

**ASSOCIATION OF RICE ALUMNI
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee Cindy Lindsay Phone (303) 954-8525 Fax (303) 415-9609
Address 1133 Timber Lane
City/State/Zip Boulder, Colorado 80304 Rice Class Year(s) '73
Degrees/Majors/Years/Institutions Rice University, BA, Mathematics
Occupation/Professional Field FLS Associates, Consulting
Current Title/Position Principal

The Distinguished Alumni Award is designed to recognize Rice alumni who have advanced the interest and standards of excellence of Rice University through distinctive professional or volunteer careers. The following criteria will be considered:

- a) advancement of the value of one's profession; exceptional expertise and dedication
- b) significant professional innovations or research findings
- c) significant voluntary contributions of energy, time, creativity, and skills for the advancement of the community welfare, the arts, education, social or government service

Please attach a curriculum vita or other biographical information for the above nominee, describing his or her professional achievements, honors and awards, publications/inventions/innovations, and professional/civic activities, boards or affiliations. In addition to the curriculum vita, please provide a short letter of recommendation describing the merits of the nominee. Consider the following question in support of the above criteria: **What qualities or achievements make this person a truly outstanding leader in his or her profession, and a role model for current Rice students?**

Please note that incomplete nomination forms cannot be considered.

Nominated by BRAD BURKE Phone 713-348-6136 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 KAREN HESS ROGERS '68 Relationship _____
Address _____ Phone _____
Name ROBERT TAYLOR '74 Relationship _____
Address _____ Phone _____

Please return nomination material to:

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RICE ALLIANCE

for TECHNOLOGY and ENTREPRENEURSHIP

October 1, 2012

Lauren Linn
Assistant Director
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Dear Committee,

Please accept my nomination for Cindy Lindsay to be acknowledged as a distinguished alumna of Rice University. As Managing Director of Rice Alliance, I've come to know Cindy well through her willingness to serve as a sponsor and judge of the Rice University Business Plan Competition and as a speaker for the Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship.

Deservingly named the 2000 Espirit Entrepreneur of the Year in Colorado, Cindy has great insight, perspective, and experiential learning to offer to her peers. She remains actively engaged with a variety of organizations, including Rice University. In addition to her service on the Rice University Board of Trustees from 2001 to 2005, she has also been involved with the ARA Board. Furthermore, Cindy is engaged with students personally as well. She has served as host to many social events, recognizing the importance in remaining connected to the entire Rice community.

Cindy repeatedly demonstrates the type of traits that Rice University aims for all its graduates to display, those of leadership, innovation, and excellence. She fully utilizes her skills and talents, and is consistently searching for additional ways in which she can positively impact the lives of others. Cindy and her husband, Steve, who also received his degree from Rice, provide immeasurable support to their Colorado community through their volunteer efforts, philanthropy, and entrepreneurial startups. Their successful production of new commodities in the marketplace has positively impacted countless individuals.

Cindy forms her innovative and entrepreneurial ideas in a way that they are most helpful and effective in her community. Her desire to make a positive impact in the world, and to find original ways to help others, is infectious. She finds a balance in life that many struggle to ever achieve. Cindy has been extremely successful on a professional level, through her career in the high-tech industry and has also been successful on a basic human level, selflessly giving of herself and her resources. She has shown complete dedication to a variety of causes, and in doing so, has inevitably changed the lives of many people.

President Leebron often emphasizes the values imbedded in Rice University, referencing the importance of respect, integrity, community, and excellence. Without question, Cindy Lindsay has demonstrated each of these core principles throughout her post-Rice life. Upon receiving an award, Cindy once stated, "I'm somebody kind of driven in my career, and now get a chance to translate that into doing good in the world." Cindy truly goes above and beyond that which is expected or required of her. She gives of herself tirelessly, knowing that her commitment to others can and will make a difference. Cindy serves as a shining example of the type of alumni we hope to consistently produce at Rice University.

Sincerely,

Brad Burke
Managing Director
Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship

Karen Hess Rogers
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August 27, 2012

TO: THE ASSOCIATION OF RICE ALUMNI

I am writing to nominate Cindy Lindsay '73 for the Meritorious Service Award at Rice University. She and I served as Alumni Trustees on the Board of Trustees in the early 2000s and later on the Association of Rice Alumni Board. Cindy was the president of the ARA board from 2009-2020. While she was president, she instituted a practice that she oversees to this day: an alumni recognition committee that writes personal notes to alumni who have accomplished interesting and great things. She subsequently extended the recognition to faculty and students. Each quarter hundreds of notes go out and this practice has really brought people in the Rice community closer together. Frequently, thank you notes are written to the original writers and I personally have met several of the recipients of my notes. This effort on Cindy's part is labor-intensive and requires her constant attention. She issues periodic reports to this rather large committee, keeping them informed about the numbers and nature of the recognitions. It is a really innovative program that is extremely effective.

Cindy and Steve have been very active in alumni activities in the Colorado area, hosting many Rice events in their lovely home. Cindy is listed as the contact person for alumni social activities and she has been an alumni interviewer.

Other contributions to Rice that I am aware of but may be addressed in greater detail by other nominators are:

Cindy is the chair of the advisory board for Connexions and she is a sponsor for the Rice University Business Plan Competition.

She and Steve have created the Sheafor-Lindsay Innovation Fund and funded the Sheafor-Lindsay Chair in Information Technology. The Sheafor-Lindsay Innovation Fund primarily supports the Enriching Rice through Information Technology program which provides funding for Rice faculty and researchers to undertake new and innovative projects relying on information technology.

Cindy chaired her 30th class reunion.

Cindy has also spoken on campus for the Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship.

Sincerely,

Karen Rogers

September 27, 2012

Ms. Gloria Tarpley
Chair, ARA Laureates Committee
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RE: ARA Meritorious Service Award – Cindy Lindsay

Dear Gloria:

It is a distinct pleasure to write a letter in support of Ms. Cindy Lindsay for the ARA Meritorious Service Award. Cindy's support of Rice conveys a rare breadth of interests including her Class of 1972, the Rice Annual Fund, the Jones School, and Entering Rice students. There are few Alums volunteers who have given as much time and effort to Rice as Cindy, despite the fact she lives in Colorado. But the term "volunteer" seems grossly inadequate in describing what Cindy is to Rice University.

Cindy's work with the Jones School is legendary. She and her husband have given significant time for several initiatives with the Jones School including the Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship and the Rice University Business Plan Competition. The generous support by Cindy of research in information technology has provided funding for Rice Faculty and Researchers.

In Colorado, Cindy has hosted send-off parties for incoming students as well as Alumni events at their home. She has also been a volunteer Alumni Interviewer for prospective students.

However, my close involvement with Cindy has been through and for the ARA. While Cindy served as an Alumni Trustee to the Rice Board, she took her position very seriously and represented all Alums diligently and with vigor. She was President-Elect of the ARA while I was President. During this time, she was totally engaged and involved in her duties. She frequently met with me during her President-Elect year to better understand the ARA committees and responsibilities of each in preparation for her term as President of the ARA. Upon her ascent to the ARA Presidency, Cindy raised the bar for future Presidents. During her Presidency, Cindy started what I believe is one of the best ARA programs, the Alumni Recognition Committee. This committee writes personal notes of appreciation and congratulations to alums who have made a difference in their field of work or community or for Rice.

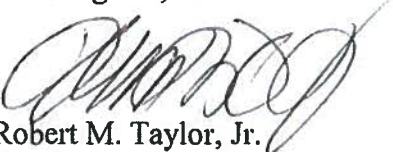


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The Meritorious Service Award is to given for “*significant, sustained, and voluntary contributions of energy, time, and creativity towards the advancement of the University*”. This is the definition of Cindy Lindsay. Although she lives in Colorado, she is a constant figure in the lives of students and she is a tireless champion for our University. She has an inexhaustible enthusiasm for all things Rice.

I can think of no one who exemplifies the true spirit of the Rice Community more than Cindy Lindsay. She is not only a friend of this University but is clearly committed to its ongoing vitality and success. With this, I enthusiastically support her nomination for the ARA Meritorious Service Award.

Best Regards,



Robert M. Taylor, Jr.
Past President ARA
Alumni Trustee, Rice University