Committee, and 1999 Gala Honoree among his many contributions, Michael also was a Campaign Leader for the I-House 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign.

Recognized as one of America's most talented conductors, in recent years, Mr. Morgan conducted the Berlin Radio Orchestra, the Rotterdam Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl. In a press release, Jim Hasler, the Oakland Symphony's Board Chair, reflected that “Michael built the foundations of an Oakland Symphony dedicated to diversity, education, artistic collaboration, and a celebration of music across genres and cultures.”

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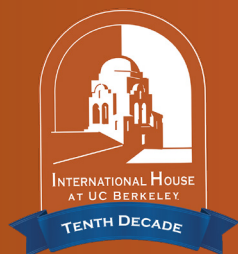


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Resident Assistants (RAs) are student live-in staff that monitor the safety and well-being of residents, enforce I-House policies, help residents with conflict matters, and promote community building within the house!

Back row from left: Josie Buchan, Smruthi Balasubramaniam, Amir Mohiuddin, Nicolas Lezaca, and William Kayitare. Front row from left: Natalia Hansen, Fatima Torres, Paulina Tarr, and Joaquin Becerra. Not pictured: Haikun Liu.