Congratulations to
President William Jefferson Clinton
and the
Evening's Honorees

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May 4, 2010

I write to salute the Sons of Italy Foundation on the occasion of the 22nd Annual National Education and Leadership Awards Gala.

I know two of your special honorees very well and very favorably. It is most appropriate that President Bill Clinton be given the Lifetime Achievement Award for Public Service. He has, indeed, worked hard “to improve conditions and life on our planet.”

I am particularly close to Lew Merletti, who served with such distinction as Director of the United States Secret Service. Lew is one of the finest men I know, and it is fitting that he be accorded the high honor you are bestowing on him.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Welcome
FROM THE SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP

We welcome you to the 22nd anniversary of our National Education & Leadership Awards (NELA) Gala, sponsored by the Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF). This year also marks a remarkable anniversary for the SIF’s parent organization, the Order Sons of Italy in America, founded in 1905. The Sons of Italy “has survived to 105” because it is “among the very young at heart,” as that popular classic song goes.

Since its inception in 1989, the NELA Gala has honored many outstanding Italian American men and women. Tonight, we add two more names to that illustrious roster: Lewis Merletti, who protected three U.S. presidents during his 25-year career in the Secret Service; and Capt. Anthony Odiero (U.S. Army Ret.), who was severely wounded in Iraq while serving his country. And we are honored by the presence of our third award recipient, President Bill Clinton, who needs no introduction.

We also recognize the promise of the future—the 11 young Italian American men and women who have received the SIF’s prestigious National Leadership Grants. Chosen for their outstanding academic performance, school leadership and community involvement, they now will attend some of America’s best universities on scholarship.

We hope you enjoy this evening’s salute to present and future leaders.

The Sons of Italy Foundation is deeply honored by the presence of Giorgio Napolitano, the 11th President of the Republic of Italy, at this year’s gala. Benvenuto, Presidente Napolitano.
The Sons of Italy Foundation
22nd Annual National Education & Leadership Awards Gala
Wednesday, May 26, 2010
Omni Shoreham Hotel ~ Washington, DC

Program

Presentation of the Colors
D.C. Metropolitan Police Department
Ceremonial Honor Guard

Fratelli d’Italia
Maria Fassio Pignati
President, Sons of Italy Grand Lodge of California

The Star Spangled Banner

Salutation by the President of the Republic of Italy, the Honorable Giorgio Napolitano

Introduction of 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award for Public Service Honoree
Quincy Jones
Conductor, Producer, Composer & Arranger

2010 Lifetime Achievement Award for Public Service
President Bill Clinton
Founder, William J. Clinton Foundation
42nd President of the United States

Welcome
Joe Mantegna, Master of Ceremonies

2010 SIF National Scholarship Presentations

Invocation
Rev. R. Adam Forno
National Chaplain, Order Sons of Italy in America

Dinner Served

Greetings
Joseph J. DiTrapani
National President, Order Sons of Italy in America

Tribute to Rienzi Foundation for Cochlear Implant Research and Fondazione Alberto Sordi, Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma

Introduction of Special Award for Courage & Patriotism Honoree
Gen. Raymond T. Odierno
Commanding General, U.S. Forces-Iraq

2010 Special Award for Courage & Patriotism
Capt. Anthony K. Odierno (U.S. Army-Ret.)
Board Director, Wounded Warrior Project

Musical Interlude: “Bring Him Home”
Michael Amante, Tenor

2010 National Education & Leadership Award
Lewis C. Merletti
Former Director, U.S. Secret Service
Veteran, U.S. Army 5th Special Forces Group, Vietnam
Senior Vice President, Cleveland Browns

Presented by Hon. Arthur J. Gajarsa
Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
2009 SIF honoree for Lifetime Achievement in Jurisprudence & Italian American Leadership

Robert A. Scardelletti
International President, Transportation Communications Union
2009 SIF Humanitarian Award honoree

Musical Finale: “God Bless America”
Michael Amante, Tenor
The wines served this evening were provided by Votto Vines and bear the “Figli d’Italia” label, which is the Sons of Italy’s for-profit corporation. In the coming weeks, the line will be available nationally in local wine retail shops and restaurants. Advance orders may be placed now through www.osia.org. For more information, see this journal’s inside back cover.
President Bill Clinton
Founder, William J. Clinton Foundation & 42nd President of the United States

2010 SIF Lifetime Achievement Award for Public Service

- Born in Hope, AK and graduated from Georgetown University with a B.S. in Foreign Service in 1968
- After studying at England's Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, he earned a law degree from Yale University in 1973
- In 1975, he married Hillary Rodham and the following year, began his political career by winning election as Arkansas's attorney general
- After twice serving as Arkansas's governor, he successfully ran for president of the United States in 1992
- Re-elected in 1996, he became the first Democrat to win a second presidential term in 60 years
- As president, he led the nation in the longest economic expansion in its history
- His administration was also marked by record surpluses; the creation of over 22 million jobs and the highest homeownership and college enrollment rates in history
- After leaving the White House, President Clinton founded the William J. Clinton Foundation
- His foundation's major projects include an HIV/AIDS initiative in Africa, the Caribbean and Asia to develop business plans for the care and treatment of this dread disease
- Another project is the Clinton Global Initiative, which brings together world leaders in government, businesses and non-profits to work on such problems as poverty, religious conflicts and threats to the environment
- The foundation also works with the Hunter Foundation to promote economic growth in Africa
- In the U.S., President Clinton works with the American Heart Association to combat childhood obesity and promote children's health
Lewis C. Merletti
Former Director, U.S. Secret Service
Veteran, U.S. Army 5th Special Forces Group, Vietnam
Sr. Vice President, Cleveland Browns

The 2010 SIF National Education & Leadership Award

- Born in Pittsburgh, PA and graduated from Duquesne University with a B.A. degree in political science
- Enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967, where he served for three years, including a tour of duty as a Special Forces medic in Vietnam
- Earned numerous military honors including the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal and Parachute Wings
- Joined the Secret Service in 1974 where he served for 25 years under presidents from Gerald Ford through Bill Clinton
- Rose through the ranks, eventually becoming the 19th director of the Secret Service
- During the Clinton Administration, he was appointed Special Agent in Charge of Presidential Protection, responsible for both the president and the First Family
- Among his commendations and awards earned during his government career are three Secret Service Special Achievement Awards; and the 1997 Rank of Distinguished Executive
- In 2000, the Secret Service dedicated the largest building at their training facility as the Lewis C. Merletti Classroom for the Office of Training
- Retired as director of the Secret Service in 1999 to join the Cleveland Browns where he is responsible for all stadium operations and directs the design and deployment of security for the owners, coaches, players, and team training facilities and offices
The Wounded Warrior Project

“The greatest casualty is being forgotten”

The mission of the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) is to honor and empower injured members of the U.S. military. Its purpose is to raise awareness and to enlist the public's aid for the needs of severely wounded service members, to help them aid and assist each other, and to provide them with necessary programs and services.

The Wounded Warrior Project was founded in 2002 by former Marine John Melia and his friends and family. Melia was severely wounded while serving in Somalia in 1992. Its signature program, delivering backpacks containing personal supplies to the bedside of wounded warriors, began during this time.

The backpacks include essential care and comfort items such as clothing, toiletries and playing cards. Battlefield casualties arrive in hospitals with none of these items since they haven't the opportunity to pack a bag.

Waking up in Walter Reed Army Medical Center after his injury, one of tonight’s SIF honorees, Tony Odierno, found a WWP backpack by his bedside. “It reminded me that someone cared,” he says. The gift prompted him to become active in the organization where he now serves on the board.

To date, the WWP has raised more than $41.6 million in contributions that provide services and programs for wounded warriors and their families. WWP is a national, nonpartisan organization headquartered in Jacksonville, FL. To get involved and learn more, visit www.woundedwarriorproject.org.
Capt. Anthony K. Odierno (U.S. Army, Ret.)
Board Director, the Wounded Warrior Project & Manager, Stadium Operations – New York Yankees

2010 SIF Special Award for Courage & Patriotism

- Captain (Ret.) Anthony K. Odierno graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering.
- Commissioned as a second lieutenant of Infantry, he completed the Infantry Officer Basic Course (IOBC) and was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas.
- He is also a graduate of the US Army Airborne and Ranger Schools.
- Assigned to the 1st Squadron 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, he served as a Scout Platoon Leader and later as a Support Platoon Leader.
- In March 2004, he deployed on Operation Iraqi Freedom; was wounded in combat in late August 2004.
- Shortly after, he was promoted to captain and served as Aide-de-Camp to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a position he held until his retirement from the Army in January 2007.
- Following his retirement from the Army, he attended New York University’s Stern School of Business, where he received a Master of Business Administration in Finance and Accounting.
- He currently manages stadium operations for the New York Yankees and serves on the Boards of Directors of both the Wounded Warrior Project and Troops First Foundation.
- Captain Odierno’s awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal for Valor; the Purple Heart; the Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Expert Infantryman’s Badge; and Combat Infantryman’s Badge.
JOSEPH P. BERNARDO
THE ALDO A. CAIRA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
HOMETOWN: BILLERICA, MA
SCHOOL: KOC UNIVERSITY – ISTANBUL, TURKEY
- Raised $25,000 for the Spinal Cord Paralysis Society of Turkey as part of a Rotary Club Matching Grant project
- Created the Northeastern University Global Awareness Program, an English conversation partner program currently servicing over 200 international students and scholars
- Received three scholarships from the University of Connecticut for reportage on the people of Florence, Italy

NATHAN INGLESE KUKOWSKI
THE SEBASTIAN M. & MARY POLO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
HOMETOWN: BRENTHOOD, TN
SCHOOL: BROWN UNIVERSITY – PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND
- Admitted ‘early decision’ to Brown University with a commitment to play Division I baseball
- Maintained a 4.573 QPA in high school, with a perfect ACT score of 36
- Captain of the Ravenwood High School Varsity Baseball team, ranked #1 in their district

SARA ANNA FRONDONI
STUDY ABROAD – SORRENTO LINGUE SCHOLARSHIP
HOMETOWN: CARLSBAD, CA
SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA – LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
- Vocal Performance major, with a double-minor in Italian and Communications
- Recipient of multiple academic and merit-based honors, including the California Arts Youth Scholar Program and the Soroptimist Society of North County San Diego Scholarship for Excellence in the Performing Arts
- Featured performer of the National Anthem for large-scale events, including the 2009 UNICO National Convention at Lake Las Vegas

JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER SCIAYONE
THE CHARLES EVANS SCHOLARSHIP
HOMETOWN: PISCATAWAY, NJ
SCHOOL: HARVARD UNIVERSITY – CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
- Awarded Princeton University summer research internship designing and developing a test setup for quantum cascade lasers
- Team Lead and Head Programmer for an award-winning robotics team
- Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America
KELSEY JACULLO BROSnan
THE JOSEPH BRACONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
HOMETOWN: ANNANDALE, NJ
SCHOOL: BARNARD COLLEGE OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY – NEW YORK, NEW YORK
- Interned at Vogue and W Magazines
- Member of the 2009 Kappa Alpha Theta’s Epsilon Upsilon Executive Board
- Interned at the International Center of Photography, managing the AIDS Graphic Archive and creating a reference aid for other researchers

KAITLIN T. MAGGIORE
THE JOANNE L. STROLLO SCHOLARSHIP
HOMETOWN: LOMBARD, IL
SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME – NOTRE DAME, INDIANA
- National Merit Commended Scholar
- AP Scholar and Salutatorian
- Captain of her high school Math and Varsity Softball Teams

FIONA CORBISIERO LOVE
THE JUSTICE FRANK J. MONTEMURO, JR. SCHOLARSHIP
HOMETOWN: SICKLERVILLE, NJ
SCHOOL: PEMBROKE COLLEGE OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY – UNITED KINGDOM
- Earned Girl Scout Gold Award
- National Merit Finalist and AP Scholar with Distinction
- Two-time recipient of the Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit

KRISTEN K. ROSANO
THE ROBERT A. MESSA SCHOLARSHIP
HOMETOWN: ROCKVILLE, MD
SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL – CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA
- Founder, in 2008, and key fundraiser of the recycling program for North Beach, MD
- Won a Laboratory Research Internship at the National Institutes of Health, investigating possible genetic causes of Carney complex, an autoimmune condition
- Semifinalist in the Intel Science Talent Search
- Received Distinguished Service Award by her graduating class for over 400 hours of community service, primarily with the Key Club
ELISABETTA SPADAFORA
THE JOSEPH SCIAME SCHOLARSHIP FOR ITALIAN LANGUAGE
HOMETOWN: HAVERSTOWN, PA
SCHOOL: WIDENER UNIVERSITY – CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA
- Summer volunteer at FARO (Sicily, Italy) - caring for children in the foster care system
- Summer volunteer at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia as a Child Care Worker
- Worked with Philabundance and MANNA as a representative of the Center for Student Ministries in various soup kitchens and child care centers

GEORGE G. GALLO III
THE HENRY F. SALVATORI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
HOMETOWN: DOVER, DE
SCHOOL: FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE – LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA
- Co-wrote a paper on metal hydride compounds to be published in the Journal of Alloys and Compounds (Fall 2010)
- Participating member of the Macy’s Great American Marching Band for the 2009 Thanksgiving Day Parade
- Attended the 2008 Delaware Governor’s School Academic Program

SARAH CAMPANA GUSTAFSON
THE 2010 NATIONAL EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP GRANT
HOMETOWN: WILTON, CT
SCHOOL: DAVIDSON COLLEGE – DAVIDSON, NORTH CAROLINA
- Presidential Scholar Semifinalist, National Merit Scholar, Connecticut Governor’s Scholar, National Latin Exam Gold Medalist, Connecticut State Latin Exam Gold Medalist, AP Scholar with Distinction and scored a perfect 2400 on the SATs
- Interned for former U.S. Representative Christopher Shays (CT-R)
- Named the John Montgomery Belk Scholar at Davidson College

THE CHARLES EVANS SCHOLARSHIP

The Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) is pleased to announce its newest perpetual scholarship, The Charles Evans Scholarship, awarded for the first time this evening. The Charles Evans Scholarship is made possible by an endowment from The Charles Evans Foundation, through the vision of its president, Linda J. Munson, whose maiden name is Conserva. Proud of her Italian heritage, Ms. Munson worked diligently to make this important scholarship possible.

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 the Foundation’s President, Linda J. Munson, for her vision and leadership in making this scholarship possible.
The Sons of Italy Foundation Deeply Thanks the SIF Perpetual Scholarship Donors

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BONCORE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
CAPPELLOTTI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
CARLONE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
LOU CARNESECCA SCHOLARSHIP
ESPOSITO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
CHARLES EVANS SCHOLARSHIP
SIMONE GIUFFRIDA SCHOLARSHIP
GIOVANNI GLESSI SCHOLARSHIP

GEORGE L. GRAZIADIO/SIF SCHOLARSHIP
POLO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
FRANK D. PRIVITERA SCHOLARSHIP
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The SIF thanks the donors of this year’s additional scholarships:

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THE JOANNE L. STROLLO SCHOLARSHIP

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The Sons of Italy Foundation this year pays special tribute to the Rienzi Foundation for Cochlear Implant Research and the Alberto Sordi Foundation, which have joined forces to support the Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma, a state-of-the-art teaching hospital and research center.

The Rienzi Foundation is dedicated to furthering the research and development of cochlear implants, a revolutionary new treatment option that can restore hearing. It was founded in 2005 by the businessman Michael Rienzi, its current chairman, and headquartered in New York City.

The Alberto Sordi Foundation, a research center for ageing, was founded by Alberto Sordi (1920-2003), one of Italy’s best-loved actors. Headquartered in Rome, the foundation is dedicated to the care, protection and betterment of the aged.

The Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma is a modern hospital that also confers medical degrees, trains young physicians and conducts research on various diseases and chronic ailments. Founded in 1993 in Rome, it moved to new state-of-the-art quarters in Trigoria, near Rome.
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And finally, the SIF expresses its admiration for the work of the Rienzi Foundation, whose support of the research and development of cochlear implants gives back the gift of hearing.
The Sons of Italy Foundation

The Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) is the philanthropic arm of the Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA). Established in 1959, the SIF has given more than $110 million to scholarships, philanthropy, medical research, disaster relief and cultural preservation.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Each year, the SIF and OSIA give more than $1 million in scholarships to promising young Italian Americans

MEDICAL RESEARCH
The SIF supports research to cure Cooley’s anemia, Alzheimer’s disease and other serious threats to life and health

DISASTER RELIEF
The SIF donates generously to disaster relief in the U.S. and abroad
CULTURAL PRESERVATION

The SIF’s Garibaldi-Meucci Museum is a center of Italian culture on Staten Island, NY.

IMMIGRANT HISTORY

The SIF contributes to preserving Italian immigrant documents at the Immigration History Research Center in Minnesota and has now partnered with ANCESTRY.com to broaden its impact.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The SIF supports the establishment and restoration of U.S. monuments, including the Statue of Liberty, the WW II memorial and the projected tribute to 9/11 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 of Italy in America, the nation’s oldest and biggest organization for people of Italian heritage.
1964  Donates $25,000 for flood victims in Belluno, Italy
1966  Donates $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  Raises more than $127,000 for earthquake victims in Sicily
1974  Names Cooley’s Anemia Foundation as an official charity. Donations to date: more than $3 million.
1976  Raises $217,000 for earthquake victims in Friuli, Italy
1981  Donates $3 million in funds and sends medicine and clothing to 97 southern Italian towns devastated by 1980 earthquake.
1985  Contributes to restoration of Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty
1987  Donates $30,000 to earthquake victims in Mexico
1989  Holds first National Education & Leadership Award (NELA) event in Washington, DC
1990  Contributes $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. Pledges another $1 million donation by 2015.
2003  Contributes $66,000 to help establish an Advanced Placement program in Italian
2004  Donates $100,000 to establish a World War II memorial in Washington, DC
2005  Donates $15,000 to the Tsunami Emergency Relieve effort in Asia
2006  Donates $35,000 for Hurricane Katrina Relief
2007  Pledges $100,000 to the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in NYC
2007  Donates $100,000 to Coaches vs. Cancer
2008  Donated $100,000 over the past four years to the Rienzi Foundation to cure deafness through cochlear implants
2009  Collected an estimated $300,000 in relief funds to aid victims of the Abruzzi earthquake
2010  Donated $100,000 to build the World Trade Center Museum & Memorial in New York City
MEDICAL RESEARCH & SOCIAL SERVICES
Alzheimer’s Association
American Fund for Dental Health
American Italian Cancer Foundation
Annette Funicello Fund for Neurological Disorders
Arthritis Foundation
Barbara Sinatra Children’s Center
Boys Town of Italy
CES Foundation
Children’s Inn at NIH
Coaches vs. Cancer
Cooley’s Anemia Foundation
Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation of America
The Daniel Pitino Children’s Health Foundation
Fox Chase Cancer Center
Lombardi Cancer Center
March of Dimes
Michael Bolton Charities For Battered Women
Multiple Sclerosis
Lupis Foundation & Elizabeth Fund
Special Olympics

CULTURAL PRESERVATION & THE ARTS
American Italian Historical Association
Center for Migration Studies
Commission for Social Justice
Concordia Language Villages Italian Program
Council for the Promotion of Italian Language in American Schools
FIERI National
Garibaldi-Meucci Museum
In Italiano language program
Istituto Italiano di Cultura
Italian Americana
Italian American Cultural Center
Italian Cultural Society
Italian Musicale
John D. Calandra Italian-American Institute
The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
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Washington Revels

EDUCATION
American Institute for Foreign Study & Academic Year in America exchange programs
Bard College
The College Board Advanced Placement Program in Italian
Dante School for Children
Hoop Dreams
Italian Studies Chair at California State University
John Cabot University
Mentoring and Internships
Order Sons of Italy in America National Student Summit
Seton Hall School of Diplomacy & International Relations
The SIF National Leadership Grant Competition

DISASTER RELIEF
American Red Cross (Hurricane Andrew relief)
Assisi earthquake relief
Cassino Memorial Orphanage Rebuilding
Catholic Relief Services
Ethiopian famine relief
Florentine flood relief
Katrina Relief Fund
Mexican earthquake relief
Naples earthquake relief
Oklahoma City Bombing
SIF/OSIA 911 Disaster Relief Fund
Tsunami Relief (Indonesia)
L’Aquila Earthquake in Abruzzo, Italy

OTHER SPECIAL PROJECTS
Arab American Institute
Christopher Columbus Catholic Center
DC Friends of Ireland
Don Orione Home & Madonna Queen National Shrine
Ellis Island Foundation
Greater Washington Urban League, Inc.
Immigration History Research Center
The Isaac Hayes Foundation
National Football League Players Association
National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
National Policy Association
National World War II Memorial
The Statue of Liberty Restoration Project
TF Peace Foundation
The career of award-winning character actor Joe Mantegna encompasses stage, screen and television. He won a Tony for Glengarry Glen Ross and an Emmy for Bleacher Bums, which he conceived and co-authored.

In Hollywood, his film credits include Alice, Searching for Bobby Fischer and the sleeper hit Uncle Nino. Currently, he plays Special Agent David Rossi in the television series Criminal Minds. A native of Chicago, Mr. Mantegna lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Arlene and their daughters, Mia and Gina.

Multi-talented Quincy Jones is a conductor, TV and music producer, arranger and composer in addition to playing a very mean trumpet. During his five decades in the entertainment industry, he has earned a record 79 Grammy Award nominations and received 27 awards, including a Grammy Legend Award in 1991.

Mr. Jones has also received seven Academy Award nominations for original scores and songs and in 1971, became the first African American musical director/conductor of the Academy Awards ceremony. In 1995, he became the first African American to win the Academy’s Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award.

Despite these many awards, history will likely remember him as the producer of Michael Jackson’s album, Thriller, which has sold over 110 million copies worldwide, and as the producer and conductor of the charity song “We Are the World.”
Gen. Raymond T. Odierno  
COMMANDING GENERAL, UNITED STATES FORCES-Iraq  
SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTER

Gen. Raymond T. Odierno is the current commanding general of U.S. forces in Iraq, a post he has held since its creation on January 1, 2010. He is also the deservedly proud father of one of this year’s SIF honorees, Capt. Anthony Odierno (U.S. Army Ret.).

Gen. Odierno and his men fought in the Sunni Triangle, north of Baghdad, one of the most violent regions of Iraq. There in December 2003, his troops captured Saddam Hussein. Now in his third deployment to Iraq, he faces many challenges to bring lasting stability to the region.

Gen. Odierno was born and raised in New Jersey and is a 1976 graduate of West Point. He has had a long and distinguished military career and earned many honors. He also holds masters degrees in nuclear effects engineering from North Carolina State University and National security and strategy from the Naval War College.

We are honored that he was able to be with us tonight to present the SIF award to his son.

Philip R. Piccigallo, Ph.D.  
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CEO, THE SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION &  
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA

Since 1988, Dr. Piccigallo has led the Sons of Italy in Washington, DC where his efforts have strengthened ties between Italian Americans and leaders in government and public policy.

He brought to the Order a background in unions and specifically the American Federation of Teachers, the Seafarers International Union and the Maritime Trades Department, AFL-CIO. He has represented the U.S. at global conferences held in Geneva, The Hague, NATO HQs and throughout Europe.

Born and raised in New York City, he holds a B.A. in economics; an M.A. in economic history and a Ph.D. in history and international affairs from the City University of New York. He has written two books on U.S. foreign policy, and articles on education, politics and international affairs. He and wife, Rose have two children, Jacqueline and Paul.
Highlights from Past NELAs

SIF CEO Philip Piccigallo greets 2010 SIF honoree, Vice President Joseph Biden

Five women trailblazers at the 2007 NELA. (L. to R.): Madeleine Albright; Hillary Rodham Clinton; Geraldine Ferraro; Nancy Pelosi and Mary Landrieu

Scientist and AIDS researcher Anthony Fauci, M.D. received the 1992 NELA honor

The 1993 NELA honoree Annette Funicello with Congressman Bob Michel

The NELA ballroom. About 1,000 guests attend annually.

U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia received the 1991 NELA honor

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi with President George W. Bush at the 2004 NELA
The legendary Frank Sinatra received the SIF Humanitarian Award in 1998, Tony Bennett in 1999.

Past NELA M.C.s newsman Sam Donaldson (L) and acclaimed actor Joe Mantegna.

Then-Vice President Al Gore spoke at the 1994 NELA.

President Bill Clinton has attended seven NELAs over the years.

Leon Panetta, the former congressman and current head of the CIA, was a NELA keynote speaker.

Television’s Larry King was a NELA Master of Ceremonies in 1999.

The NELA 1996 honoree, the legendary Joe Paterno (L) with Senator Bob Dole.
The Sons of Italy Foundation

The SIF Award Recipients

2009 - 1989

The Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) Awards are given annually at the SIF’s Gala Dinner, held every May in Washington, D.C.

2009

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.  National Education & Leadership Award (NELA)
Vice President of the United States

ARTHUR J. GAJARSA  SIF Lifetime Achievement Award in Jurisprudence
Federal Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals

ROBERT A. SCARDELLETTI  SIF Humanitarian Award
International President, Transportation Communications Union/IAM

MARY ANN ESPOSITO  SIF Lifetime Achievement Award in Culinary Arts
Host/Creator, “Ciao Italia” PBS TV

2008

JOSEPH PLUMERI  National Education & Leadership Award (NELA)
Chairman & CEO, Willis Group

STEVE WYNN  SIF Award for Global Vision & Philanthropy
Chairman & CEO, Wynn Resorts

MICHAEL PETRUZZELLO  SIF Award in Excellence in Business
Founder & Managing Partner, Qorvis Communications

ALFRED ROTONDARO, PHD  SIF Humanitarian Award
Sr. Fellow, Center for American Progress

2007

NICHOLAS DONOFRIO  NELA Award
Executive VP, IBM

GERALDINE FERRARO  Lifetime Achievement Award for Public Service
Former Congresswoman, America’s Health Insurance Plans

FRANK GIORDANO  Humanitarian Award
President, Union League of Philadelphia

THE RENZI FOUNDATION  Making A Difference Award

2006

MICHAEL RENZI  NELA Award
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Fraco Nuschese  Excellence in Business
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2005

DANA GIOIA  NELA Award
Chairman, National Endowment For the Arts

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CIO, Ryan Beck & Co.

KAREN IGNAGNI  Lifetime Achievement Award in Management
President & CEO, America’s Health Insurance Plans

JOSEPH G. PROCACCI  OSIA Centennial Award
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2004

JOSEPH GRANO  NELA Award
Chairman, UBS Financial Services

SILVIO BERLUSCONI  International Leadership Award
Prime Minister of Italy

JOHN DE GIOIA  Excellence in Academia Award
President, Georgetown University

FRANCES VISCO  Humanitarian Award
President, National Breast Cancer Coalition
2003
CHARLES GARGANO NELA Award
Chairman, Empire State Development Corp.
ANDY GRANATELLI Lifetime Achievement
Automotive designer, driver & engineer
RICHARD L. TRUMKA Humanitarian Award
Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO

2002
ROBERT GALLO, M.D. NELA Award
AIDS & cancer researcher
MARTIN J. MADDALONI Humanitarian Award
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JOE MANTEGNA Excellence in Media Award
Actor

2001
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Television Host

2000
MARIO ANDRETTI NELA Award
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Former Vice President & General Manager
North American Marketing & Advertising
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Actress & Businesswoman

1999
ANDREW A. GIANCAMILLI NELA Award
Former President & General Merchandise Manager
Kmart Corporation
TONY BENNETT Humanitarian Award
 Legendary Entertainer

1998
PHIL GUARASCIO NELA Award
Former Vice President & General Manager
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General Motors Corporation
FRANK SINATRA Humanitarian Award
Legendary Entertainer, Producer & Philanthropist

1997
PETER F. SECCHIA NELA Award
Chairman, Universal Forest Products, Inc. & Former U.S. Ambassador to Italy
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1995
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1991
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Its programs include

- **Italian America Magazine** the most widely read quarterly in the U.S. for people of Italian heritage
- **Passport To Italy** OSIA’s travel bureau arranges low-cost group tours to Southern Italy and its cultural patrimony
- **Scholarships** Financial support for young Italian Americans attending college and graduate school
- **Study Abroad Partnerships Opportunities** for students and adults to study, live and work in Italy.
- **The Sons of Italy National Book Club** Promotes fiction and non-fiction works by and about Italian Americans

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- The CSJ was founded in 1979 to fight the stereotyping of Italian Americans by the entertainment, advertising, and news industries. It also collaborates with other groups to ensure that people of all races, religions and cultures are treated fairly.
- The CSJ monitors the entertainment, advertising and news industries, contacts offending parties by letter and/or telephone and encourages other Italian American organizations, e-mail networks and concerned individuals to take action.
- Through its Positive Image Program, the CSJ regularly informs the media and general public about Italian American achievements, contributions, history and culture.
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