Some 350 alumni and friends of Boston University gathered at the New York Public Library on October 26 to celebrate those people who are helping to make BU’s Choose to Be Great campaign a resounding success.

Hosted by trustee Richard D. Cohen (CGS’67, Questrom’69), the evening began with cocktails in Astor Hall, and continued downstairs in the Celeste Bartos Forum. After an elegant dinner, gala emcee and actor Kim Raver (CGS’87, CFA’91) kicked off the evening’s program, which featured a “campaign A to Z” theme. Speakers included Robert A. Brown, president of BU, Kenneth J. Feld, Adil Najam, dean of the Pardee School, recognizes Frederick S. Pardee (Questrom’54, ’54, Hon.’06).
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Trustee emeritus and William Fairfield Warren Society chair Richard C. Shipley (Questrom’68, ’72), with Feyza Altindag Shipley.

Warren Society inductee and trustee Andrew Lack (CFA’68), with BU President Robert A. Brown.

Trustee Richard D. Cohen (CGS’67, Questrom’69), the gala’s chair and host, with trustee emerita Luci Baines Johnson.

Karen Antman, MED dean and Medical Campus provost (center), with Warren Society inductees (from left) Mary Olsson and Carl Olsson (MED’63), Jane Rogers Clark, and Jonathan P. Gertler (Questrom’99).

Trustee Richard D. Cohen (CGS’67, Questrom’69), Board of Trustees and campaign chair, Robert A. Knox (CAS’74, Questrom’75, Hon.’17), former board chair, Karen Antman, School of Medicine dean and Medical Campus provost, Adil Najam, dean of the Pardee School, and Kenneth Elmore (SED’87), associate provost and dean of students.

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Trustee Andrea L. Taylor (COM’68) (from left), with William Fairfield Warren Society inductee Luo Yan (CFA’90) and gala emcee Kim Raver (CGS’87, CFA’91).