



## **Board of Overseers Chairman James Harden, Bus '78, MPH '83, Assumes Key University Alumni Leadership Role at Columbia**

At its third annual Worldwide Alumni Leadership Assembly in November, the Columbia Alumni Association Assembly elected James Harden (Bus '78, MPH '83) as CAA chair. Harden, president and CEO of Catholic Health Services of Long Island, has long been engaged as a graduate of both Columbia Business School and the Mailman School. He is chairman of the Board of Overseers of the Mailman School and has served on the University's Trustee Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Investing and the Alumni Trustee Nominating Committee.

As head of Catholic Health Services, Mr. Harden oversees an integrated health delivery system that includes some of the region's finest health and human service agencies. He came to CHS in 2004 from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, where he served for almost 20 years in a variety of roles.

"Jim brings a phenomenal portfolio of experience and skills to being CAA chair," commented Stephen Case ('64 CC, '68 Law) a University Trustee and two-school alumnus, who led the CAA through formative years after its establishment in June 2005.

"With degrees from both the Mailman School of Public Health and the Columbia Business School, he has strong foundations, rare among active alumni, with both the Medical Center and Morningside. His selection as CEO of the Long Island Catholic hospital system recognized his adroit leadership skills. What is more, he has for years been one of the most active people around in all phases of alumni work for Columbia. And if that weren't enough-well, he's just a great guy."

According to Mr. Harden, the CAA has "completed its formative stage and now is ready to provide a new platform" for Columbia to build its alumni network-and for alumni to connect with the University.

"If you're an alumnus who wants to receive e-mail updates about news on campus, if you want to learn how you can help current students, or if you're originally from the Philippines and want to socialize or network with Columbia graduates who share your heritage," says Mr. Harden, "CAA is the group that can make those linkages for you."