



SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

September 28, 2011

Lawrence P. Taylor
Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame Association
P.O. Box 785
Bloomington, IN 47402

Dear Larry:

I would like to nominate **Nina Mason Pulliam** for induction into the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame.

Obviously, the Pulliam family is an important part of Indiana journalism history, and Eugene C., Nina's husband, and Eugene S. Pulliam are members of the Hall of Fame. Nina Mason Pulliam was a journalism leader, too.

Mason, a native of Martinsville, studied journalism at Franklin College and spent her early career writing for *Farm Life*, a national magazine published in Spencer. She later was published in newspapers across North America after she and Eugene wrote about post-World War II conditions in Europe.

She served as president of Central Newspapers Inc. and publisher of *The Arizona Republic* and *The Phoenix Gazette*. She also was the first woman admitted to Sigma Delta Chi and was presented with an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Indiana University in 1961.

The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, valued at more than \$350 million, provides important funding "to help people in need, especially women, children and families; to protect animals and nature; and to enrich community life in the metropolitan areas of Indianapolis and Phoenix."

Our role in the school has been to broaden the base of nominations by identifying and preparing nominations for, in particular, significant women and minorities in Indiana journalism history. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brad Hamm
Dean

(The Indiana University School of Journalism prepared this nomination for consideration by the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame Board of Directors.)



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NINA MASON PULLIAM BIOGRAPHY

Nina Mason Pulliam (1906 to 1997) was a journalist, a business leader, a humanitarian and a lover of all creatures.

Nina Mason Pulliam was born in 1906 in rural Martinsville, Indiana, one of seven children. As a high school sophomore, she received her first compensation for a literary essay. She went on to study journalism at Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana, and later attended Indiana University and the University of New Mexico. After college, she took a full-time job at Farm Life, a national magazine published in Spencer, Indiana. When the magazine folded during the Depression, she went to work in Lebanon, Indiana, for an ambitious publisher named Eugene C. Pulliam. They were married in 1941.

During their marriage, the Pulliams traveled abroad extensively as a husband and wife team. They were among the first Americans to visit and write about post-World War II conditions in Europe. Over 11 years, Nina Pulliam was published in newspapers throughout North America and her articles were compiled into seven books.

Nina Pulliam was the founding secretary-treasurer and a director of Central Newspapers, Inc. (CNI), which Mr. Pulliam had established in 1934. Upon his death in 1975, she served as president of CNI until 1979 and was publisher of The Arizona Republic and The Phoenix Gazette until 1978.

She was the first woman admitted to Sigma Delta Chi, now the Society of Professional Journalists. Mrs. Pulliam also loved flying and was the first woman to earn a private pilot's license in Indiana. She was also known for her lifelong love of animals and for her nature conservancy efforts.

Nina Pulliam was a compassionate business and civic leader, devoting many hours to civic, charitable, and community work. During her career she shared her financial success and business leadership skills with many charities in Indianapolis and Phoenix.





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HISTORY OF THE TRUST

The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust was established upon the death of Nina Mason Pulliam on March 26, 1997, to support for 50 years the causes she loved in her home states of Arizona and Indiana.

The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust seeks to help people in need, especially women, children and families; to protect animals and nature; and to enrich community life primarily in metropolitan Phoenix and Indianapolis.

In 2001, the Trust established the Nina Mason Pulliam Legacy Scholars program in tribute to the life and values of its benefactress. Participating schools are Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), Ivy Tech State College-Indianapolis Campus, Arizona State University (ASU), and Maricopa Community Colleges (MCC).