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2024 Benefit for Stuyvesant, Thursday, May 23, 2024 at Tribeca Rooftop

2024 Stuyvesant All-Class Reunion Weekend, October 26 – 27 at New Stuy and Old Stuy

STUYVESANT

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Stuyvesant's current home at 345 Chambers Street

As we turn the corner to greet 2024, we're excited by the developments in and around Stuyvesant. The Battery Park City Authority moves forward with its flood resiliency plans to protect our school building from future extreme weather events by adding green space and recreational areas along the waterfront behind Stuyvesant. Inside, students brainstorm ways to curb climate change, nurture the environment, and develop renewable energy strategies in our highly anticipated Environmental Science Lab. Of course, there is also the question of not if, but how the new artificial intelligence (AI) tool called ChatGPT will have an impact on how teachers and students approach their work. No matter the outcome, the distinguishing core of why one attends Stuyvesant will remain – to be part of an institution that instills the intellectual, moral, and humanistic values necessary for one to achieve their maximum potential as a student and as a caring citizen of the world. Pro Scientia Atque Sapientia.

30 Years of Graduating Classes from the New Building

This past school year marked the 30th anniversary of Stuyvesant's move from the old building on E 15th Street to its new campus on Chambers Street.

In the 1980s, Principal Abraham "Abe" Baumel, along with a group of students, parents, and alumni, formed the Stuyvesant Coalition to consider the needs of their growing school community. They went through numerous ideas for improving the facilities at the old building on E 15th Street, which housed Stuyvesant students from 1907 to 1992. Emblematic of the Industrial Age, the school building designed by C. B. J. Snyder included marvelous machines, wood shops, and metalworking shops. As the Superintendent of School Buildings, Snyder viewed school buildings as civic monuments for a better society and designed them with grandeur. Alas, though the building was advanced for its time, no one expected Stuyvesant to remain there for the next 85 years, and no amount of renovation could change the fact that the building housed nearly double its 1,500-person capacity.

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Do you have stories or photos from the old building? Were you one of the Stuyvesantians, Stuyvites, or Stuy Kids to attend the new building in its early days? If so, we want to hear from you! Email us at: alumni@shsaa.org.

Inside: 2023 Fiscal Year Report & Honor Roll, Photos from 2023's Gala and Reunions, Diversity Initiatives, Department & Extracurricular Updates, and More!

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Message from Principal Seung Yu, EdD



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in our young people, then we
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invaluable relationships are an integral
part of their life. Essentially, your time,
support, and commitment matters in the
lives of current Stuyvesant students.

Dear Stuyvesant Alumni,

Another school year is upon us with more
opportunities to have a meaningful impact
on our community. We share a mutual
desire to provide our young people with
an abundance of learning opportunities
and critical resources so they can
become the best versions of themselves
during their time at Stuyvesant. **We know
the Stuyvesant experience can be a
springboard that leads young people
to shape their life trajectory in many
directions.** These types of experiences
are transformational and require time,
effort, and commitment. Simply, if we
want to bring out the best in our young
people, then we must invest in them.

Your generosity and “pay-it-forward”
mantra brings to life the myriad of
activities, events, and opportunities that
students actively immerse themselves in
– these experiences are transformational
because our young people are able to
challenge themselves in academics,
extracurriculars, sports, music, performance,
and competitions day in, day out
throughout the school year.

And these transformational experiences
matter because they bring together
motivated peers, caring adults, and
invested alumni. Your commitment to
Stuyvesant creates the opportunities
for these dynamic “collisions” to occur
among these important stakeholders
so that personal and meaningful
relationships can develop. Young
people become happier, healthier, and
more successful versions of themselves
now and in the future when these

In the current environment, where students
can be easily distracted and spend
more of their time online than in person,
we must be committed to ensuring
these transformational experiences are
readily available to them. Therefore,
**your investment in our young people
is needed now more than ever, and
these experiences cannot happen
without your help.**

I know the positive influence of the
Stuyvesant experience because I
witnessed it during the recent reunion in
October. To see so many reunion classes
come back together to reminisce on
past memories, to reconnect with former
classmates, or to reignite their connection
to the school fills me with an endless
optimism of who our young people are
and who they want to become.

Thank you for your generosity and
support to continue the tradition of
excellence at Stuyvesant High School.
**Your dedication to the school ensures
every student has the opportunity to
have transformational experiences
that will impact them beyond their four
years,** so they, too, will be able to one
day reminisce, reconnect, and reignite
their connection to Stuyvesant and to all
of the people who influenced their life.

I cannot thank you enough for your
commitment. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Seung C. Yu

Message from the President, Lina Tetelbaum, JD '03



Dear fellow Alumni,

Greetings! As my first year as President of the Board of Directors of the Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association (SHSAA) comes to a close, and as I celebrate 20 years since graduation, **I am heartened by the awesome intellectual power and generosity displayed by our outstanding circle of students and alumni.** Thank you so much for your

support throughout 2023! On behalf of the Board, I want to extend our deepest appreciation to all our donors and dues-paying members of the Association. As you know, we are a membership-based organization – formed of alumni and friends who want to give back to the Stuyvesant community – and all that we do is only made possible through your generosity. My sincerest thanks to you all and for taking the time to read this.

It should come as no surprise that I'm incredibly proud of our shared bond, but I also want to acknowledge that **there is much work that we can still do to nurture our community among alumni and students to forge lasting connections.** Let us renew our commitment to supporting Stuyvesant as a world-class institution through investment, empowering its dynamic student body of 3,300+ pupils through our programs and scholarships, and promoting fellowship among alumni through events and opportunities to give back.

Since 1904, Stuyvesant High School has been a symbol of excellence in education in New York City and beyond, serving some of the country's most academically gifted students. As I'm sure you can remember, our students travel from all five boroughs, sometimes commuting for over three hours each day, demonstrating an unparalleled commitment to education. Some of the best friends I made at Stuyvesant I met waiting for the F train to Forest Hills, Queens. **Please join me as a member, volunteer, and/or supporter so that we can work together to build upon our shared legacy.**

Let's never forget that Stuyvesant is a public high school that strives to provide a top-notch educational experience for its students within a limited budget. As rigorous as the curriculum is, it is still bound by the limits of public-school funding. **Nearly half of our student population qualifies for free or reduced lunch – making the needs we are trying to meet all the more significant.** Our fundraising bridges the gap between public funding and what students need. We invest in facilities and equipment that support research and exploration, and we provide mentorship that broadens student interests and help them to develop the social skills they need to succeed.

Our Alumni Association champions Stuyvesant students and alumni through the Stuy Fund, which goes toward Stuyvesant's greatest needs, including sponsoring core programming like the Alumni Mentoring program, the Independent Research program, and countless teams, clubs, and department activities that set Stuyvesant apart. We also leverage your support directly and indirectly in partnership with the School, the Parents' Association, and others by funding allocation requests from teachers, student groups, and leadership at the school. Giving to The Stuy Fund before the year comes to a close helps make sure the School and our students continue to thrive. The Alumni Association appreciates your continued partnership in providing vital resources to the Stuyvesant community.

If you believe in Stuyvesant, please consider renewing your membership today or providing an additional donation. Your gifts truly make a difference, and your impact will be felt by the students of Stuyvesant who, like you once did, need help to accomplish all they are capable of. If you're inclined to give more, then I urge you to consider contacting our Executive Director to discuss naming opportunities including classrooms, theater seats, or scholarship funds – among others.

Your donations and dues are what make all of our work possible. Please join us in supporting this great New York City institution, at any level, and be sure to mark your calendar for the next Benefit for Stuyvesant honoring **Arthur Blank '60** on May 23, 2024 at Tribeca Rooftop!

Please never hesitate to reach out to the Alumni Association office, or to me personally, should there be any way we can be helpful to you.

Lina Tetelbaum

Please join us in supporting the students of Stuyvesant - be it financially or through mentorship - and be sure to mark your calendar for the next

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*Thank you for your
continued support!*

FISCAL YEAR 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Annual Report highlights major programs and the positive impact your gifts have in our shared effort to support Stuyvesant, its students, and alumni during our most recently completed fiscal year (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023).

In Fiscal Year 2023, your donations and dues helped pay for over

\$1,000,000

in programming expenses that supported the Stuyvesant community!



Alumni and Student Connections

Over \$290,000 toward events, communications, and programming that brought our community of students and alumni together.

Go to pages 8–9 to read about the 2023 Benefit for Stuyvesant. See pages 9–11 for photos and recap of our largest Reunion yet!



Departmental Support

Almost \$210,000 toward funding Stuyvesant's multiple departments such as Engineering, Technology, Social Studies, Art, and Guidance.

Go to pages 13–14 to read updates from Stuyvesant's various departments.



Scholarships

Over \$150,000 in support of scholarships and grants that help graduating seniors and current students with the rising cost of education.

Go to pages 16–20 to see the faces of our scholarship recipients and read about the impact of these scholarships on their lives. Check out our feature on Zifei Zhao '23 on page 23.



Diversity and Inclusion

More than \$140,000 toward *StuyPrep* and our partnership with the school to celebrate the diverse heritage of our student body.

Go to page 28 for news on the 2023 StuyPrep program. Go to pages 26–27 to read about the different cultural and affinity celebrations we sponsored this year to deepen the ties within our community.

We would like to thank the 2,300+ alumni, parents, and friends of Stuyvesant who made a gift or paid their dues in FY2023.

Your support is what empowered us to do everything we listed here.

To make a gift, you can either donate online (stuyalumni.org/donate) or use the remittance envelope provided in this newsletter. Please help us keep the momentum going.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

2023 Reunions

1,400+
attendees



18
Class-Specific Reunions
2
All-Class Reunions

Class-specific Reunions spanned from

Class of **1953** to Class of **2018**



Extracurriculars

More than \$160,000 to support beloved Stuy extracurriculars and teams such as Speech & Debate, Chess, SING!, and more.

Read about SING! 2023 and the achievements of our nationally renowned Speech & Debate and Chess teams on pages 24-26.



Graduation

More than \$45,000 for Graduation-related expenses so the Class of 2023 could celebrate this momentous occasion with all their loved ones at a venue worthy of their achievements.

Go to page 15 to read our recap of the Class of 2023's graduation ceremony.



Mentoring

Almost \$50,000 toward the Alumni Mentoring program, which helps current students develop important life skills and explore their future.

Go to page 21 to read about the return of in-person mentoring as well as a spotlight on the Program's Students Leaders, past and present.

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Donations to The Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association
For Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 To June 30, 2023)

We would not be able to do what we do without the support of our generous community. Even though our Honor Roll only lists donors who have given \$1,000 or more in this most recent fiscal year, please know that we deeply appreciate every gift, no matter the size, that we have received from our alumni, parents, friends, and corporate partners this year. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Organizations with * indicate their donations are part of a matching gift. To check whether your employer has a matching gift program, visit stuyalumni.org/matching-gifts.

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- 5** At least 5 years of consecutive giving
- 10** At least 10 years of consecutive giving
- 20** At least 20 years of consecutive giving

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| Marshall Huebner '84 2 | Daniel Egers '03 10 | |

CELEBRATING STUYVESANT



Henk Rogers '72 receives the 2023 Golden Pegleg award



Clockwise from top: Nina Uzoigwe '17 with friends and family; Jim Lonardo with his former students; SHSAA Board and staff

2023 Benefit for Stuyvesant Recap

The **2023 Benefit for Stuyvesant** took place on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at Tribeca Rooftop where multiple generations of alumni, parents, faculty, and friends of Stuyvesant gathered to honor notable Stuy alumni and celebrate Our Strong Band. Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and supporters, **we raised over \$325,000** for Stuyvesant!

Our list of honorees included an internationally-renowned entrepreneur and video game developer who is an advocate for sustainable energy solutions, an MD/PhD candidate within the NIH Medical Scientist Training Program at NYU Grossman School of Medicine and former Black Students League President at Stuyvesant, and a beloved Tech teacher who has taught at Stuyvesant since 1984. You can read more about each of our four Pegleg honorees below.

Henk Rogers '72 (Golden Pegleg Award) has had an illustrious career in

computer gaming, which began three decades ago when he revolutionized Japan's video game industry and created "The Black Onyx," Japan's first role-playing game. However, he is best known as the man who turned a little-known game called Tetris into an international phenomenon. The story of his high-stake negotiations with the Soviet Union and Nintendo is the subject of a recent Apple TV+ blockbuster, "Tetris." A near-fatal heart attack in 2005 led Henk to discover his true missions in life and he has since dedicated his career to the research, development, and implementation of renewable energy sources in his home state of Hawaii and around the world. Today, Henk is the founder of 10 companies and non-profit organizations focused on renewable energy, space exploration, and ending the use of fossil fuels on Earth.

Nina Uzoigwe '17 (Young Pegleg Award) captured national attention for being accepted to seven Ivy

League schools while at Stuyvesant. She ultimately graduated from Harvard University in 2021 as a John Harvard Scholar (awarded to the top 5% of her class) and concentrated in Bioengineering with a Secondary in Global Health and Health Policy. Her senior thesis, which won the Thomas T. Hoopes Prize (an award which recognizes outstanding scholarly work or research by students selected by a committee of faculty from Harvard University's Faculty of Arts and Sciences) examined pulmonary valve replacement in neonates with congenital heart defects at Boston Children's Hospital. This work additionally received the Dean's Award in Bioengineering, which is the highest honor bestowed to students within the S.B. Engineering Program. As a current medical student, she is completing her clinical rotations and is looking forward to obtaining a PhD in cardiology. She aims to use her education to advocate, bridge and expand research, clinical, and social

sectors, and address the cardiovascular burden present in Black/African American communities in New York City and the world at large.

James “Jim” Lonardo (Outstanding Teacher Award) has taught at Stuyvesant since 1984. A well-loved Tech teacher, he has also served as Senior Coordinator, Coordinator of Technology, and faculty advisor for the yearbook, *The Indicator*. In 2003, he became the coach of Stuyvesant’s award-winning FIRST Robotics Team. While he initially only wanted to facilitate logistics, he eventually brought his expertise in technical drawing and CAD to the students. Without his skills, the team’s robot would have never accomplished as much as it has today.

During the past two decades, Mr. Lonardo has been volunteering overtime so that the team’s engineering division can build the best robot. He literally goes the extra mile by driving the robot to and from the NYC Regional each year, alongside organizing all essential forms. Without Mr. Lonardo, the team wouldn’t even be able to compete! To commemorate his almost 40 years of teaching at Stuyvesant and 20 years of mentoring the team, StuyPulse’s robot this past year, “Jim”, is named after him!

All proceeds from the 2023 Benefit for Stuyvesant go directly towards the Stuy Fund, which helps make possible many of the things that sets Stuyvesant apart such as Robotics, Speech and Debate, Football, Fencing, Chess, Math Team, SING!, and more. **#CelebrateStuy**



Clockwise from top: Lina Tetelbaum '03; Principal Seung Yu; Members of Stuy Cheer

REUNION AND EVENTS

At our 2023 Reunion Weekend, we set a new Stuyvesant Reunion record!

Class Marshals and the Alumni Office worked diligently and collaboratively to plan another amazing round of class-specific reunion events and gatherings. Classes that participated this year included: 1953, 1958, 1961, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1983, 1988, 1991, 1993, 1996, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013, 2016, 2017, and 2018. The All-Class Reunion was held on October 21 and 22, with events on Chambers Street and at E 15th Street. **For our 2023 Reunion Weekend, we were overjoyed to connect with over 1,400 alumni and friends of Stuyvesant.** We also hosted twelve class-specific evening events concurrently at different venues throughout Lower Manhattan, the Village, West Village, and Midtown!

The All-Class Reunion is a large-scale, inclusive gathering where all alumni are invited to participate. The first day is centered at the new building on Chambers Street, where alumni can engage with current students from groups like Robotics, Chess, Fencing, and Jazz Band. Guests can also enjoy student-led tours and visiting the School Store. On the second day, alumni are invited the old building on E 15th Street where they can explore the building on their own and enjoy refreshments provided by the Alumni Association.

Looking to plan your next Reunion for 2024? Please contact the Alumni Office at alumni@shsaa.org. We can help!



SHSAA Board Members Hal Diamond '78 and Michael Hartig '72



Alumni enjoying Happy Hour at the All-Class Reunion



SHSAA Staff greeting alumni as they arrive at Stuy

REUNIONS AND EVENTS

Photos from All-Class Reunions



Alumni enjoying the photobooth at the All-Class Reunion



Alumni all smiles at the All-Class Reunion

Photos from Class-Specific Reunions



Members of the Class of 1973 celebrating fifty years of co-education at Stuyvesant



Members of the Class of 1953 celebrating their 70-Year Reunion



Members of the Class of 2013 at TAO Downtown



Members of the Class of 1988



Members of the Class of 1993 in the "Museum Room"

Photos from Class-Specific Reunions (Cont'd)



Members of the Class of 1973 celebrating their 50-Year Reunion at Tribeca Grill



Members of the Class of 1983 at Scandinavia House



Members of the Class of 1968 at The Butler Atrium, Columbia University



Members of the Class of 2016 celebrating their 5+2-Year Reunion at Gran Morsi



Members of the Class of 1998 (and 1996)



Members of the Class of 2018 celebrating their 5-Year Reunion at Stuyvesant before heading to Tailor Public House

Outstanding Alumnus: Arthur Blank '60 Chairman, Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation



Arthur Blank '60, recipient of the 2024 Golden Pegleg Award

Perhaps best known as co-founder of The Home Depot, **Arthur Blank '60** is now widely recognized for his diverse businesses. Named by ESPN as the 2021 Sports Philanthropist of the Year, Blank is a tireless advocate of using purpose and profit hand-in-hand to benefit the communities around him. Blank has been distinguished by Forbes as one of the World's 100 Greatest Living Business Minds 2017, Sports Business Journal's Executive of the Year 2018 and Sports Business Journal's one of the 50 Most Influential People in Sports 2016, 2017, 2018.

In addition to the Blank Family Foundation, Blank's Family of Businesses includes the Atlanta Falcons and Atlanta United; the nationwide PGA TOUR Superstore; three ranches in Montana – Mountain Sky Guest Ranch, West Creek Ranch and Paradise Valley Ranch; and Mercedes-Benz Stadium, which hosted the 2019 Super Bowl and is home to the Falcons and Atlanta United.

In 2020, Blank released his book *Good Company*, a national best-seller, highlighting how the core values successfully used to build The Home Depot can be applied to varying businesses. Blank believes in the importance of making a difference – professionally and personally. In addition to the company's financial success, during his 23 years with The Home Depot the company donated more than \$113 million to communities, while associates participated in hundreds of thousands of hours of volunteer time. Blank is applying the same business acumen and values in building his competitive, successful and community-oriented businesses today.

Blank has been distinguished by Forbes as one of the World's 100 Greatest Living Business Minds 2017, Sports Business Journal's Executive of the Year 2018 and Sports Business Journal's one of the 50 Most Influential People in Sports 2016, 2017, 2018.

Blank is dedicated to his own giving back. Since 1995, the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation has granted more than \$1 billion, and will significantly accelerate the impact of its philanthropy over the next 10+ years in its new priority areas of giving, which include Youth Development, Democracy, Environment, Mental Health and Well-Being, and Atlanta's Historic Westside.

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A native of Queens, NY, Blank graduated from Stuyvesant High School and received a B.S. Degree in Business Administration with Distinction from Babson College. Blank resides in Atlanta, Georgia and is the father of six children and has six grandchildren. Consistent with the way he approaches work and life, his favorite T-shirt appropriately reads, "There is no finish line."

Stuyvesant and Environmental Sustainability: New Classes and Science Lab

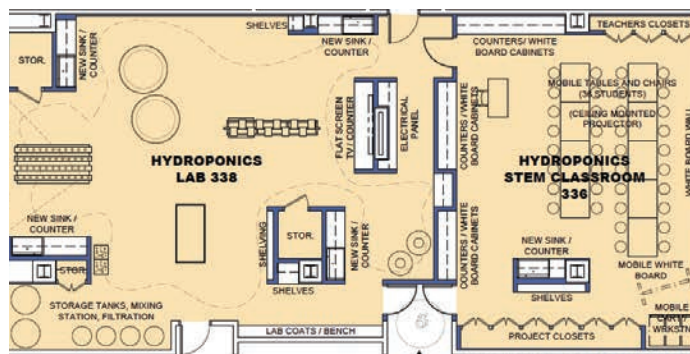
The new Environmental Science Lab has been designed to be a hydroponics, aquaponics and coral reef ecology center. It will allow for a substantial increase in the number of environmental science and engineering courses offered at Stuyvesant, together with an increase in the standard of instruction and our students' ability to engage in environmental science and sustainability research.

The new lab allows Stuyvesant to meet its goal of being able to offer AP Environmental Science (APES) to all incoming freshmen, which requires us to have a facility where we can host 5 sections of the program every day. As a result, our students will be able to take more advanced science classes earlier, as well as engage much earlier on in environmental science and engineering research projects, especially those that can be competitive for the national Regeneron Science Talent Search (FKA Westinghouse or Intel). The lab will also allow us to develop a school-wide hub for activities related to pressing 21st-century environmental sustainability challenges, including those facing New York City. We envision the lab as becoming a nucleus for new environmentally-focused student clubs, a place where we can host sustainability-focused hackathons and design challenges, and an impetus for the school to develop new curricula that explore the roles of art, policy and communications in environmental sustainability, for example.

We plan to use the lab to host monthly events for elementary, middle, and high school students, which will be run by our students. In addition, we will host environmentally-focused summer programs for students of all ages, using our students as counselors.

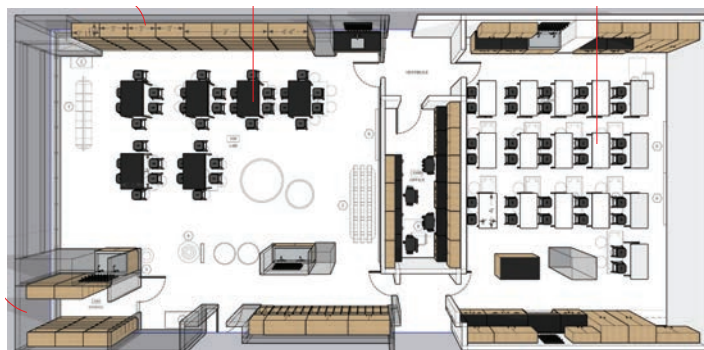
Designed by the School Construction Authority, the design of the space includes a classroom and an accompanying wet lab space. The Environmental Science Classroom will be used for the recitation periods of AP Environmental classes, both the freshman and the junior sections. The classroom will likely be used all 10 periods of the school day. Though not all sections of APES will be able to have recitation here, all sections will have their lab periods scheduled in the new Wet Lab located next door to the classroom. We also expect that the oceanography and nutrition classes will be able to schedule time in the Wetlab during the semester to run more hands-on inquiry-based activities.

Principal Yu and Biology Teacher Ms. Marissa Maggio have been speaking with teachers from a number of middle schools around the city, including I.S. 145 Joseph Pulitzer, P.S. 150, I.S. 190, and The Queens School of Inquiry about cross-collaboration. Ideas for programs are field trips and tours of the lab, intro to hydroponics and/or plant anatomy, and building a water bottle planter to take seedlings home; multi-week weekend programming that ties into Next Generation Science Standards and the new Amplify Curriculum that many junior high schools are adapting; and week-long summer sessions focused on hydroponics/coral ecology/nutrition. Many teachers are interested in long-term programming as well, and especially for a way to bring back what they learn at Stuy to their own schools.



Schematic Design of new Environmental Science Lab

The projected cost of the lab is \$1.2 million, and about \$800,000 has been raised to date. We are actively looking for alumni and friends to invest in this important area of science at the school. If you would like to give, or learn more about the scope of the Lab, please contact **Diego S. Segalini '98**, SHSAA Executive Director, directly at diego@shsaa.org.



Rendering of new lab with furniture placements

Our Alumni Association Empowers Stuyvesant's Dynamic Student Body

Stuy Global Youth Ambassadors for Blue Planet Alliance attend UN Water Conference



Stuyvesant's Blue Planet Ambassadors

On March 22, Stuyvesant sophomores Muna Faruqi, Stacie Au, Qiuhua Lin, and Alyssa Kang attended the UN Water Conference at the UN headquarters on behalf of Blue Planet Alliance as their Global Youth Ambassadors. They attended a variety of events on topics relevant to some of the most pressing issues of our waters and oceans such as ocean literacy, education, and policy.

Stuy SciOly Places 3rd at Cornell Invitational

Congratulations to the Stuyvesant Science Olympiad Team (AKA SciOly) who came in 3rd place at the November 2023 Cornell Invitational! Stuy was the only NYC public school placing in the top five!

Stuyvesant's National History Day (NHD) Winners SWEPT the NYC Competition!

Stuyvesant Social Studies students in Mr. Sandler's and Mr. Moore's classes swept the NY City level History Day competition in February winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in almost every single category! Over 40 of our students won awards at the NYC competition. Two of our students' winning projects were featured in the Brooklyn Paper!



Stuyvesant's students at National History Day competition

Congrats to StuyMUN on amazing conference performances!



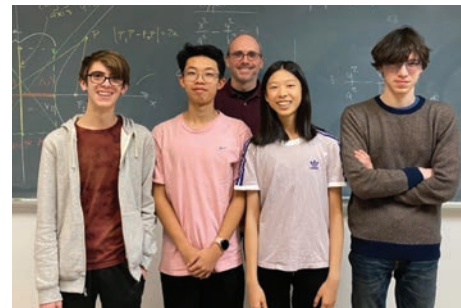
Members of Stuyvesant's Model UN

Huge congratulations to Stuyvesant Model UN for their performance at the National High School Model UN Conference this year. Special congratulations to the entire team for winning the Delegation Award of Merit for Diplomacy and Collaboration!

Stuy's Competitive Computing Team came in 2nd at the UPenn Classic

Mr. Konstantinovich shares congratulations to our Competitive Computing Team who placed 2nd in the advanced division of the Philadelphia Classic competition at UPenn this year! Bravo and congrats to all! The winning team members were Nicholas Tarsis, Ben Pan, Frank Wong, and Mark Ma.

Math Modelers Compete Internationally!



Stuyvesant's Math Modeling team

Congratulations to juniors Rebecca Bao, Theodore Landa, Eli White, and Eric Zheng for being invited to participate in the International Mathematical Modeling Challenge - Stuy's first ever International Mathematical Modeling Challenge team! The team earned the invite for their outstanding performance in the High School Contest in Mathematical Modeling (HiMCM), where they developed mathematical models that analyzed Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) in bee populations and the subsequent impact on agricultural production and food security.

With 50,000+ alumni around the globe, we support Stuyvesant's world-class institution and bridge the gap between public funding and what students need. #GoStuy!

Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



Clockwise from top: Stuy graduates and families at Barclay's Center; Nzingha Prescod '10; Principal Yu

Welcome to our newest Alumni Association Members! On Monday, June 26 we celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2023 at Barclays Center. It was an awesome ceremony with Olympic fencer, World Medalist, and PISTE Founder, **Nzingha Prescod '10** as the special guest speaker. The Faculty Speaker was Mr. Jerry Citron, who received the most votes from the graduating class to represent the teachers.

Thanks to the generous support of the Alumni Association, Parents' Association, and School who collectively subsidized the costs of the event, hosting the event at Barclays Center allowed each student to receive more guest tickets than in prior years, and the ceremony was once again livestreamed.

Principal Seung Yu, EdD started with welcoming everyone and then introduced the special guest speaker, Nzingha Prescod, who shared her inspirational story of becoming one of the most decorated fencers in American history. She underscored the value of mentorship, discipline, and dedicated

support, that enabled her to ascend in her professional fencing career to achieve success internationally in the sport and ultimately, represent the United States on the Olympic stage, breaking historic records in American fencing.

Mr. Jerry Citron, long-time Biology teacher, then spoke as the student-selected faculty speaker. The keynote speakers were followed by speeches from Senior Class Co-Presidents **Erica Li '23** and **Andrey Sokolov '23**, Student Union President **Ryan Lee '23**, Salutatorian **Sophia Won-Brodsky '23**, Alumni Association President **Lina Tetelbaum '03**, Parents' Association Co-Presidents Laura Parkin and Shawei Wang, and Valedictorian **Lewis Holland '23**.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of graduates and a final message from the principal. We are very proud of each and every one of our graduates. We wish them all the very best and welcome them officially to the Stuy Alumni family.

Mnemonics: Stuy Cubed

The **Class of 2023** filled their Mnemonics cube in record time thus sealing their time capsule in the walls of the 10th floor at 345 Chambers Street in Stuyvesant High School. Student leaders gathered to fill their cube across from Room 1010. They chose to place a Senior Prom Invitation; a 2023 graduation cap tassel; logos from ChatGPT, JungSokoloc, and Google Drive; an article from The Spectator on Senior SING!; a highlighter; a mini-knife; a selfie of Coordinator of Student Affairs (COSA) Matt Polazzo; a picture of Senior Class leadership: Talia, Erica, Ryan, Andrey, and Jonathan; a negative COVID test; an Among Us figurine; and orange dust/glitter flakes.

Please keep in touch! You can update your contact information (email and snail mail) by registering with THE Alumni Portal - MyStuy - at stuyalumni.org/mystuy.



Class of 2023's Mnemonics Cube

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS

Recipients of the 2023 SHSAA Scholarship Awards

The Stuyvesant HS Alumni Association is pleased to announce the winners of the 2023 Scholarships. This year, **47 scholarships totaling \$126,750**, were awarded to Stuy students. You can read more about each of our scholarships as well as view the full list of this year's scholarship winners on stuyalumni.org/news/2023-scholarship-winners.



Excerpts from Paul Serbanescu's Letter:

Dear Zahn Family,

I am incredibly honored to receive the Irwin Zahn Spirit of Innovation Prize this year. From the first day I toured Stuyvesant in 8th grade, the Innovation Lab struck me as a truly unique futuristic resource to have in a high school. I knew then that I would be spending countless hours there. There, I learned everything from CAD to soldering to computer programming. I learned how to use 3D printers and laser cutters, which opened up my mind to new possibilities and things I could create that I never thought possible before. Needless to say, the Innovation Lab was one of my core formative experiences at Stuy, and to receive this award is a very gratifying culmination of my time here. I look forward to future recipients finding their passions through the Innovation Lab and being able to continue to pursue them in college.

Words of Gratitude from our Scholarship Recipients

Excerpts from Lea Esipov's Letter:

I'm deeply grateful and honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Ava Hecht Award Recognizing Creativity and Generosity of Spirit. I'm a rising freshman at Cornell University, with plans to study plants, fungi, and indigenous ethnobotany/philosophy. With deep roots in community gardening and political activism, I hope to share my learnings at school with the rest of my community. Thanks to your support, I will be able to pursue my studies and my work in mutual aid spaces, working to better the world in Ava's spirit.

From YongQi Lin '23:

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your generosity in funding the Majorie Tallman Scholarship and selecting me as the recipient. As a first generation student from a low-income family, I am trying very hard to make and save as much money as possible because I hope to lower the financial burden on my parents' shoulders due to college tuition.

Receiving this scholarship really helped me a lot in pursuing further education and achieving my dream.

I will be attending Stony Brook University in the fall and majoring in Biology on the pre-med track. I hope to become a pediatrician/family physician in the future because I want to spread warmth and hope. I will continue to work hard in the future to accomplish my goals and give back to my community.

Thank You

Excerpts from Alisha Zaman's Thank You Letter:

I am Alisha Zaman, the recipient of the Sol Tanne 1941 Fund Grant. I am writing to express my deepest appreciation for this grant.

Coming from a low-income immigrant family, I have faced many hardships throughout my academic career. Because my oldest brother is both severely abnormal and autistic, he has a substantial amount of medical bills. Despite my parents taking on extra shifts as waiters to pay them off, it has not been enough. As such, I had to work part-time during the school year and full-time during the summer breaks to contribute towards the bills.

As a result, I have not had the opportunity to explore my academic passions without constantly worrying about our finances. For the longest time, I have been interested in Computer Science. One day, I hope to create an application tailored towards assisting autistic individuals, like my brother, to learn fundamental life skills.

As I go on to major in Computer Science at NYU, I know I will have the opportunity to gain the skills necessary to make a genuine contribution to the technological world and beyond. Your generous grant has eased my financial burden more than I could ever express in words. Through your kindness, I will now be able to overcome the financial barriers I experienced in high school and have the opportunity to bring my professional dreams to life.

Excerpts from Zawad Dewan Letter:

I'm honored to be a recipient of the Sam and Norbert Rothstein Memorial Scholarship. I will attend Cornell University to study materials science and plan on pursuing a career in industry research. Thanks to your generosity, my financial burdens are lessened and I will be able to focus more on my studies.

Not only that, but the award brings me one step closer to making sure my parents' sacrifices were not in vain. Thank you for granting me the opportunity to create the bright future that my parents had hoped for when they first touched down in this new world.

**Help Us Support
Stuyvesant's Brilliant Students!**

Donate to the Stuy Fund today
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Make a Difference for Stuyvesant Today!

The Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association (SHSAA) champions Stuyvesant students and alumni. With **50,000+ alumni** around the globe, we harness the intellect and resources of our **powerful network** to support Stuyvesant, empower its dynamic student body, and promote fellowship among alumni.

SHSAA Supports Stuyvesant High School by:

- » Bridging the gap between public funding and what students need.
- » Investing in facilities and equipment that support research and exploration.

SHSAA Serves Students through:

- » Mentorship that broadens their interests and develops social skills.
- » Scholarships to deserving students that support their academic careers.

SHSAA Serves Alumni through:

- » Events that build connections and dialogue between students and alums.
- » Opportunities to give back to Stuyvesant's living legacy.

Learn more about opportunities to give back and support our alma mater's living legacy and dynamic student body through:

- » **Mentoring** via stuyalumni.org/mentoring
- » **Independent Research Program** via stuyalumni.org/research
- » **College Champions** via stuyalumni.org/collegechampions



You can help by making a contribution to the Stuy Fund. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Together, we support the lives of the current and future student body with core programming like the Alumni Mentoring program and the Independent Research program. We also allocate these funds to students and teachers to support academic departments, teams, clubs, publications, and scholarships and grants.

Please consider supporting Stuyvesant's greatest needs today by scanning the QR code



Please explore additional opportunities to give back below, including:

- » Donating Stocks and Securities to the **Endowment Fund**
- » Setting up a Required Minimum Distribution to the **Stuy Fund**
- » Discussing **Planned Giving** or **Naming Opportunities** with your Alumni Director at diego@shsaa.org

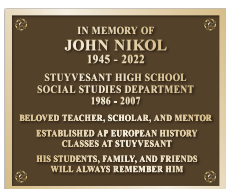
ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS

New Scholarships and Student Funds Announcements

Our special thanks to our alumni and families who have set up new scholarships and student funds over the past year:



Dr. John Nikol (1945-2022)



The *Dr. John Nikol Award for Excellence in Social Studies* was established by the Nikol family with the support of family, friends, and alumni. The award is intended to go to a graduating senior who will be able to utilize it in pursuit of post-secondary educational opportunities in the area of Education or History.

To learn more about this scholarship and how to donate, as well as read a lovely tribute to Dr. Nikol by **Natalie Lui Duncan '93**, visit stuyalumni.org/dr-nikol-fund.

The *Sylvia Elkin & Mildred Kwatinetz Scholarship* was established by a member of the **Class of 1962** to honor the memory of two brilliant women and mothers who were not able to go to college due to insufficient funds in their families beyond sending one boy to college.

The *Creative Arts Initiative* was established by a member of the **Class of 2010** to encourage Stuyvesant students to undertake and give vent to their creative artistic impulses through a new initiative.

The *Leonard S. and Robert B. Kaminsky '51 Student Hardship Fund* was established by the Kaminsky-Todras family to support Stuyvesant students whose families cannot afford to pay for their children's college application fees.

COVER STORY CONT'D

30 Years of Graduating Classes from the New Building



Battery Park City pre-development



The building at 345 Chambers Street under construction

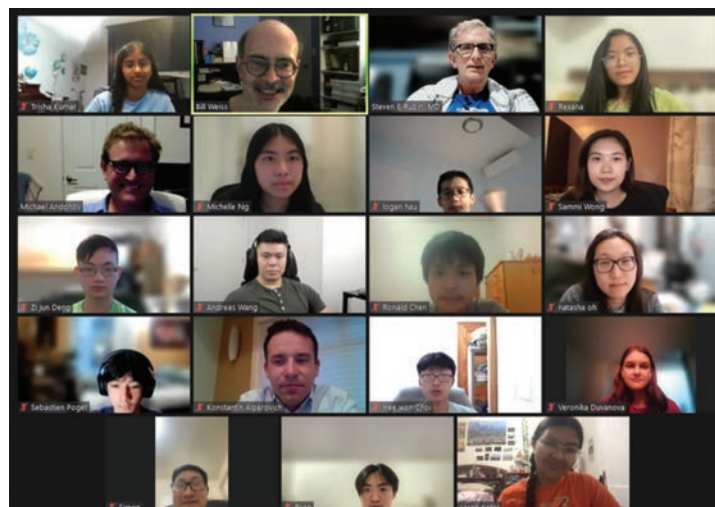
The Stuyvesant Coalition soon recognized that the only alternative was to move to a new site. In their search, they came across the Battery Park City Authority (BPCA), who offered Stuyvesant a 1.5-acre lot on Chambers Street. Back then, Battery Park City, built on the landfill from the World Trade Center construction site, was still relatively underdeveloped. The offered space was generous, but the Coalition was worried about the location of the site west of a busy, multilane highway (West Street). Principal Baumel and the Coalition, including the Volckhausen family, pressed hard for the construction of a pedestrian bridge over the highway and only agreed to the move when the BPCA promised to fund the construction of the TriBeCa Bridge.

Professional Development Powered by Alumni

For the 2023-24 school year, the Alumni Mentoring Program, started in 2014 by **YanJie Hou '06**, returned to in-person cohorts and workshops for the first time since 2020.

This year's program had over 260 participants across 10 different cohorts, inclusive of Mentor Leaders led by Program Co-Director **Bill Weiss '80** as well as Student Leaders that previously took part in the program as mentees. Thanks to our 80 volunteer mentors and the Alumni Association's loyal supporters, your donations funded almost 4,000 hours of programming for the Program's 160+ mentees.

Even though the program shifted back to in-person activities, we offered a virtual option for mentees whose commute and schedule made it hard for them to attend in-person cohorts as well as for dedicated and consistent mentors from outside of NYC who have been mentoring virtually with the Program since 2020.



One of a few virtual cohorts in the Alumni Mentoring Program



Student Leaders, including Emily Lu '23 (left)

The structure of SHSAA's Alumni Mentoring Program is optimized by a diversity of alumni backgrounds and experiences. Each mentor is paired with one to two mentees and each of these mentor/mentee groups discuss different topics with seven to ten other mentor/mentee groups within a cohort. The rationale behind the structure is that each mentee is not just receiving attention from his/her/their assigned mentor, but they can interact and hear from all the mentors in the cohort at key moments over the course of the program.

This year, mentees also enjoyed the return of some workshops that can only be done in person, such as Public Speaking and

Life Skills. "From our feedback surveys of the workshops, we can tell that mentees really enjoy the interactive components of these in-person workshops. Instead of just listening to a presentation of best practices for public speaking over Zoom, the in-person format allowed them to actually put theory to practice and give a short speech in front of 40-50 of their peers and alumni mentors and receive real-time feedback," said YanJie Hou of the Public Speaking Workshop.

Alumni support is a crucial part in helping our students develop well-rounded skills and knowledge beyond the academic sphere. If you believe in the value and mission of the Alumni Mentoring Program, please donate to the Alumni Association's Stuy Fund!

For most students of the Alumni Mentoring Program, it is a one-year commitment that they move on from once they've finished the core curriculum. However, for some students who appreciate the Program so much, they not only come back as a mentee for multiple semesters but apply to become Student Leaders (SL) of the Program to help run and organize the Program for future years. Following is the experience of **Emily Lu '23** who was with the Program for all four years of her Stuyvesant experience (two as a mentee, two on the student leadership team) and how she gained important skills and found community within the Alumni Mentoring Program.

MENTORING

From Emily Lu '23:

I joined the Mentoring Program in freshman year. It was my first taste of the real adulting world – I was attending meetings and speaking to adults, and I had deliverables for people other than my teachers who held me accountable for my responsibilities. There was even an evaluation of me other than my grades and classroom participation. Although I was fearful at first, I really enjoyed my time as a mentee, and learned how to keep myself organized.

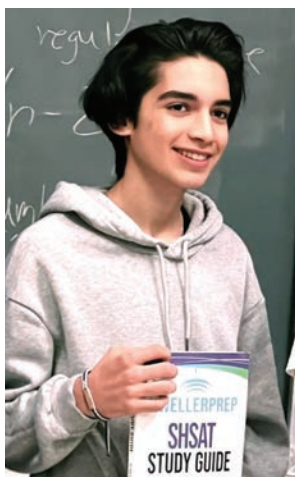
I appreciated my time in the Program so much that I returned as a mentee in my sophomore year. Then, in my junior year, I became a Student Leader (SL). Being a SL taught me a whole new skillset - I learned to check my email once every morning, afternoon and night. Communication was key, now, more than ever. I had to evaluate my

email etiquette often as I communicated with both my mentor leader, senior student leaders, mentors, mentees and sometimes parents. After my summer internship, I realized that being an SL was most similar to what you would actually do when you enter the workforce.

By my senior year, I had become a Senior Student Leader (SSL) and Vice-President of the Program. In this role, I started to develop my management and planning skills. Being an SSL encapsulated some of my firsts, like moderating a workshop and presenting in front of an audience of 100+. Being a part of the Program was a big part of my high school career and it helped shape who I am today. I now have a functioning resume and have much more confidence in myself. Overall, I've learned a lot from my four years in the Program – met many people who I will continue to be inspired by, and carry skills that I know will be essential in my future, no matter where I work or where I go.

STUDENT PROFILES

Jonathan Flores: StuyPrep Alum & Current Stuy Student



Jonathan Flores visiting a current StuyPrep class

Meet **Jonathan Flores**, a participant in our 2022 StuyPrep program and current freshman at Stuyvesant. The first months at Stuyvesant, he says, have been “amazing.” Excited by the many challenges presented and opportunities offered at Stuy, Jonathan is currently taking Composition, Geometry, Art Appreciation, Global Studies, and Honors Modern Biology. He’s also joined the Stuyvesant Mentoring Program. “I’ve received many opportunities within the last two months, which I’m so grateful for,” said Jonathan.

Jonathan reflected on the support he received from his family. “Both of my parents are from El Salvador, and never had access to a proper education due to poverty,” said Jonathan. “My parents came to this country to provide for me and give me an education that they never had. Despite these disadvantages, with the help of the Alumni Association, my tutor at Kweller Prep, **Sebastian Acevedo '23**, and my own determination, I am blessed to have the opportunity to attend Stuyvesant High School.” His favorite part so far of the Stuy Experience, has been developing relationships with teachers. “My favorite class would be Global Studies with Mr. Tillman. I enjoy how Mr. Tillman teaches his class and how his teaching style matches my learning style.”

Jonathan is looking forward to connecting next with Mr. Harvey Blumm about the internship opportunities available this school year, not just to earn some money but also to start getting into the routine of managing school and work.

Zifei Zhao '23: An Example of Stuyvesant Excellence



Zifei Zhao '23 in her Georgetown dorm room

Meet **Zifei Zhao '23**, recipient of the 2023 Dr. Howard Wexler Scholarship and the 2023 Sylvia Elkin and Mildred Kwatinetz Scholarship. She is currently a freshman at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, a short train ride from New York City, but miles away from her birthplace, Guangdong, China. She arrived in NYC with her family at just three years old, and

spent her first years in the City, living in a house with 17 other people. "It was sort of like a great migration of my entire family moving together over the years and we all ended up at this one house," said Zifei. During her time there, she slowly began getting used to the new culture and language.

When they moved into their own house a few years later, Zifei's grandmother would take her to the library to take advantage of the free air conditioning. "I credit the library a lot for my education because tiny me was just walking through every single aisle, checking every book. And I would crane my neck to look at all the titles. At some point, I read the dictionary as an actual book," said Zifei. "That's where I think my love of education and learning started simply because of my economic status growing up. That's what influenced me."

Zifei remembers growing up with food stamps and going to soup kitchens, but also being surrounded by a lot of love, for which she is very grateful. She can't help but note how her younger brother, currently ten, is experiencing a much different upbringing. "My parents have really achieved the American dream. We own a house. We have a car. They have good stable jobs. And I'm grateful for that. But the surreal thing is that my brother is growing up in this American dream, while I grew up with a family who was chasing the American dream. So the stark contrast between the way I grew up versus the way my brother is growing up is very important in my mind."

When she first arrived at Stuy, Zifei was drawn to *The Spectator* due to her interest in writing and photography. When she attended *The Spectator's* orientation, she knew she had found the right club for her. By the end of that year, she applied to be the Photo Editor and got the position.

"Because of photography, I've been able to meet these amazing people who do robotics until 10pm, people who do theater and are amazing singers, people who do crazy research. And I can't believe I'm in a building with such amazing people that I get to call my classmates. It's really expanded my love for Stuy."

Zifei also wrote for several departments. "The community for *The Spectator* is awesome because you're surrounded by so many people who are passionate about so many things because you can literally write about anything in the newspaper," said Zifei.

Now at Georgetown, Zifei wasn't sure what she would be studying. "I was very much undecided for a really long time. But I think because of my immigrant background, I wanted to study International Relations." And her reasons are very personal, "I want to find ways to help women and minorities achieve their educational and professional goals on an international and global scale." Her grandmother had seven children and had always dreamed of being a teacher but wasn't able to due to her economic status. "I realized I'm so lucky and privileged. I can achieve my dreams of whatever I want to be."

Another reason she was attracted to International Relations is that she sees it as a blend of both STEM and humanities. "You have to know a lot about what's going on politically, but also what's going on scientifically," she explained. "What are the new technological advances happening? And especially with AI and cybersecurity, which are global issues. I find myself not being able to choose between humanities and STEM, I chose International Relations so that I get to do both."

We wish Zifei all the best at Georgetown!

Soph-Frosh SING! 2023 has a historic WIN at SING! 51

Congratulations to Soph-Frosh performers making history with their win in SING! 51. This is the first time in Stuy's SING! history that the SophFrosh team has come in 1st place for the win.

This year, over the course of six weeks, hundreds of SING! participants once again put in an incredible amount of work and passion into creating three amazing performances. For those who do not know (or remember) what SING! is – SING! is a theatrical competition between the grades – Sophomores with Freshmen, Juniors, and Seniors. Each team has one month to create its own original musical. All aspects of SING! are student produced, from the dancing and acting to the script, scenes and costumes. Coordinators, producers, directors, performers and crews organize and produce each grade's vision. After long hours, weekends and rehearsing after school, they perform live for sold out audiences and a judging panel of Stuyvesant Alumni for three days. The score cards are tallied up after the final performance to determine a winner based on a scale of 1-10 in the categories of Overall Impression; Script/Lyrics; Acting; Dance; Band/Orchestra; Vocal/Musical Elements; Sets/Props; Lights/Sound/Special Effects and Costume/Makeup.



Soph-Frosh SING! 2023

Our Alumni Association Champions Stuyvesant Students

Stuy Speech & Debate WINS at the 2023 NYC Invitational!

Our Speech & Debate team, led by Coach Julie Sheinman, performed exceptionally well at the Bronx High School of Science where they emerged as CHAMPIONS in the NYC Invitational this past year. The competition was especially fierce, as they competed against top schools from various states. All competitors in debate and speech were fantastic, with four competitors making elimination rounds.



Stuyvesant's Extemporaneous Speaking team

With annual expenses exceeding \$150,000, the Speech & Debate Team with its 200+ members, is one of the largest activities at Stuyvesant. They depend on the support of our Alumni Association to keep the tradition going, and we are proud to be their primary sponsor. The program brings together a diverse group of students that support one another, learn from each other, and develop life-long relationships. Show your support at stuyalumni.org/givespeechanddebate

Peglegs Pep Rally & Homecoming Game 2023

On October 27, Stuy held its annual Pep Rally in the gym where our students and cheerleaders rallied for the Peglegs football team! The players faced off with volunteers from the audience for a game of musical chairs! It was great fun at Stuy and then everyone headed to Pier 40 for the game against Flushing HS. The Peglegs were in the lead but ultimately succumbed in a 15-12 upset. Up 12-0 in the third quarter, a couple of missed opportunities caused the lead to slip away. Keep rooting for the home team!



Stuyvesant Cheer at 2023 Homecoming Game

The Alumni Association continues to collect funds for the Stuy Athletics Fund that will supplement the School's PSAL support and sustain the development of our young student athletes for many generations to come. We're aiming to raise \$100,000 towards the campaign, which includes naming the 3rd Floor Gymnasium at Stuyvesant the "Coach Matt Hahn Training Center." stuyalumni.org/coach-hahn-fund.

Girls Golf Team: PSAL 2023-24 Champions!

Driving home a winner on November 7, Stuyvesant's Girls Golf Team won their second consecutive PSAL Championship by defeating Benjamin Cardozo High School 5-0 at Dyker Beach Golf Course in Brooklyn.

Led by Coach Emilio Nieves, this is Stuyvesant's third Girls Golf PSAL championship in our 15-year history.



Stuy Girls Golf with their championship banner

Stuy Girls Chess: WINNER of All Girls National Chess Championships!

Congratulations to the Girls Chess Team for dominating the under-16 category at the All Girls National Chess Championships in Chicago this year! Led by Coach Eric Barry, the team brought back Stuyvesant's first ever championship in the under-16 category! The future is bright for girls chess at Stuyvesant.

Girl's JV Cross Country are the PSAL 2023 Girls JV City Champions!



Stuyvesant Grey Ducks

Congratulations to both the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams for their amazing performances at the PSAL 2023 Cross Country City Championships, where Stuyvesant advanced to the State Championships and earned the title - 2023 Girls JV City Champions!!!

Congrats Stuy Swim!

Girls WIN PSAL 2023-24 Championships

Congratulations to the Stuyvesant girls' swimming and diving team! They are the 2023-2024 PSAL City Champions AND the Anne B. Stetz A-Championship High Point Team Champions. At the A-Championship, numerous personal best times were achieved, and four Stuy Penguins qualified to compete at the State level at NYPHSAA. Congratulations Penguins!

Boys Finish 2nd at Championships

The Stuy Boys Swimming & Diving team finished in 2nd place in the 2022-2023 PSAL Division A Championship! Congrats on making it to the championships and scoring 2nd in overall points! Great job Stuyvesant Pirates!

Stuy's Girls Table Tennis Team: PSAL Champions 2023!



Stuy Table Tennis team with Coach Nieves

Stuyvesant's Girls Table Tennis team won the PSAL Championship for the second year in a row by defeating Flushing High School 5-0. Two days later, sophomore Alyssa Kang won the PSAL Girls Individual Championship for the second year in a row, while senior Larissa Yue finished in second place. Brava and congratulations to all, including Coach Emilio Nieves!

EXTRACURRICULAR NEWS

Stuy Wrestling: 2nd at Manhattan Borough Championships

Congratulations to the Stuy Wrestling PSAL Team who came in 2nd place at the Manhattan Borough Championships last week and are advancing to the City Championships this week -- #GoStuy!



StuyPulse 694 celebrating another great season

StuyPulse Robotics 694 Update

Congratulations to our StuyPulse 694 Robotics team on an amazing 2023 season soon coming to a close. This season was incredible! StuyPulse 694 received the Creativity Award, the Autonomous Award, and the Innovation in Control Award at regional competitions. They also seeded 1st twice, won two

regionals, and placed as finalists at the third! They won the NYC regional for the 4th straight season and extended their finalist appearance streak to 12! More importantly they made new relationships with robotics teams around the world by welcoming them into our new Lin Brothers Robotics Lab and aiding them with their robots.

At the Houston Championship, they played with teams from other schools and had a great run to the third round of the playoffs. They're looking to grow on the successes of this season and do even better next year. We couldn't be prouder of you all!

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Our Alumni Association Celebrates Stuy's Diverse Heritage

First BIPOC @ Specialized Youth Summit

The Stuyvesant HS Alumni Association was honored to sponsor and co-host Stuyvesant's first BIPOC @ Specialized Youth Summit in April. **More than 60 families who identify as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) from three of NYC's specialized high schools (Stuyvesant High School, Brooklyn Technical High School, and The Bronx High School of Science) gathered together** to enjoy a full day of workshops and presentations, where they gained the necessary skills and tools to improve their social, emotional and academic experiences. Workshops were led by Afro-Dominican yoga teacher Roque Rodriguez, bilingual speech and language pathologist Grace Frutos, Stuy and Bronx Science parent **David Gelobter '84**, and Stuyvesant HS guidance counselor, Undine Guthrie. Special performances from Drumologist, Dr. Drum, and Jamaican born poet, writer, and Bard High School teacher, David Allen, enhanced the day's events. It was amazing to witness and participate in many productive conversations and to see new connections being made among our young people from the three schools represented. Our goal is to continue this event and expand participation to all of the specialized high schools next year.

Stuy Hosts 2023 Diwali/Garba Celebration!

On November 22, the Stuyvesant community, led by the South Asian Youth Association (SAYA) and the Hindu Students Council (HSC), hosted a Diwali and Garba celebration co-sponsored by the Alumni Association in the cafeteria after school. Accommodations were made, ranging from halal to vegetarian food, and the event was complete with an educational presentation, cultural dancing, henna, and fun for all!

Mr. Sandler's Jewish History Class Sees Harmony the Musical



Students and alumni at Harmony the Musical

"Harmony" is a new musical with music by Barry Manilow and lyrics by Bruce Sussman. The musical tells the true story of the Comedian Harmonists, an ensemble of six young men in 1920s Germany who took the world by storm with their blend of sophisticated close harmonies and uproarious stage antics, until their inclusion of Jewish singers put them on a collision course with history. The students found it very moving and enlightening.

Stuy BSL Tours the Yale Club



Students and staff with Bob Wright '73 at the Yale Club

Stuy's Black Students League (BSL) were offered a special treat this Fall made possible by Bob Wright '73 – an exclusive tour and dining as temporary members of New York City's Yale Club!

Stuy Celebrates Hispanic Heritage

On October 12, all Stuyvesant students and staff were invited to the annual Hispanic Heritage Month Dinner with keynote by **Christina Guerola Sarchio '87**! As current President of the Hispanic National Bar Association, she spoke about her work today and how Stuyvesant contributed to her success. We were also fortunate to have special musical guest **Joshua Levine '92** and his Cuarteto Guataca perform.

Congrats Stuy MSA on 1st Place in 2023 MIST!

Congratulations to Stuyvesant's Muslim Student Association who won first place as the best overall team in the Muslim Interscholastic Tournament (MIST) in New York this year.

Korean Alumni Panel



Stuy students and families at KAAGNY

In April, the Korean American Association of Greater New York (KAAGNY) hosted a panel discussion with Principal Yu, EdD, **Soo Kim '93**, Congresswoman **Grace Meng '93**, and **Richard Park, MD '90**. Students and parents in attendance were treated to a robust discussion on Stuy life, colleges, jobs, and start-ups or entrepreneurship, and how they handled difficult times and overcame them. The event culminated in a delicious meal enjoyed by all.

If you're an alum that would like to be more involved, please connect with us at alumni@shsaa.org today!

2023 StuyPrep: Supporting The Next Generation



StuyPrep students and current Stuyvesant ARISTA student caches



Prospective Stuy students with chaperone and SHSAA staff

StuyPrep, an alumni initiative founded by **Kent Kim '05** and **Christina Alfonso '01**, seeks to raise the visibility of the specialized high schools, especially Stuyvesant, within underprivileged communities throughout New York City in an effort to make our school an attractive alternative for historically underrepresented families. We aim to empower students with access to free tutoring, a shared sense of community, and a heightened awareness of the benefits of the specialized high school network.

The Alumni Association's ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion under the leadership of Executive Director **Diego Segalini '98** and SHSAA Diversity Committee Chair **Renee Stevens '89** is incrementally scaling the program up to pre-pandemic levels. Last year, the SHSAA with the support of donors, underwrote seats for 24 students with Kweller Prep. The program ended up serving 32 students, and 5 were admitted to specialized high schools – 4 to Stuyvesant and 1 to Bronx Science. The students who earned admission to a specialized high school came from Queens Central Academy and Robert F. Kennedy Middle School, neither of which are feeder schools for Stuyvesant.

Recently, the program served 75 students within a student pool that was more diverse and with students coming from a wider range of schools. Each student received over 60 hours of instruction over the course of six months. They attended classes virtually on Saturdays in May and June; in-person at our partner locations over the summer months; and in-person at Stuyvesant in the fall. During the summer, middle-schoolers were introduced to Stuyvesant students from ARISTA, Stuyvesant's Honor Society, who continued to

coach them in the fall. Students took the SHSAT in November and December and will find out their results in the spring. Next year we aim to serve closer to 100 students, to continue to work with multiple providers – Bee Tutored, CAS Prep, Five Points Learning, Helicon, and Kweller Prep - and with a goal of having a similar outcome in testing on a percentage basis.

As part of the program, SHSAA staff built a rapport with parents and guardians of students that participated in the program. Our hope is that it fosters a deeper connection with families in our effort of making Stuyvesant more accessible in addition to helping us understand the results of our initiative. SHSAA's Executive Director, Diego Segalini, notes, "To make this initiative successful, it's imperative that our support of one community does not come at the expense of another. While we are focused on under-represented communities, we seek to empower all communities that have been marginalized." The Alumni Association envisions Stuyvesant High School as the #1 choice for all NYC students seeking an incomparable education in STEM, the Arts and Humanities, and more.

Help Us Support StuyPrep

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1955: Irwin Bronman, celebrated his 85th Birthday with a special treat from Principal Yu.



Irwin Bronman '55 in Stuyvesant baseball cap

1959: Mark Herman, together with Ronnie Apter (Professor Emerita of English at Central Michigan University), has translated for the first time into English *Amyris, de vita et gestis Mahometi Turcorum imperatoris / The Emiriad: The Life and Deeds of Mehmet, Emperor of the Turks*, a Renaissance epic poem (1471-76) in Latin about the Turkish Sultan who conquered Constantinople (now Istanbul) in 1453, thereby ending the Byzantine Empire.

1962: Neal H. Hurwitz, Mike Kwatinetz, Bruce Eichner, and Mel Siegel '58 banded together to send aid to rescue a man from Kabul, Afghanistan in early 2023.

1964: Eric Lessinger, MD published a new book, his memoir, *Stethoscope on Reality*.

1967: Nicholas Kourabas recently wrote and self-published the book *A Teaching Life*. You can find his new book on Amazon.

1968: After 40 years of orthopedic practice in Newport Beach, CA and the creation of Hoag Orthopedic Institute in Irvine, CA, **Alan Beyer** is winding down to pursue a bit more golf and spend lots of time with his new granddaughter, Brooklyn.

1973: Donna Florio published the book, *Growing Up Bank Street*. Author Donna Florio brings a familiar neighborhood to life, transporting readers to colonial times, through tragedies and heydays, booms and busts, to the modern era. We learn this one street's noted and notorious residents, Florio

bringing an intimacy to their stories with the keen sensitivity of a native Villager ignited by New York zest. Born into a house of musicians, with artists and authors for neighbors, Florio's book is a narrative symphony in six movements, with one theme resonating throughout: Bank Street developed an intellectual critical mass, a chain reaction that can be felt in American Culture down to its very core. Visit stuyalumni.org to read a review of Donna's book by **David Schulz '72**.

Barry Jordan, MD is a board-certified neurologist who serves as the chief medical officer at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. He actively advocated for brain health and safety of boxers and served as the Chief Medical Officer of the New York State Athletic Commission under five New York State governors for 20 years.



Melvina Lathan, forming NYS Boxing Commissioner (left), Barry Jordan '73 (middle), Bob Duffy, President of the New York Boxing Hall of Fame (right)

On April 30, 2023, he was inducted into the New York State Boxing Hall of Fame. He says, "Being inducted into the New York State Boxing Hall of Fame is the highlight of my career. This honor acknowledges my interests in further providing care to those with traumatic brain injury and the long-term consequences of traumatic brain injury such as Alzheimer's Disease and cognitive impairment. These are goals which I would like to see come to fruition at [Rancho]."

Robert "Bob" Wright, Jr., PhD, COFT has taken 13 cruises from December 2022 through December 2023, visiting Alaska, the Azores islands, the Canary Islands, the Caribbean, Central and South America, the Mexican Riviera, and Northern and Southern Europe. You can view Dr. Bob's videos and Short Reels at StressFreeNow Podcasts on YouTube.

1975: Daniel Mark Siegel, MD, MS, FAAD was selected by the American Academy of

Dermatology (AAD) as the 2023 Gold Medal Recipient. The Gold Medal is the AAD's highest reward for acknowledging exceptional service in the field of dermatology.

Stuart Kelter is the host and producer of a radio show and podcast called *Delving In*, which won first and second place in the 2023 New Mexico Press Women Communications Contest, for interviews, respectively, with Congressman Jamie Raskin, about his book, *Unthinkable*, and with poet, Jessie Randall, reciting and discussing her poems about early women scientists. The Raskin interview also won third place in the national level of the contest. *Delving In* deals with a wide range of subjects, including science, medicine, history, law, philosophy, social policy, human rights, and occasionally poetry, mathematics, and religion.

1976: In February 2023, **Naomi Oreskes** published the book *The Big Myth*, coauthored by Erik M. Conway. They unfold the truth about a disastrous dogma: the "magic of the marketplace".

Eric B. Sirota's musical theatre adaptation of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, which played Off-Broadway in NYC for three years, was reimagined for screen and filmed as a movie, with an expanded and orchestrated sweeping romantic score. You can find out more at www.thefrankensteinmusical.com. Additionally, his latest musical, "A Good Day" (music, memory, an old flame and Alzheimer's), following a recent staged reading in NYC by Write Act Rep, had a workshop production by Shawnee Playhouse in September 2023.



1977: Roslyn Bernstein Mannon, MD was presented with the American Society of Transplantation's Senior Achievement Award in Clinical Transplantation on June 5, 2022. This award recognizes her outstanding contributions to the field of solid organ transplantation.

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Richard Mei, Jr. shared, "This past August, he and **Jinnie Lee '95** met in person for the first time at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo on Richard's last day serving as Consul General in Osaka-Kobe, as Jinnie begins her three-year assignment as the Embassy's Press Attaché. About 15 years ago, Richard started a list of Stuyvesant alumni who were serving in the State Department and other foreign affairs agencies. At one point, there were over a dozen names on the mailing list, which probably just touched the surface since there seems to be many Stuy alumni who weren't math and science whizzes but instead concentrated on subjects that contribute to international affairs. Richard has retired, while Jinnie has a promising road ahead, as her current job under former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel is full of exciting challenges at one of the busiest American Embassies in the world".



Richard Mei, Jr. '77 and Jinnie Lee '95

1978: Michael Lev, MD, FAHA, FACR, is currently the Director of Emergency Radiology & Emergency Neuroradiology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and Professor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School.

1979: Maureen Arnold Morrissey retired from teaching elementary and grad school in 2020, and began her second career as a full-time writer. She has published two historical fiction novels that include the setting of New York City.



Maureen Arnold Morrissey '79

Anne Newgarden's ADVENTURES OF A SOUL: *Psychics, Mediums, the Mystical, and Me*, a memoir of her mind-blowing explorations in the metaphysical world, has launched. The book

features acclaimed intuitive author and fellow Stuy alumna **Laura (Globus) Day '77**.

1980: Ray Palagy and **Jeannine Goff '81** visited the Stuyvesant hosted All-City Modern Music Project. An Emmy Award Winning Audio Post Sound Designer for Film and TV, Palagy is the Supervising Sound Designer at ESPN/Disney+. He showed examples of how he uses carefully crafted sound design to dramatically enhance the emotional context of various video clips, including a segment from a recent Marvel movie.

1982: Henry Grossberg took a whirlwind tour of Japan in October with his spouse, Naoko. They visited Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Hiroshima, Mihara, Aioi, Himeji, & Kobe. Two highlights were Himeji Castle (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and Engyo-ji Temple, where part of *The Last Samurai* was filmed.



Interior of Engyo-ji Temple

Brad Marcus reported that the class of 1982 held their 40th anniversary reunion with more than 100 people in attendance in October 2022 in midtown Manhattan.



Members of the Class of 1982 at Haswell Green's

1983: Julia Ryan played Virginia Wise on *Law and Order: Special Victims Unit*, directed by Mariska Hargitay, earlier this year.



Julia Ryan '83 (middle) with Mariska Hargitay (right)

1984: Miriam Lazar married **Adam Shrager** in August 2022. They first met in Orchestra freshman year and were friends throughout high school and met up at reunions. They both got married to other people, had children, and got divorced. They finally tied the knot after 7 years of dating.



Adam Shrager '84 and Miriam Lazar '84

1985: Israel Adam Wasserstein performed in "The Lady from The Sea" as Wangel in his 10th production with Staten Island Shakespearean Theatre Company (SIST). In this play, as Dr. Wangel, he portrays the husband to Elida. Their relationship can provide insight into the way people are vulnerable to become unknowing strangers to themselves, and those around them when unable to identify the shadows in their lives. The miscommunication, or lack of communication with oneself, has great tragic potential. Facing and learning from the shadow, rather than making it a stranger, can help us heal. Such is a powerful message that he hopes the audience will encounter when seeing the show.



Israel Adam Wasserstein '85 as Dr. Wangel in "The Lady from the Sea".

1987: David Coleman, CEO of the College Board, was invited by Stuyvesant's Junior Caucus at their first speaker event. He spoke about his own experience at Stuy and shared his thoughts on the high school experience and its impact on college preparation and process.

Jameson Gong was featured in the Father's Day Post edition of *South China Morning Post*. He talks about growing up in NYC and how his grandma inspired him to pursue comedy. He is now the founder of TakeOut Comedy, the first full-time comedy club in Asia.

Model Majority, a sketch comedy group, celebrated their 5th birthday with the Halloween show *Monster Mash*, produced by **Horacio Gutierrez**. Model Majority was also featured in Good Morning America and Spectrum NY1 in the past year.

1993: Grace Meng joined NYU Wagner as Distinguished Visiting Urbanist for the Fall of 2023. She is also serving her sixth term in the House of Representatives, representing New York's Sixth Congressional District.

1995: David Ezra Stein is a children's book author and illustrator living in Queens. His *Interrupting Chicken* books are now a TV series on Apple TV+. His latest book is a graphic novel for ages 6-9 called *Beaky Barnes: Egg on the Loose*.

1998: Alice Kim was on a billboard in Times Square (again) this year, recognized for her social impact as an ESG leader.

Sir Diego S. Segalini was honored to be knighted by the Vatican earlier this year for his community service and dedication to his local parish on the Lower East Side. He is now a member knight of the The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.



Alice Kim '98 in Times Square

1999: Beatrice Kitzinger, associate professor of art and archaeology at Princeton University was named new Behrman Professor in the Humanities Council earlier in the year. This appointment honors distinguished humanities scholars and dedicated teachers from within the Princeton University Community.

2003: Nathaniel (Nat) Avino-Towsen was invited to participate in a segment on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*. He was given an hour to write material on the assigned topic, then asked to perform it, untested, on the show. You can find his performance on YouTube.

2004: Ilya Khodosh wrote the play adaptation *McCourt*, a new play based on the memoirs *'Tis* and *Teacher Man* by former Stuy English and Creative Writing teacher, Frank McCourt. The play is about chasing your dream and telling your story. It is an immigrant story and a New York story and one that rings with universality and what it means to "find your own voice".



Nat Avino-Towsen '03 on The Tonight Show

2005: Adeeba Talukder, Poet and Urdu translator, visited the Boaz R. Weinstein '91 Library and English classes to talk about her work with the Sufi mystical Islamic poetic tradition, the ghazal tradition, and the way she weaves ideas about mental health into her writing. She spoke to about 150 kids - two classes of Ms. **Annie Thoms' '93** "Writing to Create Change" students, two sets of Dr. Emily Moore's sophomores, and a big handful of her Poetry Workshop students.

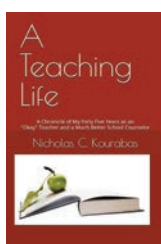
2006: Melissa Colorado visited Mr. Eric Wisotsky's Econ classes to speak about her work at NBC News New York.

2007: Karen Claman celebrates her ninth year playing the viola with The Doctors Orchestral Society of New York. They presented their 16th Annual Norman Annenberg Memorial Concert in June 2023.

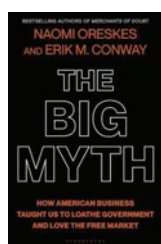
2011: Tammy and Jason met sophomore year at Stuy after playing on the Ultimate Frisbee teams. They started dating towards the end of college and have been together ever since! They just got married in Hawaii this past December and are pawrents to a golden doodle named Lyla.



1964: Eric Lessinger, MD



1967: Nicholas Kourabas



1976: Naomi Oreskes



1973: Donna Florio



2022: Benjamin (Ben) Harwayne



1982: Henry Grossberg



1959: Mark Herman

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Stuyvesant Newlyweds Tammy and Jason

2011: Jaimie Meyers married **Henry Becker** in Fort Lauderdale on January 15, 2023. Many Stuy alumni were in attendance, including **Scott Chiusano**, who officiated the ceremony. Jaimie and Henry started dating in 2016 and have been together ever since. Henry proposed to Jaimie on the basketball courts in Battery Park, where they first met in the fall of 2007.



Friends and family at Jamie Meyers and Henry Becker's wedding

2012: Raquel Perez visited Stuyvesant this past summer to speak with a group of Middle Schoolers in the StuyPrep program. She spoke about her experience at Stuyvesant and offered support and encouragement in their studies and preparation for the SHSAT.

2019: Alvin Ye recently played in the band for the army during the famous Army-Navy game - held in Philadelphia in December 2022. **Ben Shapiro** shared, "Both Alvin and I played in

the Stuyvesant High School bands for all four years and now Alvin travels all over the country for West Point playing in their spirit band. Alvin will be graduating from West Point in May and then he will be going on to army flight training in Fort Rucker, Alabama. He hopes to be the pilot of an Apache helicopter, which is a major piece of war helicopter machinery!"

2022: Benjamin (Ben) Harwayne recently published a book, *Snow all over the Globe*, co-authored with his grandmother. **Michael Harwayne '87**, his father, writes, "Ben has always had a collection of and interest in snow globes, and the book covers everything a kid could possibly want to know about them. Ben did a lot of research on their history, the science behind the materials used in them, their appearance in pop culture, and more". You can find his book on Amazon.

IN MEMORIAM



1987: Friends and family of **Michael Wayne Bronowitz** honoring his last wish with the Stanley Cup at his graveside

SHSAA has partnered with LifeWeb 360 to celebrate our fellow Stuy community members that have passed away by sharing stories, photos, and videos honoring them and the impact they've had on Our Strong Band. To share or view memorials of the Stuyvesant alumni and faculty who have passed away, please visit: memories.lifeweb360.com/groups/stuyvesant.

Names in blue denote Lifetime Members of the Stuyvesant HS Alumni Association.

1938: Jackson Pokress, a 67-year member of the North Massapequa Fire Department, challenged the conventional wisdom that everyone is replaceable. Pokress, a three-term North Massapequa fire commissioner, World War II combat photographer, and local newspaper owner, died of natural causes on May 13, 2023. He was 102. His love for photography began as a teenager when he would walk around the city snapping photos. He received his B.A. from New York University in 1942. He enlisted in the Army after hearing about Pearl Harbor, skipping his January college j. Fifty years later, NYU invited him back to graduation to walk across the stage and get his diploma in person.

1941: On Saturday, October 15, 2022 **Kachas "Kach" Derdarian**, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away at the age of 99. During World War II, he served as a flight engineer on a PB2Y Coronado airplane in the US Navy from November 1942 to January 1946. He was part of Operation Lifeline in the South Pacific. Upon returning from the war, he married his lovely next-door neighbor, Kay, with whom he recently celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on August 16. He graduated from the Academy of Aeronautics in 1946 and completed his engineering studies at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. He was a lifetime member in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He worked as an engineer for Pan American Airways in New York, Lockheed in California where he worked on the C130 and F104 Starfighter aircraft, Loral Electronics in New York, Microwave Associates (MACOM) in Massachusetts, and finished his career at General Dynamics in Connecticut where he worked on Ohio and Los Angeles class submarines. One of his projects for NASA was the lunar soil sampling system of the Surveyor spacecraft, which laid the groundwork for the Apollo program and is on exhibit at the Smithsonian Museum.

1943: J. Myron "Mike" Atkin, a former dean and professor emeritus at Stanford Graduate School of Education (GSE), died on Aug. 18, 2022 in Palo Alto. He was 95. Atkin, who began his working life as a high school science teacher, devoted his research career to improving the quality of science education in K-12 schools. As dean of the GSE, he was known for his commitment to bridging education research with the day-to-day realities of classroom practice. With former Stanford President Donald Kennedy, he launched a landmark initiative in 1982 that connected GSE faculty with local high school teachers and administrators for education research, a project that drew national attention for involving school practitioners at every level of the process. Widely regarded as a warm, welcoming leader who frequently hosted students and faculty for meals at his home with his wife, Ann, he served as dean from 1979 to 1986, then stayed on the faculty until he retired in 2004.

1943: Irving (Red) Lipner, age 95, died peacefully at home on November 19, 2022. Anyone who met him knew that he was proud and passionate about his family and his many decades working at The New York Times, the paper he loved. Red was a rarity: after working at several other papers, he joined The New York Times as a linotype operator before getting his M.A. in Journalism. He served as an editor on the National Desk where he worked for many years – he still shared tales of getting great stories to press before deadline long after his retirement. Red continued to read The New York Times religiously, including perusing the obituaries. He was a firm believer that everyone was a piece of history.

1944: Harry A. McLaughlin, a diehard fan of the New York Yankees, got to live a dream last summer when he was honored as the Veteran of the Game at Yankee Stadium on Old-Timers' Day. During the seventh-inning stretch of the July 30 game between the Yankees and the Kansas City Royals, a photo of McLaughlin as a young sailor flashed on the jumbotron and tens of thousands of fans stood up and cheered, as "God Bless America" boomed through the stadium. Sitting in the living room at his daughter Debi's home in The Villages, FL, his eyes welled with tears as he stared in disbelief at the TV screen. His family says the fact that he lived to see his beloved team bestow the honor made his death at age 96 on April 29, 2023 hurt a little less.

1945: Dr. Richard J. Goldstein, beloved father, professor, and researcher passed away on March 6, 2023, in Minneapolis at the age of 94. A renowned mechanical engineer and academic, his contributions to heat transfer measurement techniques and film cooling led to improved efficiency in gas turbines and many other thermal systems. Richard loved black coffee, the Minnesota Vikings, the theater and classical music, traveling with his children, and chasing solar eclipses. He received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering (1950) and Physics (1951) from the University of Minnesota. He joined Oak Ridge National Laboratory as a Development Engineer in 1951, serving afterward in the US Army as a first lieutenant for two years. Richard returned to the University of Minnesota in 1956 and received his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering, joining the University's faculty in 1961. He served as a professor, researcher, and department head in the coming years and was named James J. Ryan and Regents' Professor Emeritus. Richard's recognitions include multiple honorary doctoral degrees, membership in the National Academy of Engineering and serving as president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, president of the International Centre for Heat and Mass Transfer, and president of the Assembly for International Heat Transfer Conferences. He advised 74 doctoral and 82 master's students, along with many visiting and postdoctoral scholars, and his work was presented in more than 300 publications.

1947: Leonard Mactas passed away peacefully on July 25, 2022 at the age of 92. He lived a full life, with unwavering love for each member of his family, making a lasting impression and difference in their lives. Prior to his retirement, Len had a stellar career as a consulting actuary with Kwasha Lipton, an employee benefits consulting firm, where he was a pioneer in a burgeoning field, culminating with him leading the firm to great success and an outstanding reputation. There was never a problem he could not solve.

1950: Alan Sussman passed away at the age of 90 on May 12, 2023 in Merwick Care and Rehabilitation Center in Plainsboro, NJ. He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Yale University. He moved to the Princeton area in 1958 to accept a position as a Member of Technical Staff at the then RCA Sarnoff Laboratories (now

IN MEMORIAM

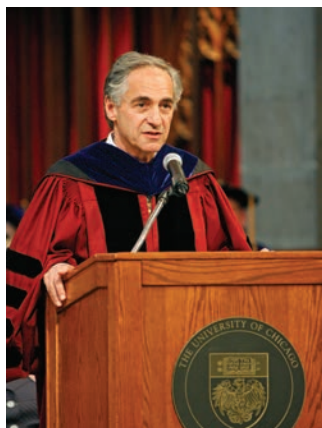
SRI International). During his long career at the Sarnoff Labs, Alan worked on several important problems in the optimal design of liquid crystalline materials and their use in displays of various types, including TVs. Liquid crystals also played an important role in his personal life, as he met his future wife, Martha, at a liquid crystal conference.

1952: Sir Richard V. Giordano KBE, an iconic American business leader who led a transformation of British corporate culture, creator of the BOC Challenge sailing race, and Knight Commander of the British Empire for his contributions to British industry, died on December 27, 2022 at 88 years of age in Florida, surrounded by his family. Born to Italian immigrants, he was a proud product of New York City public schools, later graduating from Harvard College in 1956 and Columbia Law School in 1959. Despite having rheumatic fever as a child, Giordano developed into a tall and athletic young man, discovering sailing and playing football in high school. These talents earned him a scholarship at Harvard College to continue his studies following the death of his father at the end of his freshman year. After working as a lawyer at Shearman & Sterling in New York City, Giordano took a job with a client, Airco, a then Fortune 500 firm, being named President by the age of 37. Overseas competitor BOC (British Oxygen Corp) launched a hostile takeover for Airco in 1978, and won. Instead of losing his job, he was invited to London to run the merged companies and became Britain's highest paid executive. This earned him notoriety in the British press long after his salary was surpassed by others and he transitioned to non-executive Chairman in 1994. He never lost his affection for the medical gasses industry, taking pride in the innovative anesthetics his company developed, and quizzing family members facing surgery on their anesthetists' choice of sedation. During his time at BOC, Giordano launched a new sailing race, the BOC Challenge "Around Alone," the longest single-handed event in the world and the first round the world race to start and finish in the USA. BOC sponsored the race in 1982, 1986, 1990, and 1994. To him, the sailors in the race embodied the values of courage, perseverance, and resourcefulness that he admired both in business and in life. Giordano retired from his full-time leadership role at the BOC Group in 1990 and received an honorary knighthood – Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire –

in 1989. This reflected not only his contributions to British industry but also leadership on the UK Central Electricity Generating Board and as Executive Director of National Power.

1961: Harvey Pitt, 78, former U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) chairman and longtime advisory board member of JBS USA, died May 30, 2023. Pitt graduated from Brooklyn College with a B.A. in 1965, and from St. John's University School of Law with a J.D. in 1968. He later received the Presidential Medal of Distinction from Brooklyn College in 2003, and an honorary LL.D. from St. John's University School of Law. From 1968 to 1978, Pitt served on the staff of the SEC and became the agency's youngest general counsel in 1975 at age 30. He served as SEC chairman for 18 months between 2001 and 2003, overseeing the agency in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the response to the corporate accounting crises of the 1990s. Later in life, Pitt was a columnist with Compliance Week and, at the time of his death, was CEO of the strategic consulting firm that he founded, Kalorama Partners LLC. At various times in his life, he taught at Georgetown University and the University of Pennsylvania.

1964: Chancellor Emeritus Robert J. Zimmer, University of Chicago's 13th president from 2006 to 2021, passed away on May 23, 2023. A pioneering mathematician, Zimmer spent nearly four decades at the University as a faculty member and administrator, most recently serving as the Edwin A. and Betty L. Bergman Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Mathematics and the College. His tenure will be remembered for his strategic brilliance in bringing about changes for the long-term benefit of the University community.



Robert J. Zimmer '64

Among his remarkable catalog of accomplishments, he led transformational efforts to increase educational access and financial support for students, including the creation of the Odyssey Scholarship Program in 2007, which supported financial aid for students in the greatest need. Under his leadership the University established its first engineering program, the Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering; expanded its global presence through new centers in Beijing, Delhi, and Hong Kong; greatly increased its work in civic engagement, including partnerships with the city of Chicago and organizations on the South Side; and made broad investments in programs and facilities in the arts.

1987: Michael Wayne Bronowitz, age 51, of Las Vegas, died June 30, 2021. Michael was born June 10, 1970 in Brooklyn, NY to the late Barry and Miriam Bronowitz. He worked in sales for Verizon Communications. Tired of the New York winters, he moved to Las Vegas in 2011. Michael had a strong, friendly personality. He was a Master Mason and loved the Las Vegas Golden Knights, shooting, playing poker, politics, and cooking. His older brother **Philip Bronowitz, MD '69**, informs us that in June 2021, as the Golden Knights were battling the Montreal Canadiens in the Stanley Cup Semifinals, Michael died due to the COVID-19 virus. One of his final requests to his wife, Connie, before he was admitted into the hospital was, if things didn't go well for him, to bring the Cup to his grave. Then, when the Golden Knights were crowned Stanley Cup Champions at T-Mobile Arena on June 13, 2023, Connie Bronowitz knew exactly what she had to do. A week after that historic day, Bronowitz – a Golden Knights season-ticket holder since the franchise's inception in 2016 – reached out to team president Kerry Bubolz with a request: To bring the Stanley Cup to her late husband's gravesite. After going back and forth for a few months, Bubolz and Bronowitz nailed down the logistics and had the Cup visit Michael's grave at Bunker's Memory Gardens Memorial Park on September 8. The family spent 15 minutes with the Cup at Michael's decorated gravestone honoring his last wish, even placing a photo of him inside the trophy.

Faculty Memorials

Philip Scandura, a beloved former Social Studies teacher at Stuyvesant High School passed on September 13, 2023, in Orlando, FL after falling ill in the spring. A wonderful teacher and educator to several generations of Stuyvesant students, he established the NYC History Class and was a mainstay of Room 229, the "Museum Room" on Chambers Street. The Class of 1982 fondly recalls Mr. Scandura accompanying them on a visit to E 15th Street at their 30th year reunion, and sharing various interesting memories of his days teaching there. May his memory be a blessing.



Philip Scandura

We have also received the following obituary notices:

1937: George Joseph Borababy
1939: Dr. Benjamin (Ben) Bederson
1940: Joseph S. Strup
1942: Elmer Klein
1942: Toy B. Wong
1943: Saul Teichman
1944: Bernard L. "Bernie" Berkowitz
1944: Alexander D. Yuelys
1945: Leo A. Goodman
1945: John J. Pastore, MD
1945: David Wexler
1946: Robert Carlson
1946: Vincent "Vinny" M. Crisafi
1946: Anthony Peter DeLio, II
1946: Robert Gomer
1946: Robert "Bob" MacBain
1946: Herbert A. Magnus
1946: Richard "Dick" E. Swarts
1946: Donald Charles Weiler
1947: Milton Murray Greenbaum
1947: Eugene (Gene) William O'Brien
1947: Robert (Bob) Quintin Trainor
1947: Gunther Schlessinger
1947: Steven Swiss
1948: Robert N. Chambers
1948: Malcolm Stuart Druskin, MD
1948: Wilbur J. Land
1948: Oscar White Muscarella

1948: Jose Luis Rementeria, MD
1948: Peter Rosario
1948: Joseph Tobin
1948: Martin Ziegler
1949: Leonard David Bernstein
1949: David Blitz
1949: Roy Dankman
1949: Ralph Gelper
1949: Donald A. Gerber
1949: Arthur M. Poskanzer
1949: Herbert C. Rubin
1949: Jerome (Jerry) E. Turkel
1950: Milton (Milt) R. Ancel
1950: Morris "Murray" Eisen
1950: Arnold E. Elman, MD
1950: Donald Glickman
1950: Peter James Hart
1950: Dr. Neil Lempert
1950: Bernard H. Paiewonsky, PhD
1950: Norman Pomerantz
1950: Frank J. Saracino
1951: Aaron Hamburger
1951: Joseph (Joe) Incoronato
1951: Robert "Bob" Kaminsky
1951: David Kanowsky
1951: Arion N. Pattakos
1952: James "Jim" Gary Boyd
1952: Peter J. D'Alesandre
1952: Enrico DiPasquale
1952: Robert Dobrow
1952: Harry J. Ettinger
1952: Victor (Vic) Garlin
1952: Alan H. Levine
1952: Joel F. Spivak
1952: Howard Alan Trachtenberg
1953: Stanley Marvin Barnett
1953: Paul S. Frommer
1953: James Lieu
1953: Herbert G. Rothschild
1953: Stephen Shatz
1953: Charles Waldauer
1954: Martin "Marty" Hartmann Jr.
1954: Gerald Lee "Jerry" Mandell, MD
1954: Nicholas J. Poudis
1954: William H. Vogel
1955: Sebastian Alongi
1955: Anthony "Tony" John Martins, Jr.
1955: James P. Maxwell
1955: John M. O'Brien, MD
1955: Gerald I. Waller
1956: Peter Delis
1956: Alfred Seth Greenwald
1956: Mel Kershner
1956: Richard Onofrio Traina
1957: Jerry Applebaum
1957: Joseph A. Bono
1957: Robert "Bob" Desiderato, Jr.
1957: Alan Ehrlich
1957: Michael Gatz
1957: Sidney Halpern
1957: Barry B. Leighton
1957: Jerome Maderdrut
1957: Donald Nadler
1957: Michael Weingarten
1957: John K. Singerman
1957: Joseph Slywka
1957: Albert Solomon

1957: David Lewis Wilson
1958: Jeff Altman
1958: Barry D. Orvell
1958: Harvey H. Whiter
1959: Leon "Lee" Greenfield
1959: John Reed Oppenheimer, MS, PhD
1959: Robert Press
1959: Leonard Jules Schwartz
1959: John Stangel, MD
1959: John Witek
1961: Elliot Benowitz
1961: Stephen J. Dunko
1961: Andrew P. Goldberg, MD
1961: Ronald Clyde Harris
1961: James Matthew Peck
1962: William "Bill" M. Abraham
1962: Roger C. Schank
1963: Jene Andrew Golovchenko,
1963: Martin Saperstein
1964: Lou Doukas
1964: Leonard Elekman
1964: Arnold "Arny" Alton Schwartz, MD
1964: Steven Swiss
1964: David Tabakman
1965: Howard Marc Weiss
1967: Robert Achs
1967: Jack Delmond
1967: Mitchell Alan Orfuss
1968: Russell Loren Caplan
1968: James J. Sabella, JD
1968: Paul Lubin
1969: Peter (Petro) Z. Choma
1969: Alan L. Montalvo
1969: David Paul Robeson
1969: Stuart Alan Rosenthal
1969: Kenneth W. Schiff
1969: Thomas R. Simons
1969: Robert Zaret
1970: Michael Fishbein
1972: David H. Stonehill
1975: Louis L. Levine
1975: Harry Paul Swinnes Jr.
1977: Jay Allen Friedman
1977: Stephana Sherwood
1981: Leeds Atkinsons
1981: Richard Behrens
1981: Gregory Carr
1981: Kendall Chun
1981: Brian Dorfmann
1981: Steven Gugick
1981: Willy Jarymec
1981: Abraham Schussler
1981: Marghiee Teshineh
1983: Wesley Stradone
1986: Elyse J. Levy
1987: Michael Wayne Bronowitz
1996: Zoe Wydroug

They'll be in our hearts forever.

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