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2011 edition
THE BOLOGNA CENTER BUILDING CAMPAIGN

1961–2007
The Evolution of a Building

A successful story......

When the Building Renovation project was launched we knew it was the most ambitious project the Center faced since its establishment in Via Belmeloro 11.

We went through the dust and noise of major reconstruction and enlargement and concentrated the most disruptive part of the works during the summer so that our students could enjoy their year in Bologna and we did not need to face the huge additional cost of renting alternative spaces in town. And, we succeeded!

Not only have we reached our goal of $6 million, but with new commitments received at the time of publishing this booklet, we are now in a position to accelerate the repayment of the building renovation loan.

We would like to celebrate with you this incredible success story. 90 percent of our donors to the campaign are alumni. Many have given individually, many through a class gift. What’s important is the exceptional, generous and overwhelming response that alumni and friends have offered to make this project become a reality.

Grazie mille...
Robert J. Abernethy, a 1962 Johns Hopkins graduate in mathematics, has drawn upon his passion for international affairs, science, technology, environmentalism and national politics to benefit the Bologna Center. The Center’s largest benefactor, Abernethy’s most recent gift is the Robert J. Abernethy terrace, a gracious space that overlooks one of the best views of Bologna.

Abernethy, a resident of California, grew up in an academic family, and he credits a large portion of his success to his father, George L. Abernethy, who founded the Department of Philosophy at Davidson College in North Carolina. Like his father, Bob Abernethy promotes an interdisciplinary approach toward lifelong learning.

After serving in the U.S. Navy, Abernethy received an MBA from Harvard Business School. Abernethy began his early career at Hughes Aircraft, rising to Controller of the Technology Division before founding his own company, Self Storage Management. He is also founder and was president of the American Standard Development Company.

A long-time volunteer in several Johns Hopkins University activities, Abernethy serves both on its Board of Trustees as well as on the Bologna Center Advisory Council. In Los Angeles, he is active in the city’s conservation, economic development and world affairs councils. He is also a member of the alumni executive committee for the Johns Hopkins Los Angeles chapter.

Through his Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Abernethy generously supports and participates in the Youth Organizing Institute, a project that takes place every summer in the Balkans and brings together fifty young people who spend a week developing the personal knowledge and skills necessary to build civil society in their communities. The Institute is organized by the Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development, a joint project between the University of Bologna Faculty of Law and the Bologna Center.
Bologna alumnus and Advisory Council member, James Anderson (BC81), decided to generously respond to the Bologna Center Building Campaign appeal. His gift to the building comes at a crucial moment to support our most challenging project ever undertaken.

James Anderson is Chief Investment Officer of Baillie Gifford, one of the UK’s leading independently owned investment management firms with assets under management of approximately $115 billion.

“I can think of no experiences in my life which have combined enjoyment with exceptional help in my future career in the manner of the Bologna Center. The ability of faculty, fellow students and the city to expand the limited sensitivities of a traditional British education in a provocative, intelligent but not exaggeratedly self-regarding manner still seems to me to be both valuable and probably unique. I’m delighted if I can help to give others similar opportunities in any way let alone one that should last as long as the results of the Building Campaign. At a time when short-sighted decisions are eroding so much of the Western educational system even small contributions seem particularly important.” says James Anderson.

Prior to this gift, James had established the Anderson Fellowship fund to offer financial support to Bologna Center students from the UK. Since its inception in 2003, the Fund has benefitted eight excellent students.
CLASS OF 1957

The Bologna Center Class of 1957 celebrated its 50th reunion in May 2007 and used this occasion to dedicate the Quiet Study Room. With only thirty-three alumni with known addresses, the class knew it would not be easy to reach the financial goal to name the room, but class leaders Ken Liatsos, Albert Barr and Phil Futterman began early and have tirelessly kept the project going and alive in the minds of their classmates.

They dedicated the area in honor of the Center’s founder C. Grove Haines. A respected diplomatic historian, Haines was a man on a quest when he came to Europe in the early 1950s, determined to establish an American graduate school on the continent. A professor at SAIS in Washington, D.C., at the time, Haines conceived of a school where students from Europe and the United States could study together and learn from each other how to bring about a new Europe recovering from the devastation of war.

In this spirit, and through incredible determination and hard work, Haines was able in 1955 to open the doors of the Bologna Center to a group of ten students. From these humble beginnings, in a borrowed building on Via Largo Alfredo Trombetti, the Bologna Center has grown and flourished over the years.

Haines, by all accounts and remembrances, was not only a brilliant scholar and strategist, but also a bon vivant and a lover of all things Italian: its culture, beauty, food and people. He served as director until 1972, retiring to his renovated Tuscan farmhouse until his death in 1976.

Today, the Bologna Center has graduated more than 6,000 students from more than 100 countries, but it is that first wave of students, those who accepted the challenge of this great experiment, who have made the school what it is today. And it is with this spirit that the Class of 1957 has named the Quiet Study Room of the Robert H. Evans Library in honor of the founding director, a man who each of them recall with so many cherished memories from their time fifty years ago in Bologna.
On the occasion of their 45th Class anniversary in 2010, the Bologna Class of 1965 decided to celebrate this special reunion by naming a seminar room in the Center’s renovated building. Merle and Heinz Opelz together with Herbert Geissler launched the initiative in January 2010 to their class.

“We think this is a proper moment for each one of us to look back and to reflect once more on what the year at the Bologna Center has given us. It is also the moment to say thank you. We believe that our 45th reunion is the most appropriate occasion for a special class donation to the Bologna Center. We have the possibility to take part in the most important project that the Center has ever undertaken: the complete renovation of the building. With this donation we also want to honor the memory of those classmates who have left us too early and for good and of the father of the Center, C. Grove Haines. We ask you to be as generous as possible!”

The initiative is ongoing: to date they raised 75 percent of their goal.

To learn more or make a contribution please visit www.jhubc.it/classinitiative1965
CLASS OF 1967

The Bologna Center Class of 1967 came up with a plan during their 40th reunion last May. Impressed by the transformation of the building and aware that the funding needs for the renovation were not yet met, they came together to raise funds as a class to name a room in the new building. Hans Biffl, Allen Keiswetter, Lynne Lambert, Giuseppe Pennisi, Hedda von Wedel and Bonnie Wilson formed a committee, and that very summer they went to work.

The Class of 1967 has decided to name a Faculty Office as a permanent celebration of their class in the new building. The committee and the Class of 1967 are to be commended for this tremendous effort.

According to members of the class, their 40th reunion in Bologna gave them not only the chance to reconnect with classmates, but also the opportunity to reflect on how significant the 1967 Bologna experience was for their lives both personally and professionally.
The Class of 1981 used the occasion of its 20th reunion in May 2006 to raise the money to name the Student Lounge. Tom Tesluk assembled a hard-working committee, and the class banded together. The new lounge provides students with a private space for rest, study and recreation, thus starting a new tradition at the Bologna Center.

Not only did the class raise enough money to dedicate the Student Lounge, classmates’ efforts exceeded expectations to the extent that a Faculty Office has also been funded.

Tesluk and the committee of Gianni Sellers, Bart Stevens, Frans Lijnkamp, Sara Herman Fought, Ludwig Heuse and Gustav Dressler came up with a creative way to encourage their classmates to participate by giving the project the fitting culinary theme of “Kneading the Dough” and recognizing donors in categories of Tortelloni and Tortellini.
The alumni of the classes of 1985 and 1990 have particularly close relations with the Bologna Center, manifested through active participation in a range of activities as well as having made donations to fund fellowships, scholarships and classrooms at the Center. What could be more natural than to hold the Bologna Center’s first-ever joint class reunion, for their important 20th and 25th celebrations?

The story began in mid-December 2009, when Class of 1990 reps Michaela Trezek, Sarita Jha and Tanya Lolonis traveled to Bologna for a Class of 1990 20th reunion planning meeting. The tireless trio met up with Andras Fehervary (in Bologna for the same purpose for the Class of 1985), and in between shoe shopping, cappuccino sipping and wine sampling, had a chance to tour the newly renovated Bologna Center and learn about the ambitious plans the Center had to be more influential than ever before.

At the time, some aspects of the Center’s face-lift had not yet been paid for, and the alumni debated potential initiatives to help. One relevant possibility for a “named space” was the new Reading Room in the mezzanine floor of the Robert H. Evans library, which is bright, hip and colorful—qualities all would agree characterize the Class of 1990. Andras assured the trio that despite being (or perhaps because they were) from the pre-internet era, the Class of 1985 could indeed read, and would be willing to consider a shared fundraising effort. Hence, in addition to sharing reunion events, another unprecedented first in the history of the Center was born: a shared class gift aiming at raising $300,000 over five years to name the Center’s new Reading Room.

To date the two classes have raised 46 percent of their goal.

Members of the Class of 1985 and 1990 who would like to get involved in the initiative, may contact development@jhubc.it or visit one of the following two web pages:

www.jhubc.it/classinitiative1985
www.jhubc.it/classinitiative1990

Since the bar is the area where most alumni shared experiences and learned about each other’s cultures during their stay at the Bologna Center, it was one of the most requested naming opportunities of the Building Campaign.

Several classes—notably 1989, 1991 and 2001—on the occasion of their anniversaries have chosen that area to showcase their class effort.

Class of 1989

With the aim of encouraging each and every one of their classmates to give, in the true spirit of the class initiative, the class leaders have decided to raise $89,000—a meaningful number for the Class of 1989—and contribute to the Bologna Center building campaign on the occasion of their 20th reunion.

“We set a goal to raise $89,000 by April 1, 2011 (we thought this number might make sense for the Bologna Center Class of 89) which will be used to help re-name a part of the new Bologna Center. […] Realistically, we realize that each one of us has different circumstances, but wouldn’t it be great if we had 100 percent class participation in this effort? 100 percent participation means that each of us gives what he or she can based on our individual circumstances. We really think this is do-able, reasonable and beneficial to our school, and will be a wonderful legacy. So please donate what you can, “ say Ajay and Daniela Kaisth.

Class of 1991

To commemorate the one year anniversary of Timothy Allen Rhodes’ death, Jennifer Reingold, Jim Upton and Kate Seekings have decided to launch an honorable initiative on the occasion of their 20th class reunion: contributing to the Bologna Center Building Campaign through a class gift in memory of Tim.

They have chosen their twenty-year reunion as the right occasion to give back to the school and established a $20,000 goal.
“Tim was a wonderful friend to so many of you and an indelible influence on the class, always ready with a wisecrack or hilarious and trenchant sendup of something or someone. We are hoping to raise $20,000 in Tim’s name, and to contribute it to the building fund to support the Bologna Center’s infrastructure,” says Jennifer Reingold.

**Class of 2001**

On the occasion of their 10th anniversary, the Bologna Class of 2001 decided to celebrate this special reunion by contributing to the Bologna Center Building Campaign. What better way to mark this important milestone than by committing themselves to a $40,000 Class Anniversary Gift that supports one of the most challenging projects ever undertaken by the Center.

“As part of an ambitious construction and renovation project at the Bologna Center, our class is in a unique position to give back to the Center and to ensure future students can learn from each other in the intimate environment of a renovated bar area. We hope that you will choose this ten-year reunion as the right occasion to give back to the school, and join us in making a sizable contribution towards our class goal of $40,000.

Please take a moment to think about our legacy to the Center and make a commitment through one of the links provided below. Our collective contribution will be showcased at the Alumni Reunion Weekend with a commemorative Class of 2001 plaque in one of our favorite corners of the Bologna Center—the bar area!” say Dave Schacht, Melody Woolford, Eric Sundström, Tom Ro and Verena Ringler.

These initiatives are still ongoing. To learn more or make a contribution please visit the relevant web page:

- [www.jhubc.it/classinitiative1989](http://www.jhubc.it/classinitiative1989)
- [www.jhubc.it/classinitiative1991](http://www.jhubc.it/classinitiative1991)
- [www.jhubc.it/classinitiative2001](http://www.jhubc.it/classinitiative2001)
CLASS OF 1995

On the occasion of their 15th anniversary the Bologna Class of 1995 decided to participate in the Center’s building campaign by naming a room in memory of Professor Patrick McCarthy. In January 2010, Elisabeth King and Lorna Brough announced the initiative to their class.

“We thought that what would make a donation from our class to the school more meaningful would be to donate in memory of someone who truly marked our experience in Italy. We immediately thought of Professor Patrick McCarthy. Just about every student in our class had the great pleasure of taking a class or classes with and getting to know him. He left his mark on all of us with his brilliance, wit, kindness and great passion for the city of Bologna. We’re proposing to set a goal for our class fund at $30,000. All donations would be earmarked for the building itself, and if we meet this goal, we would be able to dedicate a room in Professor McCarthy’s memory with a plaque in his name from our class.”

When the Class initiative was announced to Professor Veronica Pye, Patrick’s wife, she was particularly touched. “Patrick loved teaching at SAIS, both in class or sitting around with the students in the bar. He had a wicked sense of humor which he used to great advantage, especially when talking about Italian politics. I am sure he would be honored by this initiative, but maybe also slightly puzzled and amused.”

The initiative is ongoing: to date the class has raised 38 percent of their goal. To learn more or make a contribution please visit www.jhubc.it/classinitiative1995
CLASS OF 2008

In May 2008, at the end of their first year at the Bologna Center, the Student Government Association decided to present the school with its first donation as young alumni. After much thought, students decided to designate their gift toward the Bologna Center building project by naming the basement locker room, also known as the ping pong room.

Having enjoyed all aspects of their life at the Center, including a fully refurbished new building, the Student Government Association wanted to leave the Center a sign of gratitude and appreciation for what they defined as “a truly remarkable year.” This kind of support also carries an important message to future generation of alumni: it is never too early to get involved and leave a legacy to the next class.

“We hope that this modest token of our appreciation for the unique Bologna experience will establish a symbolic, yet enduring, connection between the Center and the Class of 2008, as well as demonstrate and further inspire the spirit of a close-knit community,” said the 2008 Student Government.
Anne Erni attended the Bologna Center in 1985 during her junior year abroad from the Johns Hopkins University Krieger School. Following her year in Bologna she graduated from Krieger in 1986 and from SAIS Washington in 1988.

Anne Erni has recently joined Bloomberg L.P. as the head of Leadership, Learning and Diversity. Her responsibilities include talent management initiatives such as succession planning, executive coaching and professional development programs. Prior to joining Bloomberg, Anne was the Chief Diversity Officer at Lehman Brothers whose global responsibilities included the recruiting, retention and advancement of women and under-represented groups. Anne Erni has more than fifteen years of front line experience having spent ten years on the trading floor in both fixed income and prime brokerage sales and five years in corporate banking. In 2008, she was recognized as a Diversity Champion by The National Council for Research on Women.

During the summer of 2007 she took a sabbatical and returned to the Bologna Center to study the Italian language. Lidia Licari and Claudia Brighetti were her teachers for one month in Bologna, allowing her to realize her dream to take leave from work to enrich her education with a full immersion in bolognese culture.

To honor Lidia’s and Claudia’s combined commitment of over fifty superb years of passionate language teaching at the Bologna Center, and to remember her experience in Bologna, Anne and her husband Nicolas participated in the Bologna Center building campaign by naming one of the offices of the Bologna Center language faculty. The naming ceremony took place during an annual meeting of the Bologna Center Advisory Council of which Anne is a dynamic member.
ROBERT H. EVANS

The Robert H. Evans Library honors a man whose dedication and commitment to the Bologna Center leave an indelible mark.

Evans’ 11 years as the director of the Bologna Center was the longest tenure, except for that of the founder C. Grove Haines. As director, he helped make SAIS better known throughout Europe, secured the Center’s finances, enhanced its ties to the community and increased the endowment threefold. He set into motion the Center’s most ambitious project to date: the expansion and renovation of the building.

After receiving his diploma from the Bologna Center in 1960, Evans earned advanced degrees from the University of Denver. Before coming to the Bologna Center in 1992, he taught at the University of Notre Dame and the University of Virginia, where he was department chair in international relations.

He wrote Coexistence: Communism and its Practice in Bologna, 1945–1965 and Life and Politics in a Venetian Community, as well as numerous articles on Italian elections and on local and regional governments.

After leaving the Center in 2003, he was president of the American University in Rome until his premature death in 2005.

Evans was not only an able administrator, but he was also a teacher and writer. And for this reason, naming the library after him honors his commitment to the physical as well as the intellectual life of the Center.

If the measure of a person is to leave the world a better place, then Bob succeeded in action and in results, leaving an enduring memory for the students who studied here, the faculty and staff who served with him, and the many friends and supporters of the Bologna Center around the world.
The relationship between Fondazione del Monte di Bologna e Ravenna, UniCredit Group and the Bologna Center has been a long and productive one spanning over almost thirty years (since 1991 and 1981, respectively) providing support for fellowships, conferences and facilities. In 2006 their contribution to the auditorium played a fundamental role in bringing the Center to the completion of its renovation works.

Fondazione del Monte has its origins in banking and its mission is to pursue social aims, particularly in the region of Emilia Romagna.

UniCredit is one of the most important banking groups in Europe (they operate in twenty-two different European countries) with more than 166,000 employees.

In recent years the Auditorium has hosted numerous events and has witnessed a wide array of political, economic and academic individuals including Giorgio Napolitano, President of the Republic of Italy, Robert Mundell, 1991 Nobel Prize Winner in Economics, and Richard von Weizsacher, President of Germany from 1984 to 1994.
REINHOLD H. GEIMER

Bologna alumnus from the Class of 1957, and Faculty member (1957-1962), Reinhold H. Geimer decided to generously respond to the Bologna Building Campaign appeal by naming a room, notably the Director of Recruitment and Admissions’ Office.

Reinhold Geimer was born in 1924 at Wissen/Sieg (near Bonn) as the third of five children (four boys and a girl). As a member of the selection committee of the German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst/DAAD), he met C. Grove Haines, the founding director of the Bologna Center, in 1955 who invited him to Bologna.

In the autumn of 1956 he took part in the Center’s program and passed the examinations with distinction. Soon afterwards a letter from Haines reached him saying that he and his colleagues would be happy if he could join the Center’s staff. Reinhold agreed, and from 1957 to 1962 he worked in Bologna. He was special assistant to Haines, and helped with fundraising, press relations, program proposals and finding good European lecturers. He directed a German language course and—for those students who spoke German—lectured on Intra-German Affairs and Issues of Foreign Policy.

During his years in Bologna Reinhold Geimer was also in charge of the annual one-week visit to the European Union, where the Center’s students had the chance to discuss topical issues with high-level EU representatives in Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg.

After six years in Bologna, Reinhold accepted an offer from the Donors Association for Promoting Arts and Sciences (Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft) in Essen. Finally, from 1971 to 1989, he was chief of international relations at the Federal Academy for Public Administration, the central institution in Germany for the training of higher civil servants.

“The years at the Bologna Center improved my knowledge of international relations and made me efficiently work for a better understanding between people and nations,” says Dr. Geimer.

Prior to this gift, Dr. Geimer also contributed to the Bologna Center Special Fellowship Project and to the Steven Muller German Chair.
Bob Ginsburg and Faye S. Miller are classmates from the Bologna Center Class of 1959. They have always been active supporters of the Bologna Center, particularly the Class of 1959 Fellowship in honor of their Bologna class. When the building renovation project came to the fore, they decided to come together to name a seminar room. The seminar room, where close interaction between students and professors takes place, is the backbone of the Bologna experience.

Ginsburg received an M.A. in 1960 from SAIS in Washington, D.C., and had spent the previous year at the Bologna Center. He obtained an undergraduate degree from Duke University in 1957. Actively involved in the business and consulting world for more than four decades, Ginsburg has, since the early nineties, taught a political science course in the U.S. D European Relations at Towson University. He has served on The Johns Hopkins Alumni Council and continues to serve as a trustee on a number of community organizations throughout the Baltimore area. Ginsburg and his wife, Wendy, have been married since 1962 and have two children, Emily and Richard. Emily is an art professor and lives in Portland, Oregon. Richard, who is a psychologist, lives in Newton, Massachusetts with his wife, Teri and their two children, Teddy and Jacquie.

Faye S. Miller is a political scientist and community activist in Beverly Hills, California. A graduate of Mount Holyoke College, Miller was also an Eagleton Foundation Fellow at Rutgers University where she received her M.A. She was an Italian Foreign Ministry Fellow at the Bologna Center. Politically active, Miller was elected a Democratic Committee member for the State of New York. She served on the executive committee of the Reform Democratic Club of New York City and worked on a variety of political campaigns in New York, California, and nationally. In Beverly Hills, Miller served on the Mayor’s Education Funding Advisory Committee, was chairperson for the first Human Relations Commission, and a carried out a number of other leadership roles. Miller is active in the Los Angeles Free Clinic, was a founder of the auxiliary and a member on its Development and Planned Giving Committees. Recently, she was appointed to the Board of the Friends of the Los Angeles Free Clinic. Miller also served as a Board member of the Porrath Foundation for Cancer Patient Advocacy.

Miller has two children, Nicole who lives in Los Angeles and Jonathan who lives in New York City. Her father, Isidore Bergner, celebrated his one hundredth birthday in July 2008.
The Alfred Grosser Classroom honors Alfred Grosser, professor of Politics at the Bologna Center from 1955 through 1973, one of the longest serving professors at the Bologna Center. Born in Germany, he moved to France in 1933 where he completed his studies in Political Science focusing on Germany and Franco-German relations. During his long and successful career he has worked both in academia and journalism.

Grosser is professor emeritus at the Institut d’Études Politiques in Paris and president of the Center for Information and Research in Contemporary Germany (CIRAC). He was formerly the director of studies and research at the Fondation Nationale de Sciences Politiques (1956-1992), professor of Politics at the École Polytechnique (1965-1995) and at the École des Hautes Études Commerciales (1961-66 and 1986-88), vice president of the Association Internationale de Science Politique (1970-1973), and Kratter Visiting Professor of Modern European History at Stanford University (1964-65). Grosser also taught in Beijing in 1987, at Keio University of Tokyo in 1992 and in Singapore in 1994. Grosser’s career in journalism began in 1965. He was political columnist for *Le Monde*, *La Croix* and *Ouest-France*.

Grand Officier de la Légion d’Honneur et de L’ordre du Mérite de la République fédérale d’Allemagne, Grosser has been awarded numerous prestigious awards for his academic and political activity. Among these are the The Peace Prize of the German Book Trade by the Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels (1975), Grand prix de l’Académie des Sciences morales et politiques (1998), Prix de l’humanisme de l’Association des langues anciennes (2003), Honoris Causa Degree from the Aston University in Birmingham, UK (2001) and the Prix du Collège Abraham Geiger de formation des Rabbins d’Europe (2004) from the European University in Minsk.


Naneen and Axel Neubohn, Bologna Center alumni from the Class of 1963 and students of Professor Alfred Grosser, decided to honor him by naming the Alfred Grosser classroom at the Center.
Bologna Center alumnus from the class of 1968, Patrick Harper, generously supported the renovation and expansion of the Bologna Center.

“1968 at the Bologna Center was a most memorable and enjoyable year in my life and a pivotal one as well. I could not have attended the Bologna Center without the scholarship I was granted, hence my eternal gratitude to the Center and its founder and director, C. Grove Haines. Although born in the U.S., I am the third generation of a Franco-American family. My school years were spent in Paris and I received a diploma from the Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po).

The Bologna Center was my gateway to SAIS, where I got my M.A., and afterwards went on to some seventeen years of international banking as a Vice President at Bankers Trust Company (now Deutsche Bank). During that time I also acquired a wife (we have been married for thirty-seven years), children, and an MBA in Finance from New York University. After my international banking career, I shifted gears to the domestic arena, primarily in New York City, dabbling in real estate and eventually forming my own private real estate company. Now, as I enter the next stage in my life, I think about indulging in my love of history, researching areas of interest, and writing. Here at the Bologna Center I dedicate a classroom to the Class of 1968 to commemorate a wonderful group of individuals who enjoyed life even during tumultuous times (these were the Vietnam years).

We learned to appreciate differences, diverging and often conflicting viewpoints in a congenial and, if not, most civil manner. I know my classmates join me in commending the Center for exposing us to otherness, broadening our minds and encouraging us think out of the box, and in expressing our thanks to the great city of Bologna for its hospitality.”

Prior to this gift, Mr. Harper also supported the Class of 1968 fellowships for Bologna Center students and the Bologna Center Annual Fund.
JUDY HENDREN MELLO LOBBY

The Judy Hendren Mello Lobby—the Center’s only entrance to all parts of the building—is appropriately named after an alumna who provided a gateway for so many who otherwise would not have had access to educational, financial or professional resources. A leader in finance, international education and entrepreneurship, Judy Hendren Mello lived a life of advocacy, engagement and creativity.

A member of the Class of 1967, Mello was president and chief executive of World Learning Inc., a nonprofit organization that promotes international and intercultural understanding, social justice and economic development around the globe. She was also president and owner of the J. H. Mello Company, an investment banking and consulting business, and she was a founding member of the Committee of 200, a group of female corporate executives and entrepreneurs.

A highlight of her career was as president and chief executive of the First Women’s Bank in Manhattan. The bank, a creation of the feminist movement, was the first bank in the United States to be operated by women and for women, at a time when its founders said that women were given short shrift by other banks. Mello received a bachelor’s degree from Muskingum College in Ohio, and her master’s degree from SAIS in Washington, D.C. She later established the Judy Hendren Mello Fellowship to support M.A. candidates at the Bologna Center or in Latin American studies at the Washington campus. Mello also served as a member of the Bologna Center Advisory Council.

Peter and Pam Flaherty are the benefactors of the Judy Hendren Mello Lobby. Peter had met Judy in Bologna, and he and his future wife, Pam, were her classmates when the three attended SAIS Washington. They were lifelong friends until Judy’s death in 2003.

“We wanted to honor her life here in Bologna,” Pam Flaherty says. “Judy was a committed internationalist, and she loved every minute of her SAIS Bologna experience. It is fitting that we honor her here in the lobby of the new building because that is where students, professors, staff and visitors all pass through. Her SAIS education helped her succeed in a career full of interesting and challenging experiences. Most of all, it enriched her life as it has for so many.”
RAHMI M. KOÇ

Bologna Center friend, Rahmi M. Koç decided to generously respond to the Bologna Center Building Campaign appeal by naming the new Language Lab on the mezzanine floor. Koç, born in Ankara, Turkey in 1930, is the Honorary Chairman and Member of the Board of Directors of Koç Holding A.Ş.

He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree at the Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences in 1956, and spent his entire business career in Turkey in his family-owned holding company. He is a member of the second generation of the Koç family in the business founded by his father, Vehbi Koç.

He is former President of the International Chamber of Commerce, Former Co-Chairman the Business Advisory Council for South East Europe, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Vehbi Koç Foundation, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Koç University, and Member of the Advisory Board of the Turkish Employers Association.

Koç has also been honored by the Italian Government, because of his supplement for Progressing and Developing of the economical and commercial relations between Italy and Turkey, with an “Order of High Merit of the Italian Republic” in June 2001.

Prior to this gift, Koç also supported fellowships for Bologna Center students and the Maria & Robert Evans Fellowship.
The Betty and William Greenberg Garden honors Ambassador Marisa R. Lino, who served as director of the Bologna Center from 2003 to 2006.

Before assuming the position of director, Lino was a career officer in the U.S. Senior Foreign Service and senior adviser to the assistant secretary for the Political-Military Affairs Bureau at the Department of State.

Lino served as U.S. Ambassador to Albania from 1996 to 1999. She also held overseas assignments at embassies in Lima, Baghdad, Rome, Damascus and Islamabad and was consul general in Florence, Italy.

Lino attended the University of Oregon and Portland State University, where she received a B.A. degree in Political Science. She also received a master’s degree in international affairs from George Washington University. She holds an honorary doctorate degree from John Cabot University in Rome.

While at the Bologna Center, Lino focused largely on raising funds for the building and the Center’s 50th anniversary, initiatives she inherited with enthusiasm and dedication. She worked ably and efficiently with supporters from Italy and abroad, accomplishing many of the fundraising goals for the Center’s most ambitious project since its inception.
Daniel S. Lipman, a Bologna Center alumnus from the Class of 1978 and senior vice president for Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Pennsylvania, has generously supported the renovation work of the office space of the Associazione Italo-Americana Luciano Finelli at the Bologna Center.

Lipman’s generous gesture honors his life-long friend, Mariagrazia. Lipman met Mariagrazia when they were both students: he was a student at the Bologna Center and she was an English language student at the Associazione Italo-Americana Luciano Finelli. Mariagrazia and her family provided Lipman with an important link to the Bologna community along with significant support throughout his studies, not limited to: trips outside the city, medical help and, naturalmente, meals.

After leaving Bologna, their friendship continued through mutual visits which included Mariagrazia’s daughter Eva residing with Lipman’s family for a period to care for his young sons. Lipman decided to support the Associazione Italo-Americana Luciano Finelli, without which, he would never have met such an important, special, and lifelong friend—a friendship now more than thirty years old.

It is his hope that all Bologna Center students have the opportunity to establish and nourish such wonderful relationships.
Bologna Center Former Director (1987-1991) and Honorary Advisory Council Member, Stephen Low generously supported the renovation and expansion of the Bologna Center. He had a thirty-one-year career in the Foreign Service that included assignments in South America and Africa, including service as ambassador to Zambia and Nigeria. In Zambia in the late 1970s, Stephen worked closely with a British government official in heading negotiations that tried to end the long and bloody conflict in neighboring Rhodesia. After leaving Zambia in 1979, he spent two years as U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria before being named director of the Foreign Service Institute. After retiring from the institute in 1987, Stephen was appointed Director of the Bologna Center. He returned to the United States in 1992 to become president of the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training, a nonprofit organization that he helped start a few years earlier. He retired in 1997 and remained involved in efforts to create a museum that would open the State Department’s diplomatic history to the public. Stephen passed away in November 2010 and is survived by his wife Helen and his three sons Diego, Rod and Jesse.
The Patrick McCarthy Classroom honors one of the Bologna Center’s most prolific and renowned professors.

McCarthy taught as resident professor of European Studies for more than fifteen years before retiring as research professor. Fluent in four languages, Professor McCarthy’s expertise ranged from all aspects of Western European politics to the sociology of sports. He wrote regularly on French and Italian politics for European newspapers and reviews for The Times Literary Supplement.

Professor McCarthy received his doctorate from Oxford and for several years taught at Haverford College in Pennsylvania as well as at SAIS in Washington, D.C. He also had teaching appointments at Vassar College, Cornell and Cambridge universities.

Professor McCarthy wrote or edited more than a dozen books, spanning subjects from Camus to the crisis of the Italian state and from the relations between France and Germany to a post-war political history of Italy. Recent works included France-Germany, 1983-1993; Italy Since 1945; France-Germany in the Twenty-First Century; and Language, Politics and Writing: Stolen-telling in Western Europe.

An impassioned teacher, Professor McCarthy inspired three generations of students. He died on March 22, 2007.
CLARE MUÑANA

Bologna Center alumna (BC77/DC78), Clare Muñana generously supported the renovation and expansion of the Bologna Center.

Clare Muñana is an international management consultant and President and Chief Executive Officer of Ancora Associates, Inc. She has performed numerous domestic and international engagements for public (primarily UN agencies) and private sector clients in the U.S., Europe, Africa and Latin America. Her most recent assignments include: international strategy for a U.S./European Foundation and museum, an economic development project for an underserved region in the State of Illinois, a strategic plan for a major museum, a feasibility study for an economic development agency for a large U.S. city, and the development of a technology plan for a major U.S. school district.

Clare also serves as Vice President for the Board of Education for the City of Chicago, Vice Chairman of the Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum, and Co-Chairman of the Mexican American Task Force for the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations and several other civic boards and business organizations.

Prior to this gift, Clare Muñana had established a fellowship fund to offer financial support to Bologna Center students. Since its inception in 2004, the Fund has benefitted six excellent students.
STEVEN AND JILL McGOVERN MULLER

Steven Muller, Johns Hopkins University president emeritus, and his wife, Jill McGovern, donated a gift in fall 2008 to support the renovation and expansion of the Bologna Center. In appreciation for their generosity, the office of the Steven Muller Professor was named in their honor.

Steven Muller was president of the Johns Hopkins University, serving from 1972 to 1990. He came to the United States in 1940, and he has been a naturalized citizen of the U.S. since 1949. While serving as Vice President for Public Affairs of Cornell University, Muller played a leading role in negotiating the end to the occupation of Willard Straight Hall by African American students on April 20, 1969.

Muller’s areas of expertise are comparative government and international relations, with particular emphasis on political developments in Europe. He has authored a textbook and numerous articles in this field.

Today Muller is co-chairman of the American Institute for the Contemporary German Studies at the Johns Hopkins University and trustee of the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

The Steven Muller Chair in German Studies was established in Steven Muller’s honor at the Bologna Center in recognition of Muller’s dedication to the Center and to German-American relations.

In 2008 Steven and Jill established the McGovern Muller fellowship which supports two students each year, one in Bologna and one in Washington.
MARIO POSSATI

The Mario Possati Classroom honors the memory of Mario Possati, founder and president of Marposs S.p.A., a leading Italian company in the production and distribution of precision metrology equipment based in Bologna, Italy since 1952.

Throughout his successful business career, Mario Possati was awarded several prizes, including the Leonardo da Vinci Prize for Industrial Design in 1981 and the SIOA award for Entrepreneur of the Year in 1987. He was awarded the title of Cavaliere del Lavoro (Knight of the Italian Order of Work and Industry), the highest honor in Italy given by the President of the Italian Republic for services to industry.

Mario Possati was member of the board of directors of the publishing house Il Mulino and sat on the board of many prestigious research and banking institutions in Bologna. In 1985 he joined the board of directors of the Industrialists’ Association of Bologna, an affiliation which he maintained until his death in 1990 in Boston.

In 1996, the Mario Possati Fellowship was established by the Industrialists’ Association of Bologna in conjunction with his company, Marposs. Since then the fellowship has been awarded to a Bologna Center student from Eastern Europe. Stefano Possati, Mario’s oldest son, is president of Marposs and in 1996 was invited to join the Bologna Center Advisory Council of which he is still a loyal member.

In 2002 Stefano Possati succeeded Luigi Deserti as president of the Associazione Italo-Americana Luciano Finelli, which he heads to this day and with great success. In 2007 Stefano, together with his brothers Edoardo (vice president of Marposs) and Alberto (board member of Marposs), decided to participate in the Bologna Center Building Campaign by naming a classroom in their father’s name.
GEORGE M. SANTANGELO

Bologna alumna from the Class of 1969, and Advisory Council member, Georgia Santangelo Derrico and her husband Roderick Porter decided to generously respond to the Bologna Building Campaign appeal by naming a room, notably the Director of Finance and Administration’s Office, in the Center’s building after Georgia’s late father, Dr. George M. Santangelo (1917-2002).

Dr. George M. Santangelo graduated from City College, NY and received a Doctorate of Dental Surgery from the University of Pennsylvania. He served as Captain in the Dental Corps of the Air Force of the United States. Dr. Santangelo practiced dentistry and orthodontia for forty years and served on the Orthodontia Board for the State of New York.

“He was an ardent believer in education and strongly supported my attending the Bologna Center. The gift to Johns Hopkins Bologna Center has been presented to honor his memory,” says Georgia.

Prior to this gift, Georgia and Rod also established the Dr. George M. Santangelo Fellowship program to offer financial support to Bologna Center students of Italian-American descent, primarily through the Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity members. Since its inception in 2004, the Fund has benefitted five brilliant students at the Bologna Center.
CARLO MARIA SANTORO

The Director’s Office is named in memory of Carlo Maria Santoro, a leading diplomat, theorist, journalist and teacher.

Santoro graduated in law from the University of Rome and continued his education at the London School of Economics and at the Faculté de Sciences Politiques, Institut de Droit International in Grenoble.

His diplomatic career included posts in Rome, Geneva and Brussels. He was a consultant to the Italian Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and in 1995 and 1996, he was Undersecretary of State to the Minister of Defense.

Santoro was also a journalist who contributed to several important Italian newspapers and magazines.

He taught international relations at various universities including Venice, Bologna, Turin and Milan, where he was the holder of the Chair of International Relations in the Faculty of Political Science. He was a visiting professor at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London, Harvard University, Brown University, and the Johns Hopkins University Bologna Center.

His academic and research interests focused on foreign and security studies, theories of the international system, and American and Italian foreign policy decision-making. Today, his theories still play a key role in the study of international relations.

His most recent research had focused on nationalism, the geo-politics in Eastern and Southern Europe and trends in European reconstruction.


Throughout a long illness he continued his prolific study and research activity. He died on April 2, 2002.
ROBERT S. SINGER

Bologna Advisory Council member and friend, Robert S. Singer decided to generously respond to the Bologna Center Building Campaign appeal by naming a Classroom in the Center’s renovated building.

Singer obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree at Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences in 1972 and then began his career in the private sector. Currently he serves as Director of the Mead Johnson Nutrition, a global leader in infant and children’s nutrition; and he is Board Member of Gianni Versace SpA and Coty Inc. among other companies.


Singer currently serves on the board of directors of several non-public companies. Among other qualifications, he has significant global business leadership experience, both as an executive officer and a director of public companies.

“I am pleased to be able to contribute to the completion of the Building Fund which has enabled the Bologna Center to expand its facilities and which will allow the Center to focus on new projects to support future growth and new important initiatives.” says Singer.

Prior to this gift, Singer also supported fellowships for Bologna Center students and the Maria & Robert Evans Fellowship.
KATHLEEN AND THOMAS TESLUK

Bologna alumnus and Advisory Council Chairman, Thomas B. Tesluk (BC81/DC82, U.S.) and his wife Kathleen (DC83, U.S.) responded generously to the Center’s Building Campaign appeal. Their gift is dedicated toward naming both the Reading Room in the Robert H. Evans Library, on the ground floor, and a Faculty Office in memory of Kathleen Lynch Robie and Eileen Lynch Moon, on the second floor.

Tom’s career has encompassed twenty-five years of overseas work in banking, telecommunications and technology. His company, Sequent Consulting LLC, advises clients on all aspects of international business. Tom earned his bachelor’s degree at the University of the Pacific. He was a member of the Bologna Center Class of 1981 and graduated from SAIS in 1982. In 1991, Tom joined the Center’s Advisory Council and in 2008 he became Chairman of the Council.

In 2008, Tom also joined with several other Bolognesi to found “Amici di Bologna,” a U.S.-based Bologna Center alumni association. The Amici have organized three annual dinner events in New York that allow faculty, staff and alumni to reconnect and catch up on the latest news from the Bologna Center.

“We feel a close connection to the Center. Supporting the Bologna Center is important to us because we deeply believe in its mission of fostering cross cultural understanding,” say the Tesluks.

Prior to this gift, Tom and Kathleen established the Henry Tesluk Fellowship, in honor of Tom’s father, providing support to Bologna Center students. Since its inception in 1998, the Fund has benefitted thirteen students, many of whom come from Eastern Europe and the Ukraine.

In 2006 Tom successfully led the Class of 1981 initiative, on the occasion of their 25th reunion, to raise sufficient funds to name both the new Student Lounge and a faculty office.
A major contributor to the Robert H. Evans Library, Romano Volta, together with his company Datalogic S.p.A., has played a fundamental role in counseling the Center all the way through the completion of the renovation works of its facilities.

Volta, a member of the Bologna Center Advisory Council since 1996, is a prominent local businessman who, in 1970, founded Datalogic S.p.A.—of which he is currently President—a leading international corporation in the production of bar code readers, data collection mobile computers, RFID systems and photoelectric sensors for the industrial automation sector.
BONNIE AND EDWARD WILSON

Bonnie S. and Edward T. Wilson chose to participate in the Bologna Center building project by naming the office of the Registrar. Bonnie and Ed are among the many SAIS couples who remain actively involved with their alma mater. Loyal alumni and most generous supporters of SAIS, the Wilsons’ donation to the Bologna Center building testifies to their long-lasting passion for the Center.

Bonnie is a Bologna Center and SAIS M.A. graduate from the Class of 1967. She also received her Ph.D. from SAIS in 1971. Since 1995, Bonnie has been Associate Dean for Student Affairs at SAIS, Washington.

Her husband Edward earned his M.A. from SAIS in 1968 and his Ph.D. from SAIS in 1972. He has served on the Bologna Center Advisory Council since 1991. An experienced art collector, Ed is founder and president of the Fund for Fine Arts in Bethesda, Maryland.
MARCO BIAGI

The Marco Biagi Classroom was inaugurated on February 20, 2003 in memory of Professor Marco Biagi, who, in this very classroom, taught Comparative Industrial and Labor Relations and Comparative Management of Human Resources from 1981 to 2002.

Marco Biagi was assassinated by the New Red Brigades on March 19, 2002.

GERMANO GAZZONI-FRASCARA

The Germano Gazzoni-Frascara Conference Room (Penthouse) was inaugurated on October 19, 1994 by Giuseppe Gazzoni-Frascara, a member of the Bologna Center Advisory Council, in memory of his departed brother.

LINA AMADUZZI

On April 29, 2006 a group of Bologna Center Alumni honored Ms. Lina Amaduzzi, an unforgettable friend of generations of foreign students of the Bologna Center.

Lina Amaduzzi died on February 5, 2007.

CLASS OF 1980

The Bologna Center Class of 1980 dedicated the rear garden behind the Robert H. Evans Library for the enjoyment of all.
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