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Frédéric Malle, Leslie Vosshall & Marc Tessier-Lavigne.
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Rockefeller scientist Leslie Vosshall and perfumer Frédéric Malle share recent insights on scent and behavior

Event Raised over \$1 Million for Research

The 14th Annual *W&S* Lecture and Luncheon, which was held on **Thursday, May 12th** at the Rockefeller University – 1230 York Avenue at 66th Street, raised over \$1 million dollars of support for the University's women scientists. The luncheon was attended by over 550 women from New York's business and philanthropic communities and featured renowned Rockefeller scientist **Leslie Vosshall** who was joined by noted perfumer, **Frédéric Malle**, in conversation about the art and the science of scent. The event was hosted and by RU President **Marc Tessier-Lavigne**.

Samantha Boardman Rosen, M.D., Katerina Alevizaki-Dracopoulos, Judith Roth Berkowitz, Patricia Rosenwald, and Lulu C. Wang served as Chairs this year. Founding Chairs are Lydia A. Forbes, Isabel P. Furland, Nancy Kissinger and Sydney R. Shuman.

Additional guests included Katherine Betts, Friederike Biggs, Debra Black, Eliza Bolen, Joan Juliet Buck, Phoebe Campbell, Cristina H. Greeven Cuomo, Nina Rennert Davidson, Sharon Levine Elghanayan, Lisa Errico, Princess H.R.H. Firyal of Jordan, Danielle Ganek, Corinne P. Greenberg, Marjorie Gubelmann, Duane Hampton, Blair Husain, Ellen Katz, Henry Kissinger, Emilia A. Saint-Amand Krimendahl, Alexandra Kotur, Evelyn G. Lipper, Karen McLaughlin, Gigi Mortimer, Fernanda Niven, Anne Nordeman, Debra Perelman, Pauline Pitt, Renee A. Rockefeller, Alexander Roepers, Jeanne Greenberg Rohatyn, Hilary Geary Ross, Alexia Hamm Ryan, Jacqueline Sackler, Kimberly Kravis Schulhof, Daisy M. Soros, Kate Spade, Silda Wall Spitzer, Claude Wasserstein, Cynthia Whitehead, Carolyn Zapf and Caryn Zucker.

Since the initiative's founding, *Women & Science* has raised over \$15 million to establish the Rebecca Lancefield Professorship for a senior woman scientist, provided support for 135 postdoctoral and graduate fellows, as well as for faculty recruitment, the Child and Family Center, career development, high school and college education programs at the University, and seed funds for research in neuroscience and other fields.

Founded by John D. Rockefeller in 1901, The Rockefeller University was this nation's first biomedical research university. Over the years, Rockefeller has been the site of many historic breakthroughs, including the landmark discovery that genes are made of DNA. To date, 23 scientists associated with the University have received the Nobel Prize.