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**SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED FOR THE LATE JAMES E. BUCKMAN, INFLUENTIAL LEADER
IN CHICAGO EVENTS INDUSTRY**

September 10; Chicago, IL – The Ernst & Young, James E. Buckman Memorial Scholarship/Fellowship for Indiana University, Kelley School of Business students has been established for the late James E. Buckman, an influential leader in the special events industry. Buckman, co-owner of Chicago-headquartered BBJ Linen, a national vendor of specialty linens to the event industry, died tragically in an automobile crash one year ago today.

Buckman's daughter and son-in-law, Katharine and Justin Greis, founded the Scholarship/Fellowship. The fund will aid and enable potential students interested in a business education at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business. Ernst & Young (Justin's employer) will match the couple's donations made to the fund. Both Katharine and Justin are graduates of Indiana University's Kelley School of Business in Bloomington, Indiana.

Katharine says, "This scholarship seemed like the perfect way to honor my father's memory. Our whole family is just so happy the Buckman name will live on to help people for years to come."

"Jim believed strongly in the value of education. He supported his own employees – many of whom started at BBJ Linen without college degrees – in their higher education endeavors," remarks Justin.

Fergus Rooney, co-owner of Event Architects and Katharine's employer remarks, "Jim Buckman was a key player in Chicago's Special Events industry. Due to many of his efforts, we are all privileged to work in a robust and thriving industry in Chicago."

Those interested in donating to this fund, may participate online by clicking "Make Your Gift" and entering account number 32B011ET0 at: <http://iufoundation.iu.edu/>, or send checks to: Kelley School of Business, Attn: Jennifer Gray, 1275 E. Tenth Street, Suite 3080, Bloomington, IN 47405. Additional information regarding the scholarship announcement can be found at: <http://kelley.iu.edu/isgp/>

About Event Architects:

Event Architects (www.event-architects.com) is a Chicago-based event management and production company with ideas that transform everyday places and routines into engaging experiences. Event Architects has been creating inspired events since 1999.

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