

## EDUCATION UPDATE JANUARY 2001

### *PDK Awards to Educators*

Phi Delta Kappa, education honor society at Teachers College, Columbia University, recently honored three outstanding educators for their service to the community and to children. Dr. Jerry Cammarata, Commissioner, Department of Youth & Community Development received the "Educator of the Year" award. Dr. Cammarata, a speech pathologist, member of the Board of Education, prolific book author and columnist spoke with compassion when he stated, "I accept this award not for myself but on behalf of the collective contributions the Board has made to 1.1 million schoolchildren."

Stephen Mitchell, Director, Office of Equal Opportunity at the Board of Education received the "Humanitarian of the Year" award. He described being fueled by "a sense of outrage by injustice." After many successful years in private industry, he said of his position at the New York City Board of Education, "This is my life mission."

Carol Kellerman, Executive Director of Learning Leaders received the Community Service Award. Harvard trained, Ms. Kellerman has devoted her energies to enhancing education to children by enlarging the scope of a volunteer



L-R: Stephen Mitchell, Carol Kellerman, Jerry Cammarata

corps which helps schools and classes. Currently, there are almost 10,000 volunteers trained and assigned to work individually with children throughout the city. Schools Chancellor Harold O. Levy was so impressed by Kellerman's work that he recently gave Learning Leaders a \$250,000 grant to increase the numbers of volunteers.

Cynthia Greenleaf Fanton, member of the Board of Trustees of Learning Leaders and a leader in school reform in the New York and Chicago public schools, was an honored guest at the event.#