



# RPI

## Commemorative Sculpture Campaign

Dear RPI Graduate:

As former students of Richmond Professional Institute, we are members of a special group representing more than 8,000 men and women who attended RPI before the 1968 merger with the Medical College of Virginia, creating Virginia Commonwealth University. We share a common bond. Although RPI no longer exists, its heritage — the roots of VCU — is not forgotten.

With this in mind, the 2006 RPI Reunion Committee endorses the idea of funding a commemorative sculpture on the VCU Monroe Park Campus. A sculpture sub-committee has been formed, to include VCU faculty, staff and RPI alumni. We have secured \$8,000 from the VCU Alumni Association to provide seed money for an artist and to begin the process of construction.

The sculpture committee met and decided on guidelines for the design submissions. The unanimous choice for the location is the vicinity of "The Wall" in front of the Ad Building, now Ginter House. Everyone reading this letter remembers gathering on or around "The Wall" during his or her time at RPI. It was the focal point, the epicenter of activity, the place to meet during our years at RPI.

It is expected that some alumni will want to make substantial donations in someone's honor or memory. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Whatever your level of contribution, your name will be entered in a special RPI Commemorative Sculpture Campaign Book of Honor, along with your class and the name of the RPI faculty or staff member or other person you care to honor with your donation. You are encouraged to write a note explaining why the person or persons you honor meant so much to you; that letter or note will be included in the Book of Honor, which will be placed in the RPI archives at VCU.

### Levels of pledge/giving

#### **RPI Commemorative Sculpture Sponsor (\$35,000 and more)**

Includes: Separate page in the Book of Honor, brass nameplate on plaque outside Dr. Henry Hibbs' old office in the Ad Building, plus donor name and any special honoree's name in an appropriate place on the sculpture.

**Dr. Henry H. Hibbs Fellow (\$5,000 and more)**

Includes: Separate page in the Book of Honor, brass nameplate on plaque outside Dr. Hibbs' old office in the Ad Building.

**RPI Faculty Benefactor (\$1,000 – 4,999)**

Includes: Special page in Book of Honor to list your name and the member of the RPI faculty or staff or other person you wish to honor.

**Green and Gold "Green Devils" Team (\$500 – 999)**

Includes: Special page in Book of Honor to list your name and the member of the RPI faculty or staff or other person you wish to honor.

**Shafer Street "The Wall" Alliance (\$250 – 499)**

Includes: Special page in Book of Honor to list your name and the member of the RPI faculty or staff or other person you wish to honor.

**Cobblestone Circle (\$100 – 249)**

Includes: Special page in Book of Honor to list your name and the member of the RPI faculty or staff or other person you wish to honor.

**Supporter (less than \$100)**

Includes: Special page in Book of Honor to list your name and the member of the RPI faculty or staff or other person you wish to honor.

**Corporate and matching gifts are welcomed.**

We look forward to your participation in this fundraising campaign. The costs could and probably will be more than our original estimate of \$35,000. Any amount contributed beyond the final cost of construction and placement of the sculpture will be used to expand the RPI archives and help fund an RPI exhibition on the Monroe Park Campus. Also, additional funds for this cause may be used for an RPI endowed scholarship. An endowed scholarship will live on forever and will be awarded to a current student based on merit. A minimum of \$10,000 must be raised in order to establish this scholarship.

If you have any questions, please contact the VCU Alumni Office at (804) 828-2586.

We hope to see you in Richmond in April!

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert F. Lindholm, Psychology, '50

Mr. William O. Beville, Social Work, '65

Dr. Edward H. Peeples, Health and P.E., '57

Mr. Thomas H. Monahan, Journalism, '56

Dr. William R. O'Connell, Music Education, '55

Honorable W. Roy Grizzard Jr., Education, '68, '72

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I/we give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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with the balance payable over a period of one to three years.

## Some names you may remember

Below is a list of just some of the faculty that you may have known during your time at RPI.

Ed Allen	George Kalif
Wayne Batty	Mary Kapp
Arthur Bean	John Krepik
William Bevilaqua	John Lambert
Arthur Biehl	Leonard Maiden
Vytautas Bieliauskas	Rosemond McCanless
Maurice Bonds	H. Elizabeth Messick
Curt Bondy	Hazel Mundy
E. Alan Brown	Malcolm Murrill
Pearl Buford	William O'Connell
Dick Carlyon	Donald Ogdon
Virgie Chalkley	Rosa Pascual
Frances Chapman	Ed Peeples
John Cross	Theresa Pollak
Alice Davis	Robert Reese
Howard Davis	Charles Rennick
Nadia Denilevsky	Albert Rogers
Robert English	Volney Shepard
Doris Fales	Roland Smith
Olive Faulkner	John Snelling
Charles Foster	Ann Sullivan
Jane Gladding	Edwin Thomas
Lee Hall	William Tolerton
Robert Hester	Lois Washer
Raymond Hodges	Oscar West
Ruth Hyland	David Willis
Margaret Johnson	Miles Woods
Russell Johnston	Jacob Zielger

Faculty or other person you wish to honor with your contribution:

Please write a brief description about why this person meant so much to you. *This will be included in the Book of Honor.*

## Credit Card

To make your gift by credit card, please complete the following:

**I authorize you to debit my**

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- Discover     American Express

In the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

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