

Endowment for Higher Education in Asia

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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to provide you with this annual update for the Endowment for Higher Education in Asia. The last fifteen months have been a successful and productive time for the Endowment, as shown by the following.

On June 8, 2013, Carol H. Yost of the Asia Foundation inspired a crowd of 120 gathered in Memorial Hall for a “Taste of Asia” fundraising dinner, with the message that educating women has been found to be the single most effective intervention for peace and development in the Asian continent. (Ms. Yost’s talk can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/u7XLXYtCJRE>). The event, which featured Asia-inspired cuisine and a performance by the Ewha Choir of Ewha Womans University Alumnae Association of DC, raised almost \$18,000. Together with additional gifts collected within the past year, the total in the Endowment now reaches over \$72,000.

During the 2013 – 2014 academic year, the proceeds from the Endowment were combined with support for scholarships from the Bradley Hills Angel Gift Tree program and other gifts to enable eight women students to attend Forman Christian College (FCCollege), a chartered university, in Lahore, Pakistan. These Bradley Hills Scholarships are awarded to both Christian and Muslim women students in almost equal numbers.

In November, the members of the Endowment Committee had the opportunity to meet one of the scholarship students, Carol Mukhtar. She was in the United States on a Fulbright scholarship to study for one semester at Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and we were delighted to welcome her during a Sunday morning service at Bradley Hills.

Two members of the Bradley Hills congregation– George and Leslye Johnson – have taught at FCCollege for the last four years. Leslye taught biotechnology and George taught chemistry. They returned to the United States in January this year and moved to Oregon in June to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren. Leslye and George still plan to travel to FCCollege occasionally to teach month-long mini-courses. We thank them for their assistance while at FCCollege, including acting as our liaison to the college administration, hosting the Bradley Hills scholarship students at an annual American dinner, and providing us with photographs and news about our students.

In May, Gina Kim Perry (former Co-Chair) went to Hamden, CT, to visit Ruth Forman (age 96), one of our longtime members and supporters. Her late husband, Doug Forman, was the great grandson of Charles Forman, the Presbyterian missionary who founded FCCollege in 1864. Ruth is doing well and sends greetings to friends at Bradley Hills.

In the coming months, there will be new and exciting opportunities available to

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FCCollege women students. Chang Hyun (Cindy) Shin Geer (Treasurer) has undertaken a personal project to foster a cultural and scholarly interaction between FCCollege and Ewha Womans University in Seoul, South Korea. Ewha is Cindy's alma mater and is the largest women's university in the world, with an enrollment of over 20,000 students. A Memorandum of Understanding was recently signed by FCCollege and Ewha to allow one or more FCCollege women students to study at Ewha on scholarship and to encourage faculty exchange and collaborative research.

Thank you for your past support of our scholarship students and your continued interest in our activities. One major initiative we plan to undertake this year is to create a website for the Endowment. By doing so, we hope to be able to communicate better with you and provide you with the most up-to-date news about the Endowment and our scholarship students. If you have any questions, you are welcome to email us at endowment.he@gmail.com.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Hatchett
Chair, Asia Endowment Committee



Carol Mukhtar with the Asia Endowment Committee and other Bradley members



Seven of the Bradley Hills Scholarship students with Leslye and George Johnson, and FCC officials



Ruth Forman
with Gina Kim Perry