Friends of Bocconi University

Bocconi ALUMNI

2026 FRIENDS OF BOCCONI BENEFIT GALA

A NIGHT FOR THE FUTURE

SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2026

THE UNIVERSITY CLUB | NEW YORK



Welcome to the 2026 Friends of Bocconi Benefit Gala: A Night for the Future.
This evening celebrates the power of philanthropy and higher education
to open doors, transform lives, and shape the future.
Please join us in supporting the American Fund, a resource that provides
scholarships that enable talented students from diverse backgrounds
to pursue a world-class education at Bocconi University.

Tonight, we have the chance to build on that impact and create
even more life-changing opportunities for the next generation
of global leaders and changemakers.

THANKS TO THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR DONORS AND SPONSORS, ALL PROCEEDS OF TONIGHT'S GALA WILL DIRECTLY SUPPORT BOCCONI STUDENTS.

PROGRAM

6:30 PM	Welcome and Cocktail Reception
7:30 PM	**GALA DINNER** Honorees' Speeches and Awards Ceremony Live Auction
10:15 PM	Conclusion



NINA SENICAR
Actress, television host,
author, director
and philanthropist

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Nina Senicar is an international actress, host,
author, director, and philanthropist.
Born in Serbia and fluent in six languages,
she built her career across Europe and Hollywood.
A Bocconi University graduate with an MSc
in Economics and Management of Culture,
Media & Arts and a UCLA producing degree,
she has hosted major charity events supporting
organizations including amfAR, IRC,
and International Medical Corps. She is also
the author of a bestselling children's book.

HONOREES

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO INTRODUCE OUR ESTEEMED HONOREES OF THE 2026 FRIENDS OF BOCCONI BENEFIT GALA.

In keeping with our theme of envisioning and building a future that works, tonight we honor three Bocconi Alumni who have stayed closely connected to the University since their student days and have made exceptional contributions that have elevated Bocconi's presence in the US and significantly enriched the Bocconi Alumni Community here. Through their unwavering commitment to the University, its mission, and its students, our honorees demonstrate the very best in future-forward philanthropy. Their involvement and generous support have been instrumental in advancing the great work of the University and in generating remarkable interest, action and unity among US-based Bocconi Alumni. Optimistically urging us to envision and create what comes next, tonight's honorees truly inspire others to follow their lead in supporting Bocconi.

We extend our deepest thanks to our honorees for their remarkable dedication and the positive impact they have made through their careers and involvement in truly important social causes.

To our honorees, you model exemplary commitment and purpose. You inspire us to strive for excellence and unity. We are grateful for your leadership and purposeful philanthropy.





CARLO BRONZINI VENDER
Co-Founder and Partner
CapM Advisors

Carlo Bronzini Vender is Co-Founder and Partner of CapM Advisors, with over 25 years of experience in mergers and acquisitions and strategic advisory to global market leaders. A Bocconi Alumnus and Harvard Business School graduate, Carlo has held senior roles at leading international firms, including Bain & Company and Wolfensohn & Co.

Friends of Bocconi honors Carlo for over a decade of enduring dedication and for his generous support. Through his philanthropy Carlo has made possible a significant contribution to expanding access to Bocconi education supporting scholarships and other opportunities in perpetuity for talented student and women who are refugees or come from underserved communities.



FILIPPO GORI
Co-Head of Global Banking at JPMorgan

SILVIA PEZZINI
Adjunct Professor at Columbia University, formerly with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority

Filippo Gori and Silvia Pezzini are Bocconi Alumni who met as undergraduates and became best friends. Later, as each pursued a career in London, they reconnected, married and raised two daughters. Their engaging and varied work has led them from London to Hong Kong and, recently, to New York. Filippo is Co-Head of Global Banking at JPMorgan, having previously served as CEO for Asia Pacific and for Europe, Middle East and Africa. After working in central banking at the Bank of England and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Silvia now lectures at Columbia University and is a Board Member in listed and non-profit companies.

Friends of Bocconi honors Filippo and Silvia for their support which allowed it to establish the endowed Gori-Pezzini Scholarship Fund, turning a deeply personal family legacy into an enduring commitment to future generations. By supporting talented students in pursuing their academic ambitions, they embody the transformative power of philanthropy and reinforce Bocconi's longstanding commitment to fostering talent, opportunity, and social mobility.

FRIENDS OF BOCCONI INTERNATIONAL AWARD

The 2026 Friends of Bocconi Benefit Gala marks the inaugural edition of the Friends of Bocconi International Award, a new and enduring distinction honoring individuals whose work builds meaningful bridges of culture, values and talent between Italy, the United States and the wider world.

While Friends of Bocconi has traditionally recognized its most generous Donors, this is the first award created to celebrate individuals for their broader intellectual, cultural and human impact and for their ability to bring countries and communities closer together.

2026 AWARD RECIPIENT

Stanley Tucci is the inaugural recipient of the Friends of Bocconi International Award. Through an extraordinary body of work spanning film, television and writing, he has told Italy's story to audiences in the United States and around the world. His work reflects a distinctive ability to connect people and cultures through storytelling, encouraging curiosity, understanding and a deeper appreciation of different perspectives. With intelligence, authenticity and sensitivity, he has contributed to a richer cultural dialogue between Italy, the United States and the wider international community. His work represents a remarkable form of cultural diplomacy and embodies the spirit of this new Award.



STANLEY TUCCI



**Academy Award-nominated actor,
Emmy-winning producer,
bestselling author,
and culinary storyteller**

Stanley Tucci is an Academy Award-nominated actor, writer, director, and producer known for his work across film, television, and Broadway. His credits include The Devil Wears Prada, The Lovely Bones, Spotlight, The Hunger Games, and Conclave. An Emmy and Golden Globe winner, Tucci is also a celebrated culinary storyteller known for Stanley Tucci: Searching for Italy, Tucci in Italy, and Taste: My Life Through Food, a New York Times bestseller.

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WELCOME

FROM FOB PRESIDENT AND 2026 GALA CO-CHAIRS



MARIAFRANCESCA CARLI
President,
Friends of Bocconi



STEFANIE KASSELAKIS KYLES
2026 Friends of Bocconi
Benefit Gala Co-Chair



ROBERTA PARODI
2026 Friends of Bocconi
Benefit Gala Co-Chair

Good evening and thank you for joining us tonight for the 2026 Friends of Bocconi Benefit Gala: A Night for the Future.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, sponsors, auction sponsors and patrons, it is our pleasure to welcome you to this celebration of philanthropy and of the remarkable Bocconi Alumni Community in the United States.

As we gather for the second edition of the Friends of Bocconi Benefit Gala, we are reminded of all that this community can accomplish together. Thanks to the generosity of those who supported our inaugural 2024 Gala, nine talented students began their Bocconi journey through the American Fund. Their stories remind us that every gift creates opportunities that truly change lives.

Tonight, we celebrate the impact of the American Fund while reaffirming our commitment to expanding educational opportunities and strengthening the Bocconi community in the United States.

It is our privilege to recognize this year's distinguished honorees Carlo Bronzini Vender, Filippo Gori and Silvia Pezzini for their extraordinary commitment to Bocconi University, Friends of Bocconi, and our students. We are also proud to present the **Friends of Bocconi International Award** to **Stanley Tucci** for his outstanding contribution to bringing Italy and the United States closer through culture.

Special thanks to our host, Nina Senicar, our master auctioneer, Giovanni Spinelli, and the 2026 Benefit Gala Committee, whose dedication made this evening possible.

Enjoy the evening, and thank you for helping us build an even stronger future for Bocconi.

Cheers,

FRIENDS OF BOCCONI

Friends of Bocconi brings together Bocconi graduates across the United States and facilitates philanthropic gifts in support of Italian higher education, with a primary focus on Bocconi University and its mission. In addition, by promoting Bocconi University in the US, FoB plays a key role in advancing Bocconi's historic mission to foster excellence in research and learning, to create a positive impact on society, and to support deserving young people by promoting social inclusion and mobility.

FoB is a non-profit 501(c)(3) entity led by a Board of Directors, composed of distinguished professionals in the US.

FoB was awarded the Transatlantic Academic Award by the American Chamber of Commerce in Italy in 2023.

FRIENDS OF BOCCONI

Mariafrancesca Carli - President, Friends of Bocconi

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WELCOME

FROM BOCCONI PRESIDENT, RECTOR AND BOCCONI ALUMNI COMMUNITY PRESIDENT



ANDREA SIRONI
President,
Bocconi University



FRANCESCO BILLARI
Rector,
Bocconi University



SILVIA CANDIANI
President,
Bocconi Alumni Community

Dear Friends,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 2026 Friends of Bocconi Benefit Gala: A Night for the Future.

Tonight, we celebrate our distinguished honorees, the enduring connection between Bocconi and the United States, and the power of philanthropy to transform individual opportunity into collective progress.

Talent can be found everywhere, but not everyone has the same opportunity to fulfill their potential. Through the American Fund, your generosity helps talented students access a Bocconi education and begin their own stories.

The Bocconi Alumni Community embodies this shared responsibility: giving back, opening new paths for others, and ensuring that individual achievements become a lasting legacy for future generations.

Thank you for helping us shape the future, together.

We wish you a memorable and inspiring evening,

BOCCONI UNIVERSITY

Bocconi University was founded in 1902 by visionary philanthropist Ferdinando Bocconi as an act of faith in human progress. The University has since grown into a top-ranked institution, leading in economics, business and social sciences education. In accordance with Bocconi's motto, **Knowledge that Matters**, Bocconi's aim is to provide valuable opportunities to students, researchers and organizations in an ever-changing global setting. Only by preparing new leaders and professionals trained in dealing with complexity, will we be able to overcome the global challenges ahead.

Bocconi has a student community of more than 15,000, including more than 4,800 international students. Indeed, many young people choose Bocconi University because of its strong values and its proven academic excellence.

4TH
WORLDWIDE MBA
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BOCCONI ALUMNI COMMUNITY

The Bocconi Alumni Community is a worldwide network of diverse people brought together by their stories and common values.

By bringing Bocconi to the world and the world to Bocconi, the Community creates a global environment where knowledge, experience, and values meet and fuel each other, connecting talent to foster innovation and development. Rooted in a spirit of generosity and mutual support, it inspires Alumni to make a lasting impact by sharing their time, expertise, and resources.

150,000+
ALUMNI

75
CHAPTERS WORLDWIDE

13
TOPIC GROUPS

12,000+
ALUMNI ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

1,800+
ALUMNI DONORS

BOCCONI & THE US

MORE THAN 50 YEARS TOGETHER

Bocconi University values global education and invites cross-cultural sharing of ideas and perspectives. Bocconi was among the first Italian universities to establish exchange agreements with universities in other countries. In 1974, Bocconi signed agreements with a French university and one in the US. These agreements were the initial steps toward building an international student body that includes both students enrolled in degree programs and exchange students. Today it is supported through agreements with 293 partner universities worldwide.

Bocconi's long-standing ties with American universities continue to grow. These partnerships constitute a valuable component of Bocconi's global network and reflect the University's strong commitment to international collaboration and academic excellence.

PARTNERSHIPS AND STUDENTS

59
PARTNER UNIVERSITIES IN THE US

About 500
STUDENTS EACH YEAR PARTICIPATE IN BOCCONI - US EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
(bachelor, graduate, MBAs and law programs)

ALUMNI IN THE US

Bocconi Alumni live and work in countries across the globe and are essential in raising awareness beyond Italy and Europe about the outstanding educational opportunities available at the University for international students.

Our Alumni presence on US soil is increasing. Indeed, to date, there are more than 4,500 Alumni and 9 Chapters across the country.

American Chapters

Boston | Chicago | Dallas | Los Angeles | Miami | New York | San Francisco | Seattle | Washington D.C.



BOCCONI & THE US

US PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

American University | Arizona State University | Babson College | Boston College | Boston University | Brandeis University | Brigham Young University | University of California | University of California College of the Law | Carnegie Mellon University | Case Western Reserve University | The University of Chicago | University of Colorado Boulder | Columbia University | Cornell University | Dartmouth College | Duke University | Emory University | University of Florida | Fordham University | The George Washington University | Georgetown University | Georgia Institute of Technology | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | Indiana University | Johns Hopkins University | University of Maryland | University of Michigan | Michigan State University | University of Minnesota | New York University | The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | Northeastern University | Northwestern University | University of Notre Dame | The Ohio State University | University of Pennsylvania | Pennsylvania State University | Princeton University | Purdue University | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | University of Richmond | University of San Diego | San Diego State University | University of South Carolina | University of Southern California | Southern Methodist University | SUNY - The State University of New York | Temple University | Texas A&M University | The University of Texas at Austin | The University of Texas at Dallas | Tulane University | University of Virginia | Virginia Tech | University of Washington | Washington University in St. Louis | University of Wisconsin-Madison | Yale University

BOCCONI.
A PLACE FOR THE FUTURE

Building on our achievements in attracting outstanding talent, advancing research that addresses the challenges of our time, and promoting social mobility, Bocconi looks to the future with renewed ambition. Launched alongside the University's new Strategic Plan, our current fundraising campaign, **A Place for the Future**, aims to raise €200 million by 2030 to invest in talent and knowledge, expand opportunities for future generations, and contribute to economic and social progress. More than €110 million has already been raised toward this goal, including over €20 million since the beginning of 2026. This momentum reflects the trust and commitment of a growing philanthropic community: since 2021, more than 7,000 Donors and Partners have chosen to support Bocconi and its mission.

AMERICAN FUND

Established in 2023, the American Fund has raised more than **€4 million** to expand access to a Bocconi education through scholarships for talented students, regardless of their financial circumstances. As part of the A Place for the Future campaign, the **American Fund** transforms philanthropy into opportunity. Donor generosity to the American Fund has already supported nine students who began their Bocconi journeys in 2025. Together, American Fund Donors are demonstrating how collective support can open doors and create lasting impact.



"THANKS TO AMERICAN FUND DONORS, MY BOCCONI DREAM BEGINS RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW. WHEN I FOUND OUT ABOUT MY SCHOLARSHIP, I FELT INCREDULOUS! I FEEL SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE EARNED THIS SCHOLARSHIP, AND I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THIS SUPPORT. IT IS TRULY WONDERFUL TO KNOW THAT THE AMERICAN FUND IS GROWING AND THAT MORE AND MORE STUDENTS WILL BE BENEFICIARIES IN THE FUTURE."

FEDERICO CAROTA
American Fund beneficiary, 2025

THANK YOU

Friends of Bocconi and Bocconi University gratefully recognize and celebrate the Alumni, Friends, families and organizations across the United States who have embraced our initiatives and whose generosity strengthens Bocconi's mission.

We extend our deepest thanks to every Donor, including those who have chosen to give anonymously and those who have included Bocconi in their legacy plans.

For Alumni and individuals, the following lists recognize donations and related projects active from January 1, 2021 through July 31, 2026.

To learn more about Bocconi Giving Societies and the annual Donor Roll, please visit **giving.unibocconi.eu**

2021 – 2026

Building on the achievements of Bocconi's first fundraising effort and carrying that momentum into the **A Place for the Future campaign,** more than 270 Alumni, Friends and Donors across the United States have chosen to support the University through Friends of Bocconi since 2021. Their philanthropic commitment helps Bocconi foster excellence, inclusion and social mobility.

Their support has contributed to initiatives including:

- **Boston Chapter Fundraising Initiative**
- **Miami Chapter Fundraising Initiative**
- **New York Chapter Fundraising Initiative**
- **American Fund**
- **Alberto Alesina Young Economists Award**
- **Women Fund associated with the Changed by Women initiative**

Through their generosity, these Donors are creating meaningful impact by opening opportunities for talented and deserving students to pursue a Bocconi education, fulfill their potential and contribute to society.

US-BASED MEMBERS OF BOCCONI'S GIVING SOCIETIES

THANK YOU

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CARLO BRONZINI VENDER - Business Administration, 1987
FILIPPO GORI - Economics, 1999 and SILVIA PEZZINI - Economics, 1998

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for those donating over €1,000,000

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Management, 2012

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NATALIA BERGAMASCHI
Business Administration, 1995
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Business Administration, 1997

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Economic and Social Sciences, 1992

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Law, 2004

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Economics, 1974

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MONICA MANDELLI
Economic and Social Sciences, 1995

MARINO MARIN
Business Administration, 1992

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Business Administration, 2000

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