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Doctor of Commercial Science

Andrew J. Spano, County Executive, Westchester, New York
Spano improves the quality of life for the citizens of his county by protecting the environment, he has preserved 2,300 acres of open space and ensured water quality; initiating programs to aid families; reducing the county tax levy; and maintaining the only Triple A county in the state of New York.

Read Andrew J. Spano's citation >> [1]

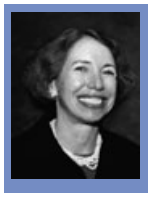
Doctor of Humane Letters

Mary Elizabeth Carnegie, Nursing Leader
As an author and educator, Carnegie chronicled the history of African-American nurses in the U.S., and as a nurse, she herself made history, breaking through racial roadblocks and championing the cause of the black nurse for more than 50 years. She was the first black nurse appointed to the board of the Florida Nurses Association, she initiated the baccalaureate nursing program at Hampton University, and she is the author of the award-winning *The Path We Tread: Blacks in Nursing*.

Read Mary Elizabeth Carnegie's citation >> [2]

Wendy Kopp, Founder and President, Teach For America
Kopp, concerned about educational inequities facing children in low-income communities across the United States, founded Teach For America in 1989. More than 10,000 new teachers, through Teach For America, have engaged more than 1.5 million low-income students in 20 school systems nationwide.

Read Wendy Kopp's citation >> [3]



Carol Raphael, President and CEO of Visiting Nurse Service of New York
The Visiting Nurse Service of New York (VSNY) is the largest voluntary home health care organization in the U.S. On September 11, 2001, Raphael and her team were called upon to perform perhaps the bravest work of their careers. Sixteen hundred patients lived in an area without power or water. The VSNY staff carried surgical masks, water, radios, and flashlights into dark buildings. Raphael cut through red tape to get permission for her staff to get to restricted areas and visited the site herself. She is a member of the

Pace Board of Trustees.

Read Carol Raphael's citation >> [4]

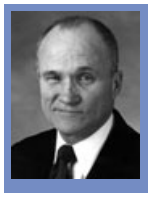
Honorable Charles E. Schumer, United States Senator from New York
Born and bred in New York City, Schumer has been a public servant for nearly 30 years as a State Assemblyman representing Brooklyn, as New York's 9th Congressional District Congressman, and, since 1998, as a U.S. Senator. He is tough on crime, an advocate of consumers, and champion of rebuilding lower Manhattan after terrorist attacks on September 11.

Read the Honorable Charles E. Schumer's citation >> [5]

Joseph E. Stiglitz, Economist, Nobel laureate
A fearless critic of international economic policies, Stiglitz is currently University Professor at Columbia University. For his contribution to the theory of information asymmetries, he won the Nobel Prize in 2001. He served in the Clinton Administration as the chair of the President's Council of Economic Advisors and at the World Bank as senior vice president and chief economist. He is also the cofounder and executive director of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue, which helps developing and transitioning countries explore policy alternatives.

Read Joseph E. Stiglitz's citation >> [6]

Doctor of Laws



Raymond W. Kelly, New York City Police Commissioner
A combat veteran of the Vietnam War, Kelly spent 31 years in the New York City Police Department and was appointed as police commissioner from 1992 to1994. He led the department through the investigation of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. In 2002, he was reappointed as commissioner by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, becoming the first person to hold the post for a second, separate tenure.

Read Raymond W. Kelly's citation >> [7]

Doctor of Letters

Tony Kushner, Playwright
In the early '90s Kushner wrote *Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes*, a seven-hour, two-part masterpiece that transformed him into the most highly acclaimed playwright of his generation. The play, which concerned moral responsibility during politically repressive times, became a Broadway blockbuster and earned him a Pulitzer Prize, two Tony Awards, and two Drama Desk Awards, among many others.

Read Tony Kushner's citation >> [8]

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