John Jay Awardees Honored at Plaza Hotel Gala

BY ELIZABETH GOLDEN

The Grand Ballroom of Manhattan’s Plaza Hotel was packed on March 3 to honor five members of the Columbia College family with John Jay Awards for Distinguished Professional Achievement. The honorees’ accomplishments range from medicine to financial services, and from energy production to real estate. The awards were presented by President Lee C. Bollinger; Columbia College Alumni Association President Charles O’Byrne; awardees Peter S. Kalikow, E. Javier Loya, Jonathan S. Sobel and Phillip M. Satow; Columbia College Dean Austin Quigley; and awardee Stephanie Falcone Bernik.

Bernik, a graduate of Yale University and Phi Beta Kappa; she earned her medical degree from Yale University School of Medicine. Bernik completed her internship and residency in general surgery at Saint Vincent’s Hospital and Medical Center in New York City. Peter S. Kalikow, whose son, Nicholas, is a recent graduate of the college, is president of H.J. Kalikow & Co., LLC, one of New York City’s leading real estate firms. Kalikow is chairman of the New York State Metropolitan Transportation Authority. He is also chairman of the Grand Central Partnership and a trustee of New York-Presbyterian Hospital. In 1997, the Peter and Mary Kalikow Pediatric Intensive Care Unit was established at New York-Presbyterian Hospital. He is a member of the College Board of Visitors.

E. Javier Loya, ’89, has served as president and CEO of Houston-based CHOICE! Energy since 2000. He helped found the company in 1994, creating one of the first institutional natural gas brokage houses following industry deregulation. Previously, Loya was a natural gas and crude products and options broker with First National Crude Oil. A first-generation Mexican-American, Loya made headlines in 2002 when he signed on as a limited partner of the NFL’s Houston Texans and was appointed to the NFL’s diversity committee.

Philipp M. Satow, ’68, is former president of Forest Laboratories, Inc., and former executive vice president of Forest Laboratories, Inc., its parent company. He is a member of the College Board of Visitors.

Jonathan S. Sobel, ’88, is a managing director and head of the mortgage department at Goldman Sachs. He serves on the firm’s risk and capital committee and the fixed income currency and commodities division’s risk committee. He became a managing director in 1997 and a partner in 1998.

At the John Jay Awards, from left, President Lee C. Bollinger; Columbia College Alumni Association President Charles O’Byrne; awardees Peter S. Kalikow, E. Javier Loya, Jonathan S. Sobel and Phillip M. Satow; Columbia College Dean Austin Quigley; and awardee Stephanie Falcone Bernik.

Ivy Leadership Summit Offers Business and Media Insights

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Columbia hosted some 200 students from the eight Ivy League schools for the annual Ivy Leadership Summit (ILS) Feb. 27-29. The summit’s theme was “Leaders in the Age of Technology and Globalization.”

The annual event is administered by the Ivy Council, which was founded in 1993 to provide students from each Ivy League institution with an opportunity to discuss leadership issues with proven leaders from a wide range of professions.

Experts from different fields were invited to participate. Discussions included a panel on sustainable development, which featured Jeffrey Sachs, director of Columbia’s Earth Institute, and Steve Forbes, CEO, Forbes magazine; a panel on media that included Provost Alan Brinkley and NewHour correspondent Susan Dentzer; and an international-business discussion, which featured Joe Lane, former president of the IBM Credit Corp. Under Secretary of Defense Dov Zakheim, Iraqi Minister of Municipalities & Public Works Noorem Berwari and Professor E. Toby Higgins, the director of the Motivation Services Center at Columbia, participated in a panel discussion on terrorism and the new security threat.

“ILS 2004 was the most ambitious summit yet,” said Ivy Council President Alexis Cosnas, a student at the Fu Foundation School of Engineering & Applied Science. “ILS Chairman Eric Poirier, also a student at the Fu Foundation, said, ‘We have created an event that exposes student leaders to the visionaries and policy makers of today’s global landscape. We’re improving the network needed for tomorrow’s leaders to make informed and responsible decisions.’ For more information, visit ils.ivycouncil.org.