



**The PhD Project
Hall of Fame
Inaugural Inductee – 2011
Bernard J. Milano
President of The PhD Project and
KPMG Foundation and KPMG Disaster Relief Fund**



- Bernard J. Milano, recently recognized for 50 years of service with KPMG, is the President of The PhD Project, as well as is the president of the KPMG Foundation and KPMG Disaster Relief Fund.

Bernie joined the KPMG Foundation Board of Trustees in 1991 and became its president several years later. There, determined to address the dearth of minority professors in accounting and business—and acknowledging the impact of “the person in front of the classroom”—he sought a way to increase academia’s minority representation. Milano was among a group that helped to address the problem through the creation of The PhD Project. As a result, Bernie is credited with helping advance diversity in the accounting and business professions.

Bernie serves on many professional, community, religious, and educational boards including Beta Gamma Sigma, Students in Free Enterprise, Points of Light Foundation, Campus Compact among others. He chairs the business school advisory boards at Ramapo College of New Jersey and North Carolina A&T State University. From 2002-2009 he was a member of President Bush’s Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He received the AICPA Special Recognition Award in 2006, and is the recipient of numerous other awards, primarily for his work in promoting academic diversity. Milano holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Temple University and Honorary Doctorates from North Carolina A & T University and Kent State University.