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# Lindner Honors-PLUS Newsletter

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University of Cincinnati  
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## June Graduation

June graduation is set for Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm at the Shoemaker Center. You will have to be there by 6:50pm.

To find out about ordering caps and gowns (which you can do as of May 1<sup>st</sup>) please check out the UC graduation website:

<http://www.uc.edu/commencement/> Cost will be: Gown \$21. Cap \$4.75, Tassel \$2.99 and University Honors Cord (Gold) \$12.00. Remember when picking up your cap & gown please make sure your cap tassel is **brown**, which is the CBA color.

More information will be

mailed out to you around May 1<sup>st</sup> from the college.

Please make sure to send in the pink sheet titled "Job Survey" that Lois Creech sent you on April 1<sup>st</sup>, by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

I have made advance arrangements with **You See Photography** to take your class group portrait prior to the graduation ceremony. You will have the option to buy this picture as well as your individual photo. Your group picture will be taken right at 7:00pm, so you will need to be in your cap and gown by 7:00pm. Keep in mind that the

graduation ceremony ahead of us gets out at 6:30pm. I wouldn't get here any sooner than 6:50pm, just be ready by 7:00pm, or you won't be in the group photo.

You may stop in the Lindner Honors-PLUS office and see Donna Fisher to get your Lindner Honors-PLUS cords (red) to wear over your gown. Cost is \$5.00 *cash*, and if you return the cord to Donna after graduation, she will return your \$5.00 to you. If you wish to keep it, you may and we will keep your \$5.00.

## Senior Graduation Party by Beth Kramer

A graduation reception for the *Carl H. Lindner Honors-PLUS* Class of 2003 will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2003.

Graduates and their guests will enjoy a luncheon and riverboat cruise aboard a BB Riverboat located at Covington Landing. The riverboat cruise will

board from 11:00 am to noon. The cruise will begin at noon and conclude at 2:00 pm. Invitations including directions will be distributed within the next few weeks.

The Class of 2003 would like to say a special "thank you" to the CBA Alumni

Association for their generous sponsorship of this event!




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## Greetings From Paris

Dear Fellow Lindner Honors-PLUSers:

As some of you are aware, I’m working in Paris this quarter. Donna asked me to write an article for the newsletter to share my experiences over here. First, I had been to Paris twice before, once after high school, and then again on the H+ International Trip. I loved it here from the first time I came. Paris reminds me of New York – my other favorite city. It’s so full of life and constantly surprises you. The architecture and culture remind you daily how much history the country has; yet the people are very modern. I have an extremely tiny apartment near the *Arc de Triomphe*, but it’s fully paid for so I can’t complain. I’m in a very touristy part of town, but a short while ago I was a tourist as well, so I try to help them when I can. Living here is so different than visiting. I’ve discovered small parts of the city that are phenomenal, that only Parisians ever really see. While I do get lost quite a bit, I’ve learned how to judge where I should go based on landmarks, as opposed to a map. Contrary to what most people think, the French are friendly and helpful. While I do speak French, and it has gotten better since I’ve been here, the Parisians are more than happy to help me out with words and pronunciations when I stumble. As for the war situation, there have been a few protests that I’ve seen, but nothing to what I’ve been hearing about in the U.S. I’ve had a couple of discussions about the war with French guys in pubs, but French guys are very persistent and will talk about anything to girls in a pub.

Work is also interesting. I work for

KPMG and my office is just off of the *Champs-Elysees*. I prepare tax returns for foreign nationals and expatriates. Most of our clients are living in London or Switzerland. Paris is about the halfway point between the two, which is why we do them here. I won’t bore you with the details of U.S. tax law, but I will say that it’s much more interesting preparing the tax return of a banker who makes \$8 million a year as opposed to doing my own. My office consists of British people, French, and a few Americans. While everyone speaks English in the office, I get more of the gossip by speaking French. The diversity is so great. Everyone is interested in everyone else’s culture. I taught one woman from Nottingham how to say “How YOU doin?” like a New Yorker. Likewise, I’ve started saying “chips” for French fries, and “loo” for restroom. I never realized how different English and American were, but I made a British girl blush the other day when I was talking about how I couldn’t drive a “stick shift”.

Another thing that has been really great is the ease of travel within Europe. Already, I rented a Smart car with a girl from work and we drove to Champagne and Orleans. I’ve also planned trips to Barcelona, Palermo, Florence, Scotland and Dublin before I leave. It’s so amazing to hop on a train and be in another country with a different language and culture within a few hours.

For anyone who wants to work abroad, it isn’t as scary as it may seem. The main thing is to keep

an open mind. Since I’ve been here, I’ve eaten snails, creamed fish eggs, and steak tartar (raw beef with spices—it was actually pretty good). I’ve gone to pubs by myself to try and meet new people, as well as to watch a few rugby games. I’ve become much more self-reliant, even more so than living in New York by myself. Learning the language is important, but my superior at work has lived here six years and can’t speak more than ten French words. Culture shocks are to be expected, but after a little while you learn to appreciate them as experiencing something new. Even fun. I’m having such a great time here, and I would recommend this type of experience to anyone.

Well, I hope everyone there is having a wonderful quarter. Hopefully I’ll get to see a few of you before I take off for Thailand this summer. I know that the class of 2000 is probably counting the days until they get to take their international trip then. You all will have so much fun. Don’t let Neenie Weenie have TOO much fun (as if you could stop her!).

Sorry to everyone who wrote me an email that I haven’t responded to yet! I’m not ignoring you; I’m just busy!

All my best,

Abbie (Lake, the tall brunette, not the short blonde)

## **Note from Jeri Ricketts**

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*“Jay Hummel is going to be the Student Speaker at the All-University Graduation Ceremony this spring.”*

Hi Everyone

Priority registration is upon us again for summer quarter. Please make sure that you get your registration in, because it causes many problems when you register later (scholarships, scheduling, etc.). Judy and I will be happy to help if you have any questions. Keep in mind that you need to double-check if there's an elective you're taking and you're not ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE that it will count in a particular area.

A big thank you to all of the students in the Honors-PLUS Student Association who have worked so hard these last months on the curriculum survey, organizing service projects both short and long-term, peer recruiting and other events. We always need students to get involved in these efforts so DON'T JUST GO TO CLASS - help out.

Also, a reminder that we still need a handful of students to represent Lindner Honors-PLUS at the Rotary Luncheon on May 15....FREE FOOD. Please give it some thought and let me know if you can help out.

It's official: Jay Hummel is going to be the Student Speaker at the All-University Graduation Ceremony this spring. He was also the student speaker last winter at the CBA graduation ceremony, and I was the faculty speaker at the same ceremony. My only request was that I didn't have to follow him with my remarks.... if you can, come listen, he's a great orator...besides, June graduation is a blast, and everyone is in such a festive mood that it's fun to come and watch.

Have a great May.... only 4 weeks left in the quarter !!!

Jeri

## Items of Interest

By: Donna Fisher

**Beth Kramer (Sr)**, was awarded "*Outstanding Senior in Marketing*", by the Professional Practice Office.

**Jason Nickles & Jocelyn Esber (Jr's)**, got engaged on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Jason proposed while they were on a trip to Chicago. To my knowledge, this is the first "official" Lindner Honors-PLUS merger!

**Zach Van Hart (Pre-Jr)**, won "*1<sup>st</sup> place for Sports Column Writing*" for his work at *The News Record*, from *The Society of Professional Journalists* during their regional collegiate awards. The nation is broken into 12 regions, one of which includes Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia & part of Pennsylvania. Zach won for this region!

**Zach Osborne (Sr)**, received the SICCA award (student intern/co-op contribution award). Managers were asked to nominate co-ops who have done work that resulted in significant savings. The ration was 1 winner per 45 co-ops in the calendar year. Winners receive a cash award, a trip to New York for the recognition ceremony & a dinner cruise on the Hudson River.

**Ben Hines (Soph)**, was tapped into *Phi Rho Chi*, a men's Greek honorary.

**Jeri Ricketts**, was awarded the "*Conference USA Award of Excellence*" on April 16<sup>th</sup> by CPAWS. This award goes to the faculty member who has been the most supportive

of student athletes.

**Ryan Beck (Pre-Jr)**, reports that team Honors-PLUS is now 2-0 in co-ed intramural softball. The team is made up of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year students.\*

**Freshman boys** have their own team for intramurals, and they have received first place in flag football & basketball. I hear they are well on their way to winning the softball and soccer championship as well.

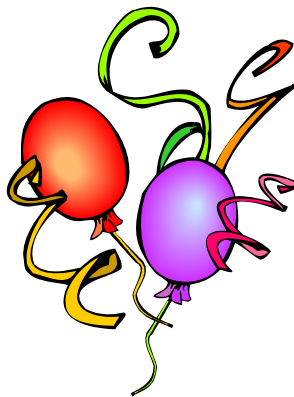
**\*Note:** please make sure to show your support, by going out and cheering your fellow classmates onto victory, during the games.



\*\*I'd love to receive pictures from games to include in upcoming issues, instead of using graphics. You can email them to: [donna.fisher@uc.edu](mailto:donna.fisher@uc.edu)

## May Birthdays

Beth Granger	May 1
Zach Osborne	May 2
Braden Martini	May 9
Lisa Holtel	May 13
Jen Yale	May 15
Amy Steinmetz	May 16
Jessica Vater	May 25
Bethanie Butcher	May 26
Jeff Bevan	May 26
Jeff Hack	May 28



**Congratulations!!**

## Graduating Seniors

Justin Bramlage  
Bethanie Butcher  
John Damen  
Joseph Elam  
Wesley Alex Ernest  
Gabrielle Grimaldi  
Kimberly Hais  
Jay Hummel  
Elizabeth Kramer  
Pamela Leist  
Matt Oelrich  
Zachary Osborne  
Regina Schneider  
Amy Steinmetz  
Daniel Themann  
John Walker  
Raquel Whited-Jackson  
Christine Williams  
Jennifer Yale