

A Night to Remember

Gala dinners are rarely described as educational, stimulating or provocative but, then, everything about Brooklyn College Night on May 13 was different.

The skyline of Manhattan was the backdrop to the Brooklyn Navy Yard's Steiner Studio's Rooftop. President Karen L. Gould addressed a gathering that included famous artists, financial titans and revered academicians, launching the public phase of the ambitious \$200 million Foundation for Success Campaign (see page 16.) The campaign is chaired by Brooklyn College Foundation Trustee Marge Magner, '69, who was honored with the Best of Brooklyn award a little later in the evening. When CUNY Chancellor Matthew Goldstein presented her with the award, he remarked that, in creating a tribute book for Magner, "We had to turn people away or it would have been a telephone book."

At dinner, guests found themselves seated at tables presided over by an array of distinguished hosts who led them through a wide breadth of entertaining discussion topics — everything from "Human Rights Enforcement in the 21st Century" to "Backstage at *The Sopranos*." Pulitzer prize-winning novelist Michael Cunningham fielded questions on "How Books Become Films;" financial journalist Myron Kandel shed a little light on electronic journalism with "Inside the Media;" and EPA Regional



Director Walter Mugdan discussed the environmental remediation of the Gowanus Canal.

The next gala, which will follow the same format, is set for May 5, 2011, and will honor Martin D. Sass, '63, CEO of M.D. Sass and Brooklyn College Foundation Trustee.

Top: Madelon Leventhal, '64, and Lawrence Rand with President Karen L. Gould. Bottom left: Dr. Matthew Goldstein, Chancellor, City University of New York, presenting the Best of Brooklyn award to Marge Magner, '69. Bottom right: Don Buchwald, '59, and Brooklyn College Foundation Chair Barry R. Feirstein, '74.