IU Bicentennial

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Who was your favorite professor?

Dr. Frederick Grohsmeyer was the first campus Director of Indiana University East and later became the professor of psychology. As a colleague, I found him to be very personable, polite, and professional.

What led you to explore employment at IU?

Upon graduation from Iowa State University, I had a one-year appointment at West Virginia State College. During that time, I was interviewed at three college and universities. In my interview at IU East, I was baffled with a one building campus but was impressed with its luxurious beauty. It reminded me of my home country, Guyana, to explore a pioneering experience as a bicentennial graduate and professor.

What organizations were you involved in?

American Economic Association, Eastern Economic Association, Midwest Economic Association, Atlantic Economic Association, National Association for Economic Education, National Council for Economic Education, Indiana Council for Economic Education, Royal Economic Society (U.K.), Society for International Development, Richmond [IN] Chamber of Commerce, Reid Hospital Foundation Board, American Cancer Society (Local Chapter), United Way, Richmond Economic Development Committee, Richmond Hospital Authority.

How has IU [East] changed?

I witnessed the spectacular growth of IU East to a four-building campus, offering both bachelor's and master's degrees. Student enrollment has grown exponentially (<1000 to 4,000+). So, too are faculty and staff. The Bloomington campus provided leadership and support towards IU East's development and growth, which is an unfinished business.