

## THE BOROUGH



Attending the Wagner College DaVinci Society's 11th scholarship dinner on Thursday at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bloomfield, are, seated from left, Carin Guarasci; Elissa Montanti, honoree; Vienna Profeta, honoree, and Eleanor Conforti, dinner chairwoman. Standing, from left, are Richard Guarasci, Wagner College president; Jeffrey Palmese, honoree; Vincent D'Antuono, honoree; Michael M. Walsh, honoree; John Fusco, honoree; John Vento, honoree, and Ralph Lamberti, Davinci Society chairman. (STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE/BILL LYONS)

### GRYMES HILL

# Wagner College DaVinci Society honors 7

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The Wagner College DaVinci Society hosted its 11th annual scholarship and awards dinner on Thursday at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bloomfield.

Eleanor Conforti, former chairwoman of Community School Board 31 and a Staten Island Advance Woman of Achievement, chaired the event, which is a major fund-

raiser for the scholarships given to Staten Island Italian-American students attending Wagner College, Grymes Hill.

Five people received Community Service Awards at the dinner this year: Vincent D'Antuono, owner of Pastosa Ravioli in West Brighton; Elissa Montanti, founder of the Global Medical Relief Fund; Jeffrey Palmese, owner

of Brown's Fuel; Vienna Profeta, founder and president of Staten Island Friends for Hospice Care and the senior vice president of the Eger Foundation/Eger Lutheran Homes and Services, and John Vento, president of a Staten Island-based certified public accounting firm as well as the certified financial planning firm of Comprehensive Wealth Management Ltd.

Michael Walsh, an attorney who is a member of the Richmond County, New York State and American bar associations, received the 2014 Renaissance Award

This year's Lifetime Achievement Award went to John Fusco, retired New York State Supreme Court justice, now serving on the staff of Borough President James Oddo as general counsel.