



Staten Island Advance

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Wagner College's DaVinci Society will support students

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - On Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 6 p.m., the Wagner College DaVinci Society will host its eighth annual scholarship and awards dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bloomfield. Tickets are \$125. For reservations and information, call Betty McComiskey at Wagner College, **718-420-4014**, or email her at **emccomis@wagner.edu**.

The dinner is a major fund-raiser for the four scholarships given to Staten Island Italian-American students attending Wagner College.

Five Staten Islanders are to be honored for their community service:

Dr. Vincent Frazzetto who has a Meiers Corners dentistry practice, has for 25 of his 30 years in practice been an active teaching and attending dentist at both Nassau County University Hospital and Staten Island University Hospital.

Huguenot resident **Alex Marrocco** is the father of Brendan Marrocco who lost all four of his limbs in a mine explosion while on active duty in Iraq. Inspired by his son and the wounded warriors he spent time with at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Mr. Marrocco is establishing a new foundation dedicated to assisting injured soldiers as they transition to civilian life.

Richard Salinardi, executive director of Lifestyles for the Disabled, began the Special Olympics program as a student at Wagner College.

Joseph Sciacca, 94, is former deputy commissioner of the New York State Athletic Commission, Boxing Division. Known for his service to others, he received the Silver Beaver distinguished service for his service to the Staten Island Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Dr. Donna Seminara is president of the medical and dental staff of Staten Island University Hospital and director of the Geriatric Fellowship Program. She has a private practice in Eltingville.

The Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to **Vincent Gattullo**, an assistant professor of biology at the College of Staten Island, who was executive director of the Staten Island Zoological Society for more than 20 years.

Rev. Protopresbyter Nicholas Petropoulakos will be the recipient of The Renaissance Award, presented to a member of the community who is not Italian American but represents another culture. Father Nick has served as the pastor of Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Bulls Head, for more than 15 years.

Eleanor Conforti, former chairwoman of Community School Board 31 and a Staten Island Advance Woman of Achievement, is chairwoman for the dinner.