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Press Release

National Council Honors Role Models and Unveils 30 years of research backed by Calandra Institute, CUNY

New York, NY, March 20, 2007: On April 29, 2007 at El Caribe Catering on Strickland Avenue in Brooklyn at 12 Noon. The Council will honor its 2007 Role Models, Among them are Louis "Lou" Matarazzo of the Detectives Endowment Association, Joseph Q. Carbone, of the Department of Corrections for his Organization Leadership Award, John Puglissi, of the Patrolmans Benevolent Association, as the Man of the Year, Vincent Tummino, of the Fire Department of New York for a Leadership Award, . for a lifetime achievement award, William Schievella of the Italian American Police Associations of New Jersey the Civil Service Award. Michael Guarini, of the Port Authority Police, Organization Award. Andrew Zametti, Organization Leadership Award. Darryl Parente Board of Education The Organization Award, Christopher J. Pizzo, NYPD – Organization Award. Paul Gallo, Transit Authority Organization Leadership Award. Joseph Siano – Department of Sanitation – The Organization Leadership Award, Joseph Savarino, Department of Transportation – Organization Leadership Award.

There has been a high turnover of Presidents which has lead to the large number of Organization Leadership Awards, Organization Awards are given to individuals who have been nominated for there dedication to there own organization. We are proud of them all, each represent a role model for the Italian American community – Each pulls their weight to offset negative stereotypes depicted about Italian Americans in the media and press.

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At our annual Awards we will also unveil some major findings of a 30 year research project, called "where have all the Italians gone". The project was commissioned to the Calandra Institute, City University of New York. Under Dean Joseph Scelsa, now under Dean Anthony Trumbuli. We are very Proud of the data and the input of the organization members especially John Milioti, an executive Board member who has followed this project from beginning to end.