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The 2003 Union University Scholarship Banquet, featuring former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, was the largest and most successful in the event's seven-year history.

With 2,100 people in attendance and more than \$400,000 raised, the funds will help the school provide scholarships to Union students.

Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was originally scheduled to speak at the event but had to cancel due to national security concerns. University officials secured Giuliani just a month before the event. Giuliani entertained the packed crowd inside the Carl Perkins Civic Center with a speech on leadership. Afterwards, he answered questions from the audience.

President David S. Dockery referred to Giuliani as a "picture of leadership and a true American hero."

Lead sponsors for this year's banquet included BancorpSouth, Carl and Alice Kirkland, Pentair Tools Group (Porter-Cable, Delta and DeVilbiss) and Jack and Faye Porter. Premier sponsors were Chip and Rita Christian, Benny and Norma Fesmire, FirstBank, Jack and Zan Holmes, Gary and Lisa Taylor, West Tennessee Healthcare Inc., Schilling Enterprises Inc., Union Planters and White Investments LLC., Roy L. White, President and CEO.

The Scholarship Banquet is supported by Union's Board of Presidential Associates for the purpose of raising funds to provide student scholarships. The 2003 event raised more than \$400,000, bringing the total funds raised by the banquet series to over \$2.5 million since its inception in 1997. 

