



## October 13th Salute to Major Business Leaders, Lawmakers and National Heroes

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Making for a non-traditional Friday the 13th, the Center for Education Reform (CER) will honor national leaders, lawmakers and leading citizens for their bold and daring efforts to challenge the traditional education community.

Along with New York City Schools Chancellor Joel Klein and former Education Secretary Rod Paige, CER will recognize Kansas City entrepreneur Barnett Helzberg, Sallie Mae founder Al Lord, Philadelphia's Janine Yass, and foundation executive Gisele Huff. Lawmakers including Maryland's State Superintendent Nancy Grasmick, Ohio's Dixie Allen, Florida's Rafael Arza, Missouri's Rodney Hubbard, Indiana's Teresa Lubbers, and Colorado's Nancy Spence will also receive salutes from the prestigious audience gathered to celebrate these 13 individuals who are rare, 13 lawmakers who dare, 13 school leaders who perform and 13 years of reform. [Link here for profiles on all 39 honorees.](#)

ABC Correspondent and Producer John Stossel will deliver the keynote address.

CER's Gala at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, Washington, DC, will also entertain and surprise the attendees with fitting classics from film that exemplify our Friday the 13th theme.

Attendees include policymakers, activists, educators, and business leaders.

We are grateful for the generous support of the sponsors who are making the participation of many in this salute possible, including the Alliance for School Choice, the Broad Foundation, Connections Academy, Edison Schools, Foster and Lynn Friess, Mosaica Education, Milken Family Foundation, and National Heritage Academies. [Link here for more about our sponsors.](#)

Friday the 13th of October, 2006, marks 13 years of bold education reform success from The Center for Education Reform. [Link here for a few highlights.](#)

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