

## Inaugural launch of the Lady Barbara Thomas Judge Speaker Series in conjunction with Lauder Institute Alumni Association

**October 19, 2023, at the House of Lords**

We are happy to share with you highlights from the successful launch which was summed up beautifully by Leonard A. Lauder's words: "Tonight's discussion amongst Candace, Lord Bilimoria and Nicole captures the essence of Barbara: her belief in the importance of bringing women — and men — together to understand the world and to look towards the future."

The event, the first in a series of speaker events associated with the Lady Barbara Thomas Judge CBE MBA [Fellowship Fund](#), began with a lovely alumni only Tea & Scone gathering on the terrace at the House of Lords. We then transitioned inside for the speaker event with opening remarks by LIAA President Jill Le Grand, Dr. Martine Haas, Director of the Joseph H. Lauder Institute for Management & International Studies and Lauder Professor of Management at The Wharton School, and Diane McGrath, L'91, who shared a letter from Leonard A. Lauder (see below) and remarks from Lady Barbara's son, Lloyd Thomas.

Nicole Rolet moderated the discussion on: Toward a Multi-Polar World, The Role of India, and the Impact on the Race for Space. Prior to addressing the theme, our first speaker, the [Honorable Lord Bilimoria](#) provided a fascinating overview of the history and role of the House of Lords. Then our second remarkable speaker, [Candace Johnson](#), shared her background in space and satellites and her vision on India's role in space.

The evening concluded with a cocktail event sponsored by Lord Bilimoria (including his Cobra beer) and Nicole Rolet (with the excellent wine from her French vineyard, [Chêne Bleu](#)).

The event was attended by over 50 guests with more than 25 local alumni from 19 different class years and business colleagues, friends and sponsors of Lady Barbara Thomas Judge and the [Lady Barbara Thomas Judge MBA Fellowship](#).

Please find below photos and other souvenirs from this amazing event

Official Invitation to enter The House of Lords



Lord Bilimoria of Chelsea, CBE, DL  
on behalf of

*Candace Johnson, Jill Le Grand, Diane McGrath, Nicole Rolet, and  
The Lauder Institute Alumni Association*  
Requests the pleasure of the company of

..... **Martine Haas** .....

On the occasion of the Launch of  
The Lady Barbara Thomas Judge Wharton MBA Fellowship Fund and Speaker Series  
at The Lauder Institute, The University of Pennsylvania  
In the Home Room, House of Lords

On Thursday 19 October at 4:00 p.m.

Dress code: Business Suit Address: Palace of Westminster, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW Close: 7:30 p.m.  
Allow 30 minutes for search and screening

**Please present this invitation with photographic ID at Black Rod's Garden Entrance**

**Alumni enjoying tea & scones and the wonderful view on the terrace overlooking the Thames.**



**Lauder Alumni with Dr Martine Haas**



**Lauder Alumni from 18 different class years**

## Remarks from Leonard A Lauder

Dear Friends of Lady Barbara Thomas Judge and Lauder Alumni:

I wish I could be with you in person for this marvelous event.

Barbara was a Founding Governor of the Lauder Institute, and a friend for nearly 40 years. She was fearless, visionary, and inspirational.

Her commitment to Lauder students and alumni was constant and generous. I miss her, as I know so many do.

Many, many thanks to Barbara's friends who made this evening possible: Candace Johnson, Nicole Rolet, The Right Honorable Lord Bilimoria, as well as Lauder alumnae Diane McGrath and Jill Le Grand.

I am also delighted to recognize the support of the Lauder Institute Alumni Association and Lauder Institute Director Dr. Martine Haas.

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Candace and Nicole, along with Diane and Jill, are the inspiration and driving forces behind many initiatives to honor Barbara: including the creation of the Lady Barbara Judge MBA Fellowship Fund at the Lauder Institute.

It was my honor to participate in the Fellowship Fund, and I extend my personal gratitude to the other donors present this evening. Should anyone else be interested, I'd be remiss to not mention that opportunities remain to support this Fellowship.

This evening embodies exactly what was important to Barbara, and what is also meaningful to her son, Lloyd Thomas.

She would be proud of you all — and certainly grateful.

Leonard A. Lauder



**L to R: Candace Johnson, Jill Le Grand, Lord Bilimoria, Nicole Rolet, Diane McGrath**



**L to R: Candace Johnson, Honorable Lord Bilimoria, Nicole Rolet, Diane McGrath, Jill Le Grand**



**Dr Martine Haas** Director of the Joseph H. Lauder Institute for Management & International Studies, and Lauder Professor of Management at The Wharton School



Diane McGrath, '91







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**Nicole Rolet, Moderator**



**Honorable Lord Bilimoria**

