

## **Wharton Awards Dinner Honors Robert S. Kapito, President of BlackRock, Inc.**

**GREENWICH, CT, October 2, 2009** – The 2009 Joseph Wharton Awards Dinner, co-sponsored by NYPPEX, honored Robert S. Kapito with the Joseph Wharton Award for Leadership.

The Joseph Wharton Award for Leadership is given to a Wharton alumnus who embodies the highest standards of leadership in both business and society. Mr. Kapito is the President of BlackRock, Inc., a premier provider of investment management, risk management and advisory services, which currently manages over \$1.4 trillion in assets.

Hosted by The Wharton Club of New York at the Jumeirah Essex House in New York City, the annual Joseph Wharton Awards Dinner recognizes alumni for their accomplishments, leadership and professional excellence.

Jon M. Huntsman, Founder and Chairman of the Huntsman Corporation, served as the Event Chair and the dinner was emceed for the third consecutive year by Bill Griffeth, Co-Anchor of Power Lunch on CNBC.

“BlackRock is a tremendous success story and Rob deserves a lot of credit,” said Laurence Allen, Managing Member of NYPPEX which served as a “Gold Sponsor” for the event. Mr. Allen also serves as a trustee on the Joseph Wharton Awards Dinner Committee.

Ralph J. Roberts was honored with the Joseph Wharton Award for Lifetime Achievement, given to a Wharton Alumnus who has had tremendous positive and sustained impact on business and society over the course of their career. Mr. Roberts is the Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Comcast Corporation and currently serves on the board of a number of non-profit organizations including Penn Medicine and the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

George A. Weiss was honored with the Joseph Wharton Award for Social Impact, given to a Wharton alumnus who has had the greatest impact in public service, social enterprise and philanthropy. Mr. Weiss is the founder of Say Yes to Education, which has provided support to over 740 students and families, enabling them to graduate from high school, accomplish post-secondary educational success and achieve meaningful life goals.

Jeffrey Fluhr was honored with the Joseph Wharton Award for Young Leadership, given to a Wharton alumnus who early in his/her career has demonstrated the greatest potential for leadership and lasting impact. Mr. Fluhr founded and served as the CEO of Stubhub.com until the company’s sale to eBay for \$310 million in January 2007.

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