SOKA University Gala Sends a Strong Message

Soka University of America’s second annual peace gala raised $600,000 to provide scholarships for students who come from around the globe to participate in SUA’s distinctive educational experience.

Nearly 500 guests (more than double that of last year) gathered at the picturesque university campus in Aliso Viejo to enjoy an elegant evening of dining, fabulous live auction and music featuring Grammy award winning jazz saxophonist and composer Wayne Shorter and fellow Grammy winner and icon of modern music, Herbie Hancock.

Patrick Duffy (Bobby Ewing of TV’s Dallas fame) was master of ceremonies for the gala, “Celebrating a Vision of Peace.”

In thanking the underwriters, donors and sponsors, SUA president Daniel Habuki shared with the crowd that “many of the students have overcome tremendous challenges and are determined to use their education to add value to the world in which they live.”