

SPRING LUNCHEON CAPS BANNER YEAR FOR WOMEN & SCIENCE 2010 INITIATIVE FOCUSES ON SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAMPUS CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER

On May 14, 2009, at the 12th annual *Women & Science* Spring Lecture and Luncheon, three eminent neuroscientists discussed the future of brain science. Two of the speakers were Rockefeller faculty: **Dr. Cori Bargmann**, who studies genes that play a role in neural development and behavior, and **Dr. Leslie Vosshall**, who seeks to identify the links between sensory perception and behavior. They were joined on a panel by Rockefeller University Trustee Emeritus and Nobel laureate **Eric Kandel** of Columbia University. Dr. Kandel is widely recognized for uncovering some of the basic molecular mechanisms underlying learning and memory. In an exchange moderated by Paul Nurse, the scientists discussed recent progress in understanding the biology of perception, learning, memory, reasoning, and communication. Corporate underwriting for the event—attended by nearly 500—was generously provided by **Roger Vivier, Paris**.

In the year that ended June 30, 2009, *Women & Science* raised over \$1 million. Funds donated this year will—as in the past—support women graduate and postdoctoral fellows, as well as the recruitment of women faculty. Further, *W&S* is creating a scholarship fund for the University's Child and Family Center. The economic downturn has unavoidably affected subsidies for the children of Rockefeller scientists who attend the center. Affordable care on campus for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers is crucial for recruiting and retaining top scientists.

1. *W&S* chair Alexandra Lebenthal 2. Celerie Kemble, Christy Powell, and Amanda Brooks 3. Pat Klingenstein and Laura Strauss 4. *W&S* fellow Elyse Blum and Blair Pillsbury Enders 5. *Roger Vivier's* Allison Aston and Dale Burch 6. Eileen Ludwig Greenland and her daughter Robin Cohen



7. Marcie Pantzer, Kathleen Kocatas, Shoshanna Gruss, and Catharine Boothroyd 8. Bonnie Strauss and Kimberly Kravis Schulhof 9. *W&S* chair Samantha Boardman Rosen and Shala Monroque 10. Ann Tenenbaum, A.M. Homes, and Fiona Howe Rudin