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Community for Education Foundation to Honor Dr. Ray Irani of Occidental Petroleum Corporation

Community for Education Foundation is proud to announce that Dr. Ray Irani, executive chairman of Occidental Petroleum Corporation, will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 16th Annual Overcoming Obstacles Achievement Awards dinner on October 20, 2011.

Each year, Community for Education Foundation presents Achievement Awards to business leaders and educators who embody the spirit of the Overcoming Obstacles Life Skills Program. Also, students who demonstrate exemplary communication, decision making, and goal setting skills are honored with scholarships for postsecondary education. Hundreds of business leaders, educators, and community figures attend the event, which is emceed by Fox News anchor Rick Folbaum and hosted at The Lighthouse at Chelsea Piers in Manhattan.

Dr. Irani joins a group of notable individuals honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the dinner, including Muhammad Ali, H. Wayne Huizenga, Al Lerner, Pete Dawkins, Dr. John W. Rowe, Peter Grauer, John Chalsty, Dan Doctoroff, John Dyson, Catherine Kinney, James Dinan, and Stuart Subotnick. He will be recognized not only for his accomplishments in business, but also for his philanthropy and contributions to society.



Dr. Ray Irani will be honored at the 2011 Overcoming Obstacles Achievement Awards dinner.

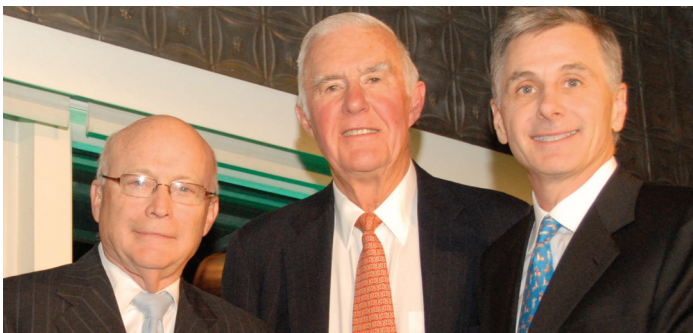
Born in Lebanon, Dr. Irani earned his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Southern California. Prior to joining the oil industry, he worked as a research scientist at several corporations, including Monsanto Company and Diamond Shamrock Corporation. He was also president, chief operating officer, and a member of the Board of Directors of Olin Corporation.

Dr. Irani joined the subsidiary Occidental Chemical Corporation in 1983 as chairman and chief executive officer. In 1990, Dr. Irani became chairman and chief executive officer of Occidental Petroleum, and is now the company's executive chairman. Under former President George W. Bush, Dr. Irani served on the U.S.-Lebanon Partnership and, from 2002 to 2006, as secretary of the Energy Advisory Board. During the Clinton administration, he served as a member of the President's Export Council.

Dr. Irani is a director of the American Petroleum Institute, vice chairman of the Board of the American University of Beirut, and a trustee of the University of Southern California. He is also a member of the American Chemical Society, the Council on Foreign Relations, the National Committee on United States-China Relations, and the U.S.-Saudi Arabian Business Council, among other organizations and boards.

Dr. Irani is a recipient of the STOP CANCER Humanitarian Award, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor Award, the Boy Scouts of America Americanism Award, and the City of Hope's Humanitarian of the Year Award.

Community for Education Foundation hopes that you will join in honoring Dr. Irani at this year's event. Your support of the Overcoming Obstacles Achievement Awards will help ensure that all young people learn the communication, decision making, and goal setting skills they need to be successful in life.



2005 Lifetime Achievement Award honoree Dr. John W. Rowe (left) with 2007 honoree John Chalsty (center) and 2010 honoree James Dinan (right)

Save the Date!

*2011 Overcoming Obstacles Achievement Awards
October 20, 2011, The Lighthouse at Chelsea Piers, New York*

Overcoming Obstacles Gifting Initiative Impacting Hundreds of Thousands of Students

To achieve its mission, Community for Education Foundation launched the Gifting Initiative last June to provide Overcoming Obstacles' vital curriculum materials, teacher training, and ongoing support to middle schools and high schools at no charge.

Since its launch, the initiative has expanded rapidly, impacting thousands of classrooms in New York, New Jersey, Missouri, and South Carolina. Specifically in New York City, the Department of Education is bringing the Overcoming Obstacles Life Skills Program to 850 schools over the next two years.

The launch of the Gifting Initiative is especially timely, given the severe budget cuts that schools are facing. For example, New York City's public schools suffered a reduction of \$500 million in March 2010. Similar losses have been experienced nationwide, forcing districts to cut back on important programs like Overcoming Obstacles.

Responses to the Gifting Initiative are overwhelmingly positive. Everlyn Hay, principal of Queen of Angels School in Newark, appreciates the initiative because it fills a gap in their instruction that they would not have been able to address otherwise.

"Our school has been offered a comprehensive life skills program that we could have never obtained had it not been for the Gifting Initiative," she said. "Despite our limited

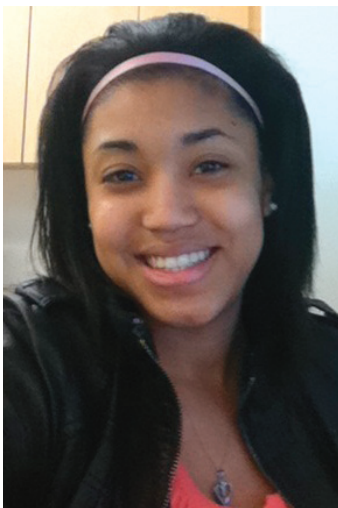


Students across the country are experiencing the positive impact of Overcoming Obstacles' instruction thanks to the Gifting Initiative.

budget, we now have the materials and support we need to prepare our students to graduate."

Daniel Garretson, a teacher at Richmond Hill High School in Queens, said: "It has become abundantly clear to the teachers of the Overcoming Obstacles Life Skills Program that the students in our ninth grade academy are beginning to verbalize their strengths and are bonding in a positive way. One vital benefit of the Overcoming Obstacles program has been the unity formed by the students through the sense of belonging to the school itself."

Overcoming Obstacles Student Realizing Her Dreams



Octavia Warren, 2007 Student Achievement Award honoree, will graduate this year from the Savannah College of Art and Design with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design.

Hoping to open her own graphic design firm in Atlanta one day, Octavia attributes much of her success to the Overcoming Obstacles Life Skills Program.

"I learned a lot through Overcoming Obstacles," she said. "My great communication

skills helped me get where I am today. Knowing how to communicate effectively has allowed me to be successful on job interviews, when networking, and in my field."

With her graduation quickly approaching, Octavia hopes to receive an employment offer through her internships with HMO Kaiser Permanente and the startup GetOne Solutions. Because of her talent and strong work ethic, both companies have offered her graphic design positions when they become available.

Thanks in part to Overcoming Obstacles, Octavia is on the road to realizing her dreams.

"Overcoming Obstacles taught me that the sky is the limit," she said. "No matter where you come from or what you have gone through, you can still work hard and be successful in life. I have learned not to let anything hold me back or stop me from achieving my goals."

Our Mission: To ensure that all young people learn the communication, decision making, and goal setting skills they need to be successful in life.



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