

Remarks by
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I want to welcome all of you here this evening; for me it's a distinct pleasure and honor to host fellow Stern School alumni.

One or two of you attended Stern when it wasn't called Stern--it was just friendly old GBA, housed in a two-building complex just south--or was it west?--of Trinity Church at the top of Wall Street. Whether you were a full-time day student, or a part-time night student as I was, the GBA education was first rate. Classes included people who made a living on Wall Street and who probed and questioned the ideas and methods presented in class in ways that made the MBA curriculum at once richer and more immediately useful. I, for one, never regretted the many hours in the GBA library, the long, local subway rides home at 11:00 p.m., or the difficulty in balancing an increasingly demanding work and travel schedule with classroom attendance, and--need I say it--the achievement of good grades.

I know the move to NYU's main campus, and the imprimatur of the Stern name--along with other changes too numerous to mention--have enhanced the School's quality and reputation and added value to my degree. Nonetheless, I'll always have a fond place in my heart for the old GBA, and regard it as one of the best educational experiences of my life.

That is why when the newly formed New England Alumni Association was formed in 1995, I was glad to speak at its inaugural meeting. It was good to see that the old habit of close questioning hadn't changed. Later that year, I spoke at the Stern commencement--a rewarding and gratifying experience to say the least. Finally, I've also begun to serve as a member of the Stern Board of Overseers. This Board helps the School shape its programs, policies and procedures. We want to ensure the School continues to meet the needs of both a diverse business marketplace and of a student body that is entering the intensely competitive and global business world.

I know all of you have been involved with Stern over the years as well. Thank you for that and for coming here tonight. All of our efforts help to enhance the reputation and the prominence of the Stern School here in New England.

Susan - Introduce Paul Wachtel