Lifetime Achievement Award
Teddy Getty Gaston ’29

After leaving the Harcum School, Teddy appeared as Louise Lynch in a 1934 Broadway musical review called New Faces, produced by Leonard Stillman. Among the cast members were Henry Fonda and Iomgene Coca. Afterwards she was a “debutante singer” in New York, performing as Teddy Lynch in nightclubs at the Waldorf-Astoria and the St. Regis.

She married J. Paul Getty in 1937 and studied opera singing in London under French soprano Blanche Marchesi, then continued her voice studies in Rome, where she hoped to make her opera debut. During World War II, she served as correspondent for the NY Herald Tribune. She was charged with espionage by the Fascist regime in Italy and jailed along with other newsmen, but was eventually exchanged for German prisoners of war and returned to the U. S.

She moved to the Getty ranch in California and later appeared as the opera singer in The Lost Weekend by Billy Wilder, which won the Oscar as Best Picture in 1945. She also acted in other films and television shows. She later established the Timothy Ware Getty Foundation for the care of children and animals in memory of her twelve year old son.

After she and Getty divorced in 1958, she married William Gaston of the Boston law firm, Gaston, Snow, Peabody and Saltonstall. Their daughter, Gigi Gaston, was a member of the U. S. Olympic Equestrian team and is now an independent film producer, screenwriter, and director. Teddy has coauthored The Mark of the Eagle, a romantic adventure novel, and is completing a book about her life with J. Paul Getty. She lives in Venice, CA.

Outstanding Young Alumna Award
Christine Marlo ‘00

Christine graduated from Harcum College in 2000 with a degree in Medical Lab Technology. While at Harcum, she was active in the Student Government Organization.

After working at Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia, she became involved in retail work and developed an interest in labor relations. She received her B. A. in Labor Studies from California State University, Dominguez Hills, in 2006.

Christine’s brother Kevin died in the World Trade Center in 2001, after which a scholarship in his memory was established by the Marlo family and the Board of Trustees of which her father, Dennis Marlo, was a member and later, chairman. Christine and her parents have been active in promoting the Kevin Marlo Scholarships and in hosting the Kevin D. Marlo Golf Classic, which is the College’s premier scholarship fund-raising effort.

Christine has served on the National Alumni Board as a founding member since 2004 and has been an active participant during her studies in California. When the NAB established the
Heritage Project in 2005, Christine and her family responded by making a magnificent lead gift in support of the Little Theatre restoration.

In 2007, Christine hosted the Southern California Alumni Luncheon in Beverly Hills, CA which brought together alumni in the Los Angeles area. She now resides in the Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN area but plans to stay involved in future regional events in California.

Service to the Association Award
Beatrice Carpenter Blackman ‘55

While at Harcum, Bea was active in numerous campus activities including the Glee Club, Little Theatre productions, yearbook staff, the Harcum News, the Harcum Club, and the Community Government Association, of which she was President in her senior year. She later obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Beaver College (now Arcadia University) and later went on for her Master of Arts in Biochemistry at Bryn Mawr College.

Once her undergraduate days were over, Bea stayed connected with her alma mater and has been an active alumna in terms of leadership, event participation, and personal support. She was consistently involved in trying to build the Alumni Association. Bea is motivated by a strong desire to give back to the College in gratitude for the opportunities she had to develop leadership skills and experience “so many good things” while at Harcum.

Bea was elected to the Harcum College Board of Trustees in 1976 and has now served more than thirty years under seven Presidents. She chairs the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and was recently the Trustees’ representative to the College’s Middle States Steering Committee that led Harcum’s successful re-accreditation efforts.

She is a founding member of the National Alumni Board and looks forward to increased alumni participation and growth in financial support of the College. She believes that the Alumni Association plays a valuable role in helping alumni reconnect with former classmates. Her community activities include playing second violin in the Lower Merion Symphony Orchestra. She is also active in her Church’s stewardship committee, is a board member of the Wynnewood Civic Association, and serves on her high school reunion committee. She spent her career in biomedical research and continues to serve as a consultant medical writer.

Community Service Award
Heather Rodale ‘72

Heather is Vice President, Leadership Development, for Rodale, Inc. which publishes some of the best-known health and wellness lifestyle magazines, including Men’s Health, Women’s Health and Runner’s World, and whose bestselling titles include Al Gore’s An Inconvenient Truth and The South Beach Diet.
She plays guiding roles in several community organizations, including President of the Friends of the Lehigh University Libraries, Trustee of the Allentown Art Museum (Chair, Education Subcommittee), and a Board member of both the Allentown Symphony and The Wellness Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

In 2005, Heather was guest speaker at the Cosmetic Executive Women (CEW) Foundation holiday benefit for CEW’s Cancer and Careers program that helps women work through cancer treatment and recovery. She recently addressed a Congressional panel on prevention of skin cancer. She is also an advisor to St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center, which takes a holistic approach to cancer care.

Heather began her career as an elementary school teacher, later teaching adults English as a Second Language. In 1999, she sponsored a three generation Kosovo refugee family of twelve resettling in the United States and continues to work with the family in meeting their educational and medical needs.

Heather holds a Master’s degree in elementary education and a Bachelor’s degree in journalism from Lehigh University. She earned her Associates degree in elementary education from Harcum, which awarded her an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 2000. She completed post-graduate management courses at the University of Michigan and at the International Institute for Management Development in Lausanne, Switzerland. Heather is the mother of three daughters and a son.

Outstanding Alumna Award
Susan Zises Green ’64

Susan Zises Green has been setting the standard for her interior designs clients for more than thirty-five years. Her signature style is creating balanced homes of old and new, blending natural, traditional, and contemporary resources. As a devoted antiques collector, she encourages clients to integrate their treasures into their lifestyle. These attributes have earned her a loyal client base throughout Manhattan, Southampton, Connecticut, Palm Beach, Nantucket, and beyond.

A recognized leader of her industry, Susan has been selected seven times to participate in the prestigious Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club Decorators Showhouse; she is listed as one of the Top 100 Designers by House Beautiful magazine; she has lectured at numerous art galleries and auction houses; and her work has been featured in Architectural Digest, House Beautiful, Traditional Home, The New York Times, Connecticut Cottages & Gardens, Hampton’s Cottages & Gardens, and many more. Susan is writing a book which will chronicle and showcase her unique style for designing and entertaining at home.
Susan is also dedicated to a diverse range of charities in the arts and culture, historic preservation, women’s causes, politics, education, and helping the homeless. In 2003, she formed her own foundation, Americans We Are a Family, dedicated to supporting the neediest local and national charities at home. The foundation’s first project was supported through the sale and promotion of unique greeting cards that she created.

Susan considers her greatest accomplishment to be her role as a mother to her children Lynn Zises and Justin Green. She also enjoys her role as grandmother to Isabelle and Macklin.