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Columbian Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping improve the cultural, educational, economic and social welfare of the citizens of New Jersey.

The Foundation was founded in 1941 by a group of business and professional men of Italian descent from Essex County and its surrounding communities. They were the originators of what has become a heritage of charitable giving that has surpassed anything these founders could ever have imagined.

Today, Columbian Foundation engages in a broad ranges of philanthropic activities, providing financial support in the form of donations to support special causes and a variety of institutions and organizations. From scholarships for needy students and donations to area colleges and universities, hospitals, community groups and charitable organizations, to the support of a broad array of cultural endeavors, the Foundation and its supporters have helped enrich the lives of thousands of individuals. For Further information please visit our website at www.columbianfoundations.com

The Annual Awards Dinner is the most critical of all the Foundation's fund-raising efforts. The attendees of this time-honored event not only provide tremendous support through their generosity, but also honor some of the truly outstanding men and women in our community.

We salute those who have made our annual dinners so successful and proudly applaud the extraordinary individuals honored at this evening's event.



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76th Annual Gala

Honoring

Christopher A. Capuano, Ph.D.

Anthony P. Colandro

Peter F. DiPaolo, MD

Cav. Robert A. Marasco

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*Columbian Foundation
cordially invites you to attend the
76th Annual Humanitarian Achievement
Award Dinner*

*Saturday, the Fourteenth of October
Two Thousand and Seventeen*

*Birchwood Manor
Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981*

*Cocktails at Six Thirty p.m.
Dinner and Dancing at Seven Thirty p.m.
Black Tie
\$250 per person*

*Benefiting Student Scholarships at
New Jersey Medical School, Seton Hall Law School,
NJIT school, Fairleigh Dickinson Pharmaceutical Program
and various charities*



2017 HONOREE
DR. CHRISTOPHER A. CAPUANO, PH.D.
President of Fairleigh Dickinson University

Dr. Christopher A. Capuano became the University's eighth president on July 1, 2016, and is leading the implementation of an ambitious strategic plan that seeks to inspire greater innovation and growth, as well as create centers of excellence that will further distinguish the University.

He previously held a series of leadership positions at the University over a period of more than 25 years, most recently as University Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Capuano provided key direction of the new School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and he was instrumental in securing a large gift to support the University's new Daniel and Martina Lewis Center for Healthcare Innovation and Technology. Working closely with other administrators and faculty, Dr. Capuano led much-needed changes to the University's nationally recognized University Core program and important changes to requirements for completion of baccalaureate degrees at the University, including the establishment of uniform general-education requirements across similar programs.

Dr. Capuano previously served as Vice Provost for International Affairs, where he provided oversight of the University's Office of Global Partnerships and worked closely with the University's Office of Global Learning to facilitate study abroad and other international initiatives. Moreover, he led the development of the University's new campus in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. In addition, Dr. Capuano served as the Vancouver Campus Provost for a year during a critical transition period.

As Director of the School of Psychology for nearly 15 years and a former doctoral faculty member in the University's Ph.D. Program in Clinical Psychology and Psy.D. Program in School Psychology — the second of which he helped to develop, Dr. Capuano provided important leadership in developing the school into one of the largest and more prestigious schools at the University.

A former faculty member who introduced and taught key compulsory courses in both doctoral programs in the School of Psychology, Dr. Capuano earned his Ph.D. in Biopsychology and two master's degrees from the Graduate and University Center of the City University of New York, as well as his B.S. in Biological Sciences from Purdue University.



2017 HONOREE
ANTHONY P. COLANDRO
*Founder & Owner of Gun For Hire
Host of Podcast "Gun for Hire Radio"*

Mr. Anthony Colandro is the Owner of Gun For Hire Woodland Park Range, and the host of the hit podcast show "Gun For Hire Radio" which has over one million listeners nationwide. He is a fervent believer in, and staunch advocate for, the "Right to Carry" and he holds 8 CCW (carry concealed weapon) permits. He is the Executive Vice-President of ANJRPC and has helped to defeat New Jersey legislative attacks against the Rights of American citizens during 2013, and beyond.

Born in Newark, NJ in 1961, and raised in Belleville, NJ, Anthony graduated from Belleville High School in 1979. His loving and supportive family include his parents Anthony Sr. and Florence Colandro, who currently reside in Belleville, and his favorite brother Peter that lives in Houston, TX. Anthony has continued his lifelong pursuit of knowledge, personal experience and peak performance. He now resides in Woodland Park, NJ.

After many successful years in the promotional advertising industry Anthony decided to turn his passion into his livelihood. When Anthony founded "Gun for Hire" in 1992, his goals were to reach the positive aspects of self-awareness and defense, and to promote the responsibilities of safe firearm ownership.

Along his professional journey, Anthony became an NRA Master Training Counselor. Only a select few enjoy this great honor in this very small fraternity from the USA! Anthony continued to nurture firearms enthusiasts and newcomers alike. He worked out of up to seven ranges during the same period of time in the tri state area, and simultaneously cultivated and refined his own business.

In 2006, Anthony founded NJ Security Officer and NJ Security Guard in Belleville, NJ with his lifelong friend, and law enforcement professional, Charles Padula.

Gun For Hire Woodland Park Range opened in 2013, and is located in Woodland Park, NJ. It is the first, and only, family gun range destination in the world! Tens of thousands of law-abiding citizens every year, are trained at The Woodland Park Range. The business has grown exponentially since 2013, requiring the major expansion currently underway that will triple the size of the facility, in order to accommodate the demand for firearms training and safety courses.

The Woodland Park Range will be the largest commercial range here in the United States, upon completion of the new building. The range will host more than 70 police departments to facilitate training and qualifications for law enforcement professionals, beginning in 2018. Additionally, Gun For Hire exclusively offers a high-level training division and security operation, to support often overlooked aspects of police and security training.

Anthony is a major contributor to law enforcement causes and civilian benefit foundations, throughout New Jersey. All new firearms and duty rigs for the entire Woodland Park Police department were purchased by Anthony, and he hosts and supports countless other philanthropic ventures throughout the area. He is also known as the guy who never says "no!"

A passionate, aggressive and outspoken defender of the Second Amendment and vigilant civil rights advocate for over 30 years in the battleground State of New Jersey, Anthony has been invited to speak for various TV and radio programs. He can often be observed in the State House speaking his mind when he feels that the people need a bellicose liaison. He will "Stand Strong" against the throes of adversity to the endowment by our creator of "certain unalienable Rights..."

Anthony is also the National Rifle Association Election Volunteer Coordinator. He supports NRA competitive activities including, Women on Target®, Eddie Eagle®, and the NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund. Anthony has been an NRA Certified Instructor for over 20 years and he is also an NRA Law Enforcement Instructor. In addition to being an NRA Ring of Freedom and Heritage Society Member, Anthony also belongs to the Whittington Center Trailblazer #353.

Anthony enjoys contributing his time, attention and prosperity to numerous professional and civic organizations, and he is very, very active in supporting humanitarian causes to which he is deeply committed.



2017 HONOREE
PETER F. DIPAOLO, M.D.
Board Certified Orthopaedic Surgeon

Peter F. DiPaolo, M.D. is a Board Certified Orthopaedic Surgeon with more than 20 years of clinical experience who specializes in minimally invasive Orthopaedic surgery including arthroscopic shoulder and knee surgery, total hip and total knee replacements, minimally invasive and conventional open surgeries to the cervical spine and lumbar spine, Orthopaedic trauma and treatment of fractures.

Dr. DiPaolo is an attending Orthopaedic surgeon and staff member at Clara Mass Medical Center and also is affiliated with McBride Surgical Center and Specialty Surgery of Secaucus.

Dr. DiPaolo is a native of New Jersey and obtained his undergraduate degree in biology from Villanova University (Villanova, PA). He began his medical education at the University of Rome (Rome, Italy). He obtained his Doctorate of Medicine from Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School (Formerly University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey-New Jersey Medical School). He completed one year of general surgery training at University Hospital (Newark, NJ), subsequently completing a five-year residency in Orthopaedic Surgery at The State University of New York (SUNY) Health Sciences Center of Brooklyn (NY). Dr. DiPaolo also has completed additional training in Humeral and Patella Resurfacing which is instrumental in the treatment of degenerative joint disease of the shoulder and knee.

Dr. DiPaolo maintains offices in Woodland Park, NJ and Miami, Florida

Dr. DiPaolo has affiliations with the following organizations:

- American Academy of Neurological & Orthopaedic Surgeons,
- Society for Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery (SMISS),
- North American Spine Society (NASS),
- New Jersey Orthopaedic Society (NJOS),
- UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School Alumni Association,



2017 HONOREE
CAV. ROBERT P. MARASCO
Former City Clerk of Newark

Robert was born and raised in the Vailsburg Section of Newark to Lucille M. (DiNocchia) and Robert A. Marasco. He attended and graduated Sacred Heart Grammar School and Saint Benedict's Prep where he participated in many activities including Varsity sports and wrote for the school's nationally recognized literary journal. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business from Montclair State University as well as a Master of Public Administration from Rutgers University. He traces his family ancestry to the Italian provinces of Salerno, Frosinone, Potenza and Avellino. Robert served honorably in the US Air Force for four years as a Communication Specialist including a one year tour of duty in Vietnam.

After his education and military service, Robert worked for several years in the real estate and insurance industries before beginning his career as a Legislative Analyst for the Newark Municipal Council. After serving in this capacity for several years, Robert was appointed by the Council as the first Deputy City Clerk in Newark's history. The Municipal Council created the position with Robert in mind in recognition of his outstanding record regarding all aspects of the legislative process. Not very long thereafter, upon the retirement of the City Clerk, the Municipal Council appointed Robert to the position of City Clerk, in which he served for nearly three decades.

In New Jersey, the City Clerk functions in several capacities: as the Secretary and Administrator to the City Council, as the City's official election officer as well as the keeper of the City's archives and Secretary of the City's Municipal Corporation.

During his tenure as City Clerk, Robert developed a state-wide reputation as an election expert and was the first to introduce innovations for local election events and results such as the use of on-site local cable television reporting, mobile phone voter alert apps, social media and internet streaming. He is the author of a number of published articles regarding election administration and modernization methods.

A number of other advances Robert introduced as Clerk were computerizing the City's legislative process and initiating and overseeing the historic restoration by national experts of the City's Municipal Council Chamber which revealed historic renderings long hidden under nearly a century of paint.

Marasco considers his greatest accomplishment as Clerk as being the construction of a modern State of the Art municipal archives. This multi-storied facility has won awards from the State of New Jersey and became a popular tour for Municipal Clerks throughout the State. It houses Newark records dating back to the early 1800's and has been the subject of numerous newspaper and government magazine articles.

At the time of his retirement, Robert had the honor of serving under five Newark Mayors and numerous Council Presidents and Council Members.

In addition to his career as City Clerk, through the years Marasco has been very active in numerous civic, government, veterans and social organizations. This includes serving as the past President of Newark UNICO, an Italian American National Business Association, as well as two Gubernatorial appointments to the New Jersey Agent Orange Commission and the New Jersey Vietnam Memorial Commission. Through the years, Marasco has also been involved in many charitable fundraising efforts, especially for Saint Benedict's Prep.

Robert is the proud father of four, Robert G., Christina, Katherine and Michael as well as grandson Robert J. Robert has always been proud of the fact that he and both of his brothers, Frank and Gregory all achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Marasco credits his civic engagement to his parents who were both deeply involved in many community activities.

Previously, Marasco had been made an honorary officer of the Italian National Police Association.

Lastly, in recognition of his many years of service to New Jersey's Italian-American community, the government of the Republic of Italy recently awarded Robert a Knighthood presented by the Consul General in New York City.