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Announcing Manhattan Institute's 2011 Alexander Hamilton Award Honorees

Mortimer B. Zuckerman

Chairman and Editor-in-Chief,
U.S. News & World Report;
Publisher,
New York Daily News

Joel I. Klein

Former Chancellor,
New York City Department of Education

On **Wednesday, April 27, 2011**, the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New York's largest and most influential think tank, held its eleventh annual Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner. **The award recognizes New Yorkers who exemplify Hamiltonian values: civic leadership, fiscal restraint, entrepreneurial spirit, and commitment to energetic public debate.** This year's recipients were Joel Klein and Mortimer Zuckerman. A crowd of New York's business, media, and philanthropic elite—over 600 strong—attended in support of the Institute. The annual black-tie fundraiser, held at Cipriani 42nd Street in New York City, **raised over \$1.6 million** this year for the Manhattan Institute.

In eight years as chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, **Joel Klein** significantly increased student performance and made the public school system more competitive by opening up more schools, giving parents real choices and opportunities for their children.

"Chancellor Klein took a moribund system that too often made excuses for failure and turned it into a professional organization with a relentless focus on student achievement," said Lawrence Mone, president of the Manhattan Institute.

"It is an enormous honor to receive the Manhattan Institute's Alexander Hamilton Award," said Klein. "I have long been an admirer of the Institute's work and have learned a lot from the research done by its scholars."

Mort Zuckerman is the chairman and editor-in-chief of *U.S. News & World Report* and the publisher of the *New York Daily News*. Mr. Zuckerman's personal leadership in the field of journalism, his generous philanthropy, and his indefatigable efforts to promote New York as a commercial and intellectual capital, are truly Hamiltonian in their scope and influence.

"In addition to being a model civic leader and successful business innovator, Mort's skeptical and keen analytical view of Washington's economic projections have made his voice indispensable to the national conversation," said Paul Singer, chairman of the Manhattan Institute.

"The Manhattan Institute is an organization of grown-ups who focus on the problems of America and America's cities in a serious and tough-minded way. I am delighted to be in their company," said Zuckerman.

The 2011 honorees were introduced by John Sexton, president of New York University and John E. Zuccotti, the U.S. chairman of Brookfield Corporation.

The Alexander Hamilton Award was created to celebrate New York and honor those individuals helping to foster the revitalization of our nation's cities. The Manhattan Institute chose to name the award after Hamilton because, like the Manhattan Institute, he was a fervent proponent of commerce and civic life, and he believed that the health of the nation hinged upon vibrant cities.

Previous award winners include former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger, New York City police commissioner Ray Kelly, former mayors Rudy Giuliani and Edward Koch, author Tom Wolfe, former New York governor Hugh Carey, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and philanthropists Roger Hertog, Chuck Brunie, and Walter Mintz. More information is available online at http://www.manhattan-institute.org/html/ah_2010.htm.

Full video of the event will be available soon on the Manhattan Institute's website, www.manhattan-institute.org.

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