

Allendale Resident, Bernard J. Milano, President and Trustee of KPMG Foundation, to Receive Honorary Degree from William Paterson University

Milano to be awarded doctor of humane letters degree at William Paterson's graduate ceremony on Wednesday, May 18

Allendale resident Bernard J. Milano, president and trustee of the KPMG Foundation, the KPMG Disaster Relief Fund, and president of The PhD Project will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree during William Paterson University's graduate commencement ceremony on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. Milano has also received two other Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees from Kent State University and North Carolina A&T State University.

The PhD Project is a national diversity organization that has more than quadrupled the number of business school faculty who are African American, Hispanic American or Native American. Milano is also treasurer of the board of directors of Campus Compact, a national organization dedicated to promoting community service in higher education.

"We are delighted to present this honorary degree to Bernard J. Milano in recognition of his vision and contributions in support of service and diversity," says President Kathleen Waldron. "Civic engagement and diversity are core values at William Paterson University. We are proud to be one of the founding members of Campus Compact New Jersey, the statewide affiliate of the national Campus Compact organization, which promotes public and community service to develop students' citizenship skills."

Milano graduated from Temple University with a bachelor of science degree in accounting, and started his career with KPMG in the audit practice of the Philadelphia office. Prior to his current roles as president of the KPMG Foundation and the KPMG Disaster Relief Fund, he held positions of increasing responsibility including national partner in charge of university relations and national partner in charge of human resources.

Among Milano's activities, in addition to The PhD Project, he is a member of the board of directors of the Points of Light Foundation and Beta Gamma Sigma, and a member of the U.S. Advisory Board of Enactus. He has received numerous awards, including the 2015 American Accounting Association Lifetime Service Award and the inaugural 2014 Beta Alpha Psi KPMG/Bernard J. Milano Lifetime Service Award. He previously served on President Bush's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He lives with his wife, Sharon, and sons Matthew and Adam in Allendale, New Jersey; he also has four older children and six grandchildren who live in Connecticut, Colorado, and Florida.

Since its inception in 1994 The PhD Project has been responsible for the increase in the number of minority business professors from 294 to 1,322. An additional 274 minorities are currently enrolled in doctoral programs, and will take a place at the front of the classroom over the next few years.

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