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### Welcome to New England Circle

Nothing is more central than education in maintaining what we value in society and in keeping pace with a changing world. This evening's program on **Restructuring Education** discusses the educational responsibilities of business and community as well as academia to bring about constructive change in our public education system.

Our discussion is led by **EUGENE M. LANG**, founder and chairman of REFAC Technology Development Corporation and founder and chairman of the national "I Have A Dream" Foundation and **JAMES O. FREEDMAN**, president of Dartmouth College.

In 1981, successful businessman Eugene Lang promised higher education scholarships to 61 children from East Harlem. Told that many would drop out or be unprepared for college, Lang began a program based on the premise that every child must have a genuine opportunity for a fulfilling education. With personal caring relationships as its central force and broad community involvment providing much of its substance, Lang's program now supports over 10,000 Dreamers in 28 states.

James Freedman wants American business to provide support for greater accessibility to colleges and universities. And that means accessibility to children from less affluent, minority and first-generational American families. He feels the most important way for business to accomplish this is to provide more scholarship support.

Tonight's moderator is **JUANITA B. WADE**, president and CEO of Freedom House. Ms. Wade is a teacher, a lecturer, an activist and an organizer who plays an active leadership role around the issues of public education.

New England Circle invites men and women of different cultures, political persuasions and professions to exchange ideas and opinions. The Circle evolved out of a 19th-century tradition called the Saturday Club, a group of concerned individuals such as Emerson, Lowell and Longfellow who gathered monthly at the Parker House for lively, informal discussions.

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