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# Welcome

FROM THE SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION® LEADERSHIP

ROBERT A. BIANCHI, ESQ., CHAIRMAN

JOSEPH SCIAME, PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual **National Education & Leadership Awards (NELA) Gala**.

Tonight, we proudly honor extraordinary Italian Americans: **The Honorable Rosa DeLauro; Lidia Matticchio Bastianich; Angelo Vivolo; and Laurie Serricchio Hollander**. We are also proud to be hosting several veterans as our guests for tonight's gala.

In addition to these extraordinary honorees and courageous veterans, we celebrate the promising future of our Italian-American youth. This year's Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) scholarship winners were selected for a combination of exemplary academic performance, school leadership, and community service. The SIF and its national scholarship program are proud to contribute to the future of such students as they pursue higher education that will lead them to many impressive accomplishments down the road. At last year's NELA Gala, the SIF presented \$105,000 in scholarships. This extraordinary amount, when combined with scholarships award at the state and local levels, means that the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA) distributes, as a whole, well over \$650,000 in scholarships *annually*.

We come together on this night to recognize the Sons and Daughters of Italy and raise money for its Foundation. To date, members have raised tens of millions of dollars for charities and scholarships. Even through the pandemic, our members raised significant funds totaling over \$125,000 for our three National Charities: Cooley's Anemia Foundation; Alzheimer's Association; and the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism.

In addition to our National Charities, the SIF also donated \$20,000 to Help Our Military Heroes—the SIF's *eighth* contribution in nine years. The donation provides a minivan for a veteran who was injured while on active duty. To all veterans in attendance tonight, we are indebted to you for your service and your sacrifice.

This evening, we are proud of the SIF's commitment to giving back as well as the many other ways in which our Local Lodges and Grand Lodges have given to those in need on a local, state, national, and international level. It is an evening such as this that allows us to honor these collective efforts and helps raise funds so that the SIF may continue its mission.



*Robert A. Bianchi*



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*Program*

<b>WELCOME MESSAGE</b>	<b>Joseph Sciamè</b> <i>President, Sons of Italy Foundation</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS</b>	<b>Takoma Park (MD) Police Department Honor Guard</b>
<b>“FRATELLI D’ITALIA”</b>	<b>Maria Fassio Pignati</b>
<b>“THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER”</b>	<b>Maria Fassio Pignati</b>
<b>INVOCATION</b>	<b>Rev. R. Adam Forno</b> , <i>National Chaplain</i>
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	<b>Joe Mantegna</b> , <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
<b>MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Robert A. Bianchi, Esq.</b> <i>National President, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America</i>

DINNER SERVED

2022 SIF NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

<b>2022 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE</b>	<b>The Honorable Rosa DeLauro</b> <i>U.S. Representative</i>
<b>2022 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE INTERNATIONAL CULINARY ARTS</b>	<b>Lidia Matticchio Bastianich</b> <i>Chef, Author, Television Host, and Restaurateur</i>
<b>MUSICAL INTERLUDE</b>	<b>The Sicilian Tenors</b>
<b>2022 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN ITALIAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP</b>	<b>Angelo Vivolo</b> <i>Philanthropist and Entrepreneur</i>
<b>2022 AWARD FOR COURAGE AND PATRIOTISM</b>	<b>Laurie Serricchio Hollander</b> <i>President &amp; Co-Founder Help Our Military Heroes</i>
<b>MUSICAL INTERLUDE</b>	<b>The Sicilian Tenors</b>
<b>HELP OUR MILITARY HEROES INTRODUCTION</b>	<b>Joseph Sciamè</b> <i>President, Sons of Italy Foundation</i>
<b>VIDEO PRESENTATION</b>	<b>Help Our Military Heroes</b>
<b>CLOSING</b>	<b>Joe Mantegna</b>
<b>FINALE: “GOD BLESS AMERICA”</b>	<b>The Sicilian Tenors</b>



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## Menu

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### DINNER

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#### FIRST COURSE

ARUGULA SALAD WITH PEAR, GORGONZOLA, AND CANDIED WALNUTS

RASPBERRY PROSECCO VINAIGRETTE

#### MAIN COURSE

ROASTED CHICKEN WITH POMEGRANATE

ZUCCHINI AND PEA RISOTTO WITH BASIL PESTO AND OVEN CURED TOMATOES

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#### DESSERT COURSE

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# The Honorable Rosa DeLauro

CONGRESSWOMAN  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## THE 2022 SIF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE



Rosa DeLauro is the Congresswoman from Connecticut's Third Congressional District, which stretches from the Long Island Sound and New Haven, to the Naugatuck Valley and Waterbury. Rosa serves as the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee and sits on the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, and she is the Chair of the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, where she oversees our nation's investments in education, health, and employment.

At the core of Rosa's work is her fight for America's working families. Rosa believes that we must raise the nation's minimum wage, give all employees access to paid sick days, allow employees to take paid family and medical leave, and ensure equal pay for equal work. Every day, Rosa fights for legislation that would give all working families an opportunity to succeed.

Rosa believes that our first priority must be to strengthen the economy and create good middle class jobs. She supports tax cuts for working and middle class families, fought to expand the Child Tax Credit to provide tax relief to millions of families, and introduced the Young Child Tax Credit to give families with young children an economic lift.

Rosa has also fought to stop trade agreements that lower wages and ship jobs overseas, while also protecting the rights of employees and unions. She believes that we need to grow our economy by making smart innovative investments in our infrastructure, which is why she introduced legislation to create a National Infrastructure bank.

Rosa is a leader in fighting to improve and expand federal support for child nutrition and for modernizing our food safety system. She believes that the U.S. should have one agency assigned the responsibility for food safety, rather than the 15 different agencies that lay claim to different parts of our food system. Rosa fights against special interests, like tobacco and e-cigarettes, which seek to skirt our public health and safety rules.

As the Chair dealing with appropriations for Labor, Health, Human Services, and Education, Rosa is determined to increase support for education and make college more affordable for more American students and their families. She is also fighting to protect the Affordable Care Act so that all Americans have access to affordable care. Rosa strongly believes in the power of biomedical research and she is working to increase funding so that we can make lifesaving breakthroughs in science and medicine.

Rosa believes that we have a moral obligation to our nation's veterans and their families, and her concern for these heroes extends to both their physical and mental well-being. Rosa supports a transformation in how the Department of Veterans Affairs is funded, including advanced appropriations for health services, to ensure its fiscal soundness; and she successfully championed legislation to guarantee that troops deploying to combat theaters get the mental health screening they need both before and after deployment, as well as championed legislation that now provides assistance to today's Post-9/11 veterans choosing to pursue on-the-job training and apprenticeship programs.

Rosa belongs to 62 House caucus groups and is the co-chair of the Baby Caucus, the Long Island Sound Caucus, and the Food Safety Caucus.

Soon after earning degrees from Marymount College and Columbia University, Rosa followed her parents' footsteps into public service, serving as the first Executive Director of EMILY's List, a national organization dedicated to increasing the number of women in elected office; Executive Director of Countdown '87, the national campaign that successfully stopped U.S. military aid to the Nicaraguan Contras; and as Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Christopher Dodd. In 1990, Rosa was elected to the House of Representatives, and she has served as the Congresswoman from Connecticut's Third Congressional District ever since.

Rosa is married to Stanley Greenberg. Their children—Anna, Kathryn, and Jonathan Greenberg—all are grown and pursuing careers. Rosa and Stan have six grandchildren, Rigby, Teo, Sadie, Jasper, Paola, and Gus.





# Lidia Matticchio Bastianich

CHEF, AUTHOR, TELEVISION HOST, AND RESTAURATEUR

## THE 2022 SIF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE INTERNATIONAL CULINARY ARTS

Lidia Matticchio Bastianich is an Emmy award-winning public television host, best-selling cookbook author, successful restaurateur, and owner of a flourishing food and entertainment business. Most importantly, she has accomplished all of this by marrying her two passions in life—her family and food—to create multiple culinary endeavors alongside her two children, Joseph and Tanya.

Lidia has published numerous cookbooks, co-authored with her daughter Tanya, and companion books to her Emmy-winning television series *Lidia's Kitchen*, *Lidia's Italy in America*, and *Lidia's Italy*. Her most recent book is *Lidia's A Pot, A Pan, and a Bowl*, a companion to her new 26-part public television series, *Lidia's Kitchen: Home Cooking*. She is also the author of the English and Italian version of her memoir: *My American Dream: A Life of Love, Family, and Food*. Lidia's cooking shows air nationwide in the U.S. on public television and CREATE, internationally, and on various digital networks including Amazon Prime, Tubitv, and Xumo. Her cooking segments are also part of her TUTTOLIDIA YouTube channel.

Lidia is a celebrated chef and restaurateur and a partner in Eataly NYC, Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, Dallas, Las Vegas, Toronto, and Sao Paulo, Brazil. Together with Tanya and son-in-law Corrado, she also developed a line of artisanal pastas and all-natural sauces called LIDIA'S.

Lidia is a member of Les Dames D'Escoffier and founding member of Women Chefs and Restaurateurs, two non-profit organizations of women leaders in the food and hospitality industries. She is also a champion for the United Nations Association of the United States of America's Adopt-A-Future program, in support of refugee education.

Among the numerous awards and accolades Lidia has earned are seven James Beard Awards (Outstanding Chef, Television Food Show, Best Chefs in America, Who's Who of Food & Beverage in America, Specials 2016, Special 2017 and 2018) and two Emmy Awards for Outstanding Culinary Host (2013 and 2018).



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# Angelo Vivolo

PHILANTHROPIST AND ENTREPRENEUR

## THE 2022 SIF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN ITALIAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP



Angelo Vivolo is a philanthropist, entrepreneur, and lifelong advocate for educational opportunity and promoting and supporting his Italian Heritage and Culture. Angelo presently serves as the President of the Columbus Heritage Coalition, dedicated to preserving the legacy of Christopher Columbus. He was elected as the President of the National Columbus Education Foundation which is funded by the 5 most influential Italian American organizations in the country. He has served as past President and the Chairman of the Board of the Columbus Citizens Foundation and the Columbus Day Parade in NYC. His focus is on preserving Italian Heritage and Culture and supporting Columbus Day and Statues.

Recently he was nominated and elected as a member of the City University of New York Board of Trustees. CUNY and its 25 schools are the largest group of higher education institutions in the country. Mr. Vivolo serves on the Board of Directors of John Cabot University in Rome. As president of the Francesco and Mary Giambelli Foundation he leads a philanthropic organization that supports cultural programs in New York City schools which has funded more than \$3 million in scholarships.

In 2019 he was appointed to co-chair the Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini Statue Commission. Angelo is a 2005 recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, and the Ufficiale dell' Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana, conferred by President Sergio Mattarella of Italy in 2018.

Mr. Vivolo, a graduate of Long Island University, started his professional career as a teacher in New York City public high schools in Brooklyn and Queens. He was appointed dean of a special intervention program for high-risk, academically underprepared teenage boys. He also took advanced courses in graduate programs at Hunter College and Brooklyn College.

After nearly a decade of teaching, Mr. Vivolo embarked upon a forty-year plus career in the hospitality industry as an acclaimed restaurateur and owner of five widely respected Manhattan restaurants. During this time, he served as a goodwill ambassador to New York's culinary industry, conducting seminars at public schools and supporting the culinary and hotel management program at the New York City College of Technology of the City University of New York. Angelo has supported scholarships for students at the Culinary Institute of America, where he delivered the 2017 commencement address.

Angelo is especially proud of having had the great honor of meeting with and directing all dining services for Pope Benedict in 2009. He also served Pope Francis in 2015 at the residence of the Nuncio during his three-day visit to New York City along with his dear friend Lidia Bastianich.

Angelo and his wife Denise of 44 years are blessed with a wonderful family and find special joy with their five grandchildren. They are inspired everyday by their loving family.



# Laurie Serricchio Hollander

PRESIDENT & CO-FOUNDER  
HELP OUR MILITARY HEROES

## THE 2022 SIF AWARD FOR COURAGE AND PATRIOTISM

Laurie Serricchio Hollander is President and Co-Founder of Help Our Military Heroes (HOMH), a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to provide fully equipped, adapted minivans and SUVs to our country's most severely wounded, injured, and ill service members who sustained their injuries while on active duty.

With her husband, Ted, and their friend, Marybeth Vandergrift, Laurie founded HOMH in 2009 as an all-volunteer donation-driven nonprofit organization. HOMH pays no salaries, and all non-program expenses are paid by its Co-Founders and board members, which means 100% of all donations go toward the purchase of modified vehicles for veterans. Since 2009, HOMH has provided grants for 186 modified vehicles for veterans across the country, and as far away as Pohnpei, Micronesia.

Laurie got the inspiration for HOMH in 2006, when her eldest son, Robert Wilkinson, left college during his junior year to enlist in the United States Marine Corps, and her younger son, Matthew, received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. It was there, at a West Point football game in Michie Stadium, that Laurie witnessed a combat-wounded soldier, who was in a wheelchair as the result of an IED blast, being presented with a ramp-entry minivan during halftime. While she had been fundraising for several years for local organizations, she decided to switch gears and turn her efforts towards providing adapted vehicles for veterans in need.



After lending her support to other veteran themed non-profits from 2006-2009, HOMH had its first fundraising event as an official non-profit in early 2010, and experienced incredible support and success. It initially focused on serving wounded veterans from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, but has since grown to serve all pre- and post-9/11 wounded, injured, and ill veterans.

In 2015, HOMH was recognized as one of the top six grass roots, small military nonprofits by The Fisher House Foundation, Military Times, and Newman's Own Foundation. They received a significant grant at The 'Newman's Own' Grant Awards, held at The Pentagon Hall of Heroes. In 2016, HOMH received the Spirit of Ability Award from BraunAbility® for improving the lives of people with disabilities and making a difference in this world. And since 2014, HOMH has been a recipient of the extraordinary generosity of the Sons of Italy Foundation, which has provided over \$165,000 in grants and helped to fund vehicles for 12 veterans! Under Laurie's leadership, HOMH has raised over \$4,000,000 since its inception.

Prior to shifting her focus to philanthropic work, Laurie had built a successful career as a health and fitness coach and trainer, and fitness studio owner. She has competed in numerous events, including the US Tri-athlon National age group championships, Marine Corp, and other Marathons and has completed two full Ironman Triathlons (2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, 26.2 mile swim) in 2003 and 2012, both in Lake Placid, New York, to celebrate her 40<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> birthdays!

Laurie was born and raised in Stamford, Connecticut. Her paternal grandparents (the Serricchio and Collucci) and her father's older siblings emigrated from Avellino-Naples through Ellis Island, as did her maternal great-grandparents (the Ofiero and D'Aquila). She and her husband, Ted, have been married for 12 wonderful years and are both proud members of Valley Regional Lodge #151 in Derby, Connecticut. They spend much of their time creating memories with (and spoiling) their 4 grandchildren Audriana, Evangeline, Reed, and Ophelia.

She would also like to recognize their grandson, Gabriel, who passed away shortly after birth two years ago.



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The Anthony J. & Eldora B. Perfilio Scholarship for Italian Language  
The Nancy DiFiore Quinn Scholarship  
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For the 13<sup>th</sup> year, the Sons of Italy Foundation® (SIF) is proud to award **The Charles Evans Scholarship**, a perpetual scholarship funded by an endowment from the Charles Evans Foundation.

A successful businessman, U.S. veteran, and philanthropist, Charles Evans co-founded the fashion house Evan-Picone and was Executive Producer of the Academy Award-winning film, “Tootsie.”

Mr. Evans crusaded for causes close to his heart, namely fire detection safety and Alzheimer’s disease research, and served as National Director of the Alzheimer’s Association. The SIF is grateful to the Charles Evans Foundation and Linda Munson Rothkopf for having made this perpetual scholarship possible.



# THE 2022 SIF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP GRANT RECIPIENTS

## MICHAELA GAFFNEY

### THE FRANK D. PRIVITERA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Boise, IA

**School:** Boise State University

- Recipient of a President’s Writing Award during her undergraduate career for a piece she wrote discussing the specific barriers that the unhoused community experiences in Boise. This piece was based on her own personal experience battling housing insecurity during her senior year of high school.
- Current intern for the 3rd District Court District CASA guardian ad litem advocating for the rights of children in foster care.
- Works consistently with local organizations to promote social justice regarding accessibility issues on a systematic level. She is passionate about the concept of mutual aid to assist the nuanced struggles of people from minoritized backgrounds.



## LAUREN APPEL

### THE NATIONAL ITALIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION & SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Ithaca, NY

**School:** Cornell

- Graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Vanderbilt University, where I majored in Classical and Mediterranean Studies, Economics, and History of Art
- Served as Notes Editor on the Cornell Law Review; received Frederic H. Weisberg Prize for Constitutional Law
- Interned at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Phoenix



## ALEXANDER A. JOHNSON

### THE NANCY DIFIORE QUINN SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Long Beach, CA

**School:** Columbia

- Will graduate in 2023 from Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons with a dual degree (MD & MS in biomedical research), with plans to complete an Internal Medicine/Pediatrics combined residency.
- Completing a nine-month Fulbright research grant at Politecnico di Milano in Milan, Italy, studying the intersection of urban health and architecture.
- For as long as he physically can, he hopes to continue working any free summer weekends as an ocean lifeguard in his hometown of Long Beach, California.



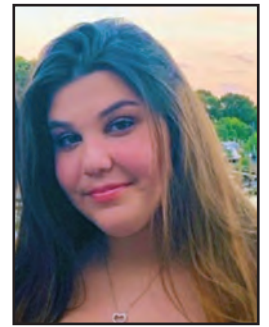
## DIANA MOSCHETTI

### THE PIETRO SECCHIA SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Rye, NY

**School:** Tulane University/John Cabot University

- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Honors Society
- Tri-M Music Honors Society



## REESE NOVESS

### THE SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION'S AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ROME SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Albion, MI

**School:** The American University of Rome – Rome, Italy

- Founding a club at the American University of Rome that connects students and supports them throughout traveling abroad and living alone and overcoming these challenges together.
- Co-President of the International Relations Club at the American University of Rome alongside the student assistant to the IR degree program
- Moved abroad to Rome at the age of 19 to pursue my degree and immerse in the Italian language.



## PAULINE RENDA

### THE FRANZONE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Wantagh, NY

**School:** Columbia

- Currently studying for a Masters in Nurse Anesthesiology at Columbia University after four years of working as an ICU nurse.
- Worked front line during the COVID pandemic in the ICU for two years and was awarded the Heart of Gold Award for patient advocacy in the ICU.
- Awarded University of Delaware's Promising Woman Award for work in the volunteer work in nursing community as well as research work in the improvement of the health of older Americans residing in assisted living centers.



## GRACE EVA RICHARDSON

### THE ANTHONY J. & ELDORA B. PERFILO SCHOLARSHIP FOR ITALIAN LANGUAGE

**Hometown:** Schereville, IN

**School:** Indiana University

- Studied at the Complutense University of Madrid in Spain for the Spring 2022 school semester
- Nominated and inducted member of Phi Beta Kappa, honors fraternity and Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish honors fraternity
- Nominated and inducted member of Pol-IU-Glot multilingual student recognition group





# THE 2022 SIF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP GRANT RECIPIENTS

## MATTEO MARSHALL

### THE DENUNZIO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Pfafftown, NC

**School:** University of North Carolina, Greensboro

- Born and raised in Italy, decided to immigrate to the United States in 2007 to join the US military and take part to the war against terrorism.
- Combat wounded disabled veteran retired from the United States Marine Corps with the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. Awards include: (2) Purple Heart Medals, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and (2) Navy and Marine Corps Commendation medals.
- Currently attending the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The decision to become a nurse stems from the desire to aid fellow injured veterans in overcoming mental and physical injuries.



## CHARLES HARMON

### THE HENRY F. SALVATORI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** West Linn, OR

**School:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology

- Completed 3 college math courses and 16 AP classes while in High School. Will graduate with a 4.62 GPA as Valedictorian. Commended as a National Merit Scholarship Winner, Presidential Scholar Nominee, Great American Rivalry Series Scholar Athlete, and 2-time AP Scholar with distinction.
- Was Quarterback and Team Captain of the 6A (top division) state semifinal football team. Named 2nd Team Mid-Season All-State and Honorable Mention All-TRL Quarterback. Will play football for MIT in college.
- Co-founder and President of Young Men's Service League (Oregon Chapter), an organization devoted to assisting the community through philanthropy and fostering strong mother son relationships.



## RALPH CURRA

### THE SIGNOR FORCELLINI SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Parkland, FL

**School:** University of Alabama Honors College

- Incoming freshman at the University of Alabama's Honors College, and I will be majoring in political science.
- National Merit Scholar and received the National Merit Finalist package from the University of Alabama.
- Served as president of the Patriotic Raiders club, vice president of my school's National Italian Honor Society chapter, assistant director of a marine conservation



## LAUREN G. BARTEL

### THE CHARLES EVANS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Dallas, TX

**School:** Harvard College

- Family hails from Campania and Calabria, is an award-winning writer, artist, and historian. She is an incoming freshman at Harvard College in fall 2022. Her literary work, essays, artwork, and photography have appeared in national literary magazines, academic journals, and podcasts.
- Independent work in history won the national academic and research prize presented by the Nobel family, and her groundbreaking biology research regarding rare orchid propagation is pending publication in a scientific journal.
- For her volunteer work in environmental and conservation causes as well as child literacy and education, has twice been the recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award and has won the Congressional Award Silver Medal (the highest honor Congress can bestow on a youth civilian).



## HEATHER DAMIA

### THE FRANZONE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Chatham, NY

**School:** Dartmouth

- Performed in the Treble Choir at the 2019 New York State School Music Association All-State Conference in Rochester, NY
- Awarded the Albert I. Dickerson 1930 Freshman Writing Prize at Dartmouth College for her paper on female detectives in the mystery genre
- Served as Company Manager for Dartmouth College's student-run Shakespeare troupe, the Dartmouth Rude Mechanicals, and acted leading roles in Henry IV Part 1, Much Ado About Nothing, The Two Gentlemen of Verona, and The Tempest



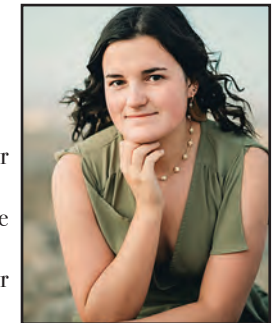
## RACHEL GULCZINSKI

### THE LIDO CLUB OF WASHINGTON, DC SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Springboro, OH

**School:** University of South Carolina

- Academic All-American recipient for the 2021-2022 swim season
- Over 150 hours of volunteer service directed at improving my community
- Secretary of the Leora Locke Chapter of the National Honor Society





# THE 2022 SIF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP GRANT RECIPIENTS

## MATTHEW NAWN

### THE LUCIA & ANTONIO DE VICO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Hanover, PA

**School:** Villanova University

- Earned Eagle Scout in 2021 after completing a streetcar restoration in Baltimore, MD, that totaled more than 1200 volunteer hours.
- Medaled with a 13th place finish at the 2021 PIAA State Cross Country Meet. I also own every cross country and track field (indoor and outdoor) school record for every distance from the 1600m-5000m run.
- Awarded the Servant Leadership Award by the Sisters of Sts. Cyril and Methodius for demonstrating leadership through community involvement and dedication to my parish by serving as an usher for 5 years.



## JOHN SOSCIA

### THE BONCORE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Cranston, RI

**School:** Brown University

- Attending Brown University to study Applied Mathematics and International and Public Affairs.
- Raised over \$40,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
- Class president of my high school for the past four years.



## NOLAN KAPUTA

### THE RAYNIER INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Princeton, NJ

**School:** Yale University

- Accepted and attending Yale University in the fall of 2022
- Four year varsity member of Mercer Club Rowing, placed 3rd in the nation in 2021
- Received AP Scholar award for receiving a score of 4 or 5 on 7 or more AP exams



## JULIETTE JEROME

### THE CARLO CARLONE SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Wilmington, DE

**School:** Franklin and Marshall University

- During high school, I competed in ballet and contemporary dance, and won the ensemble gold medal at the World Ballet Competition in Orlando, Florida.
- Competed on my high school's Science Olympiad team for 3 years and won 2 gold medals, one silver medal, and one bronze medal.
- Attended a performing and visual arts high school and several of my paintings have been featured in multiple art galleries across Delaware.



## TOBIA RUTH

### THE PETER & JERI DEJANA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Montclair, NJ

**School:** University of Pennsylvania

- Will begin undergraduate study at University of Pennsylvania in Fall 2022 in the Vagelos Integrated Program in Energy Research, planning to pursue a dual degree in Physics and Chemical/Biomolecular Engineering.
- Competed at regional level for Liguria, Italy in the Giochi di Archimede math and logic competition 2018-2019, while living abroad freshman year in Genoa, Italy, and studying at the Liceo Classico Colombo
- Continues to conduct year-long research with Dr. Rodica Martin (Physics and Astronomy Department, College of Science and Mathematics, Montclair State University) focusing on investigations of magneto-optical materials for the development of low-loss optical isolators for future gravitational-wave detectors.



## FRANCESCO BONVINI

### THE ITALIAN AMERICAN BASEBALL FOUNDATION & SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

**Hometown:** Parma, Italy

**School:** Kingsborough Community College

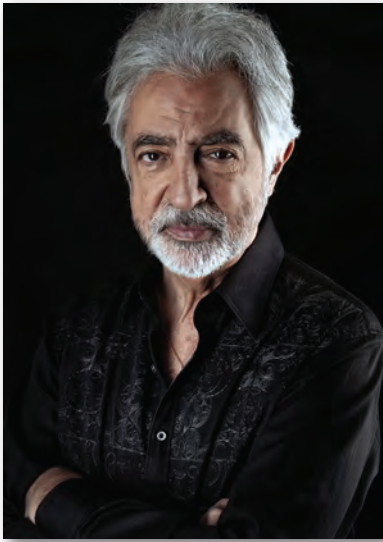
- Bonvini, who is from Parma in Northern Italy, is playing baseball at Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn
- Selected as the CUNYAC Pitcher of the Year in the CUNYAC Championship. The right-hander was sensational, surrendering only one hit with seven strikeouts in the complete game victory. For his efforts, the Parma, Italy native was named the championships Most Valuable Player.
- Was also named CUNYAC Pitcher of the Week in March





# Joe Mantegna

MASTER OF CEREMONIES



A Tony and Emmy award-winning American actor, producer, writer, and director, Joe Mantegna has more than 40 years of performance experience, earning him a star on Hollywood’s Walk of Fame.

He is best known for roles in box-office hits such as David Mamet’s highly acclaimed *House of Games*, as well as *Forget Paris*, and *CARS 2*, and the CBS television series *Criminal Minds*. His newest project is *As We See It* and Amazon Prime original series.

As father of an autistic daughter, Mr. Mantegna has spent many years helping autistic children and families through ACT for Military Families, Easter Seals, and Autism Speaks.

He has received numerous awards for his work with various veterans’ and military organizations and the USO. In 2012, he was named the National Spokesperson for the campaign to build the United States Army Museum in Ft. Belvoir, Virginia.

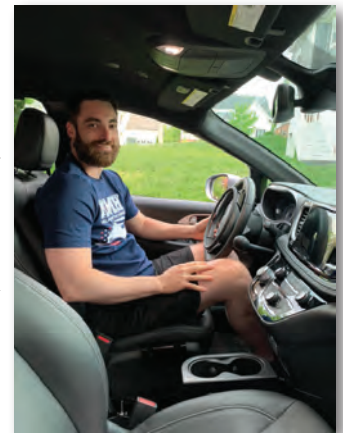
This year marks his 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year as host of the National Memorial Day Concert and the SIF NELA Gala.

## Help Our Military Heroes

“IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OUR WOUNDED MILITARY HEROES THROUGH MOBILITY AND INDEPENDENCE”

Help Our Military Heroes (HOMH) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing fully equipped, adaptive minivans to our country’s most severely wounded, injured, and ill service men and women who sustained their injuries while on active duty. HOMH works with each individual to provide a minivan with modifications specific to his or her needs. It was co-founded in 2009 by Laurie (née Serricchio) and Ted Hollander and Marybeth Vandergrift. Since then, they have awarded 186 adaptive minivans to deserving veterans.

This year, the Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) presented a donation of \$20,000 to HOMH. This year’s donation marks the eighth time in nine years that the Sons of Italy Foundation has donated at least \$20,000 to HOMH. The donation provides a minivan grant for a veteran who was injured while on active duty. The recipient is to be determined.



United States Coast Guard CPT Lucas ‘Luke’ Jackson (ret.) behind the wheel of his modified van donated by the Sons of Italy Foundation.

Last year’s donation provided a minivan grant for United States Coast Guard CPT Lucas ‘Luke’ Jackson (ret.), who was injured while on active duty and is now paralyzed.

“Thank you to the Sons of Italy Foundation for making it possible to get this van. It’s made my life a whole lot easier as far as transportation goes,” he said. “It’s made me a lot more independent, a lot more willing to go out and do things on my own.”

Prior to receiving the van, Luke had relied heavily on his wife, Ellen, whom he’d met while both were stationed for the Coast Guard in Alaska. “Having the van makes it a lot easier to get in like I could before my injury and just go out on a date and not have to worry about breaking down the wheelchair,” he said. “It adds a little bit more normalcy to my life.”



Luke with his wife, Ellen.





## The Sicilian Tenors

FEATURED PERFORMER

The Sons of Italy Foundation is pleased to welcome The Sicilian Tenors, fresh off their award winning program airing on PBS stations around the country, in their first performance at the annual National Education & Leadership Awards Gala. The Sicilian Tenors will take the audience on a romantic journey to Italy, for some Neapolitan classics, and then back to America for a few Italian-American classics as well, including a new song in honor of the great Luciano Pavarotti.

Aaron Caruso, Elio Scaccio, and Sam Vitale, proudly represent the best in Italian and Italian-American music as they perform across the United States and all over the world. They have performed at Carnegie Hall, NBC's Saturday Night Live studio for a worldwide Comcast Special, multiple venues in Las Vegas, and have sung patriotic songs at major sporting events for MLB, NFL, and NHL games, and have been the headliners at the country's biggest Italian Festivals.



The Sicilian Tenors are honored to be the sponsors of the new "The Neapolitan and Italian Art Song Competition - Scholarship Award" which will be held annually at The University of Michigan School of Music. They will honor the great music of our heritage and help promote it for future generations of singers to come.

## Maria Fassio Pignati

FEATURED PERFORMER

Performing the American and Italian national anthems for us this evening is soprano Maria Fassio Pignati of San Francisco. She earned a B.A. in Music with a minor in Italian prior to studying voice and piano at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Ms. Fassio Pignati is a well-known soprano soloist who performs in various venues and is a member of the "Trio Amore" opera ensemble, which has recorded a collection of classic Italian love songs entitled *La Vita Bella*. She has also performed the National Anthem for the San Francisco Giants, Oakland Athletics, and Golden State Warriors, and at many other venues.

Active in the Italian-American community for more than forty years, Ms. Fassio Pignati is a past state president of the Sons and Daughters of Italy's Grand Lodge of California, which consists of lodges in California, southern Oregon, and western Nevada. She also serves on the boards of several organizations, including the San Francisco Italian Heritage Celebration, Italian Community Services, and is a past co-opted member of COM.IT.ES San Francisco, representing the Sons and Daughters of Italy.



For her long-standing service to the Bay Area's Italian community, Maria Fassio Pignati was recently made a Commander of the Italian Republic with the title "Commendatore dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia." Maria has been performing at the NELA Gala since 2010.

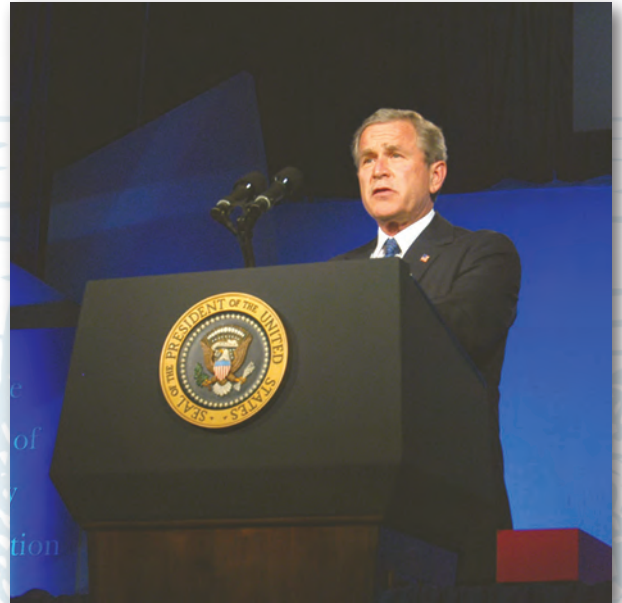


NELA HIGHLIGHTS

*Honorees & Special Guests*



*The 2018 NELA scholarship winners*



*President George W. Bush addresses the 2004 NELA*



*Dr. Michael J. Sofia, who discovered the cure for Hepatitis C, accepts the Humanitarian Award at the 2018 NELA*



*NIAID (NIH) Director Dr. Anthony Fauci accepts the Special Recognition Award for Science and Medicine at the 2015 NELA*



**FIVE WOMEN TRAILBLAZERS  
AT THE 2007 NELA**



*(L. to R.) Madeleine Albright, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Geraldine Ferraro, Nancy Pelosi and Mary Landrieu*



*(L. to R.) Then-SIF President Joseph J. DiTrapani, FIAT/Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne, and OSDIA National Past President Vincent Sarno at the 2013 NELA*



*President Joe Biden, with First Lady Jill Biden and granddaughter Naomi, speaks about his Italian-American wife at the 2009 NELA.*



*The SIF proudly hosts many veterans at the 2018 NELA*

*AIDS & Cancer Researcher Dr. Robert Gallo accepts the 2002 NELA Award*





*SIF Trustee Joseph Cicippio (right) and his wife Elham with then-SIF President Joseph DiTrapani (middle), Matthew McCarville (left), and Karen McCarville at the 2017 NELA*



*SIF President Joseph Sciame with Italy's Ambassador to the U.S. Armando Varricchio at the 2016 NELA.*



*U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia talks with scholarship recipient Candice Aitken at the 1991 NELA*



*Singer of the United States and Italian Anthems, Maria Fassio Pignati, with the Takoma Park Police Department Honor Guard at the NELA ballroom at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center. About 400 guests attend annually*



*Tony Bennett performs at the 2003 NELA*



*(L. to R.) New York State Representative Susan Molinari, Glen Funicello, OSDIA National Past President Joanne Strollo, Annette Funicello, and OSDIA National Past President Peter Zuzolo at the 1993 NELA*



*Music Producer Quincy Jones introduces Honoree President Bill Clinton at the 2010 NELA*



*(L. to R.) Justice Samuel Alito, Secretary Leon Panetta, and retired OSDIA Executive Director Philip Piccigallo at the 2014 NELA*



## THE SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION

# Making a Difference

The Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) is the philanthropic arm of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA). Established in 1959, the SIF has given nearly \$165 million to scholarships, philanthropy, medical research, cultural projects, disaster relief efforts, veterans' causes and other special projects.

### SCHOLARSHIPS, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES & SUPPORT



Every year, the SIF and OSDIA lodges give scholarships to promising Italian-American students. Since 1959, the SIF has given tens of millions of dollars in scholarships at the local, state and national levels.



(Photo Courtesy of Giacomo Moresi)

### DISASTER RELIEF



The SIF donates generously to disaster relief in the U.S. and abroad. With the help of State Grand Lodges, Local Filial Lodges, and individual donors, the SIF raised \$200,000 to aid relief efforts for the Central Italy earthquake that struck in August 2016. In 2018, the SIF donated those funds to the Andrea Bocelli Foundation, who headed a project to rebuild a kindergarten and elementary school in Muccia, a town located in the Marche region. On behalf of the SIF, then-OSDIA COO Joseph DiTrapani spoke at the inauguration of the school on June 26, 2019.



## MEDICAL RESEARCH

*The SIF supports research to help national charities find cures for the most devastating diseases like Alzheimer's disease, autism, and Cooley's anemia.*



(Photo Courtesy of Jeremy Hiebert)



## CULTURAL PRESERVATION & IMMIGRATION HISTORY

*The SIF's Garibaldi-Meucci Museum is a center of Italian culture on Staten Island, NY. The SIF also contributes to preserving Italian immigrant documents at the Immigration History Research Center in Minnesota and now has partnered with Ancestry.com to broaden its impact.*

## HONORING AND ASSISTING THOSE WHO PROTECT AND SERVE

*The SIF helped fund the creation of the World War II Memorial and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. In recent years, the SIF has given tens of thousands of dollars to various groups that support veterans' causes, including the Wounded Warrior Project, the Gary Sinise Foundation, Help Our Military Heroes, and Luke's Wings, among others.*



(Photo Courtesy of Mark Fischer)



(Photo Courtesy of Amy Dreher)

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

*The SIF supports the establishment and restoration of U.S. monuments, including the Statue of Liberty, the World War II Memorial, and National 9/11 Memorial & Museum in New York City.*



## THE SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION

# Contribution Highlights

- 1959** Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) established as the philanthropic arm of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, the nation's oldest and biggest organization for people of Italian heritage.
- 1964** **\$25,000** for flood victims in Belluno, Italy
- 1966** **\$200,000** for flood victims in Florence and Venice
- 1967** Designates March of Dimes as one of its official charities and donates more than **\$14 million** over the next two decades
- 1968** **\$127,000** for earthquake victims in Sicily
- 1974** Names Cooley's Anemia Foundation as an official charity. To date, donated nearly **\$3 million**.
- 1976** **\$217,000** for earthquake victims in Friuli, Italy
- 1981** **\$3 million** in funds plus medicine and clothing to victims of the 1980 Irpinia earthquake in southern Italy
- 1985** Contributes to restoration of Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty
- 1987** **\$30,000** to earthquake victims in Mexico
- 1989** Holds first National Education & Leadership Award (NELA) event in Washington, DC
- 1990** **\$50,000** to establish the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC
- 1993** Names the Alzheimer's Association one of its official charities and donates **\$1 million** over the next 10 years.
- 1998** **\$50,000** to Barbara Sinatra Hospital for Abused Children
- 2003** **\$66,000** to establish an Advanced Placement program in Italian; Gave additional **\$50,000** in 2010 to re-instate the program.
- 2004** **\$100,000** to establish a World War II memorial in Washington, DC
- 2005** **\$15,000** to the Tsunami Emergency Relieve effort in Asia
- 2006** **\$35,000** for Hurricane Katrina Relief
- 2007** **\$100,000** to the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in NYC  
**\$100,000** to Coaches vs. Cancer
- 2008** **\$100,000** over past four years to the Rienzi Foundation to cure deafness through cochlear implants
- 2010** The Charles Evans Foundation, formed by Evan-Picone fashion house co-founder Charles Evans, selects the SIF to receive a quarter-million-dollar endowment to establish the perpetual Charles Evans Scholarship.  
**\$100,000** to build the World Trade Center Museum & Memorial in New York City  
**\$10,000** scholarship to Medal of Honor recipient Salvatore Giunta
- 2011** **\$235,000** to help rebuild the Fondazione Il Cireneo Onlus per L'Autismo, a center for autistic children, destroyed by the 2009 L'Aquila earthquake.  
Pledges a second **\$1 million** contribution to the Alzheimer's Association
- 2013** **\$25,000** to Super Storm Sandy Relief; **\$15,000** to the Gary Sinise Foundation; and **\$50,000** since 2008 to the Columbus Citizens Foundation
- 2014** **\$20,000** to Help Our Military Heroes
- 2015** SIF/OSIA gives more than **\$300,000** to Alzheimer's Association; Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism, Inc.; and Cooley's Anemia Foundation.
- 2016** **\$20,000** to Help Our Military Heroes; **\$10,000** to the Gary Sinise Foundation; **\$10,000** to K9 Partners for Patriots, Inc.
- 2017** Raised disaster relief funds for those affected by Hurricane Harvey and Irma; **\$20,000** to Help Our Military Heroes
- 2018** **\$25,000** to Help Our Military Heroes  
**\$100,000** to rebuild kindergarten and elementary school in Muccia (Marche region), destroyed by the 2016 Central Italy earthquake
- 2019** A second **\$100,000** to rebuild kindergarten and elementary school in Muccia (Marche region), destroyed by the 2016 Central Italy earthquake  
**\$20,000** to Help Our Military Heroes  
**\$5,000** to Constantino Brumidi Statue in Annapolis, Maryland
- 2020** **\$20,000** to Help Our Military Heroes; **\$15,000** to The V Foundation for Cancer Research **\$10,000** to Ronald McDonald House of New York
- 2021** **\$20,000** to Help Our Military Heroes  
**\$45,000** to Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
**\$30,000** to Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism, Inc  
**\$42,000** to Alzheimer's Association





THE SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION  
THE SIF AWARD RECIPIENTS 1989-2021

THE SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION (SIF) AWARDS ARE GIVEN ANNUALLY  
AT THE SIF'S NELA GALA HELD EVERY MAY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

**2021**

**THE POLO FAMILY**

*Aerospace Manufacturers*

**National Education & Leadership Award**

**YOLANDA CELLUCCI**

*Fashion Entrepreneur*

**Excellence in Business Award**

**BOB & LISA TRAMONTANO**

**Humanitarian Award**

**JOSEPH MELE**

*Engineer, Professor, Designer, Inventor*

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

**2019**

**VIVIAN CARDIA**

*Benefactor & Supporter, Italian American Causes*

**National Education &**

**Leadership Award**

**BRUNO CIACCIARELLI**

*President, Roadtex Transportation*

**Excellence in Business Award**

**THE FRANK & ANGELA DONIO FAMILY**

**Humanitarian Award**

**LIEUTENANT GENERAL (RET.)**

**RAYMOND PALUMBO**

*Partner and Co-Founder, Venturi Solutions*

**Award for Courage & Patriotism**

**2018**

**THE DELGROSSO FAMILY**

*Owners & Founders, DelGrosso Foods*

**National Education & Leadership Award**

**LAWRENCE "PETE" PEDUZZI**

*President & Founder, Peduzzi Associates Ltd.*

**Excellence in Business Award**

**DR. MICHAEL J. SOFIA**

*Chief Scientific Officer, Arbutus Biopharma, Inc.*

**Humanitarian Award**

**2017**

**THE HON. JESSICA GARFOLA WRIGHT**

*Major General (Ret.)*

**Award for Courage and Patriotism**

**REAR ADMIRAL MARGARET DELUCA**

**"PEG" KLEIN**

*U.S. Navy (Retired)*

**National Education &**

**Leadership Award**

**ANTHONY J. CANCELOSI**

*President & CEO, Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind*

**Humanitarian Award**

**2016**

**JOSEPH M. MATTONE, SR.**

*Chairman & CEO, The Mattone Group*

**National Education & Leadership Award**

**(NELA)**

**MARY ANN PESSOLANO MATTONE,  
RN/MPH**

*Philanthropist & Community Leader*

**National Education & Leadership Award**

**(NELA)**

**DR. CONDOLEEZZA RICE**

*66th Secretary of State*

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

**for Public Service**

**NICHOLAS E. CALIO**

*President & CEO, Airlines for America*

**Award for Excellence in Business**

**PAUL RINALDI**

*President, National Air Traffic Controllers*

*Association*

**Humanitarian Award**

**2015**

**GEN. RAYMOND T. ODIERNO**

*Chief of Staff, United States Army*

**National Education & Leadership Award**

**(NELA)**

**TERRY O'SULLIVAN**

*General President, Laborers' International Union of North America*

**Lifetime Achievement Award for Public**

**Service**

**ANTHONY S. FAUCI, M.D.**

*Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH*

**Special Recognition Award for Science & Medicine**

**ALFRED GRASSO**

*President & CEO, The MITRE Corporation*

**Humanitarian Award**

**GENO AURIEMMA**

*Head Coach, University of Connecticut Women's Basketball*

**Special Award for Excellence in Sports**

**Leadership**

**2014**

**THE HON. LEON PANETTA**

**FORMER U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**

*Former Director, CIA*

*Former White House Chief of Staff*

**National Education & Leadership Award**

**(NELA)**

**U.S. SENATOR CHRISTOPHER J. DODD**

*Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Motion Picture*

*Association of America*

*Former United States Senator (CT)*

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

**for Public Service**

**HARRY LOMBARDO**

*International President, Transport Workers Union*

**Humanitarian Award**

**LT. GEN. FLORA D. DARPINO**

*39th Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Army*

**Special Award for Military Justice**

**2013**

**ROBERT F. CORRAO**

*Chairman & CEO, Ski TV Network*

**National Education & Leadership Award**

**(NELA)**

**SERGIO MARCHIONNE**

*Chairman & CEO, Chrysler Group LLC,  
CEO, FLATS.p.A*

**Award for Excellence in Global Business**

**GEN. COLIN L. POWELL (USA RET.)**

*65<sup>th</sup> U.S. Secretary of State &  
12<sup>th</sup> Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff*

**Lifetime Achievement Award  
for Public Service**

**GARY SINISE**

*Actor, Activist, & Founder, the Gary Sinise  
Foundation*

**Award for Courage & Patriotism**

**2012****HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON**

*U.S. Secretary of State*

**Lifetime Achievement Award  
for Public Service**

**ARMAND SABITONI**

*General Secretary, Laborers International Union  
of North America*

**Humanitarian Award**

**CLAUDIO BOZZO**

*President, Mediterranean Shipping Company,  
Inc.*

**Award for Excellence in Business**

**GEN. PETER PACE, U.S. MARINE  
CORPS. (RET.)**

*16<sup>th</sup> Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff*

**Award for Courage & Patriotism**

**2011****CARMEN POLICY**

*Founder & Proprietor, Casa Piena Vineyard  
Former Owner & CEO, San Francisco 49ers*

**National Education & Leadership Award  
(NELA)**

**JACK REED**

*U.S. Senator from Rhode Island  
Veteran, U.S. Army 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division*

**Lifetime Achievement Award f  
or Public Service**

**PIER F. GUARGUAGLINI**

*Chairman & CEO, Finmeccanica SpA*

**Award for Excellence in Global Business**

**STEVEN NARDIZZI, ESQ.**

*Executive Director, Wounded Warrior Project*

**Special Award for Courage & Patriotism**

**2010****LEWIS C. MERLETTI**

*Former Director, United States Secret  
Service*

**National Education & Leadership Award  
(NELA)**

**PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON**

*Founder, William J. Clinton Foundation*

**Lifetime Achievement Award  
for Public Service**

**CAPT. ANTHONY ODIERNO  
(U.S. ARMY, RET.)**

*Manager, Stadium Operations, NY  
Yankees*

**Special Award for Courage &  
Patriotism**

**2009****JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.**

*Vice President of the United States*

**Lifetime Achievement Award  
for Public Service**

**ARTHUR J. GAJARSA**

*Federal Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals*

**Lifetime Achievement Award in  
Jurisprudence**

**ROBERT A. SCARDELLETTI**

*International President, Transportation  
Communications Union/IAM*

**Humanitarian Award**

**MARY ANN ESPOSITO**

*Host/Creator, "Ciao Italia" PBS TV*

**Lifetime Achievement Award  
in the Culinary Arts**

**2008****JOSEPH PLUMERI**

*Chairman & CEO, Willis Group*

**National Education & Leadership Award  
(NELA)**

**STEVE WYNN**

*Chairman & CEO, Wynn Resorts*

**Award for Global Vision & Philanthropy**

**MICHAEL PETRUZZELLO**

*Founder & Managing Partner, Qorvis  
Communications*

**Award Excellence in Business**

**ALFRED ROTONDARO, PhD**

*Sr. Fellow, Center for American Progress*

**Humanitarian Award**

**2007****NICHOLAS DONOFRIO**

*Executive VP, IBM*

**National Education & Leadership Award  
(NELA)**

**GERALDINE FERRARO**

*Former Congresswoman from New York*

**Lifetime Achievement Award f  
or Public Service**

**FRANK GIORDANO**

*President, Union League of Philadelphia*

**Humanitarian Award**

**THE RIENZI FOUNDATION**

**Making A Difference Award**

**2006****MICHAEL RIENZI**

*President & Founder, Rienzi & Sons*

**National Education & Leadership Award  
(NELA)**

**FRANCO NUSCHESE**

*President, Georgetown Entertainment Group,  
LLC*

**Excellence in Business**

**ROBERT E. JULIANO**

*Chairman, Robert E. Juliano Associates*

**Humanitarian Award**

**2005****DANA GIOIA**

*Chairman, National Endowment For the Arts*

**National Education & Leadership Award  
(NELA)**

**JOSEPH BATTIPAGLIA**

*CIO, Ryan Beck & Co.*

**Business Award**

**KAREN IGNAGNI**

*President & CEO, America's Health Insurance  
Plans*

**Lifetime Achievement in Management**

**JOSEPH G. PROCACCI**

*CEO, Procacci Brothers Sales Corp.*

**OSIA Centennial Award**



**2004**

**JOSEPH GRANO**

*Chairman, UBS Financial Services*

**National Education & Leadership Award  
(NELA)**

**SILVIO BERLUSCONI**

*Prime Minister of Italy*

**International Leadership Award**

**JOHN DE GIOIA**

*President, Georgetown University*

**Excellence in Academia Award**

**FRANCES VISCO**

*President, National Breast Cancer Coalition*

**Humanitarian Award**

**2003**

**CHARLES GARGANO**

*Chairman, Empire State Development Corp.*

**National Education & Leadership Award  
(NELA)**

**ANDY GRANATELLI**

*Automotive designer, driver & engineer*

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

**RICHARD L. TRUMKA**

*Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO*

**Humanitarian Award**

**2002**

**ROBERT GALLO, M.D.**

*AIDS & Cancer researcher*

**National Education & Leadership Award  
(NELA)**

**MARTIN J. MADDALONI**

*General President, United Association*

**Humanitarian Award**

**JOE MANTEGNA**

*Actor*

**Excellence in Media Award**

**2001**

**JOHN F. MARIANI**

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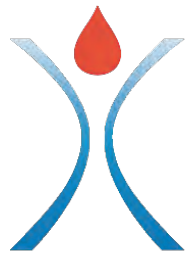
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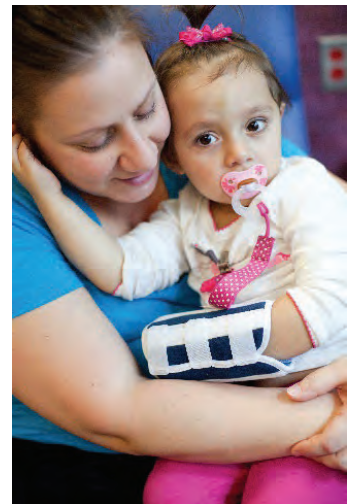
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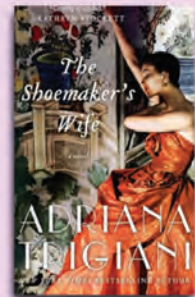
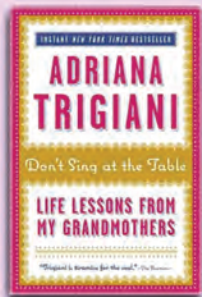
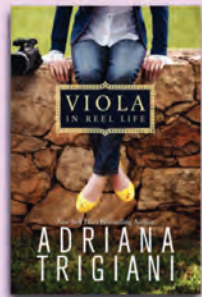
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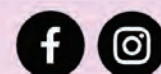


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