

THE CARYATID

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In architecture, a sculptured

female figure, fully draped,

which takes the place of a

column or pilaster in sup-

porting the horizontal frieze

of figures, for example, at

the top of a Greek temple.

Score another victory for the Colloquium.

Everyone agreed this was another great year, with three featured speakers and five faculty presenters. If you couldn't attend, this issue of *The Caryatid* will give you an idea of what you missed. If you did make it to Bloomington, these pages might help you recall some of the issues we covered.

First, some statistics: Colloquium 2000 hosted a total of 95 women of achievement. While most live in Indiana, we also had representatives from eleven other states and Washington, D.C. The youngest attendee is under 40; the oldest is over 80. Their occupations range from teacher to doctor to landscape designer; lawyer to homemaker to business executive.



Elaine Stittle (1999-2000 Colloquium Co-chair) and Marty Tardy (2000-2001 Co-chair) at Saturday's dinner.

Clearly, there is quite a bit of diversity in the group. That's at least part of the reason why the Colloquium continues to be such a success. The opinions are as different as our backgrounds, and give us much to talk about.

The Colloquium could not happen without the hard work of the volunteers who serve on the Steering Committee. The names of these generous women are listed inside, both this year's and next; special thanks go to Elaine Stittle for her two years as co-chair, 1999-2000. These women put in many hours of hard work to pull off a successful program. From all those who attended, a heartfelt thank you.

OUR MISSION

The Colloquium for Women of Indiana University is a unique event which provides an insider's look at Indiana University. It is a means for participants to connect more closely with IU by discovering ideas, programs, and people that interest and engage them. The Colloquium seeks to honor women who are leaders in philanthropy and volunteer service. The Colloquium limits its attendance to approximately 100 women who have the opportunity to spend time in substantive, thought-provoking sessions with outside speakers of national renown, accomplished IU faculty, students, and alumnae.

Keynote Speakers Offered Insights, Inspiration

Our two "headliners" this year came from very different worlds, but they shared a common message: Take control of your life, and you can succeed.



Suze Orman

Suze Orman is familiar as a financial commentator on CNBC, CNN, PBS, NBC's *Today* and *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, and as the author of several best-selling books on money management. With the energy and the fervor of an evangelist, she exhorted us to take charge of our own finances.

While she acknowledged—and applauded—those of us who have already done so, she observed that many women still let their husbands handle some or all of the

“money stuff.” Yet statistically, women outlive their spouses by 15, 20, even 30 years. It is a hard fact to face, but the time will probably come when we have no choice but to become more knowledgeable about our finances. Suze urged us to do that *now*, rather than be forced to do it while dealing with an emotional loss.

Nor should it be intimidating. As she put it, “If you have what it takes to have a career, to run a household, to raise children, then you certainly have what it takes to handle your own money.”



Jackie Joyner-Kersey

Jackie Joyner-Kersey, “The Queen of Track and Field,” also spoke of empowerment. In her case, the lessons came from athletics, and who better to tell them than

a six-time Olympic medalist—on the very eve of the 2000 Olympic Games!

With a charming combination of humility and “no brag, just

fact” self-confidence, Jackie gave us a peek into the mental rigors of world-class competition. She spoke openly of the pressure to succeed, and of her failures as well as her triumphs. Her analogy was simple. In most aspects of life, as on the athletic field, the true contest is in our heads. If we convince ourselves that we cannot win, no amount of talent will be enough to bring us victory. But if we believe we can, then we are halfway to the medal stand already.

“Hey, Where’d You Get Those Socks?”

One of the most delightful portions of the program was our alumna presenter, designer Victoria MacKenzie-Childs '71. She charmed us with her success story, her rapid-fire slide show, her poetry...and her wonderful socks! Victoria's upbeat personality and quiet wackiness had everyone smiling.



Victoria MacKenzie-Childs

With Mr. Brown (her dog) keeping her company at the podium, she explained how she and her husband Richard founded and grew their “home complements” business, MacKenzie-Childs, Ltd. Their

whimsical designs are hard to describe, but the operative word is “fun.” As Victoria put it, “With MacKenzie-Childs, more is not enough.”

Despite her cosmopolitan life, Victoria continues to be influenced by her Indiana background. “The qualities that define the Midwest—homey, communal, warm, practical—are spiritual qualities,” she

said. “You take them with you. I have found them everywhere I’ve gone: in New York City, in Indonesia, everywhere.”

COLLOQUIUM STEERING COMMITTEE

The success of the Colloquium is always due to the hard work of the Steering Committee, which for 2000 included the following volunteers:

ELAINE SIMMONS STITTLE, CO-CHAIR 1999-2000 <i>Indianapolis</i>	CONSTANCE HOLLAND <i>Winston-Salem, North Carolina</i>
MARTHA HEINDEL TARDY, CO-CHAIR 2000-2001 <i>Oak Park, Illinois</i>	JAN KEEFER <i>Indianapolis</i>
PEG BRAND, HONORARY CHAIR <i>Bloomington, Indianapolis</i>	DALE STARK LEFF <i>New York, New York</i>
BARBARA ANGOTTI <i>Indianapolis</i>	JUDY CHAPLINE SIMIC <i>Bloomington</i>
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	MELINDA S. ZIEGLER <i>Indianapolis</i>

The 2001 Colloquium is being planned by the women below, who likewise are giving generously of their time and energy to present yet another great event:

MARTHA HEINDEL TARDY, CO-CHAIR 2000-2001 <i>Oak Park, Illinois</i>	KATHY DURKOTT <i>Indianapolis</i>
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BARBARA ANGOTTI <i>Indianapolis</i>	JUDY CHAPLINE SIMIC <i>Bloomington</i>
PAM BLACKSTONE <i>Owensboro, Kentucky</i>	BARBARA STAYTON <i>Indianapolis</i>
CLAUDIA CHAVIS <i>Indianapolis</i>	DAWN TABLER <i>Indianapolis</i>

Calling All Speakers!

If you have attended the Colloquium in the past, you know the depth and quality of the program speakers we have been able to present. Those speakers have represented multiple campuses and disciplines, and all have provided a fresh look at the diversity of issues being explored at Indiana University.

With the 2000 Colloquium now behind us, it is time to start thinking of program speakers for the coming year. If you know of a particular faculty member or alumna that would be a likely candidate for consideration by the Steering Committee, please submit your recommendation(s) to Carolyn Madvig at "cmadvig@indiana.edu" or by calling Carolyn at 1-800-558-8311.

Your input is very much encouraged! Please let us know who you'd like to see in 2001!

SAVE THE
DATE!

The next
Colloquium
is scheduled for
October 5-6,
2001.

Mark your
calendar, and
please plan
to attend.
It won't be
the same
without you!

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