

# Local volunteer receives nod

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Decades of service and dedication to the community earned one local woman a lifetime achievement award from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce.

Officials presented Irene Talkowska Briggaman with the award Oct. 6, and later announced they were naming it in her honor.

Briggaman originally was nominated by colleagues for the Jim Gibson Service Award, annually distributed by the chamber to recognize a community member who has performed outstanding service to the area in the past year.

Briggaman, also nominated for the award last year, said she did not expect to receive the honor, adding that she was dumbfounded when she was presented with it.

Her colleagues describe her as a force committed to the community with unparalleled tenacity and fervor.

She is "an indispensable volunteer" for the Inter-Faith Council's hunger relief program, Chris Moran, the council's executive director, stated in an endorsement letter to the chamber.

Since her involvement began in 1988, Briggaman helped recruit 110 restaurants and raised \$242,000 for the council's Restaurants Sharing V/5 + V/5 Percent Day, which puts restaurants' proceeds into community kitchens and aid shelters.

Representatives from other groups Briggaman worked with also praised her efforts.

"We're very grateful for her work with us in conservation, but that's only the first thing she's involved



Irene Briggaman (left) laughs with Chrissy Beck at the Chapel Hill-Chamber of Commerce while discussing this year's membership drive. Briggaman won an award this month that later was renamed in her honor.

in," said Kevin Brice, executive director of the Triangle Land Conservancy.

"I don't use the word 'indefatigable' for many, but she definitely fits that bill."

Briggaman helped the organization raise \$2.5 million for the New Hope Creek project and helped acquire 400 acres of land.

"She has volunteered her time, as well as using her talents and treasure to improve the quality of life for two hard-working families," Sam Hudson, volunteer and part-

nership coordinator for Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, stated in another letter endorsing Briggaman.

She grew up in Pennsylvania, one of six children. Along with her brother and sisters, she helped out in her father's grocery and butcher shop, gaining an appreciation for hard work and effort at a young age, she said.

The six children had only one bicycle that they all took turns riding. "I learned to share very young," Briggaman said.

She acknowledges the role her

early schooling and Girl Scouts participation played in shaping her desire to help others.

"The nuns and Girl Scout leaders taught me about helping others that were less fortunate," she said.

During nursing school, Briggaman's peers found a quotation that they said best reflects her personality.

"No limit but the sky, a finger in every pie."

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# Students tackle world mountains to raise funds

Event aims to aid HIV/AIDS victims

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When HIV-positive John Mwita reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in his home country of Tanzania, he and the rest of his group cried — partly out of joy but mostly from altitude sickness.

Mwita and 14 others scaled the mountain last spring for the first AIDS Climb, an event co-founded by UNC and Duke universities to raise publicity and funds for HIV treatment and education in Tanzania.

Mwita was the only HIV-positive climber out of three to reach the top.

"(HIV) had been part of his life for some time," said James Floyd, co-founder of AIDS Climb and a Duke alumnus. "Showing that he could do something like climb Mount Kilimanjaro — he was so proud."

"We were all so happy for him." This Saturday, the AIDS Climb will move from Africa to North Carolina as students from UNC and Duke University and other community members descend upon Mount Mitchell in the second AIDS Climb.

This year's climb is funded by Duke, UNC and the Robertson Scholars Program — a scholarship run by both universities.

Each participant has committed to raise at least \$100.

All proceeds will go to Students for Students International, a student-run charity organization that funds education for underprivileged females, Amani Children's Home for street children and KIWAKKUKI, a grassroots women's group that provides counseling and care for individuals with HIV.

The 2004 climb up Mount Kilimanjaro raised some \$10,000.

"There are a lot of runs, walks, but not a lot of climbs," said Feroz Irani, co-coordinator for the event and a senior biomedical engineering major at Duke. "If there was a Mount Kilimanjaro

JAMES FLOYD, AIDS CLIMB CO-FOUNDER in N.C., it would be (Mount Mitchell)."

With an elevation of 6,684 feet, Mount Mitchell is the tallest mountain east of the Mississippi River and just more than a third the elevation of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Climbers will arrive by bus at the foot of Mount Mitchell at noon and complete the hike in three to four hours.

According to the Aids Climb Web site, the trail is easy to moderate in difficulty and approximately three miles long.

Once the summit of the mountain is reached, a speaker from each campus will discuss global issues in health and education.

"Having these 100 students interact in discussion before and after creates a forum for people interested in suffering in other parts of the world," Floyd said.

"HIV is something a lot of people know about, but poverty underlies HIV and exacerbates the problem," he said.

"The point is to get students to think about what are the underlying causes of the problem."

Irani and UNC co-coordinator Kristen Rake said they had not been involved in AIDS work before, but they plan to stay active.

"An incredible part of working on the project is understanding the need and the level of need in the world," Rake said.

"In the past six months, I'm really appreciative of that."

In the future, Irani and Rake said they hope to continue and expand AIDS Climb, making it an annual event.

"I don't want to put limits on how many people we can take out there," Rake said.

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# Nickel to bear professor's design

Multiple picks for UNC-C's Franki

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A design by UNC-Charlotte's Jamie Franki, professor of art, will be used on the new nickel to be circulated in early 2006.

The design is based on an 1800 portrait of Thomas Jefferson by American artist Rembrandt Peale. The coin features a forward-facing Jefferson with a hint of a smile.

"It was my desire while doing this work to examine the portraits of Jefferson made by American artists," Franki said.

The depiction of Jefferson on the nickel minted between 1938 and 2004 was inspired directly by a sculpture by Frenchman Jean-Antoine Houdon, he said.

Though depictions of Jefferson vary wildly, the portraits created by Rembrandt Peale are historically accurate, Franki added.

The smile that can be seen on Jefferson's face also figured into Franki's choice of Peale's portrait.

"I found that to be very important in terms of Jefferson's character and wanted to bring that expression to the design as a symbol of Jefferson's optimism," he said.

"For the first time the portrait of a U.S. president is looking forward," Franki added. "That's historic."

The new design is the last in the U.S. Mint's Westward Journey

Nickel Series, which was a result of federal legislation in 2003 to redesign the nickel, said Michael White, a spokesman for the U.S. Mint. The series commemorates to bicentennials of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition.

He said 147 designs by artists in the mint's Artistic Infusion Program were submitted.

The designs were evaluated by a panel made up of officials from the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Mint, and the top choices then were reviewed by the commission of fine arts and the citizens coinage advisory committee.

"It's really a consensus decision of the mint, citizens coinage advisory committee and the National Endowment for the Arts," he said.

Submissions are two-dimensional illustrations and typographies. Once a design is selected, it is translated into sculpture by the sculptors/engravers at the mint, Franki said.

Franki's design will remain on

## Not a dime a dozen

To continue the bicentennial celebrations of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition, the newest 2005 nickel designs are being minted.

### The face

The front relocates Jefferson's portrait with "Liberty" handwritten.

### The flip side

One back drawing illustrates the Pacific Ocean and a quote from Capt. William Clark when he first saw the ocean. The other shows an American buffalo.



SOURCE: WWW.USMINT.COM

Summer/fall design

Spring design

the nickel for years to come.

"He's on permanently unless we get legislation that would direct us otherwise," White said.

Franki's "American Bison" design was used for the reverse side of another nickel in the series, White added.

He noted that another example of Franki's art can be seen at the Kenan Football Center's Hall of Honor, where he designed the art honoring Julius Peppers,

now playing for the Carolina Panthers.

Catharine Davidson, interim media manager at UNC-C, said everyone at the university is proud of Franki's achievements.

"Any time a faculty member achieves international recognition for anything it's good news for the university," she said.

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