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MAYOR EVA GALAMBOS RECEIVES ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL'S FIRST DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

May 4, 2011— Sandy Springs Mayor Eva Galambos was among the first alumni of Georgia State University to receive the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies' 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award in a special ceremony held recently at the university's student center. The new award honors outstanding Andrew Young School alumni who exemplify the institution's standards of excellence.

A doctoral member of the Class of 1969 – the first class of women to graduate from GSU with a Ph.D. in economics – Galambos was recognized for her successful career consulting local government, as highlighted by her efforts to create the City of Sandy Springs.

"Dr. Galambos's contributions in urban finance, labor economics, public finance and education have improved innumerable institutions and governments," said Andrew Young School Dean Mary Beth Walker, upon presenting the award. "She epitomizes public service."

Among her many influential projects, Galambos co-authored a popular text still used in university classrooms and led an education initiative that preceded the seminal 1983 report, *A Nation at Risk*, which spurred national educational reform.

Galambos was elected mayor of Sandy Springs upon its incorporation in 2005 after leading the 30-year effort to create what is now Georgia's sixth largest city. She then designed a model public-private partnership for its administration and delivery of public services that has been recognized worldwide.

"The fact that I learned about state and local finance at Georgia State University prepared me for being mayor," says Galambos. Galambos has an M.A. from the University of Illinois and a B.B.A. from the University of Georgia.

Galambos is joined by Christina Lennon, director of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, and Baoyun Qiao, a professor and dean of the China Academy of Public Finance and Policy at the Central University of Finance and Economics in Beijing, as the award's first recipients.

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