2016
CITIZEN LAURATE Awards
37TH ANNUAL
OCTOBER 27, 2016
George R. Hearst III  
President, The University at Albany Foundation  
along with  
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invite you to join them in honoring

Academic Laureate
Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D.

Community Laureates
Angelo Mazzone  
Walter L. Robb

Thursday, October 27, 2016
5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception  
7:00 p.m. Dinner and Awards Program

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University at Albany Uptown Campus

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Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D. ~ President, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

The Honorable Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D. is the 18th president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where she has led an extraordinary transformation since 1999. Described by Time Magazine as “perhaps the ultimate role model for women in science,” Dr. Jackson has held senior leadership positions in academia, government, industry, and research.

Just recently, United States President Barack Obama awarded Dr. Jackson the National Medal of Science, the nation’s highest honor in science and engineering. In 2014, President Obama appointed her Co-Chair of the President’s Intelligence Advisory Board. Dr. Jackson also serves on the U.S. Secretary of State’s International Security Advisory Board and the U.S. Secretary of Energy’s Advisory Board.

Dr. Jackson serves on numerous boards of directors and is highly published. Among many other awards and accolades, Dr. Jackson has received the Vannevar Bush Award from the National Science Board and in 2014 was inducted into the Tech Valley Business Hall of Fame.

A theoretical physicist, Dr. Jackson holds an S.B. in Physics and a Ph.D. in Theoretical Elementary Particle Physics, both from MIT.

Angelo Mazzone, Owner, Mazzone Hospitality

Angelo Mazzone, renowned restaurateur and owner of Mazzone Hospitality, has proven dreams can come true, not only for hundreds of thousands of guests, but for Angelo and his staff as well. Together Mazzone Hospitality provides the area with the leading culinary and hospitality team, delivering unsurpassed events, fresh and unique catering, exceptional fine dining restaurants and a company founded on the philosophy of customer service.

Since 1980 when Angelo first started his empire at a small downtown Schenectady restaurant called Peggy’s (now Aperitivo Bistro), he focused on building the business and the relationships which helped him secure the purchase of Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia in 1988. Since then he hasn’t stopped growing his portfolio and delivering the difference to the greater Capital Region.

Angelo’s philanthropic initiatives have greatly benefited the Capital Region, and he is involved in such organizations as the culinary and hospitality program at Schenectady County Community College, The American Heart Association, The American Cancer Association, SPAC, Proctors Theatre, and the Palace Theater.

Walter L. Robb, President, Vantage Management

Walter L. Robb, currently president of Vantage Management Inc. and CEO of MeOH Power, is a well-known Capital Region businessman, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. Prior to his current role, Robb spent over 30 years with Schenectady-based GE and shaped the medical diagnostic imaging equipment industry.

Robb holds twelve patents and is the author of many articles in professional journals, and his research has garnered him numerous awards. He is an investor in local start-ups and was also an owner of the American Hockey League’s Albany River Rats. He recently published a book, titled Getting Ahead in Business and Life.

In recognition of his generosity, he has received several awards both locally and throughout the country. He also serves or has served on countless boards of directors. In 1993, Robb received the National Medal of Technology from President Clinton for his leadership in the CT and MR imaging industry.

Robb received his B.S. degree in chemical engineering from Pennsylvania State University and his M.S. and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois. He also holds honorary doctor of engineering degrees from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the Milwaukee School of Engineering.
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