

JASON Foundation for Education *15-Year Anniversary Celebration*

Dr. Kamil A. Jbeily joins Dr. Robert Ballard
at the 15th Anniversary Celebration of the JASON Foundation for Education
in Washington D.C., on March 31, 2004.



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Washington DC, March 31, 2004

Congressional Reception *LBJ Room, U.S. Capitol Building*

Following my discovery of the *RMS Titanic* shipwreck in 1985, I became determined to develop new ways to connect young people to the wonder of real science. The JASON Foundation for Education was founded to involve young students in real-life scientific expeditions and to use that as a springboard to learning. Today, 15 years later, JASON engages nearly 2 million young students each year through its expedition-based classroom curriculum. Our next milestone, which we expect to achieve within 3 years, is to reach 10 million students per year.

Please help us celebrate this anniversary with my fellow members of the JASON Board of Trustees and other distinguished guests. My goal for this gathering is to share the excitement of JASON, discuss our 10-million student goal and - of course - share some of my upcoming expedition plans with you, including a return expedition to the *RMS Titanic*!

Robert Ballard



Diana Lee Crew, Director of Strategic Accounts at the JASON Foundation, introduces Dr. Jbeily to Dr. Ballard at the Congressional Reception.

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Congressional Reception

Senator Fritz Hollings, South Carolina



Senator Hollings speaks about the important role of teachers.

The Senator recommends doubling teachers' salaries in the USA.

Senator Hollings receives a distinguished service award from the JASON Foundation.



Dr. Jbeily thanks the Senator for valuing and rewarding teachers.



James A. Alles
President, Jason Foundation



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Dinner with the Board

The Caucus Room, Market Square North



Clifford Houston

Deputy Administrator of NASA

Waitress surprised the group by sharing with them how excited she was when she participated in the JASON project during her middle school years!



Michael T. Gustafson

Chairman of the Board

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