The 2007 Alumni Medalists

ALEXANDRA E. BARANETSKY, D.D.S. SEAS’75, CDM’80: A general dentist in Union, New Jersey, Dr. Baranetsky was an active and engaged undergraduate when she studied at the School of Engineering and Applied Science. She currently serves on the school’s Alumni Representative Committee and is vice president for student relations for the Columbia Engineering School Alumni Association. The vice president of her first-year class at the College of Dental Medicine, Baranetsky is today an officer of the Board of Directors of the Society of Columbia Graduates and a member of the Executive Committee of the Columbia Club of Northern New Jersey.

MICHAEL H. BARNETT, ESQ. PH’70, LAW’72: A founding partner in the midtown law firm of Barnett, Ehrenfeld, Edelstein and Gross, P.C., Mr. Barnett is president of the Mailman School’s Alumni Executive Board. He is the current representative to the University’s Alumni Trustee Nominating Committee and is an active assembly member of the Columbia Alumni Association. He has lectured at the Mailman School and volunteered his time to provide mentoring, career guidance, and opportunities to both students and faculty. He continues to be actively involved with strategic planning and development for the school.

A'LELIA P. BUNDLES JRN’76: Former director of talent development for ABC News in Washington and New York, Ms. Bundles received an Emmy and a duPont Gold Baton during her thirty-year career as a producer and executive with ABC News and NBC News. A co-class agent for the 2006–07 Alumni Fund, she currently chairs a Graduate School of Journalism Alumni Association committee charged with implementing a strategic plan to strengthen the association and engender broader representation of its alumni. She recently was named a Columbia University Trustee.

STEVEN B. EPSTEIN, ESQ. LAW’68: A pioneer in health care law, Mr. Epstein is founding partner in the law firm of Epstein, Becker & Green, P.C., the nation’s largest health care law firm, with 400 attorneys and offices in eleven cities. As chairman of the Columbia Law School Board of Visitors, he has provided guidance and leadership to the Law School through the terms of two deans. In this capacity, Mr. Epstein spearheaded an overhaul of the board to ensure it plays a vital role in the life of the Law School. He is currently teaching a course this fall at CLS in health law.
PETER JOHN FARRELLY SOA’86: Filmmaker and author Peter Farrelly has been a tireless booster of the School of the Arts for more than a decade. In addition to traveling from the West Coast to volunteer and teach master classes, Mr. Farrelly has endowed student fellowships in both the Writing and Film Divisions, and supplements his generosity by raising additional funds for the school from others. A twenty-year veteran in the motion picture business, Mr. Farrelly currently serves on the School of the Arts Dean’s Council—the highest level of participation for Arts alumni—and advises the dean’s office on issues of planning, strategy, and development.

EDWARD D. HEFFNER SEAS’68: Executive vice president of Empire City Iron Works in Long Island City, New York, Mr. Heffner serves on the Dean’s Council of the School of Engineering and Applied Science as well as on the Board of Managers of the SEAS Alumni Association. In addition to advising former Dean Zvi Galil, he helped direct the association’s many social and academic activities for students and alumni. Since graduating, Mr. Heffner has helped promote the growth of the school through volunteer activities and philanthropy; his most recent gift established the Heffner Biomedical Imaging Laboratory, and he and his family have supported several additional initiatives at SEAS over the years.

RALPH O. HELLMOLD IF’63, SIPA’64: The chairman of Hellmold & Co., LLC, a financial advisory firm, Mr. Hellmold has been a member of SIPA’s alumni community for more than forty years. As a member of SIPA’s Advisory Board since 1990, he has significantly strengthened development and fund-raising programs. Over the years Mr. Hellmold has shared his time, financial support, and strategic acumen, serving as both cochair of the development committee and as chair of SIPA’s annual fund, and pioneered many successful initiatives that continue to benefit the school today.

MARJORIE HARRISON FLEMING NRS’69: Better known as Midge, Ms. Fleming is a member of the School of Nursing’s Board of Visitors and a founding member and past president of the Columbia University and Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumni, now known as The Alumni Association. Current chair of the school’s capital campaign, Fleming hosts many alumni events in her home and on the road, and has been a leader in restructuring and developing the current school into a world-class organization. She has used her skills to bring all alumni together and encourage them to embrace their common interest in the school.
PATRICIA HARRIGAN NADOSY C’68, BUS’70: Ms. Nadosy was a currency options trader, banker, and money management consultant at JPMorgan for fifteen years before starting her own consulting firm, Optfor, Inc. A French major at Barnard, she earned an M.B.A. from Columbia and later a Ph.D. in botany from the City University of New York. Ms. Nadosy served as a Trustee at Barnard College for fourteen years and was recently elected to be a Trustee Emerita. During her tenure, she chaired the Committee on Trustees and served on the Executive Committee as well as several other Board committees. She continues her deep involvement in Barnard’s Smart Women, Smart Money program, which she was instrumental in developing.

ROBERT R. SIROTY, M.D. CC’56: Retired as clinical assistant professor of medicine at University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ and author of several papers in the medical literature, Dr. Siroty practiced internal medicine and hematology in Dover, New Jersey, and was the first active member of the medical staff to be elected to the Board of Trustees of Dover General Hospital and Medical Center. The managing editor of the Columbia Daily Spectator as an undergraduate, Dr. Siroty received Columbia College Dean’s Pins for service on the Class of 1956 reunion committees, most recently for the spectacular 50th anniversary reunion in 2006. As assistant chair of the College Alumni Representative Committee in Northern New Jersey, he continues to meet with high school students about Columbia and interview applicants for admission. He served as president of the Columbia University Club of Northern New Jersey.