Two New SLIS Student Funds in Memory of Ralph Papakhian

The Bloomington Community Band and the IU School of Library and Information Science have each announced their plans to create new funds for assisting students in the SLIS music specialization in honor of Ralph Papakhian’s contributions to his field. Ralph, an IUB Music Librarian, passed away Jan. 14, 2010. More information about these funds are available below.

A tribute to Ralph, written by Gary Wiggins, appears in the Spring 2010 issue of InULA Notes: http://www.iu.edu/~inula/notes/v22/no1/papakhian.html.

Ralph Papakhian Library Fund to Support SLIS Students

The Bloomington Community Band has decided to use a portion of the income from its upcoming 2012 Matchstick Initiative fundraising endowment campaign to support a Library School student who is in the music librarianship specialization program. The student will assist the BCB in the cataloging of its music library and provide reference and other services to the conductors and members of the BCB. The designated fund is in honor of Ralph Papakhian, who was Head of Technical Services in the IU William & Gayle Cook Music Library. In 2012, under the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County’s Matchstick Initiative program, the BCB Fund will receive $1 for every $2 donated toward the BCB endowment fundraising goal of $47,500. To support the Ralph Papakhian Library Fund of the BCB after January 1, you may either donate securely on the BCB’s web site (bloomingtoncommunityband.net) or write a check payable to “CFBMC”. If donating by check after 1/1/12, include a note that it is for the “BCB Fund,” and send to: Community Foundation, 101 W. Kirkwood Avenue, Suite 321, Bloomington, IN 47404. You will receive an acknowledgement for tax purposes from the Community Foundation. Contact Gary Wiggins, Past-President of InULA, at wiggins@indiana.edu for more details.

SLIS Fund to Be Created in Ralph’s Memory

The Indiana University School of Library and Information Science will establish a fund in Ralph Papakhian's memory that will provide scholarship and other support for students in the music librarianship specialization. The formal announcement is planned for February at the (Music) MLA conference.