

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

Nominee Ben Hollingsworth Phone 713-840-1508 Fax 713-874-0161  
Address BBH Capital, 2001 Kirby Drive, Suite 520  
City/State/Zip Houston, TX 77019 Rice Class Year(s) 1964  
Degrees/Majors/Years/Institutions Rice University, Bachelor of Arts, Economics  
Occupation/Professional Field \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Title/Position BBH Capital, Chairman

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 Ben Grier Phone 5928 Fax 5110  
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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.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
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September 28, 2012

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Dear Committee,

I write today to submit my nomination for Ben Hollingsworth to be recognized as a distinguished alumnus of Rice University. I've had the pleasure of knowing Ben for a number of years and have developed a great deal of respect for him, not only professionally, but personally as well. Ben exemplifies the Rice way as he is knowledgeable, hardworking, dedicated and creative, as seen in his approach in heading two Fortune 500 companies.

Rice University proudly asserts an unconventional wisdom. In many ways, Ben's career has mirrored this concept as well. In 1967, Ben was hired by the financially struggling funeral services company, Service Corporation International. He played a fundamental role in the stabilization of the company and was instrumental in its initial merging efforts in the funeral services industry. Ben's exemplary leadership was recognized as he became president of SCA in 1975 and went on to head the acquisition and consolidation of numerous funeral companies. Under his direction, SCA ultimately became the largest funeral company in the United States.

Following his retirement from SCA, Ben lent his industry knowledge to another business endeavor, this time in the form of a car dealership roll-up. Although Ben's new business partners had extensive background in the automotive industry, Ben had the experience and knowledge of Wall Street. After an initial meeting with Ben, his counterparts were confident in his capabilities, innovative thinking, and discipline.

Ben proved to be a great leader in the automotive venture. Early on, he and his team faced roadblocks in which they could have stumbled, yet Ben's faith in their endeavors was unwavering. Ben managed their profits with precise attention to detail. More so, he showed regard for their clients in his associations with them. Referencing one deal in particular, Ben stated that, "their business has been in the family for almost 60 years. They reached the decision where they needed to get their estate in liquid order and prepare for their eventual retirement. This provided them an outlet." While he was focused on the success of the company, he was also attentive to the well-being of the customers.

Ben's leadership and service extends beyond his professional accolades and into his volunteer efforts as well. His contributions to the Boone and Crockett club are undeniably noteworthy. Ben serves in a volunteer leadership capacity as a chairman on the Boone and Crockett Club committee. He has immensely supported this organization through leading their philanthropic

fundraising efforts, and has traveled the world on Boone and Crockett's behalf. His dedication to the club has allowed for the advancement of its mission of fair chase and hunter ethics.

Similarly, Ben has been extremely engaged with and dedicated to the Jones Graduate School of Business. He has demonstrated great leadership as a member of the Council of Overseers, and specifically, as co-chair of the development committee. His allegiance to our school has been essential to the success of our programs.

Ben Hollingsworth is a trusted expert in both his professional and charitable service roles. His proven track record of success is due directly to his commitment to a cause, and his unwillingness to compromise his standards.

Ben represents Rice University with class and dignity, and also enthusiasm. He consistently demonstrates a willingness to act on its behalf. Ben has supported and helped to advance the university's efforts in countless ways. I cannot think of a more deserving individual to receive the distinguished alumni award.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill", with a stylized, cursive script.