Gesu School is honored to present Ralph S. Saul and John J.F. Sherrerd with the 2008 Gesu Spirit Medal

Ralph S. Saul
A longtime Gesu Trustee, Ralph Saul is the former Chairman of the Board of CIGNA Corporation. During his career he also served as Director of the Division of Trading and Markets of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, President of the American Stock Exchange, Chief Executive Officer of INA Corporation, Co-CEO of First Boston Corporation, and Chairman of the Board of Horace Mann Educators Corporation. With degrees from the University of Chicago and Yale Law School, he has received honorary doctor of laws degrees from Alfred University and Mercer University, and is a former Trustee of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1997 he chaired Children Succeeding, a Gesu campaign that raised $4.1 million. In recent years, he has chaired Gesu’s Investment Committee and co-chaired, with Win Churchill and Jay Sherrerd, the school’s successful $12 million capital campaign Building for Tomorrow.

John J. F. “Jay” Sherrerd
Also a longtime Gesu Trustee and now an Advisory Trustee, Jay Sherrerd co-founded the former Miller Anderson & Sherrerd, an investment management firm. A Princeton University graduate, Jay also holds an M.B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton Graduate School. A longtime Princeton University Trustee (now a Trustee Emeritus) and Chairman of the Resources Committee, Jay also serves on the boards of many corporations. Creator of the Gesu School Annual Fund and a key architect of the school’s growing endowment, Jay also spearheaded major fundraising activities for Princeton and the Episcopal Academy. He recently co-chaired, with Win Churchill and Ralph Saul, Gesu’s landmark $12 million capital campaign Building for Tomorrow. In 2007 he received the Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy Award from the Philadelphia Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.