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Everybody Loves Raymond star Doris Roberts honored with Chapman University's distinguished Lifetime Achievement in the Arts award

ORANGE, Calif., Nov. 11, 2003 Once again, American Celebration dazzled the audience with this year's show, Broadway Tonight: All Around the Town. The annual event now in its 22nd year raises funds for Chapman student scholarships and brought in a record-breaking \$1 million this year. Almost 900 guests attended the original, live, song-and-dance extravaganza, created and performed by students, faculty and alumni, which draws rave reviews and brings guests back year after year, making it one of Orange County's most renowned events.

Two prestigious awards were presented during the evening. Emmy award-winning actress Doris Roberts received the Lifetime Achievement in the Arts award. She thanked Chapman for the honor and praised the student performers. This show is as good as anything I've seen on Broadway, Roberts said. Speaking directly to students, she offered advice: Keep going, don't take no for an answer and don't ever settle.

Emulex Chairman and CEO Paul Folino received the Corporate Citizen of the Year award. Folino was honored for his philanthropic work in the community and his commitment to the arts and education.

Next year's American Celebration will take place November 5 and 6, 2004.