

Kickin' It with Lifestyles & Society Editor Audrey J. Bernard

Over 500 attend Junior Achievement leadership awards celebration gala



Joseph Perl and Anne William present honoree Samuel Arijeloye with award

The Junior Achievement of New York (JANY), which focuses on teaching economic and business education to NYC students to inspire and prepare them to succeed in a global economy, hosted its annual New York leadership awards dinner on Wednesday, October 20, 2010, at The World Financial Center Winter Garden in Wall Street.

More than 500 NYC and Long Island business leaders and professionals attended the special event which also celebrated the 2010 business and student leader of the year honorees.

Maurice DuBois, anchor of WCBS's *News This Morning*, served as emcee for the evening's festivities; and Anne Williams, chair, JANY's board of directors, and president, global commercial card, American Express, served as dinner chair.

The stellar event recognizes or-



The Junior Achievement of New York Board of Directors at 2010 annual leadership awards celebration: (Seated L-R) Diane D'Erasamo, EVP, HSBC Bank; Lisa Martin, SVP Pfizer Inc; Merrill Kraines, partner, Fullbright & Jaworski LLP; Victor Malanga, EVP, Edelman Worldwide; Gary Kozlowski, partner, Ernst & Young; Ami Kaplan, deputy managing partner, Deloitte & Touche LLP; Paul Schreiber, partner, Sherman & Sterling (Standing L-R) Brian Varga, director, National Grid; Craig Soloff, VP Verizon; Peter Kirn, partner, Accenture; Richard Poccia, partner, PricewaterhouseCooper; Anne William (board chair) and president global commercial card, American Express; Joseph Perl, President, JA New York; Gavin O'Connor, managing director, Goldman Sachs; Joseph Duggan, partner, KPMG; Tom DeVito, VP & general manager, AT&T NY & NJ; Willie Dennis, partner, K&L Gates

inary individuals who have made extraordinary contributions in support of JANY's mission to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. Each honoree displays exemplary leadership skills that reflect JANY's values of integrity, respect and excellence.

Mury Bergtraum High School for Business Careers' senior, Samuel Arijeloye, a JANY stu-

dent, was the 2010 recipient of the coveted leader of the year award. He has participated in several JA programs, including the prestigious Student Ambassador youth leadership development program, the Business Plan Competition, High School Heroes, JA Company program and the Job Shadow program. The consummate honoree has also represented and/or spoken on behalf of JANY in local media opportunities and at high profile events. The honor student exudes confidence, a passion for business, enterprise and public service and a strong desire to succeed in school and in life - all the qualities of a student leader of the year honoree. Currently in his final year of high school, Arijeloye dreams of attending business school next year, with the goal of pursuing a career in the field of busi-

ness and finance.

Arijeloye attributes motivation and inspiration of his drive to succeed to his relationship and involvement with Junior Achievement. In his powerful keynote address, he spoke eloquently about his strong beliefs.

"I believe with discipline and determination, anyone can be an effective leader. Junior Achievement worked with me to develop my natural abilities and skills to become the leader I am today. From the very first moment that I walked through the doors of Junior Achievement, I was challenged to live up to my full potential," he said.

"I've carried my Junior Achievement experience over to my everyday life. I began taking school more seriously. I began seeing the connection between

my Junior Achievement experience, my school performance and my future. I quickly realized that the harder I worked the more I can achieve," Arijeloye concluded to a raucous ovation.

Goldman Sachs Gives (GSG), the donor advised fund of investment bank Goldman Sachs, was the recipient of the business leader of the year award. GSG builds on the firm's long tradition of philanthropy and harnesses the collective generosity of its people, providing an important way for them to increase their support of non-profit organizations around the world.

For over 14 years Goldman Sachs has been a source of corporate philanthropic volunteer and funding support for JANY. In spring 2010, GSG made a generous leadership gift of over \$400,000 to JANY to support the delivery of work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy education programs to New York City and Long Island K-12 students.

"We're excited about this opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding achievements of student and business leaders in the JA New York community. Samuel Arijeloye and Goldman Sachs Gives are both examples of the power and impact of achievement when inspired by hard work, generosity, enthusiasm and opportunity," said Joseph A. Perl, president of JA New York. "The common thread connecting their achievements is the role played by community in supporting the success of our young people in school and in life."

(Photo Credit: Roberto Falck)



Honoree Samuel Arijeloye and his proud family with his teacher (R) Jared Vitale



Anne Williams, honoree Samuel Arijeloye, Gavin O'Connor, Joseph Perl



Willie Dennis, partner, K&L Gates



Honoree Samuel Arijeloye, emcee Maurice DuBois

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