

**ASSOCIATION OF RICE ALUMNI  
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

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Nominee(s) BRUCE & MARY LOU LAUBACH Phone 303-814-1851 Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 9139 RANCH RIVER CIRCLE  
City/State/Zip LITTLETON, CO 80126-5078 Rice Class Year(s) '55  
Degrees/Majors/Years/Institutions PRE MED / MARY LOU  
Occupation/Professional Field U of Texas/Galveston '59 M.D. / METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE  
Current Title/Position RETIRED PHYSICIAN - LIFETIME RICE VOLUNTEERS

The Meritorious Service Award is designed to recognize Rice alumni, faculty, staff, or friends who rendered significant, sustained voluntary contributions of energy, time, and creativity towards the advancement of the university. The following criteria will be considered:

- a) enrichment of some aspect of the Rice community through ongoing dedication and support
- b) commitment to the lifelong vitality of the University

Please attach a letter of recommendation describing the merits of the nominee. Consider the following question in support of the above criteria: **Does this candidate exemplify someone who would be described as a tireless ambassador or emissary on Rice's behalf.**

**Please note that incomplete nomination forms cannot be considered.**

Nominated by VICKI W BREITHAUER Phone 847-331-5333 Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please list two other people (i.e., colleague, classmate) whom you have asked to write a letter of support to further validate your nomination.

Name RAYMOND BROCHSTEIN Relationship CLASSMATE '55  
Address 407 THAMER CIRCLE, HOUSTON 77024 Phone 713-467-9988  
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I ALSO HAVE CONTACTED NANCY LEUBANK '55.

Please return nomination material to:

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Rice University  
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September 14, 2012

Office of Alumni Affairs – MS 520  
Attn: Rose Sundin  
Rice University  
P. O. Box 1892  
Houston TX 77251-1892

Dear ARA Laureates Committee,

I along with Raymond Brochstein '55 and Mel Hildebrandt '55 would like to nominate J. Bruce Laubach M.D. and Mary Lou Laubach for the ARA's Meritorious Service Award. The couple met at Rice and have been supporting Rice ever since.

Bruce Laubach earned a B.A. from Rice University in 1955. While a student, Dr. Laubach was a varsity baseball player and member of the Pre-Medicine Society. In 1959, he received his M.D. from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Mary Lou Laubach (née Mary Lou Hertenberger), attended Rice with the class of 1958, but did not graduate from the university. While a student, she was a member of the Owen Wister Literary Society. In 1976, Mrs. Laubach received a B.A. in Health Administration and English Communication from Metropolitan State College.

I had the pleasure of having Mary Lou Laubach serve on the ARA Board and Executive Committee with me when I was Alumni President. I served on the ARA Board with Bruce when I was an Alumni Trustee. Both became great friends of ours and this is how I learned of all their support of Rice University over the years. In addition, they are two of the warmest folks on the planet with great senses of humor. We have traveled with them on two Rice trips.

Since graduating from Rice, Dr. Laubach has served as chairman of the 1955 Golden Anniversary Scholarship Committee (2000 – 2005), Class Chair (1999 – 2005), and Decade chair (2000). As previously mentioned he served on the ARA Board 2008-2011 as well as the ARA Nominations Committee 2008-2011.

Mary Lou Laubach was a member of the 1958 Golden Anniversary Scholarship Committee (2003-2008) and class chair (2000) and served on the Rice University Fund Council from 1980-1984. She was on the ARA Board and Executive Committee (2003-2006) and on the ARA Nominations Committee 2005-2007.

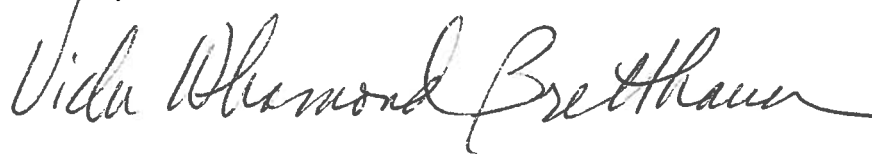
In addition, Dr. and Mrs. Laubach frequently participate in the Alumni Travel Program (13 Rice trips) and also co-chaired the Brazos Valley Alumni Group when they resided in College Station

TX (1995 – 2002). Once they moved to Colorado after retirement they hosted the incoming student send-off party at their home in 2006 and 2007 and were part of the host committee for the Presidential Visit in 2005. They have attended the Alumni College Weekend annually since 1995 and chaired the 2000 Alumni College Weekend. They also attended the Regional Alumni College in Chicago in 2007.

They travel to Houston regularly to attend development events (e.g. Associates Dinner, Baker Society, Brown/Lovett), the Laureates Dinner and Homecoming as well as the installation of President Leebron.

Bruce and Mary Lou have supported Rice from afar but return to Houston often, too, in support of their alma mater. For these reasons, I feel they are deserving of the ARA's Meritorious Service Award. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me on 847-331-5333.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vicki Whamond Bretthauer". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Vicki" starting with a large, decorative capital 'V'.

Vicki Whamond Bretthauer '79

**RAYMOND BROCHSTEIN**

407 THAMER CIRCLE

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September 11, 2012  
Ms. Rose Sundin  
Alumni Affairs MS 520  
P. O. Box 1892  
Houston, TX 77251-1892

Dear Rose,

I take pleasure in nominating Bruce and Mary Lou Laubach for the ARA Meritorious Service Award. Both have been active supporters of the University in many different ways ranging from Bruce's chairing our class's Golden Anniversary Class Scholarship Committee to Mary Lou's current membership on the 1958 Golden Anniversary Scholarship Committee and Association of Rice Alumni Board.

The positions of current leadership noted above are only a small part of their lifelong support of Rice through their previous participation in numerous activities and on committees. Seldom do we experience this level of commitment from alums.

I can not think of anyone more deserving of receiving the Meritorious Award and hope that the selection committee will honor Bruce and Mary Lou with this award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond Brochstein". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Raymond Brochstein

**Melvin L. Hildebrandt**

719 Highgrove Park  
Houston, Texas 77024  
713/680-9980

September 17, 2012

Honors Committee  
Association of Rice Alumni  
c/o Rose Sundin  
Office of Alumni Affairs - MS 520  
P.O. Box 1892  
Houston TX 77251-1892

Dear Members of the Honors Committee,

This letter is to express my support of the nomination of Bruce and Mary Lou Laubach for the Meritorious Service Award of the Rice Alumni Association. Bruce graduated with me, class of 1955, and he and Mary Lou have been fixtures at Rice events I have attended since that time.

I had the pleasure of serving with Bruce as he chaired the class of 1955 Golden Anniversary Campaign. His diligence and success are evidenced by the fact that our campaign raised the largest sum of any Golden Anniversary Campaign to that date.

Mary Lou and Bruce have been effective fund-raisers in many capacities through the years and their success is more than matched by the generosity of their personal gifts.

They have served Rice in so many ways I cannot imagine alumni more deserving of the Meritorious Service Award.

I urge you to bestow this honor upon them.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melvin L. Hildebrandt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Melvin" being more prominent and the last name "Hildebrandt" following in a similar style.