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International House at the University of California, Berkeley to Recognize Alumni, Board Member, and Resident at Annual Celebration and Awards Gala

BERKELEY, Calif. (January 31, 2024) – International House (I-House) at UC Berkeley will hold its **Annual Celebration and Awards Gala on Thursday, March 21, 2024**. I-House proudly celebrates and honors advocates and trailblazers who embody the purpose of I-House to promote a more just and peaceful world. This year we are pleased to highlight the contributions of the following individuals:

Chenming Hu (IH 1969-71) recipient of the *Global Impact Award* for his contributions to the semiconductor industry which have led to transformative improvements in computing and communications around the globe;

Chiara Medioli-Fedrigoni (IH 1993-94) recipient of the *Alumna of the Year Award* for promoting cultural heritage preservation efforts at universities, museums, archives, and libraries in Europe and throughout the world;

Okechukwu Iroegbu (IH 2022-24) recipient of the *Executive Director's Outstanding Community Leadership Award* for his dedication to the mission of I-House and the positive impact his leadership has had on the resident community;

Ronald E. Silva (I-House Board Member) recipient of the *The Sherry and Betsey Warrick Mission Service Award* for his dedication to the preservation and improvement of I-House.

Read their bios at ihouse.berkeley.edu/gala. Thanks to our Gala sponsors: Fillmore, Chevron, Buchalter, Plant, Sysco, Freeman Vineyard & Winery, Furthermore Wines, and Land of Promise Wines

Proceeds from the Gala benefit The Fund for I-House. Shaun R. Carver, Executive Director I-House, points to this Fund as an important resource, providing for room and board scholarships and financial aid, mission-centered programming, and preservation of the historic 93-year-old building. “I-House, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, relies on philanthropic support from alumni, foundations, corporations and friends,” says Carver.

The Gala will be held on **Thursday, March 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Chevron Auditorium** at International House, located at 2299 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94720. Tickets are \$275 per person, or \$200 for those under 35 years of age, and can be purchased online at ihouse.berkeley.edu/gala. Reception and dinner will be provided by award-winning Executive Chef **Abigail Serbins** and our Dining, Catering and Events teams. Entertainment will be provided by the very talented residents of International House. For more information on our honorees, sponsorship opportunities, or to buy event tickets by phone, please contact Samantha DePetro-Wysuph at (510) 406-3995 or samanthadw@ihouseberkeley.org.

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