1920 I.U. grad establishes school 'race relations' award

BLOOMINGTON — P.J. Hill, veteran New Jersey educator and first Negro graduate to receive Indiana University's Distinguished Alumni Service Medal, has arranged through the University Foundation to establish an annual award to the university graduating senior judged to have done most to improve race relationships on the campus.

Dr. Harman B. Wells, chancellor of the University and president of the Foundation, in announcing arrangements for the award described it as "a great and significant step in the betterment of campus racial relations."

"For Mr. Hill, one of the university's most loyal and devoted alumni and a leader in improvement of race relations, to establish this fund means much," Dr. Wells said.

"It shows that members of his race are devoted to the goal we all seek to achieve, it is hoped that others interested in bettering relations and among all races will contribute to the Hill Fund."

The fund will be known as the P.J. Hill Sr. and Hilda W. Hill Memorial Fund, Alumni income from the fund "shall be awarded annually to the student being granted a bachelor's degree who during his or her four years at Indiana University did more to better race relationships on the campus at Bloomington than any other recipient of a bachelor's degree that year."

The selection for the award will be made by the university office of scholarships and financial aids.

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