



## Honoring Italian American Women @ the 2017 NOIAW Gala



*Saturday, April 22, 2017*

*Honoring*

**VITA CARULLI RABINOWITZ, PH.D.**  
*Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost  
The City University of New York*

**LORI ANN ATTIVISSIMO, MD, FACP**  
*Senior Medical Director  
Northwell Health Hospice and Home Care Network*

**RECEIVING FRIEND OF NOIAW AWARD**

**JOSEPH R. FICALORA**  
*President & CEO of NYCB*

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Vita Carulli Rabinowitz, Ph.D. and Lori Ann Attivissimo, MD, FACP Honored April 22 at the St. Regis by the National Organization of Italian American Women; Joseph R. Ficalora to Receive Friend of NOIAW Award

[The National Organization of Italian American Women \(NOIAW\)](#), [2] the only national organization for women of Italian ancestry, holds its Annual Luncheon and Silent Auction at the St. Regis New York on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 11:30 AM and honors two accomplished Italian American women:

Dr. Vita Carulli Rabinowitz was appointed Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost at The City University of New York in July 2015. For nearly a decade prior to her current position, Dr. Rabinowitz served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Hunter College, where she has been a dedicated faculty member for her entire academic career. She has previously held a variety of administrative positions including chairperson of the Department of Psychology, acting associate provost, and acting provost.

Dr. Lori Ann Attivissimo, has devoted her career to improving hospice and palliative care. She's a proven leader who has rapidly advanced Northwell Health Hospice Care Network (HCN) into a premier hospice provider. Dr. Attivissimo serves as HCN's senior medical director, overseeing the medical services for patients across Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties. HCN serves an average of 520 end-of-life patients daily. Dr. Attivissimo also helped create the Miracle Foundation Home-Based Palliative Care Center, serving as senior medical director.



Also receiving a Friend of NOIAW Award is Mr. Joseph R. Ficalora, President and CEO of New York Community Bancorp, Inc. (NYCB) the 22nd largest bank holding company in the nation. Under Ficalora's leadership, the company has evolved from a mutual savings bank with seven branches to a publicly traded multi-bank holding company with 255 branches.

Tickets for the event start at \$300 and are available at [NOIAW.org](http://NOIAW.org). More than 200 guests are expected at the event, including the Consul General in Italy to New York, Hon. Francesco Genuardi. The celebration begins with a silent auction and reception featuring gift certificates to some of New York City's best restaurants, travel packages to Italy, designer handbags and accessories, and museums memberships.

"Since our founding in 1980, NOIAW has supported and inspired Italian American women," said Maria Tamburri, NOIAW Chair. "As we begin our 37th year, we are extremely proud to honor Dr. Vita Carulli Rabinowitz and Dr. Lori Ann Attivissimo, two women of distinction and prominence in their respective fields. We look forward to acknowledging Mr. Joseph R. Ficalora with the Friend of NOIAW Award in appreciation for his generous support of our organization and its mission."

### ABOUT NOIAW

The mission of The National Organization of Italian American Women is to unite and connect women through Italian culture and heritage; to celebrate the achievements of women of Italian ancestry; to inspire and enrich members with shared interests in cultural programs; and to empower and advance the educational and professional aspirations of current and future generations. For more information about NOIAW, its members and programs, or to become a member, visit [www.noiaw.org](http://www.noiaw.org) [3], call (212) 642-2003, or follow us on Twitter (@NOIAW) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/noiaw](http://www.facebook.com/noiaw) [4].) The National Organization of Italian American Women, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent permitted by law.

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