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American Friends of James Joyce to Present Award for Distinguished Service in the Field of Education to Amanda J. Pullinger, Vice President of Aquamarine Capital Management, LLC at June 14, 2006 Bloomsday Celebration, New York City

The American Friends of James Joyce is delighted to announce that Amanda J. Pullinger, Vice President of Aquamarine Capital Management, LLC, will receive the Award for Distinguished Service in the Field of Education at the Bloomsday Awards Celebration on June 14, 2006 at the Yale Club, New York City.

Ms. Pullinger joined Aquamarine as Partner of the firm responsible for managing marketing, investor relations and back office administration for two private investment funds which pursue a global value strategy. Amanda is active in a number of professional groups in New York. She is President of 100 Women in Hedge Funds, an industry association whose membership has long since outgrown its original designation, and now has over 4000 female members. The three main goals of 100 Women in Hedge Funds are education of members, professional development and philanthropy. To date, 100 Women in Hedge Funds has raised over \$8.5 million for cancer research, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America and a number of educational charities.

Amanda serves on the Board of Girls Prep, a single-sex elementary charter school located on the Lower East Side. She is also a member of the British Academy of Film and Television (BAFTA) East Coast, British-American Business, and is Branch Secretary for the Oxford Alumni Association of New York.

After graduating from Oxford University in 1987 with an Honours Degree in Modern History, Amanda earned an MBA from LaSalle University, Philadelphia in 1998. She is currently attending courses in preparation for sitting for the Certified Financial Planner examination.

The American Friends is most pleased to have the support of Ms. Pullinger in promoting the "James Joyce in the High Schools Program" which introduces high school students to the reading and analysis of short stories in Joyce's collection, *Dubliners*. The program not only introduces the students to these great short stories about urban life, but, equally important, the students participate in a seminar in which everyone's voice is heard. This innovative approach has been praised by both students and educators as a great success.

The program was given at three New York City high schools in 2005 and will be expanded for this year.

Joyce is hailed by scholars and readers alike at the greatest writer since Shakespeare, and his masterpiece, *Ulysses*, as the greatest work of fiction in the English language. *Ulysses* takes place all on one day – June 16, 1904 ("Bloomsday") – in Dublin, and tells the story of Leopold

Bloom, an Everyman whose exploits are compared to those of Ulysses, the great hero of Homer's Odyssey.

Elaine Conway, Board Member of the American Friends and former Director of the Division of Women's Affairs for New York, said, "Amanda Pullinger has done such good work, benefiting so many, that this Award is certainly well-deserved. Her work on behalf of women at all levels of society is an inspiration."

The Bloomsday Awards Celebration will be held at the Yale Club, 50 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York (adjacent to Grand Central Station). The event will commence at 6:30 p.m. for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by presentations to Ms. Pullinger and her fellow honorees.

Last year's honorees included Professor A.W. Heffernan, Emeritus Professor of English Literature, Dartmouth University, John P. Kehoe, Founder, Kehoe Partners, and Brian Ruane, Executive Vice President, The Bank of New York.

In addition to these efforts, the American Friends also sponsors reading groups for students, an annual international essay context for high school students, as well as scholarly seminars at which professors of Joyce studies present learned papers and engage in dialogue with their fellow experts as well as audience members. The first of this series, held on February 2, 2006, was on the topic of Joyce and Judaism, and was presented in cooperation with Fordham University's Institute of Irish Studies.

The American Friends of James Joyce is sponsoring its annual fund-raising event on June 14, 2006 at the Yale Club, New York City. For information about tickets and sponsorship, please call Roger Dowd Lorence at 917-658-6480, or rogerdlorenc@aol.com.