

ALUMNI NEWS

My fellow alumni:

The announcement of the landmark gift to the School of Music is an unprecedented milestone for our alma mater. It will truly be a transformative gift that will support, among other things, scholarships to recruit the best students from all corners of the globe and critical internal investments that the school must make in order to remain competitive and sustainable.

We as alumni should relish this moment as well, and not just because of our new name. Our place among music schools remains strong. We're leading the way in training the next generation of artists, scholars, and educators, and we can feel proud of the legacy to which we have all contributed.

At this important moment, the Music Alumni Association is committed to redoubling its efforts to foster connections among alumni and with the school, and to continue to make important and vital contributions to the future of the Jacobs School of Music and its graduates. To that end, we're focused on expanding our outreach and events, increasing frequency and customization of communications, and creating new ways for the Alumni Association to provide you with benefits and assistance throughout your careers and lives.

At the same time, each and every one of us as graduates has a unique opportunity to redouble our personal commitment to the School of Music by becoming an advocate alumnus. There are many simple and important things that you can do to contribute, including:

- Becoming a dues-paying member of the Jacobs School of Music Alumni Association;
- Including the Jacobs School of Music in your bio or resume, and sharing your experience with others;
- Finding the most promising emerging artists and students, and encouraging them to audition for the Jacobs School of Music;
- Keeping us (and your fellow alumni) up-to-date about your achievements and activities;
- Supporting the arts in your local community and school.

Through all of our contributions—both large and small, collective and individual—we will ensure the legacy of the Jacobs School of Music, and the arts as a whole, for generations to come. Join us in seizing this opportunity, and making a difference.

With great appreciation,

Scott Addison, BM'99
President, Jacobs School of Music Alumni Association

MUSIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MOURNS LOSS OF IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Wil Greckel, Ph.D.'69, passed away unexpectedly November 5, just one week after the completion of his term as president of the School of Music Alumni Association. During his two years as president, Wil was an energetic and inspiring leader overseeing the development of the new alumni Web site and fostering numerous alumni events around the country.

Wil was born October 20, 1932, in Bloomfield, Nebraska, and held degrees from the University of Nebraska, Columbia University, and Indiana University. He joined the Indiana University Southeast faculty in 1967, and later established the music department at IU Southeast, which he chaired for three decades. As department head, he organized and conducted the IU Southeast Orchestra, Chorus, and Pop Singers, and was a teacher, composer, and author.

Current Alumni Association President Scott Addison paid tribute to him, stating that "the tragic loss of our colleague and friend truly saddens each of us in the Alumni organization, but we remain committed to continuing the legacy of the School of Music Alumni Association that he tirelessly propelled forward during his tenure. That is one of the greatest tributes that we could ever hope to pay him."

Memorial gifts may be made to the Wil Greckel Music Scholarship Fund at IU Southeast, established in honor of his retirement.



Will Greckel (left) and Scott Addison (right)