



AIAE Eighteenth Annual Awards and Scholarship Gala

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The Association of Italian American Educators announced its Gala. Will take place the First of May from 2:00-5:00 PM at the Chateau Briand, located at 440 Old Country Road, Carle Place, Long Island. Please find attached the invitation

The [Association of Italian American Educators](#) [2] 18th Annual Awards and Scholarships Gala will take place on Sunday, May 1, 2016 from 12:00-5:00 PM at the Chateau Briand, located at 440 Old Country Road, Carle Place, Long Island. A cocktail reception in the garden, (weather permitting), will be followed by the ceremony, dinner and dancing in the Normandy Ballroom, with special attraction, Tenor, Daniel Rodriguez and Soprano, MarlaKavanaugh. The Gala is AIAE's major fund raising event and constitutes the basis of financial support for all its programs.



During the Gala Awards ceremony, AIAE will honor a distinguished roster of Italian American colleagues whose meritorious achievements and contributions warrant the recognition of all. The 2016 Distinguished Awardees include: Dr. Antonio Giordano, Sbarro Institute for Cancer Research and Molecular Medicine: Outstanding Achievements in Medical Research Award; Prof. David S. Lalama, Hofstra University: Lifetime Achievement Award; Alberta Gulotta, Founder of the Little Language Studio: Educator of the Year Award; Nicholas Maurantonio, The Mary Louis Academy: Educator of the Year Award; Nancy Indelicato, Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc., Board of Directors-Chair, Public Relations: Promotion of Italian Language and Culture Award; Alessandra Belloni, Founder & Artistic Director of "I Giullari Di Piazza": AIAE Award in Performing Arts Award; Dr. Almerinda Forte, St John's University: Higher Education & Administrative Award.

AIAE will also present the Programma Ponte scholarship recipients for 2016. All are outstanding students, representing some of the nation's prestigious colleges and universities. They include: Maria Antonietta Bevilacqua, Adelphi University, Major: Environmental Studies, Theatre Design & Technology; Candice Chieffo, Temple University, Major: Chemistry, Minor: Italian and Arabic; Alessia DiPaolo, Southern Connecticut State University, Major: Biology; Vincenzo Elvezio, Stony Brook University, Major: Biology, Minor: Italian; Alexander Hoelzli, Virginia Tech College of Architecture and Urban Studies, Major: Architecture, Minor: Business.

The Association of Italian American Educators was established in 1997 to promote a positive Italian American image and presence in education. Since 1999, AIAE has presented the Educator of the Year Awards Fellowship for Teachers of Italian language. Collaborating with Hofstra University and other institutions, AIAE also participates in the Italian American Poets / La Piazza dei Poeti, Italian American Experience Lecture Series, annual Breakfast Networking Meeting with major organizations, and Lunch Networking Meeting with outstanding speakers and leaders in our community. Of note, the AIAE received the "Silver Medal" from the President of Italy, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, in 2002.

Commenting on the AIAE, Cav. Josephine A. Maietta, President, notes: "The AIAE is strongly committed to promoting the positive Italian American image, investing in our students and their experience; honoring and recognizing outstanding leaders and role models of our Italian American community; and celebrating and maintaining our rich Italian Heritage in the USA, as the Gala and its Award and Scholarship recipients so exemplify every year."

Find the intitation attached.

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