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**Invite you to celebrate George Jackson Academy's
Five-Year Anniversary**

Honoring

Bob Lessin

Thursday, November 13, 2008
Battery Gardens
Opposite 17 State Street

Cocktails at 6:00 PM, Program at 7:00 PM

Bob Lessin, Vice Chair of Jefferies & Company, is in his third academic year of volunteering his time as a teacher and advocate for our young men and future leaders. Bob is tireless and generous with his resources, insights, and wealth of knowledge. In teaching our students how to navigate through the world's economy, Wall Street, the media, the environment, and the electoral process, Bob has helped them make sense of exceptionally complex issues. Bob's profound belief in the school and his commitment to its success make it extremely fitting to honor him on the fifth anniversary of George Jackson Academy.

George Jackson Academy, founded in 2003, is all-boys, independent, non-sectarian middle school, and a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. With its cultural roots in the La Sallian tradition, George Jackson Academy was founded to help bright boys from lower-income families become part of our community of caring, academic excellence, and personal honor. We believe that to be truly effective education must be directed toward development of the whole child: body, heart, mind, and spirit. Upon graduation our boys have been accepted into the most competitive and selective independent day and boarding schools, parochial and New York City public schools such as Brooklyn Friends, Cardinal Hayes, Concord Academy, The Dalton School, Elizabeth Irwin High School, Episcopal High School (Virginia), Ethical Culture Fieldston School, Friends Seminary, George School, The Hotchkiss School, Kent School, La Salle Academy, Lawrenceville, Masters School, Packer Collegiate, Peddie, Riverdale Country Day School, St. Raymond's, Stuyvesant, Suffield Academy, Trevor Day and Trinity. The boys have received full or substantial financial aid at all of the schools.

In support of these goals, George Jackson Academy has assembled a deeply committed Board of Trustees with extensive experience and expertise in the governance of schools. Eight of its members are current heads of independent schools or division heads, while at least three other members have served on or chaired similar school boards. Together, the Board and its Head of School make as creative and proactive a team as any that could have been gathered to see the mission of the school fulfilled.

Based on the cost analysis of five academic years, we estimate that the average cost per student is \$13,000 per year. We are a school with a needs-blind admission policy and must raise over 90% of our budget from private sources. We will not turn away any qualified boy because of his family's inability to pay. George Jackson Academy receives no public funding.

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