



Educational Equity Center at AED

2008 Equity Awards Dinner Honorees

WOMAN OF VALOR



Dr. Augusta Souza Kappner, President-Emerita of Bank Street College of Education, is a long-time advocate for equity and excellence in education for underrepresented children and adults, and one of the most admired figures in graduate education today. She was the first African-American female college president in the history of The City University of New York and served as an Assistant Secretary of Education for the U.S. Department of Education.

CORPORATE EXEMPLAR



Pitney Bowes Inc. is being recognized for its support of community-based literacy and education initiatives that set a high standard for corporate philanthropy, as well as for programs that serve a diverse population, particularly women, people with disabilities and people of color. The award will be accepted by **Juanita T. James**, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer.



Juanita T. James has had a long and distinguished career in business, holding leadership positions in marketing, strategic business development, and human resources. She is an Emerita Trustee of Princeton University where she served actively from 1983-1998 and has been honored for her community leadership in Connecticut on behalf of the Urban League, Girl Scouts, the YWCA, and the Stamford Museum and Nature Center.

EQUITY CHAMPIONS



Ellen Baxter, Founder and Executive Director of Broadway Housing Communities, has committed 29 years to advocacy and housing development to redress the inhumanity of homelessness in New York City and nationally. Broadway Housing Communities has developed and manages six permanent projects that provide homes for nearly 300 households. Ellen Baxter is a well-respected and tireless advocate, who is regarded as one of the city's most accomplished not-for-profit entrepreneurs.

EQUITY CHAMPIONS (CON'T)



Judith Goldberg, Director of the Initiative for Women with Disabilities at the Elly & Steve Hammerman Health & Wellness Center, NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases, is a life-long advocate toward improving the health and lives of women with disabilities. The Initiative for Women with Disabilities is committed to providing respectful, high quality gynecological, medical and wellness services for women with physical disabilities. Judith Goldberg serves as the Chairperson of the Hospital's American with Disabilities Act Committee.



Dr. Maritza B. Macdonald was a long-time teacher and researcher on issues such as diversity, access, and economic inequality while at Bank Street College and Teachers College. She is now **Director of Education and Policy at the American Museum of Natural History** and was a Member of the National Commission for 21st Century STEM Education representing informal science education institutions and their role in policy and formal education.

RISING STAR



Joanne Smith, Founder and Executive Director of Girls for Gender Equity, provides a safe space to mobilize girls, boys, women, men, parents and teachers in schools, under Title IX of the Education amendment and its ten points. Through afterschool programming, health and fitness leagues, and youth leadership initiatives, GGE works as a collective toward systemic change in all of the support networks that shape the development and achievement of youth in New York City.