

IL GIORNALE

COLUMBUS CITIZENS FOUNDATION

2021 Edition





COLUMBUS CITIZENS FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

Recognizing the incredible impact that our Italian heritage has had on our lives and its contribution to our individual successes, we the Members of Columbus Citizens Foundation dedicate ourselves to preserving and enhancing the culture, traditions and values we were so blessed to receive. Furthermore, we will commit to honor those that came before us by ensuring that their love of country, family and tireless work ethic are passed to our children and all future generations. We firmly commit to raise and distribute financial aid to educate children in need and pledge to extend ourselves in perpetuating the philanthropic work that has been synonymous with our Foundation.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cari amici:

Grazie mille!

Thank you all for your faith in our dual missions of fraternity and philanthropy and thus your support during these many months of separation.

Each of the Giornale letters during my term as President has emphasized that dual mission and emphasized our efforts to strengthen the organization for life in the 21st century.

While no one could have anticipated the specifics of 2020 and its challenges, our message during my entire term as President has been that the world keeps changing and we need to keep changing with it. There is no better preparation for change than to constantly expect it and be prepared to adjust while never losing sight of your mission, your *motivo essenziale: la tua anima*.

During 2020, we stayed true to our mission and redoubled our dedication to our fraternal and philanthropic missions. For this I am grateful to our Officers, our Board, and our staff but mostly profoundly grateful to you our Members.

This is my last letter as your President and I can only say again "grazie mille" for the opportunity to serve our great organization.

Con affecto e stima,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marian U. Pardo".

Marian U. Pardo
President

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Members,

It's hard to believe we are putting the finishing touches on *Il Giornale* as I write this letter to you. Much of this edition looks back at 2020 and reminds us of the many ways we stayed in touch despite COVID restrictions. Whether it was the weekly e-letters, our many virtual programs, or crossing paths in the Taverna, our strong sense of community was felt throughout the year. We welcomed new Members, said good-bye to very special friends, and celebrated important milestones in the lives of CCF Members, including the engagement of two special Members who eventually held their wedding at the Townhouse in 2021.

As we look forward to the 2021 Columbus Celebration Weekend, we are once again confronted with the uncertainty of what COVID restrictions will be in place in October and the ongoing controversy surrounding the legacy of Columbus. What we do know with certainty is that the community of Columbus Citizens Foundation Members, friends, and family are strongly united in their desire to fulfill a dual mission of fraternity and philanthropy. Our investments in scholarships, programs, and dissemination of information have assured that more than \$30 million has supported deserving Italian-American students over the years. Thousands of NYC residents and visitors have celebrated with us along Fifth Avenue in the country's largest public demonstration of enthusiasm for Italian-American heritage and culture. Members deserve tremendous applause for all they have done to make these opportunities possible.

I cherish the relationships I have with many CCF Members and hope 2021 brings me opportunities to know more of you. And most importantly, 2020 and 2021 have illustrated how dedicated House and Foundation staff members are to our work and our community. Throughout a very challenging period, staff stayed in close touch, collaborated on our reopening plans, and worked together to assure everyone felt supported and connected.

As you read the features in this edition of *Il Giornale*, I hope it brings happy memories and inspires you to continue this journey with us. We are eager to be with you in 2021 and in the years to come.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Ackerman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "A".

Lisa Ackerman
Executive Director

THE COLUMBUS CITIZENS FOUNDATION 2020 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

For decades, the CCF Townhouse has been a destination for Members to enjoy holiday celebrations, musical performances, themed dinners, fundraising luncheons and boutiques, intimate lectures, and classic Italian meals in the Taverna.

In 2020, due to COVID-19 restrictions, much of our regularly scheduled event programming shifted online. We are so grateful to all of the presenters and participating Members who shared their insight and brought so much joy to our screens. The reopening of the city and its regulations in recent months have allowed us to begin gathering in person once again, though we continue to offer a variety of virtual offerings to give Membership flexibility. Be sure to keep up with our calendar online at www.columbuscitizens.org/events.

IN-PERSON EVENTS



February 5

B2B is Really P2P - How to Win with High Touch in a High Tech World - Lecture & Book Signing with Frank Somma.



February 7

Ritornato - A Screening and Q&A session with filmmaker Michael Cavalieri.



February 12

The Ambassador of San Marino - Cocktail Reception and Lecture with H.E. Damiano Beleffi.



February 20

Rome, The Eternal & Ever Dynamic City - A Lecture on Rome from our Executive Director Lisa Ackerman.

VIRTUAL EVENTS



June 5

Opera Night - Curated for the Foundation by Ken Benson in a tribute to Anthony Corraera.



June 30

Anthony Scaramucci Presentation - A Lecture and Q&A with Founder & Co-Manager of SkyBridge Capital and CCF Member.



July 15

Scholarship Ceremony - Virtual ceremony for all 2020 CCF Scholars, hosted by Board Member Maria Bartiromo.



July 22

Jason DeSena Trennert Presentation - A Lecture by Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Strategas and CCF Member.



July 23

"Virtual" Italian Shore Dinner - CCF's annual summer celebration of seafood with recipes by Chef John Boden and entertainment by vocalist Vanessa Racci.



August 7

Caravaggio's Early Years - A Lecture and Q&A led by Sara Magister on the genius of the early Baroque painter.



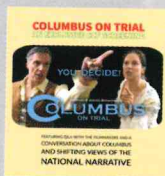
August 12

Marcella - A Documentary Screening on Italian chef Marcella Hazan with filmmaker Peter Miller.



August 28

Treasures of the Borghese Gallery - A Lecture and Q&A led by Cecilia Martini.



August 30

Columbus On Trial - An exclusive Screening and Q&A with filmmakers Marylou and Jerome Bongiorno.



September 17

After the Plague: A Eucharistic Illusion in an Early Renaissance Last Supper - A Lecture by Hon. Barbara Jaffe, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.



September 18

Renaissance Vatican: St. Peter's Basilica - An exclusive Lecture and Q&A led by Francesca Barberini.



December 6

Italian Christmas Traditions - A Lecture and Q&A by award-winning author, lecturer and photographer, Carla Gambescia.



December 8

An Evening with Kate Ottavino - An inside look at a NYC-based family business that has contributed its stonework to some of the city's most recognizable buildings and monuments.



December 12

Quarantine for Christmas - Vocalist Vanessa Racci's virtual performance of Christmas favorites.



December 22

Home for Christmas - A Cabaret of Italian-American Christmas classics by former CCF Scholarship recipient and Junior Member, vocalist Charlie Romo.

CCF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our chief philanthropic mission is to provide scholarships to deserving students of Italian-American heritage. Growing out of a desire to improve the lives of Italians and Italian Americans, the CCF Scholarship Program requires that students are of a minimum of 25% Italian heritage, have a minimum 3.5 GPA, can demonstrate financial need, and have shown success in their studies and involvement with their communities.

Each dollar received moves the Foundation forward to realize our mission. The fall Columbus Celebration Weekend remains CCF's primary fundraising vehicle, but the generosity of our

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



Claudio Cotza, CCF College Scholarship Recipient, Manhattan College, Bronx

"This past year has been a unique and challenging year academically but the one thing that remained constant is my love for theater and music and being part of the Manhattan College Singers choir.

We were given the opportunity to perform two songs at the Radio City Music Hall just before the Rockettes took the stage for their performance. This was a huge honor because that venue has been home to so many amazing entertainers over the years, and now I can say that I performed there as well."

The College Scholarship Program was established in 1984. Recipients receive a four-year scholarship that helps underwrite the cost of their college tuition. Since 2001, we have given more than \$8 million in scholarships to deserving college students.

In 2020, we awarded scholarships to 169 college students, with 21 of those awards going to incoming freshmen in the fall of 2020.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS



Richael Lamendola, CCF High School Scholarship Recipient, Mary Help of Christians Academy, North Haledon, New Jersey

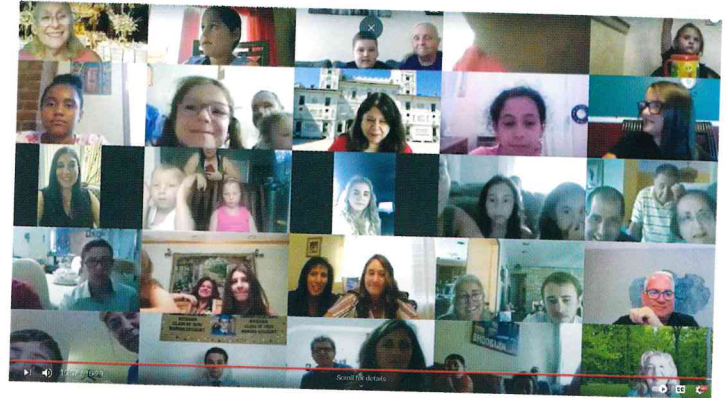
"In my junior year I received the Scholar Athlete Award during basketball season after maintaining the highest-grade point average on the team. I was also inducted into the National Honor Society and voted in as Treasurer, as well as Vice President of my class. Additionally, I had the best summer experience yet and spent a few months volunteering at a summer camp, where I ran the science activities and curriculum for children ages three to fourteen. This experience renewed my love for science and school and motivated me to continue working hard in my last year of high school. I received the Distinguished Honor at my school, a new award given to students with a grade of 95 or above in each class. Without the scholarship from Columbus Citizens Foundation, none of this would have been possible. I am forever grateful for all of their generosity that has guided me to where I am today."

The High School Scholarship Program was founded in 1994. Recipients receive four-year scholarships that help cover their high school tuition in preparation for admission to college. Since 1994, we have given over \$9 million in scholarships to deserving high school students.

In 2020, we awarded scholarships to 247 high school students, with 31 of those awards going to ninth grade students starting high school in fall 2020.

Members and supporters only deepens our ability to impact the lives of our scholars. Membership dues, sponsorships, and charitable donations enable our Scholarship Program. In 2020 we awarded 617 scholarships totaling more than \$2 Million.

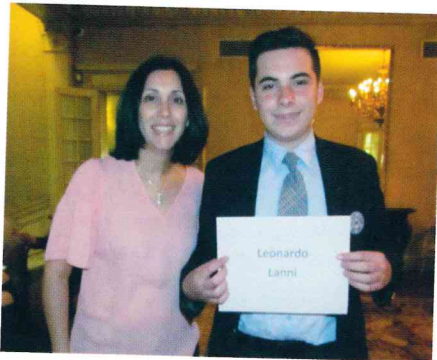
The recipients of our scholarships are achieving great success in their studies and careers post-graduation. You can view the impact CCF has made on some of our scholarship recipients and read more first-hand perspectives of the emerging careers of a few of our graduates on our website.



In 2020, we held our Scholarship Ceremony virtually with Maria Bartiromo as host.

ELEMENTARY SCHOLARSHIPS

2020 VIRTUAL SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY



Anthony D. Lanni
father of **Leonardo Lanni**, CCF
Elementary
Scholarship
Recipient, Villa Maria
Academy

"My son Leonardo was accepted on a full scholarship to

Regis High School. We are so proud of him and so grateful for CCF's support in getting him to this point. CCF gave a wonderful and gifted child the opportunity to attend Villa Maria Academy and to flourish in many ways. He scored in the 99th percentile in math nationally. I truly feel that this was possible because of the great education that he received with your help. Columbus Citizens Foundation should feel that their mission makes a difference, and I can attest to that."

The Elementary School Scholarship Program was established in 2003. Scholarships are available to students who will be entering grades K-8. Since 2003, we have given more than \$200,000 in scholarships to deserving K-8 students.

In 2020, we awarded scholarships to 201 elementary students, 61 of which were new awards given to students in fall 2020.

Though we were not able to gather this year for our Scholarship Award Ceremony, we celebrated virtually on July 15, 2020 with an event attended by many scholarship awardees and their families.

With Maria Bartiromo hosting, the Scholarship Committee Chairs were joined by Marian Pardo and the CCF Scholarship team in congratulating the students and wishing them well in their future studies.

Additionally, in the summer of 2020, we hosted two workshops for all our current CCF High School Scholars on the topic of college affordability. Presented in partnership with CCF Board Member Phyllis Perillo, the workshops gave students the resources they needed to help them navigate how to afford tuition. This will be an annual offering for our current scholars and will be part of a suite of programming aimed at giving all of our CCF Scholars additional opportunities to keep in touch with CCF while learning skills that will help advance their academic careers.

ADDITIONAL CCF SCHOLARSHIPS & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBUS GUARINI SCHOLARSHIP

The Honorable Frank Guarini, former CCF Board Member and Chair of John Cabot University's Board of Trustees, made a generous donation to Columbus Citizens Foundation from which John Cabot University students may be awarded scholarships. Students must be planning to attend John Cabot University, be of at least 25% Italian descent, and maintain at least an 85% or 3.5 GPA overall academic average.

MORGAGNI MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Morgagni Medical Society provides funding for one medical school student in the amount of \$10,000 over four years (\$2,500 per year) to an incoming first year medical student, with a minimum GPA of 3.5, who is of at least 25% Italian heritage.

FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THE ARTS

The Franco Zeffirelli Scholarship Fund was established in 2002 for the arts in honor of Mr. Zeffirelli's contributions to the world of film and stage. Scholarships are awarded to Italian students from the Istituto Statale d'Arte of Florence, Mr. Zeffirelli's alma mater, to allow them to study in New York under programs developed by Greg Wyatt, Sculptor-in-Residence at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine.



ADOPT-A-SCHOLAR

The Adopt-A-Scholar program provides a benefactor with an opportunity to endow a perpetual scholarship or provide annual scholarship support, often named for a friend or loved one. The perpetual scholarship is awarded every four years, while the annual scholarship is a one-time, four-year grant. Recipients of perpetual scholarships from Dalio Philanthropies and the Giambelli Foundation told us what the opportunity meant to them.

I feel honored to be selected as one of many deserving candidates to receive an award from CCF and Dalio Philanthropies. The scholarship allows me to focus solely on my education without worrying that I am putting myself or my family in debt. I am very connected to my Italian heritage and an advocate for greater educational opportunities for the next generation. I worked extremely hard in high school, and getting the scholarship made me feel that the leadership roles, extracurriculars, AP Courses, and two jobs while studying were well worth it. These scholarships give students opportunities to chase their dreams by furthering their education and allowing me to excel in high school and now in college, and I am extremely grateful."



Marisa Garvin, CCF High School and College Scholarship Recipient, Preston High School and Fordham University, Bronx, NY

"Because of the Giambelli Foundation, I was given the opportunity to focus on my education and go to the college of my dreams, without the worry of financial burden. When receiving a scholarship from CCF, I felt so honored that they would invest their funds in my education, but also determined to push myself to do well and succeed."



Gina DiNicuolo, CCF High School and College Scholarship Recipient, St. John's University, and previously held a CCF High School Scholarship to Preston High School

TRIBUTE GIVING

A tribute gift is a way to recognize an individual by dedicating a gift to CCF in that person's name. CCF has been the beneficiary of tribute gifts that honor the legacy of someone who has passed away as well as donations for special occasions or milestones, such as birthdays and graduations. This is a unique way to honor a loved one while helping secure the future of Italian-American scholarship.



Anthony S. Calvano, the late father of CCF Member Heather Calvano, is an important figure in your New Year's Eve celebration, even though you may not know it. Mr. Calvano established Landmark Signs & Electrical Maintenance in 1998 with his wife, Lynn, and since then they became the company that drops the ball in Times Square each year. Since Anthony's passing in 2014, his family continues the tradition in

Times Square. It remains the highlight of the family's year.

"My father's heart was huge and his generosity knew no bounds. He took immense pride in being Italian American and grew up driven to make a success of himself.

Upon his passing, my family decided that an excellent way to honor him, and foster his legacy of generosity and pursuit of one's dreams, would be to set up scholarship funds in his name allowing young Italian Americans the opportunity for education that might not otherwise be available to them." - Heather Calvano

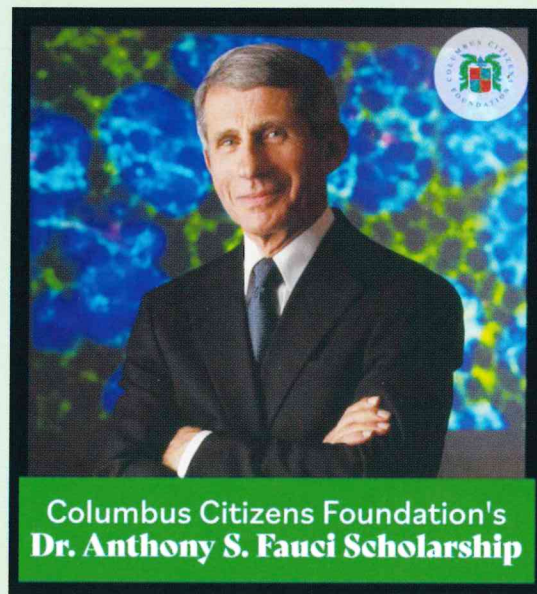
ADDITIONAL WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Over the past year, Members and supporters of the Foundation have been extremely creative in their generosity. Members have held birthday celebrations at the Townhouse and requested donations to the Scholarship program in place of gifts. Children and grandchildren of former Members have suggested donations to CCF in place of flowers when a loved one passes. Any of these options and more are welcomed as we look to secure large and small gifts to our program that provides support to hundreds of students every year.

If you have an idea for fundraising, we'd love to discuss it further. Please email to share your thoughts. We look forward to Membership input and support that will allow us to exceed our goals for the years ahead.

Please email any fundraising ideas and thoughts to Michelle Santoro at msantoro@columbuscitizens.org.

THE DR. ANTHONY S. FAUCI SCHOLARSHIP




2021 marks the first year of CCF's new Dr. Anthony S. Fauci Scholarship. The Foundation awarded the first \$25,000 annual scholarship to the Italian-American student who exemplifies the values and determination of Dr. Fauci. The scholarship will support an Italian American with great academic prowess seeking financial aid at the graduate level in medical and public health fields of study.

When the global pandemic shut down the world as we know it, Dr. Fauci's leadership and expertise helped guide us. Today, many associate Dr. Fauci as the trusted voice in COVID-19 safety. He currently serves as the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and Chief Medical Advisor to President Biden.

Dr. Fauci also has connections to CCF on a personal level beyond being an Italian American New York native. Dr. Fauci was previously named as a Columbus Celebration Honoree in 1988, for his ground-breaking work on curbing the AIDS epidemic worldwide. In 2020, Dr. Fauci was the special guest for CCF's Annual Gala.

We urge Members to support this exciting new scholarship, which we hope shapes the future of medical research.

CCF Executive Director Lisa Ackerman, noted: "We are thrilled to be adding this scholarship to our existing program. The qualities of empathy, understanding and perseverance that Dr. Fauci has exemplified throughout his career will be prerequisites for potential candidates."



77TH ANNUAL COLUMBUS CELEBRATION

DATES TO SAVE

Saturday | October 9

Columbus Celebration Gala

Sunday | October 10

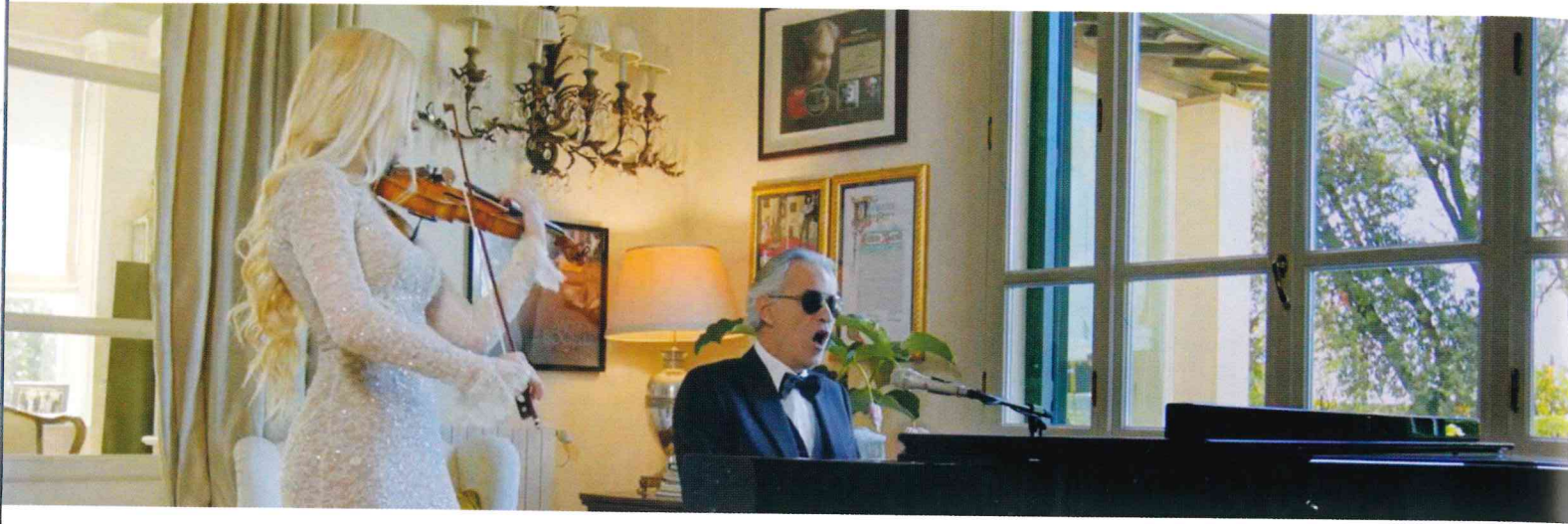
**Wreath Laying Ceremony
at Columbus Circle**

Monday | October 11

**Columbus Mass at
St. Patrick's Cathedral
Columbus Day Parade**

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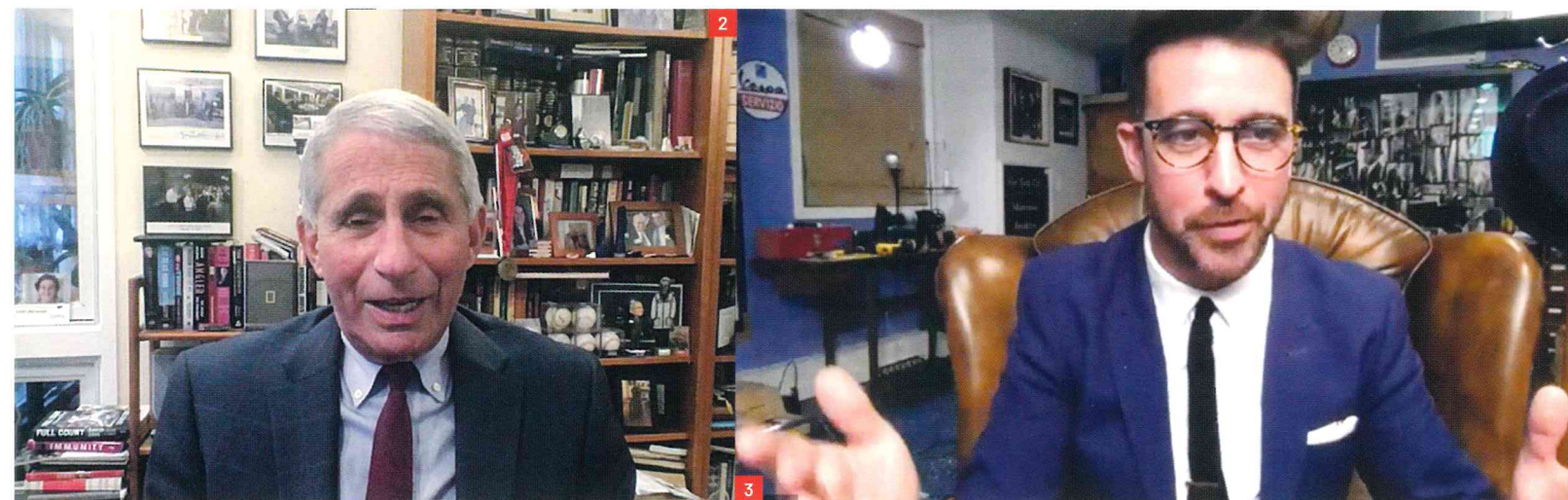




COLUMBUS CELEBRATION 76TH ANNUAL GALA BENEFIT

Columbus Citizens Foundation's 76th Annual Gala was unlike the traditional, black-tie celebration at the Hilton, to which our Members and guests have grown accustomed. Instead, we gathered together virtually to connect with a star-studded Italian American lineup, in our annual effort devoted towards advancing the CCF Scholarship Program for the next generation.

The Gala program opened with toasts from Columbus Citizens Foundation Executive Director Lisa Ackerman; President Marian Pardo; and Board Chair and Columbus Celebration Chair Angelo Vivolo. The VIP Cocktail Reception featured a Meet & Greet with the public health expert who captured the attention and trust of the nation amid this global pandemic: Dr. Anthony Fauci, a Brooklyn-native and a former CCF Honoree.



Other familiar Celebration Weekend faces cheered on the achievements of Italian Americans, including Maria Bartiromo, Joe Piscopo, and Archbishop Cardinal Dolan.

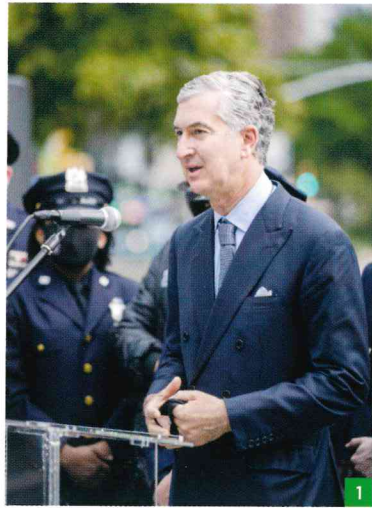
In place of a dance floor, Gala attendees were treated to guitar virtuoso Al Di Meola who performed an exclusive rendition of the Beatles' "Strawberry Fields Forever" and the tango classic, "Milonga del Angel."

Attendees were also delighted to hear performances by the legendary tenor Andrea Bocelli, who shared two exclusive recordings for our supporters: "Dolce Sentire" and "Con Te Partiro."

Following the main program, an After Party was hosted by entertainer Paul Costabile. This light-hearted event promoted the CCF Scholarship Program and Silent Auction and involved attendees in entertaining online treasure hunts and trivia contests.

1. Virtual Gala attendees enjoyed an exclusive recording of several songs from Maestro Andrea Bocelli.
2. Despite his 2020 schedule, Dr. Anthony Fauci appeared live for both a VIP Meet & Greet and a general address to the Gala.
3. After Party host Paul Costabile got the late night crowd going with trivia, games, music and a live raffle drawing.
4. Acclaimed guitarist Al Di Meola provided additional musical entertainment.
5. Celebration Chair and Board Chair Angelo Vivolo enjoying a laugh during the festivities.





2020 WREATH LAYING

Though masks were required, and attendance had to be kept to a limit, the 61st Annual Wreath Laying ceremony was still able to be held on Sunday, October 10, 2020. The event, held jointly every year by the National Council of Columbia Associations of Civil Service and Columbus Citizens Foundation, paid tribute to the achievements of Italian American uniformed men and women who have served their country and their city with honor.



Celebration Chair Angelo Vivolo, who paid tribute to the history behind the ceremony and the long tradition of Italian-American civil service, was one of the speakers. We were also honored to be joined by the Counsel General from Italy to New York, Francesco Genuardi.

1. Counsel General from Italy to New York, Francesco Genuardi.
2. Celebration Chair and CCF Board Chair Angelo Vivolo at the podium.
3. Uniformed men and women in attendance.
4. From left to right: Columbia Associations of Civil Service President Peter Segalini; CCF Chair Angelo Vivolo; Counsel General Francesco Genuardi and Monsignor Franco.
5. A group shot at the base of the Columbus Monument.





2020 COLUMBUS DAY MASS

On Monday, October 12, 2020, St. Patrick's Cathedral held its 43rd annual Columbus Day Mass. His Eminence Archbishop of New York Timothy Cardinal Dolan was the principal celebrant presiding over the Mass.

The special Mass was an important tradition to uphold in a year where so many of our Celebration events were held virtually. Attendees included Foundation Members and dignitaries from the Italian Consulate. It was a limited celebration with social distance protocols in place.



1. Board Member Michael Arena greets CCF Member Monsignor Jamie Gigantiello at St. Patrick's Cathedral.
2. Mass attendees receiving Holy Communion.
3. Archbishop Dolan greeting Mass attendees.
4. CCF President Marian Pardo with Monsignor Gigantiello.
5. An attendee lights a candle in the Cathedral.



2020 COLUMBUS DAY TV SPECIAL



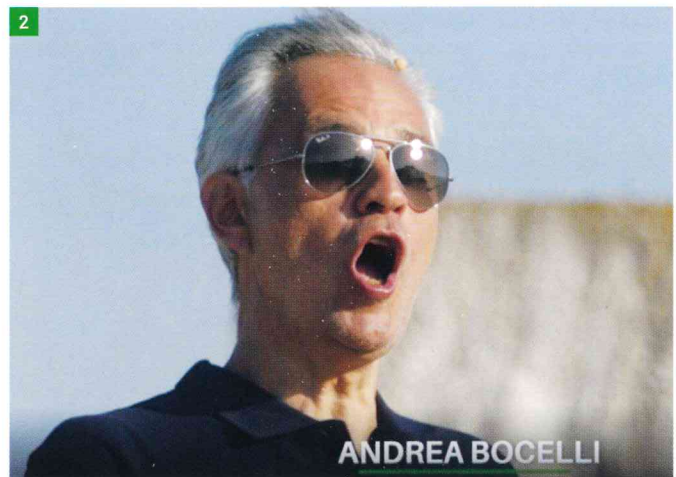
1. Hosts Ken Rosato, Sandra Bookman and Paul Costabile assemble outside of the CCF Townhouse to go live on air.
2. Andrea Bocelli performing the Italian National Anthem was one of the opening moments of the Columbus Day special.

Columbus Citizens Foundation was thrilled to air the Italian Heritage & Achievement Special with broadcast partner ABC-7. The 90-minute tribute to Italian-American accomplishments aired on Monday, October 11 and was a huge success.

Hosting the special were ABC-7's Ken Rosato and Sandra Bookman, who were joined in the Townhouse by Paul Costabile. Covering the exclusive first look at the new Mother Cabrini statue in Battery Park was ABC-7's Lauren Glassberg. Joining us virtually to kick off the TV special were long-time participants – and great friends to the Foundation – Maria Bartiromo and Joe Piscopo.

The on-air special began with stunning versions of the American and Italian national anthems. The United States anthem was performed by the West Point Military Band, and the Italian anthem was a special production supplied and performed by the incredible Andrea Bocelli.

The special then went live to Governor Andrew Cuomo at Battery Park. The unveiling ceremony that aired live gave our TV audience a first look at the striking new statue of Mother Cabrini. More details on that ceremony can be found on pages 22-23.





ARMANDO VARRICCHIO
AMBASSADOR OF ITALY TO THE UNITED STATES



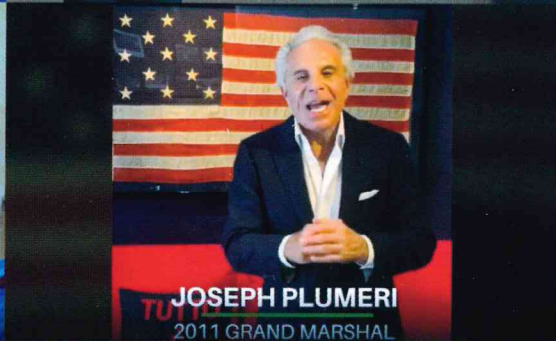
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SENATOR OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
REPRESENTING ITALIANS IN NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA



MASSIMO FERRAGAMO
2019 GRAND MARSHAL



MARIA BARTIROMO
2010 GRAND MARSHAL



JOSEPH PLUMERI
2011 GRAND MARSHAL



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MARIANNA GATTO
ITALIAN AMERICAN MUSEUM, LOS ANGELES

A HANDFUL OF THE MANY VIDEO APPEARANCES WE WERE HONORED TO FEATURE DURING OUR 2020 COLUMBUS DAY SPECIAL.



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PRESIDENT & CEO | FISERV



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EXCERPT FROM "STANDSTILL"



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FRANCO'S SON



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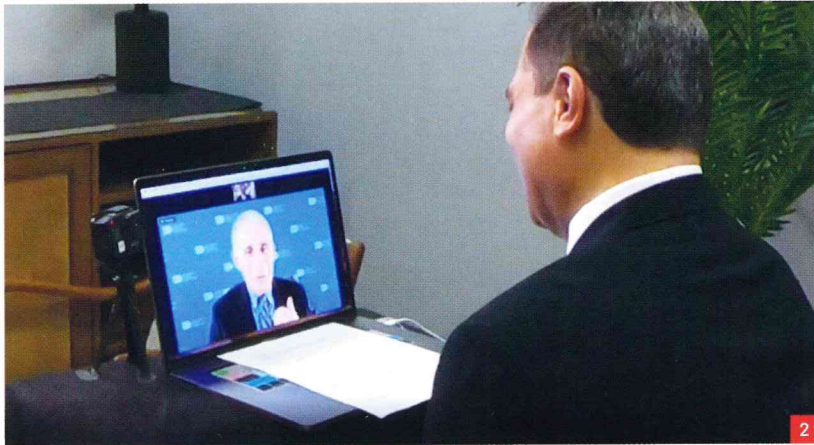
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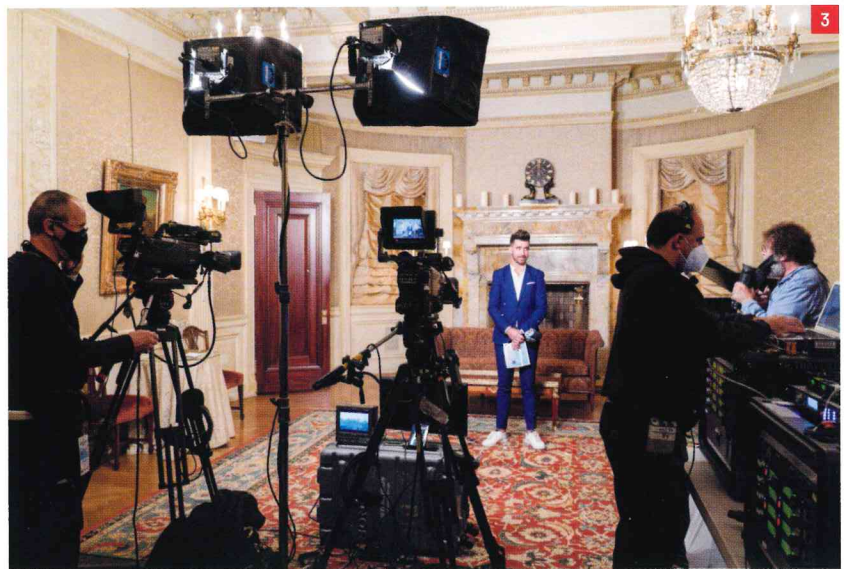
The special also featured an exclusive interview with our honoree, Dr. Anthony Fauci. It was wonderful to hear more about where he grew up – and he even shared his favorite Italian dish with Ken Rosato during their virtual interview!

During live segments from the Foundation Townhouse, our on-air hosts interviewed President Marian Pardo and Counsel General from Italy to New York, Francesco Genuardi. Our Celebration Chair Angelo Vivolo was interviewed via Zoom by Foundation friend and supporter Joe Piscopo.

The opportunity of a virtual Columbus Day special allowed for an experience that truly was a coast-to-coast celebration. Some highlights of the broadcast included: personal video messages from Archbishop Cardinal Dolan, Ambassador Armando Varrichio, and former Grand Marshals: Maria Bartiromo; Lidia Bastianich; Frank Bisignano; Massimo Ferragamo; and Joe Plumeri.



The inclusion of high school marching bands was accommodated in a special way for 2020. A handful of the bands that usually march up Fifth Avenue were featured in a moving montage of "America, The Beautiful." The videos each band submitted combined to create a moving display of school spirit and determination.



The special also premiered an interview with New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell, who shed light on the Italian-American contributions of her city, as well as the devastating history of the 1891 lynching of 11 Italian migrant workers.

Many of the usual elements of the Columbus Day Parade were featured creatively. Marching group participants recorded special messages to wish viewers a happy Columbus Day and spoke of what the Parade has meant to their groups over the years.

CCF paid tribute to those CCF lost over the past year. Kelly Ripa delivered a touching eulogy to our 1993 Grand Marshal Regis Philbin. Actor John Turturro spoke wonderfully of his "Do The Right Thing" co-star, our 1989 Grand Marshal Danny Aiello. Lastly, we were happy to have actresses Katheen Chalfant and Annette Bening read works in Italian and English in tribute to former Honoree and dear friend to the Foundation, Poet Laureate Emeritus of New York State, Joseph Tusiani.

Other special messages were shared from Italy, including a wonderful video provided by Senator Francesca Alderisi, and a lovely look at the work done by the owner of ACF Fiorentina, Rocco Commisso. We also paid tribute to the frontline workers of New York, including exclusive interviews with Dr. Angela Mills of New York Presbyterian Hospital and Dr. Nancy Amoroso of NYU Langone.

The broadcast finished spectacularly with a live interview with Andrea Bocelli in Italy and his show-stopping performance of "Amazing Grace."

1. Ken Rosato, Sandra Bookman and Paul Costabile preparing for a live shot from the Townhouse.
2. Ken Rosato interviews our Honoree Dr. Anthony Fauci virtually.
3. Camera and production crew providing a socially distant shot of Paul Costabile.
4. CCF President Marian Pardo standing by for her live segment.
5. Counsel General Francesco Genuardi is interviewed live for the on-air event.





UNVEILING OF MOTHER CABRINI STATUE

Despite the limitations on live events in October 2020, the Foundation was delighted that our Columbus Day special on ABC-7 could include the world's first look and official unveiling of the Mother Cabrini statue at Battery Park. The ceremony was a socially distanced event with live speeches from Grand Marshal Governor Andrew Cuomo, as well as our Celebration Chair and Board Chair Angelo Vivolo.

The unveiling of the statue came a year after Governor Cuomo announced that the state would commission a monument to the Roman Catholic nun who was canonized in 1946. The statue stands in a spot by the Hudson River with a view of Ellis Island and the Statue Of Liberty.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was born in 1850 in what is now the Lombardy region of Italy. She immigrated to the United States in 1889 and went on to found schools, hospitals, and orphanages. Her commitment to God and humanity had depths that seem unimaginable today. She remains a testament to faith and charity across the United States and indeed around the world.

During the ceremony, Governor Cuomo remarked that the spirit of St. Cabrini's philosophies are more relevant than ever before. In his dedication, he said, "Today the lesson of Mother Cabrini is even more vital because of the challenges we are facing."



1. CCF Board Chair Angelo Vivolo addresses the limited attendees at the statue's dedication.

2. Governor Cuomo and Angelo Vivolo admire the newly unveiled statue.

NEW MEMBERS 2020



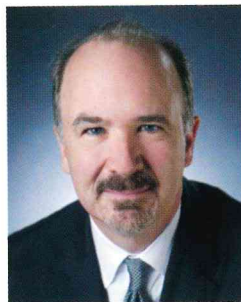
Nicholas Agnone is President, a Tax CPA and Financial Advisor of Nicholas Agnone & Co., LLC. His parents and siblings were born in Cicciano, Naples and immigrated to the U.S. in 1964. His professional memberships include AICPA, NYSSCPA, AAIL, and NSTP. He is affiliated with St. Aidan's Church, Catholic Charities and the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery. Having attended many enjoyable fundraisers and events at the Townhouse, Mr. Agnone became a member to support the Foundation and its mission, as well as the Italian community.



Philip Alfieri is President of ADI Contracting, LLC and Owner of Alfieri Painting and Decoration, Inc. His paternal grandparents emigrated from Naples in the 1930s and his maternal side emigrated from Bari. He is affiliated with Bevard Achievement Center and the Harry Chapin Food Bank. Mr. Alfieri became a member in order to contribute to building a stronger Foundation by working with other members to enhance the advancement of the Italian-American culture in the community.



Santi Buscemi is a Professor of English at Middlesex County College. His father was born in Menfi, Sicily, while his mother was born in the United States, but grew up in Girgenti Sicily. His organizational affiliations include Plainfields' Unico National (South Plainfield, NJ chapter) and Knights of Columbus (Hopewell, NJ Chapter). He is a member of the National Council of Teachers of English and ARBA Sicula. He is also the recipient of numerous awards such as the NJ College English Association Steven J. Rosen Mentor Award and Citta di Mineo, Cittadinanza Onoraria 2015. Professor Buscemi translated five works of famous Italian author, Luigi Capuana, including his masterpiece, *The Marquis of Roccaverdina*. He sent the work to Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Antonin Scalia who remarked that his father completed his dissertation on the same work. Justice Scalia then invited him and his wife to lunch and to sit in on two arguments at the Supreme Court. Professor Buscemi understands how deeply the Foundation is committed to defending and promulgating Italian Americans and believes his skills as a writer and translator will be of value.



Dr. George Cioffi is a Physician, Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and President of Columbia Doctors Faculty Practice Organization at the Columbia University Medical Center. His paternal grandfather emigrated from outside of Naples. He is affiliated with the Glaucoma Research Foundation (San Francisco), Edward S. Harkness Board of Advisors and is a member

of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Glaucoma Society. He is also the recipient of numerous honors including Honorary Police Surgeon, New York Magazine: Top Doctors, President of the New York Glaucoma Society (2017-2018), Top Doctors: New York Metro Area from 2012 to the present and Best Doctors in America from 2012 to the present. Dr. Cioffi has devoted his life to higher education toward which much of his philanthropy is channeled. He sponsors research scholarships at UVM, music education at Concordia College and engineering at Lehigh University, thereby finding the Foundation's support of Italian heritage and scholarships synonymously appealing to him.



Richard Correra is Senior Vice President, Senior Portfolio Manager and Corporate Retirement Director at Morgan Stanley. His father, longtime Foundation Member and Executive House Chairman, Anthony Correra, who recently passed away, was born in Maddolini, Italy. His mother was born in the U.S. to parents of Italian descent. Mr. Correra's affiliations include Rumson Education Foundation and Kids for Kids Committee, an organization to which he and his family donate time and funds which proudly support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; St. Mary's Hospital for Children; Save the Children; World Vision and North Shore Animal League. He is also the recipient of the Give Back Award from UBS in recognition of his charitable efforts. Mr. Correra wishes to join the Foundation in order to continue the legacy started by his father and looks forward to celebrating his Italian ancestry, as well as helping those less fortunate. As CCF's mission closely aligns with his personal values and beliefs, he feels he will be an asset to the organization.



Michael Dejana is Managing Director and Founder of AiM Fidelis Asset Management, an investment advisory and financial advice company. His paternal grandfather was born in the commune of Pattada, Sardegna and immigrated to the U.S. in 1920. His paternal grandmother was from Caserta and his maternal grandparents were born in Avellino. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus as an active member, he is a member of the Chaminade High School Alumni Association, the Boys Scouts of America, Suffolk County Council, and contributes to the NYU Langone Hospital and the Museum of Modern Art. He was named to the Royal Bank of Canada's Executive / Chairman Councils from 2002 to 2014. Feeling that his Italian ancestry is diminishing, he would like to be part of the Foundation where he can immerse himself and play a role in promoting Italian culture and engaging in the Foundation's philanthropic activities.



Dr. Larry Frankini is a Vascular Surgeon at Northwell Health. All four of his grandparents were born in Italy with his maternal grandparents emigrating from Milan and his paternal grandparents from Bari. His organizational affiliations include the Mount Sinai School of Medicine Alumni Organization and Scholarship Fund, as well as the Chaminade High School Advancing the Mission. He is a member of the Morgagni Medical Society, American College of Surgeons and the Society of Vascular Surgery. He believes it is more important than ever to remember who we are as Italian

Americans and how far we have come. It is imperative that organizations like Columbus Citizens Foundation exist, so that others may see what we have accomplished just in recent generations alone.



Dr. Teresa Gondolo is a Medical Doctor and Medical Director at Teresella Gondolo Medical PC. She was born and raised in Alba, a small town outside of Torino. She attended Medical School in Genoa and completed her neurology residency in the United States. Dr. Gondolo is a member of the American Academy of Neurology, the American Neurological Association and a member of the Istituto della Cucina Italiana, as well as having been bestowed the honor of Laurea cum Laude. Her dedication and commitment have even led to some pro bono work, when needed. As an Italian immigrant, Dr. Gondolo feels the Foundation would allow her to reconnect with her culture, while participating in its philanthropic initiatives.



Josephine Marchetta is Civil Assignment Supervisor at Middlesex County Superior Court. Both her parents were born in the Sicilian village of San Pier Niceto. She is a Trustee of the New Brunswick Library, a Rutgers Senator, and an organizer of Vocationist Fathers Dinner Dance, a member of the Board of New Brunswick Public Sculpture and serves on the Philadelphia Flyers Advisory Committee. Ms. Marchetta has been invested as a Dame of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, one

of the highest honors the Catholic Church bestows and is also the recipient of the New Jersey Columbus Quincentennial "La Famiglia Award." She served as a committee member for the 2019 Metropolitan Opera's New Year's Eve Gala and is a patron of the Metropolitan Opera Guild, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Morgan Library and the Frick and travels to Italy three times a year to attend opening night at LaScala and art exhibitions, so as to keep her culture alive.



Robert Messineo was a Partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP until his retirement in November 2018. All four of his grandparents emigrated from Sicily. He is currently, and has been for many years, an officer and director of his co-op's Board of Directors. He is a regular supporting member of various arts organizations such as the Metropolitan Opera Guild, Carnegie Hall Friends and the New York Historical Society. He was a member of the American Bar Association for most of his career, which included membership in Committees and Subcommittees and for more than five years an important selective Task Force. He was chosen as a New York Metro Area "Super Lawyer" by Super Lawyers, a Thompson-Reuters rating in 2013 and 2014. Messineo feels the Foundation offers him the opportunity for philanthropy, particularly in the educational sector, association with Italian culture, especially the arts, and a friendly and fraternal environment. He is willing to commit significant time and effort to the Foundation.

NEW MEMBERS 2020



Anthony Napoli is a retired special events professional and past President and owner of Briggs Inc., which was sold to PRA NY in 2017. His father was born in Ciminna, Sicily. Mr. Napoli served on many Boards including SITE, the New York Theatre Workshop, the Fisher Center at Bard College, the Board of Regents at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and the Board of NYC & Co. He is a donor of the Giglio Feast at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Brooklyn, a member of the BizBash Hall of Fame and the recipient of the ADMEI's Lifetime Achievement award. Proud of his Italian heritage, Mr. Napoli joins the Foundation to help perpetuate its mission and successfully achieve its goals, as well as apply his skills as an events professional, to include the Gala and Journal.



Joseph Quagliano is President of J.Q. Landscaping, Inc., a construction company. His maternal grandparents were born in Parma while his paternal grandfather was born in Bari, Italy. He is president of the Italian American Baseball Foundation, is affiliated with National Italian American Foundation (NIAF), as well as the Italian Heritage Club of Hunterdon County and was a Columbia Society NYPD Honoree. Mr. Quagliano hopes to become more involved with different Italian-American projects and cultural events, while formulating new friendships.



Anthony Rinaldi is President and CEO of the Rinaldi Group, a high-rise construction/development company. His father's family comes from Craco, province of Matera, region of Basilicata, and his mother's family comes from Molfetta. He is the Chairman of the Regional Leadership Committee (RLC) under the Empire State Chapter of the Associated Builders & Contractors, a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE.) Mr. Rinaldi and his firm have received numerous honors including being recognized by Engineering New Record (ENR) for the International Project of the Year, 2018. His father, whom he lost at 19, taught him his love of Italian heritage, country and family, which embrace the core traditions and values of Columbus Citizens Foundation.



Robert Robotti is CEO and Portfolio Manager at Robotti & Company, an investment advisory company. His paternal grandparents were both born in Fubine, Piemonte. He is a Trustee of John Cabot University, Pace University, Xavier High School, Dominican Academy and a Board Member of the Catholic Medical Mission Board and the CFA Society of New York. He has been inducted into the Xavier High School and Variety Boys & Girls Club of Queens Hall of Fame. As the foundations of education and Italian cultural heritage are life-long avocations, Mr. Robotti believes his experiences with multiple organizations should be valuable in helping him make a positive impact on the Foundation.



Dana Romita is a real estate salesperson at Douglas Elliman. Both sets of great-grandparents were born in Italy - Bari, Andretti, Avellino and Valad. She serves on the Board of the Bergen Family Center and is a volunteer and donor at Table to Table and Madison Square Boys and Girls Club. She is a member of REBNY (Real Estate Board of New York), the Duke Alumni Society and has been honored by the Bergen Family Center for her philanthropic work. Ms. Romita enjoys being part of an organization that celebrates, supports and works to preserve Italian heritage. As a big advocate of education, the Foundation exemplifies the causes about which she is passionate.



Sandra Scime is a Travel Advisor for Allyn Travel/Valarie Wilson Travel. Her maternal grandparents and father came from Racalmuto, Sicily. She is a member of Sac Sutton Place Association, Work Associations: ASTA (American Society of Travel Advisors), IATA (International Air Transport Association), MAPA and was the Treasurer of 41/74 Travel Club for three years. She is also a member of the Republican Club. Ms. Scime joined the Foundation in order to be a part of an Italian-American community that will give her the opportunity to contribute her time and financial support to a worthy cause.



Maria Elena Scotto is a real estate broker at Douglas Elliman. Her maternal grandparents are from Naples and paternal grandparents are from Ischia. She is affiliated with Community of Hope-homeless outreach, as well as Innocence Project - a project that exonerates those wrongly convicted through DNA testing. She is a member of REBNY, NYRAC and the Southampton Golf Club and Soho House and is the recipient of the Top 10 Douglas Elliman brokers, the Pinnacle Award 2018/2019, the Diamond Award 2017 and Top 5 highest sales 2019. As a proud Italian American, Ms. Scotto joined the Foundation to perpetuate the celebration of her history and culture.



Mark Sinatro is a Partner at Acrisure LLC, an insurance brokerage industry. His mother's family comes from Sicily and his father is from Rome. A few of his professional achievements include 2003 and 2010 Travelers Insurance Company Agent of the Year, 2002 winner of the Harford Business Journal's "Top 40 Business Persons in the State under the age of 40." Some civic contributions include former president of the University of Connecticut Division of Athletics UCONN Club, Board of Directors for the Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Hartford and past board member for the Time for Life Resource Center, which assists families with children diagnosed with cancer. Mr. Sinatro joined the Foundation in order to enrich his life with more Italian-American centric activities, promote membership and assist in raising and donating money for scholarships.



Dr. Peter Sordillo is a self-employed Physician and an Attending Physician in Medical Oncology at Lenox Hill. Both sides of his paternal family were from Naples, while his mother was born in Abruzzo. He has been a member of the Morgagni Medical Society for more than 40 years and is a current historian, having served as President, Secretary, Treasurer and on its Board of Trustees. He is also a member of the Medical Society of the State of NY, the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the International Society for Optics and Photonics. Dr. Sordillo was the recipient of the American Cancer Society Junior Faculty Clinical Award for three consecutive years and a Fellow of the American Cancer Society. Dr. Sordillo knows the Foundation well through his mother, past member, Dr. Antonia Delli-Pizzi and has enjoyed many familial events and those as a Morgagni Executive Committee member. Having been a finalist for the 2013 Bordighera Poetry Prize for Italian-American poets, he would like to increase his involvement with and exposure to Italian history and literature.



Dr. Jerald Vizzone is an Orthopaedic Surgeon and President of Jerald P. Vizzone, DO, PA. His maternal grandparents were born in Avellino while his paternal grandfather was born in Calabria. He is on the Advisory Board of the National Police Foundation, a Board Member of Newark PAL (Police Athletic League), a member of the American Osteopathic Association and the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He is also Adjunct Associate

Clinical Professor at Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine and an Honorary Chief of the New York Police Chiefs Benevolent Association. Dr. Vizzone would like to support youth scholarships and education, and as an Orthopaedic Surgeon he would be happy to sponsor Italian-American students interested in pursuing an education and career in orthopaedic surgery and/or medicine.



Allen Vincent Zollo is Director of Aggregate Sales at Tilcon New York, Inc., a construction company that produces and markets crushed stone in the NYC area. His paternal great-grandparents came from Naples and his maternal grandparents came from Bari. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Concrete Industry Board of NYC, is a member of the ACLU, the CIBNYC and donates regularly to the Catholic Church. Mr. Zollo is very proud of his Italian heritage and is happy to give back to help others less fortunate.

NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS



Robert Everett Alger is the Business Development Manager of OHL North America, a construction company. His paternal great-grandparents were from Abruzzo and Campania while his maternal great-grandparents were from Emilia-Romagna. A graduate of Purdue University (B.S.'09), he will be completing a M.B.A., along with several Graduate Certificates, at The George Washington University in the Spring of 2021. His past professional affiliations include leadership roles in multiple transportation infrastructure advocacy organizations, both nationally and at the State level. Past volunteer experience includes serving as the Scoutmaster of a Special Needs Boy Scout Troop in Dubai, himself a former Eagle Scout. Mr. Alger was inspired to join the Foundation after being introduced to the organization by his father, Member Robert Alger.



Arthur Angelo is a Sales Territory Manager for Boston Scientific, a medical device sales company. Both of his parents are from Avellino in the Campania region. He is affiliated with the 1901 Club of New York, the Elon Alumni Association and is a volunteer with Sigma Phi Epsilon, mentoring undergraduates. He is also the recipient of the Outstanding New Volunteer Award for his dedication to Sigma Phi Epsilon and its undergraduates. Mr. Angelo wished to join the Foundation to become surrounded by individuals who embrace the Italian culture. He has previously worked on scholarship committees, and it is important to him to help the Foundation achieve its philanthropic goals.



Dr. Victoria Scala is an Engineer and President of Lowy & Donnath, Inc., an electrical construction company. Her great-great-grandmother and great-great-grandfather were born in Naples in the commune of Meta and Vico Equense respectively. Her great-grandfather was also born in Italy. Dr. Scala is a member of the Women Builders Council and a Board Member of both the Public Policy Committee and Events Committee.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN A. LOCONSOLO

NOVEMBER 11, 1919 - APRIL 1, 2021



Mr. Loconsolo being interviewed at the Foundation's 1984 Columbus Day Parade.

John A. Loconsolo, Founding Member of Columbus Citizens Foundation, and Foundation President from 1983 to 1985, was respected and admired by all who knew him.

Loconsolo partnered in business with his father early on, starting their own contracting firm painting churches and schools for the Diocese of Brooklyn. Other ventures of note include the first repaint of the Verrazzano Bridge and the World Trade Center. His projects grew in number and spanned down the east coast to Florida and out west to Las Vegas and California. He was President of LoCon Realty Corp, Loconsolo Properties and Jack Loconsolo & Company.

Mr. Loconsolo was predeceased by his beloved wife of many years Jean and his eldest daughter Victoria and his son Giacomo. He leaves his children Maria Loconsolo, Jacqueline Gates, Antoinette Chiaro, Regina Dedick, Janet D'Auria, Elizabeth Sposato, and Rosemarie Rizzo and his sons-in-law Andrew Dedick, Michael Sposato and Robert Gates. He was blessed with twelve grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

DR. ROBERT S. RIGOLOSI

October 27, 1935 - March 28, 2020

Foundation Member Dr. Robert S. Rigolosi is survived by his loving family: his wife, Elaine La Monica Rigolosi; his four children and their spouses, Robert (Robin), Rebecca, Luke (Nichole), and Laura (Diego); and nine grandchildren, Gabriel and Lucas, Damon and Rocco, Greyson and Vince, and Javier, Anna, and Julia, respectively.

The life of the family of Robert S. Rigolosi, M.D. epitomizes the American Dream. His parents emigrated to the United States from a little mountain village in Sicily as children. They married and settled in Garfield, New Jersey where they raised seven children. All of their children graduated from the Garfield school system and went on to higher education. Two of their four sons, Robert and Ronald, became medical doctors; one son, the late Charles, became an engineer; another son, the late Vincent, became an attorney; and their three daughters, Rose, Rita, and the late Marie, became educators.

Most people knew Bob Rigolosi as a physician, "a Kidney doctor." Bob's patients knew him as an advocate, a healer, and a guardian. To his colleagues, he was an innovator who brought dialysis to Northern Bergen County and developed criteria for setting up dialysis units and home dialysis training programs in New Jersey. Nephrologists around the world have read his papers on the pathology of kidney disease and the development of hemodialysis. His neighbors knew him as a loyal parishioner who was a steady presence at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Ridgewood, New Jersey, for more than 22 years. To his family, he was a devoted husband, brother, father, and grandfather.

VINCENT A. D'ANGELO

April 2, 1944 - August 4, 2020

Vincent A. D'Angelo, a Foundation Member since 1991, was born in Lanciano, Italy on April 2, 1944. He immigrated to the U.S. with his

family in 1957 and naturalized as a citizen a few years later.

He graduated from Long Island City High School in Astoria, NY and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from St. Francis College in Brooklyn, NY. Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Army as a Communications Specialist with the Special Operations group (Green Beret). He was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant. Upon return from his tour of Vietnam he met and married his great love, Marie. Together they raised a family including daughter, Claudine, and son, Adam. Vincent and Marie delighted in their 51 years together travelling, skiing, playing chess, enjoying country music and opera and participating in their Columbus Citizens Foundation membership. Mr. D'Angelo built an almost 40 year career at PricewaterhouseCoopers, retiring as a partner of the firm.

Mr. D'Angelo is survived by his wife, Marie D'Angelo; daughter, Claudine D'Angelo-Dotzman (Joseph); son, Adam (Cindy); brothers, Anthony (Claire) and Mario (Patricia); grandchildren, Nicholas Dotzman, Isabella D'Angelo, Anthony Dotzman, Laura Dotzman, Adam Rocco D'Angelo, John-Paul D'Angelo, Alessandra Dotzman, Amadeo D'Angelo, and Esmée D'Angelo; six nieces and nephews; and 13 grand nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; sister, Theresa SeEVERS; and brother, Frank D'Angelo.

JOSEPH A. LICATA

August 15, 1936 - November 29, 2020

A Foundation Member since 1984, Joseph was born in Brooklyn, NY, the son of Frederico Licata and Eleanor Fasano (nee Quartararo). It was in Brooklyn where he met the love of his life Kathryn Russo. They were married on June 27, 1959 and were married for 61 years.

Joe began his illustrious accounting career at SD Leidesdorf before starting his own accounting firm in 1978 where he continued working until his passing. In 1990, he merged with another firm, and Rayfield & Licata, CPAs was established. He worked tirelessly and

proudly with his sons Joseph and Christopher and dedicated partners and staff for 35 years. Together they shared a career and a life for which there was no equal. Their days together were interesting, challenging and rewarding for them and their clients, filled with joy, laughter and hard work.

Joseph is survived by his loving wife Kathryn, his beloved sons Joseph and his wife, Carol, of Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, and Christopher and his wife, Kristin, of Tewksbury, New Jersey and his seven beloved and most cherished grandchildren, Alex, Olivia, Sofia, Ariana, CJ, Joseph and Talia.

MICHAEL A. ORLANDO

March 23, 1940 - December 5, 2020

Michael A. Orlando was born on March 23, 1940 in Harlem, NY, one of six siblings. He lived in Harlem until the age of nine when his parents, Paul and Anna Orlando, moved to Flushing.

On meeting his future wife Patria Mercedes Hernandez, Michael knew she was the one for him. They were wed on October 30, 1965. They remained married until her death on February 15, 2016. On May 11, 1969, Lizette, their first daughter was born and later Michael Orlando Jr. was born on February 28, 1975.

In 1976, his employers at the Foremost Insurance Company announced they were liquidating operations. They offered Michael the choice between a buyout or a chance to take a risk and start out on his own. With his wife's encouragement, he opened North Island Facilities (NIF) in 1976 in Manhasset, New York. The business rapidly grew to become one of the leading independent program administrators in the country with reach in all 50 states and more than 125 employees and offices in six states.

Michael was a loving husband, excellent father, and is survived by his daughter Lizette, his son Michael Jr., and three grandchildren—Thomas James, Sofia, and Isabela. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



JOSEPH TUSIANI

1924 - 2020

New York State Poet Laureate Emeritus, Joseph Tusiani, was a 2008 Columbus Celebration Honoree. He was also a devoted brother to our Foundation Member, Michael Tusiani.

Joseph Tusiani was an acclaimed poet and writer in four languages. Born in San Marco in 1924, he earned a doctorate from the University of Naples in 1947 with a thesis on William Wordsworth. Later that year, he emigrated from Italy to the United States where he began his career as a successful academic.

Tusiani was the author of numerous collections of poetry. His Latin works included *Melos Cordis* (1955), *Rosa Rosarum* (1984), *In Exilio Rerum* (1985), and *In Nobis Caelum* (2007). In Italian, he was the author of (among other works) *Lo Speco Celeste* (1956), *Odi Sacre* (1957) and *Il Ritorno* (1992). Earlier English collections of note were *Rind and All* (1962), *The Fifth Season* (1964) and *Gente Mia and Other Poems* (1978).

One of his later English collections, *A Clarion Call*, was published in 2016. Columbus Citizens Foundation had the great honor of distributing signed copies to our High School and College Scholarship recipients the year of its publication.

Tusiani will be remembered for his Italian, English, Latin and Apulian poetry and the numerous awards and accolades he received for his work. In 1954, he was the first American to receive the Greenwood Prize of the Poetry Society of England. In 1986, The American Association of Teachers of Italian nominated him as the first recipient of the AATI Distinguished Service Award. In 2007, he was presented with the Keys to the City of Florence for his contributions to the English-speaking world's knowledge of Florentine poets from Dante and Boccaccio to Petrarch and Machiavelli.

STANDSTILL

*Something is standing still around or in me,
something that is or could be the world with its
last heaven or even the end of my will or my soul.*

*For the first time, if ever at all, my mind now
follows my body asleep and knows the name of
the water deep now that all water is still and
seems no more to be water just as my will
unafraid of tears is not my will—is not my birth.*

*And I can see the worth of things, the size and
purpose of each star and of man's earth in the
skies, and my own will a useful, useless speck
apart and very far.*

*I cannot tell what all this is and what I
am—heartbeat or sham, life of another or will of
my own. Something, I feel, if not lost yet, is
standing still.*

DOVE MI PARE E PIACE

*Dove mi pare e piace
questa mattina vado:
il tempo è tutto mio
da perdere o trovare.*

*Vorrei indovinare
tutto quel che desio,
mia fortuna o malgrado,
a zozzo e in santa pace.*

*Bighellonando osservo
ignoti eventi e cose
e mi sembra che tutto
valga molto e valga niente.*

*Mi sento inutil servo
di poemetti e prose
che accarezzo e poi butto
nel fondo della mente.*

Joseph Tusiani

New York, 5 gennaio 2019

To view these two poems read by actresses Annette Benning and Kathleen Chalfant, please visit www.columbuscitizens.org/tusiani.

IN MEMORIAM

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF THE FOUNDATION

TERESA D'AURIA

January 2, 1917 – March 7, 2020

Theresa D'Auria, mother of Ann Pullo and mother-in-law of Foundation Member Gino Pullo, passed away. She was 103 years old.

PHILIP FOGLIA

November 27, 1950 – April 21, 2020

Philip Foglia was a great friend to many at the Foundation and a tremendous force for good within the Italian-American community.

His role as an ally in the fight against discrimination and negative stereotypes of Italian Americans saw him working with our Foundation's Board and Membership on many occasions, lending his unwavering support toward the preservation of the Columbus Circle monument and the promotion of a Mother Cabrini statue. Foglia was also the founder of the Italian-American Legal Defense and Higher Education Fund.

Foglia passed away after a five-week fight with COVID-19. He is survived by his wife Jaqueline and two sons. He was 69 years old.

REGIS PHILBIN

August 25, 1931 – July 24, 2020

Columbus Citizens Foundation was saddened to hear of the passing of our 1993 Grand Marshal Regis Philbin. Philbin was a beloved Italian American with a career in television that spanned six decades. We know he will be remembered as a legend in the world of broadcasting. The Foundation will do all in its power to ensure that Mr. Philbin's great achievements live on in the hearts and minds of Italian-Americans – young and old.

STEVEN KUMBLE

July 3, 1933 – August 8, 2020

Steven Kumble, husband of Foundation Member Angela De Stefano Kumble, was born in Borough Park, Brooklyn, New York in 1933. Aside from his many professional accomplishments, Steve will be remembered for his philanthropic endeavors, particularly his generosity to institutions of higher learning. The Kumble Plaza at the Harvard Law School was dedicated in his honor in 2004, while the Kumble Court at Yale University was dedicated in his honor in 2005. In addition to his loving wife, Angela, he is survived by his two sons Todd (Jennifer) and Roger (Mary); loving grandchildren Lindsay, Jackie, Andrew, Grace, Beatrice and Charlie; step-daughter Christine (Roger) Tellefsen, step grandchildren Landon and Quinn, and sister Susan Perrotti.

LISA E. MANNINO

August 3, 1980 – November 1, 2020

Lisa E. Mannino, of Wyckoff, NJ, daughter of Foundation Member Ronald Mannino, worked at Panico Salon in West Caldwell, where she was a hairstylist and a makeup artist. Her passions in life were music, movies, singing, enjoying the beach where she treasure hunted for shells and taking pictures of the sunset. Lisa was the devoted daughter of Ronald Mannino and his wife Suzanne (nee Nawrocki) of Wyckoff, and a loving mother to Evan Osborn, the love of her life, of Wyckoff.

DAVID DINKINS

July 10, 1927 – November 23, 2020

Former Mayor David Dinkins was a good friend to many Foundation Members and a constant presence at our Columbus Celebration Weekends during his term as the Mayor of New York. Dinkins was noted for his historic 1989 victory as the city's first Black mayor.

JOANN MURPHY

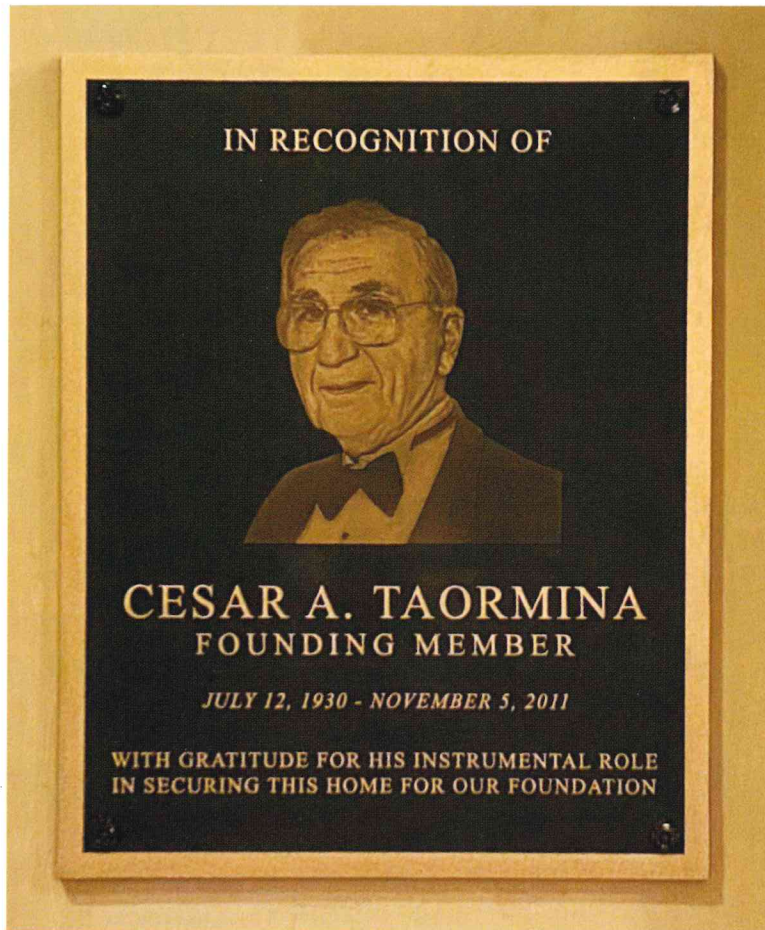
May 5, 1942 – December 21, 2020

JoAnn Mazzella Murphy was a very kind, generous, loving and intelligent woman who was cherished by her family and inspired everyone around her. She was a devout member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scarsdale, NY.

JoAnn was married to Iona trustee emeritus Joseph M. Murphy '59, '83H, the co-founder and chairman of Country Bank and chairman of Value Investors. Both she and her husband Joe were frequent guests at many Columbus Weekend Celebrations, where Country Bank was a regular supporter of our Foundation.

CESAR TAORMINA

COMMEMORATIVE MARKER INSTALLED IN
TAVERNA LEVEL OF CCF TOWNHOUSE



Over the summer months of 2020, we were delighted to install a commemorative marker in honor of Founding Member Cesar Taormina.

Cesar Taormina (July 12, 1930 - November 5, 2011) was in many ways responsible for securing the beautiful townhouse that is home to Columbus Citizens Foundation. We celebrated Cesar's devotion to the Foundation with three generations of the Taormina family in 2021.



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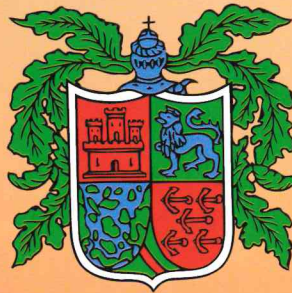
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