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Letter From the President

Dear fellow Hunter graduate,

As the new academic year begins, I would like to take the time now to thank you for your gifts and support this past year. Your participation demonstrates your commitment to the education of today's students and your appreciation for the education you received.

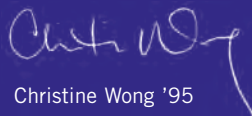
This past June, the HCHSAA hosted reunion at the high school. As always, it was a spirited day full of wonderful stories and memories. One alum who truly displayed her school spirit was **Shirley ZEBROWITZ Bleaman '39**. She and her son flew in from California just so she could attend her 75th reunion! At the General Assembly, she was honored with a standing ovation. Photographs of her as well as others from reunion are available on our Flickr page (www.flickr.com/photos/hchsaa).

In the months that followed, the HCHSAA has been busy planning for the new year. Continuing the tradition of celebrating the accomplishments of our fellow alumnae/i, our Autumn Reception on October 14, 2014 will feature **Patty CHANG Anker '88**, author of the book *Some Nerve* and the blog *Facing Forty Upside Down*. Patty was also one of our TEDx speakers in 2013. The event is free but registration through our website is strongly encouraged.

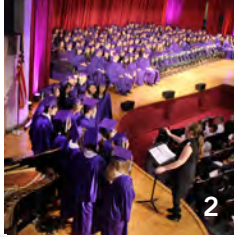
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Thank you in advance for all your support. We look forward to seeing you at one of our events.

Sincerely yours,



Christine Wong '95
President



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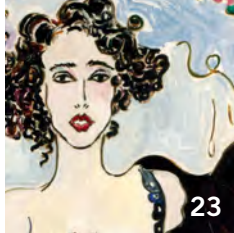
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On the cover: Members of the Class of 1964 reenact a photo from their yearbook in the old dance studio at Thomas Hunter Hall during a Reunion Weekend tour.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2014!

WHERE DID THE 2014 HUNTERITES END UP?

COLLEGE	ATTEND	COLLEGE	ATTEND	COLLEGE	ATTEND
Amherst College	1	Drexel University	2	SUNY, Geneseo	4
Bard College	1	Duke University	1	SUNY, Stony Brook University	1
Barnard College	1	Emory University	1	Swarthmore College	2
Baruch College	2	Fordham University	1	Syracuse University	1
Binghamton University	3	The George Washington University	1	Tufts University	1
Bowdoin College	1	Georgetown University	2	University of California, Berkeley	2
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Brown University	2	Harvard College	6	University of Massachusetts,	
Boston College	2	Haverford College	4	Amherst	1
Boston University	3	Johns Hopkins University	4	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	4
Bucknell University	1	Lehigh University	1	The University of North Carolina,	
Carnegie Mellon University	3	Massachusetts Institute of		Chapel Hill	3
Case Western Reserve	1	Technology	1	University of Pennsylvania	10
CCNY, Sophie Davis School of		McGill University	2	University of Southern California	2
Biomedical Education	3	New York University	11	University of Wisconsin, Madison	1
College of William and Mary	1	Northeastern University	5	Vassar College	3
Columbia University	11	Northwestern University	2	Villanova University	1
Cornell University	12	Pennsylvania State University	1	Washington University in St. Louis	1
CUNY, Hunter College	1	Pomona College	1	Wellesley College	1
CUNY, Macaulay Honors	3	Reed College	1	Wesleyan University	3
Dartmouth College	5	St. John's University	1	Williams College	2
Davidson College	1	SUNY, Albany	2	Yale University	6

News from the School

US Presidential Scholars

For the first time in nine years, a Hunterite was one of the approximately 140 national finalists for the US Presidential Scholars Program, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. **Anna Blech '14**, whose paper "Downplaying the Holocaust: Sulzberger and the *New York Times*" won the New York City History Day competition and Hunter's Eleanor Light Prize, was one of four New York State seniors to receive the award. Previous Hunter winners include **Martha June SHERWOOD French '65**, **Janice HERBERT-Carter '73**, **Nancy Cooper '76**, **Russell Hershaw '80**, **Polly Shulman '80**, **Joel Fan '87**, **Yoko Irie '88**, **David Liu '91**, **Marta Weiss '92**, **Sewell Chan '94**, **Jennifer Lin '94**, **Adam Cohen '97**, **Eric Fleisig-Greene '97**, **David Jiang '05**, and **Lauren Zletz '05**. In addition to Anna, **Alice Tang '14** was a semifinalist for the award, and **Joyce Xia '14**, **Theresa Byrne '14**, **Purva Vaidya '14**, **Felipe Archondo '14**, **Sydney Bai '14**, **James Calixto '14**, **Sho Lin Chen '14**, **Alexander Epstein '14**, **Joseph Gaebler '14**, **William Ho '14**, **Omar Khan '14**, and **Stephen Leong '14** were all candidates.



Cece Phu '14, Sara Andresen '14, Head Girls Coach at Beat the Streets Jacque Davis, HCHS Assistant Coach David Cannizzo, and teammates Jennifer Juarez and Michaela Beck. Photo credit: Susan Watts, New York Daily News

NAAAP-NY Future Leaders

Shirley Mo '14 and **Nanxi You '14** were the recipients of the 2014 NAAAP-NY Future Leaders Scholarship Fund. Applicants were evaluated on leadership and academic performance through community involvement, extracurricular activities, critical thinking skills, and financial need. Both Shirley and Nanxi will receive \$2,500 for college expenses. Read more about them here: www.naaapny.org/naaap-ny-future-leaders-scholarship-fund-recipients

First Place at the National Economics Challenge

Hunter College High School students came in first place in the David Ricardo Single Semester General Economics Division at the annual National Economics Challenge. The competition, hosted by The Council for Economic Education, is a two-day event that "applies the excitement of an athletic competition to academic excellence." Teams take written exams and participate in a quiz-bowl at Lincoln Center. Immediately after the competition, the HCHS students had the honor of ringing The Closing Bell at The New York Stock Exchange.

Girls Wrestling Takes Off

A *New York Daily News* article about girls wrestling teams in NYC public schools featured members of the new HCHS team. They named **Cece Phu '14** as one of the "league's star wrestlers" who helped NYC place fourth at the Junior US National Wrestling Championship in North Dakota. Cece said "she thought the idea of girls taking part was 'weird' when she first heard about it. Then she tried it. 'It was really fun,' [she] said." The *News* also quoted two-time city champion **Sara Andresen '14** and HCHS coach David Cannizzo, who noted that "wrestling builds life skills such as discipline, obedience and teamwork." The Department of Education instituted girls wrestling leagues in 2012; Hunter is now one of twenty NYC schools with a girls team.



HCHS students ring bell at the New York Stock Exchange

Alum Updates

The HCHSAA was informed that **Sylvia GINSBERG Covici, Jan. '30**, turned 100 last September and is headed for 101. Congratulations, Sylvia!



Helen REES Lessner '59 writes, "just two weeks after I attended my fifty-fifth Hunter reunion, I experienced the thrill of seeing my grandson, **Julian Rosenblum '14**, graduate from Hunter High. I look forward to sharing milestone reunions with him!"



Gail LEINKRAM Folloder '69 submitted her news online. She wrote, "My latest edition is my grandson Levi Solomon Folloder, born on July 27 in Houston TX to my son Daniel and daughter-in-law Stacia."

Jane Kass '72 has had a busy year. Not only did she start work on *NCIS: New Orleans* as a film editor after completing her last project *Hit the Floor* for VH1, but she also married her partner of 28 years on February 22.

Janice HERBERT-Carter '73 wrote to say "I have become the chair of the Department of Education at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA." Janice will continue to serve as the associate professor of medical education and associate professor of family medicine, where she teaches Pathophysiology to second year medical students, Fundamentals of Medicine 1, 2, and 3, and the Master of Science in Medical Science program, as well as facilitating small group clinical correlations sessions for first year medical students.

She also teaches in the National Center for Primary Care Faculty Development Program, where she helps other faculty improve their teaching, curriculum development, and academic medicine leadership skills.

In March, **Anne C. Beal '80** was appointed as Chief Patient Officer at Sanofi, the biopharmaceutical company. The newly created position focuses on incorporating the needs and perspectives of patients and caregivers in the activities of the company. The position is the only one of its kind among the top ten biopharmaceutical companies. "I am incredibly honored to join Sanofi as the first Chief Patient Officer," Anne was quoted as saying in *The Wall Street Journal*. "I will use my experience as a physician, researcher, philanthropic leader, and advocate for patient access to high quality health care to infuse the patient perspective into Sanofi's work that will advance our ability to deliver health care solutions that matter most to patients and those who care for them." Prior to the appointment, Anne worked at the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute, and before that served as the president of the Aetna Foundation. She is also a pediatrician and public health specialist.



After the success of his Syfy Channel cult hit film *Sharknado*, screenwriter **Thunder Levin '81** followed up with *Sharknado 2: The*



Second One. After raising over \$50,000 on the website Indiegogo, the film premiered on July 30 to record ratings of 3.9 million viewers and generated a billion Twitter impressions. The tongue-in-cheek action film about a freak tornado filled with sharks hitting New York City even has an HCHS reference in it! In an attempt to find somewhere safe, one character suggests "We could go to my school. We'd be safe from anything in there" which prompts the reply "That place is built like a brick prison."

Jonathan Kirshner '82 had two books published this summer. *American Power after the Financial Crisis* explores how the international balance of power altered in the aftermath of 2007-2008 crisis. Jonathan also co-edited *The Great Wall of Money: Power and Politics in China's International Monetary Relations* with Eric Helleiner, which examines the effects of the internationalization of the renminbi, including its potential as a competitor for the dollar in the coming years. Both books are available through Cornell University Press.

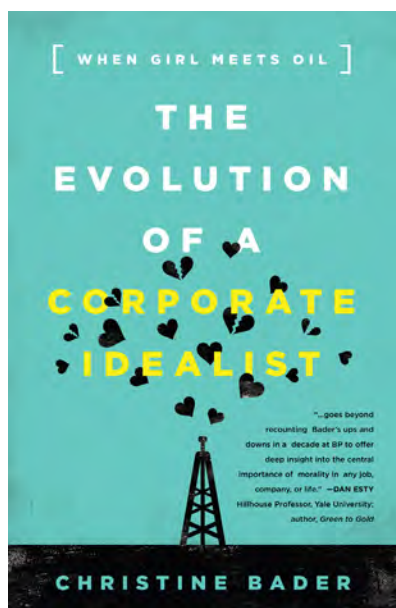


Cecile Kuznitz '85, professor of History and Jewish Studies at Bard College, published her book *YIVO and the Making of Modern Jewish Culture* through Cambridge University Press this past year. The book is the first history of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, the world's leading center for Yiddish scholarship. Cecile writes that it was "founded by a group of Eastern European intellectuals after World War I" and became "both the apex of secular Yiddish culture and the premier institution of Diaspora Nationalism, which fought for Jewish rights throughout the world at a time of rising anti-Semitism."



Jennifer GROSS Roesch '88 is leaving her position as Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving for Hunter College to become the Executive Director of the Food Education Fund (FEF). FEF is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Food and Finance High School, a New York City public school and the only culinary high school in the city. The Food Education Fund works with the high school to provide internship opportunities, create extra-curricular activities and special projects, provide resources to maintain school facilities and assist students in their preparation for post-secondary education. Many of the students come from disadvantaged backgrounds and all receive extensive culinary training along with their academics. The school has a partnership with the Food Network and Cornell University, has a working hydroponics lab and fish hatchery INSIDE the school building, and 90% of the graduates go on to post-secondary education.

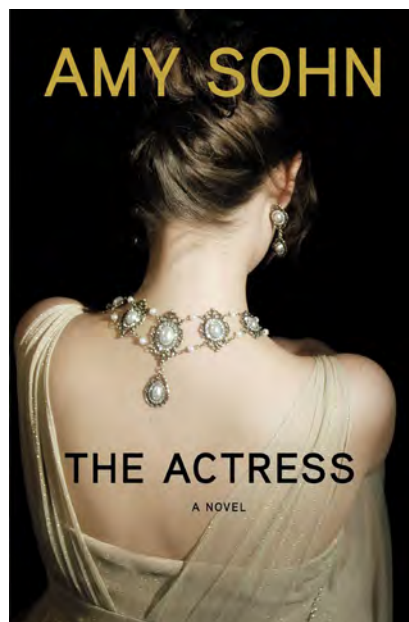
Christine Bader '89 came out with a new book *The Evolution of a Corporate Idealist: When Girl Meets Oil*. The book recounts Christine's experience as a manager and advisor during the Deepwater Horizon disaster at BP. The book also features stories and reflections from others similarly pushing for more responsible and sustainable practices from deep inside the world's best-known companies.



Abigail Hornstein '90 was recently tenured and promoted to Associate Professor of Economics at Wesleyan University.

Mark Nowakowski '91 was admitted this past October into the partnership of KPMG LLP, a global audit, tax, and advisory firm. Mark works in the Financial Risk Management group, providing advisory services to investment and commercial banks and other financial firms. He lives in Decatur, GA with his wife Katie and sons Benjamin (9) and Sebastian (7), and is often in the NYC and DC areas.

Amy Sohn '91 published a new novel in July with Simon & Schuster. *The Actress* focuses on a young theater thespian who marries an older, famous movie star and comes to feel doubt, confusion, and even terror about her marriage.



Mynette Louie '93 produced *LAND HO!*, a septuagenarian road-trip buddy comedy set in Iceland, which is currently playing in theaters across the US. The film premiered at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival, where it received wide critical acclaim and was acquired by Sony Pictures Classics. It also screened at the Tribeca and Los Angeles Film Festivals, and will be starting its international festival tour in August. Fellow HCHS alumna and *New York Times* film critic **Manohla Dargis '79** called the film "delightfully funny" adding, "by turns playful and wistful, the



movie is anchored by its irresistible lead performances." For theaters and showtimes, visit www.landhomovie.com

Ellen Hoobler '94 was married to Mandar Banavadikar in June. They live in Iowa, where Ellen is an Assistant Professor of Art History at Cornell College. Ellen is co-director of a project that has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Digital Humanities Startup Grant. She was also recently listed as one of the 40 Inspiring Professors under 40 by *NerdScholar.com*.

Josh Centor '00 was named Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation at Carnegie Mellon University in March. After spending three years at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Josh began work at Carnegie Mellon as Assistant Director of Athletics in 2008 and was promoted to Associate Director of Athletics in 2012 before receiving an appointment as interim Director of Athletics in July 2013. Josh is currently finishing his PhD coursework in higher education management at the University of Pittsburgh and lives with his wife Jaye and their 3-year-old son Gabriel. Jaye is the Director of Executive Events at Carnegie Mellon.

On May 4, 2014 **Sharon Barotz '02** and **Jeffrey Pawson '01** were married at Westbury Manor in Westbury, NY. Sharon is a Veteri-



Hunter alums at the wedding of Sharon Barotz '02 and Jeffrey Pawson '01

narian in a private practice and focuses on small animal medicine and surgery. Jeff is a financial analyst at a background checking company. The couple first met at Hunter in Dr. Aharon's AP biology class during the 2000-2001 school year. Jeff sat in front of Sharon in AP Biology and she would often

catch him falling asleep in class. Although they were not a couple in high school, they stayed in touch throughout college and started seriously dating in 2008. Sharon and Jeff currently live together on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. Hunterites abounded at the ceremony: **Daniel Pawson '99** and

Andrew Jabar '01 were in the wedding party; **Maria KOSOVSKY Bobolia '02**, **Miriam Glaser '02**, and **Mona Xu '01** were ushers; **Jonathan Landsman '01** signed the couple's marriage license; and in attendance were **David Zheng '01**, **Glan Han '01**, **Stavros Dukas '01**, **Wei Du '01**, and **Gabriella Russek '02**.

In Memoriam

*In the "In Memoriam" section of the last issue of AlumNotes, we erroneously listed **Harriet K. Fein, Jan. '44** as both a member of the class of January 1946 and deceased. She wrote to inform us that she is neither. The Alumnae/i Association would like to take this opportunity to apologize for the mistake and any distress or confusion it may have caused.*



Sister **Winifred Danwitz '36** died on April 29 at the age of 93. Winifred earned her BA from Hunter College and her MA in Speech from Brooklyn College before entering the Ursulines in 1945. She spent the next forty years until her retirement

in the field of speech and language, and earned a PhD in Communication Disorders in 1970 from CUNY. She taught at the College of New Rochelle, Academy of Mount St. Ursula, Fordham University, Hunter College, and Iona College. She also served as the director of speech therapy for the Archdiocese of New York, the coordinator of the Program in Language Learning at the Graduate School of CNR, and was a member or served on the boards of NY Speech, Language and Hearing Association, the Orton Dyslexia Society, and the New York Supreme Court Committee on Juvenile Justice.

Marilyn Levy, Jan. '39 died June 19 at Riverview Hospital of heart failure. Marilyn was born in New York City, the second of two children of Rachel and Moses Levy. She received a BA in chemistry from Hunter College in 1943. After working as a chemist in

private industry, she became a photographic chemist at Fort Monmouth, a position she held until her retirement. While there, Marilyn earned numerous patents in high resolution photographic film development processes. Marilyn's other interests included art, travel, music, gardening, and languages. She was a skilled water colorist, silver jewelry maker, and potter. A lifelong swimmer, she was a regular at the Red Bank YMCA pool. She is survived by her nephew and his wife, her two nieces and their husbands, and her six grandnieces and nephews.

Ruby WALLACE Dee '39, legend of stage and screen and a leading advocate for civil rights, passed away on June 13. Her death was covered by *The New York Times*, NY1, CNN, *New York Daily News*, NBC, *The Washington Post*, and many other media outlets. Born in Cleveland and raised in Harlem, Ruby

began her performing career in the 1940s in New York, making her Broadway debut in 1943. She worked for over a decade before her famous turn as Ruth Younger in *A Raisin in the Sun* opposite Sidney Poitier, a role she performed for 530 performances on Broadway and reprised in the 1961 film version. After that, she was the first Black actress to perform in major roles at the American Shakespeare Festival, and the first to be featured regularly on the TV show *Peyton Place*. She appeared in Spike Lee's *Do the Right Thing* and *Jungle Fever*, she collaborated with director Jules Dassin on the screenplay for *Up Tight!*, and worked on numerous other stage and film productions over the course of her long career. She also worked closely with her husband Ossie Davis, appearing with him in shows and films and on the picket line. Together they made art and strived for racial equality and social justice until his death in 2005. They spoke out against the executions of the Rosenbergs and persecution of American Communists, and they were friends and supporters of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X, and served as MC's of the entertainment event before the 1963 March on Washington. Ruby was also an active member of the Congress of Racial Equality, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Ruby and Ossie received a joint National Medal of the Arts from President Bill Clinton, and Ruby earned a lifetime achievement award from the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis. She is survived by her two daughters, her son, her sister, and seven grandchildren.



The Honorable **Elizabeth GOLDBLATT Ehrlich, Jan. '47** passed away on January 21.



She was predeceased in November 2013 by her husband of 57 years, Leon Ehrlich. Judge Ehrlich attended Bryn Mawr College, graduating magna cum laude with a degree in political science. She

went on to graduate from Yale Law School in 1954, where she was the recipient of the Colby Townsend Memorial Prize for legal research, and one of only four women in her class of 200. She was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar and worked as an Assistant City Solicitor in Philadelphia before starting her own firm in Reading, PA with her husband. Ehrlich & Ehrlich specialized in family law and trusts and estates. In 1983, Elizabeth was the first woman elected to the Berks County Court of Common Pleas, and served as the Administrative Judge for the Family Court Division from 1984 to 2000. During that time, she also served on the Ethics committee of the Pennsylvania Conference of Trial Judges, and as a lecturer for the Pennsylvania Domestic Relations Association. She was a co-founder of the Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program of Berks County and a member of the Berks County Bar Association until her death. Beyond her professional accomplishments, she was also a member of the board of directors of the Reading Hospital and Medical Center, The Highlands at Wyomissing, The Children's Home of Reading, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Berks County, United Way of Berks County, Berks County Intermediate Unit, and Bank of Pennsylvania, served on the Wyomissing Area School Board from 1971-1983, and was one of the founders of Affinity Bank of Pennsylvania. She won awards for her work, including the Girl Scouts Take the Lead Award, the Pennsylvania Domestic Relations President's Award for child welfare, the Berks County Commission for Women honoree, the YWCA of Berks County Trendsetter Award in 200, and the Beacon Award by the Berks Women's Network. She is survived by her four children, and seven grandchildren.

Inara MAROVSKIS Moricca '61 passed away in March. Her daughter Audra sent in a notice to the Alumnae/i Association. "My mother, Inara Marovskis Moricca, passed away on March 6, 2014 after a brief illness. She was an HCHS 1961 graduate. She devoted her entire life to her three daughters Audra, Krista and Lara. We lost my father to lung cancer in 1983, a loss that colored all of our lives permanently. We were ages 8, 5 and 2 at the time. It was a Herculean task for my mother to try to raise three little, needy, sensitive girls alone. She went back to work full time in Convertible Bonds which she did until the time of her death by necessity. We were able

to continue to live in our home, are all college educated, and are productive members of society due to her constant and significant efforts which only ended with her death. Unfortunately my father's death was not the only tragedy in her life: she lost my grandmother and more recently my Uncle John (husband of **Ilze OSIS Marovskis '61**), both of whom she missed every day. She lived through a subway fire, crawling out on her hands and knees, and was in an office two blocks away when 9/11 occurred. I think all of these things contributed to her inability to create time to socialize, just trying to get by and make it home to us every day in one piece. Through it all she was an exceptional human being, generous, and positive in the face of adversity. She truly believed anything could be accomplished if you worked hard enough, something that propelled her forward. She impacted us positively every single day. I wish she had had the opportunity to have a more relaxed life, to have been taken care of, to have traveled and enjoyed some of what a healthy old age might have provided her, but unfortunately that isn't the way it happened. There could have been no one more deserving."

The Alumnae/i Association was recently informed of the passing of **Patricia FAGIN Pappas '70**, who lost her battle with cancer on Jan. 16, 2013. Patricia graduated from Syracuse University and entered the banking industry. For over 20 years, she worked for large multinational banks in New York City, Washington, DC, Ann Arbor, MI, and Miami, FL. She also worked for Educational Testing Services as a test security analyst. She loved trips to the Caribbean, horseback riding, flying, and her work. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, three children, her mother, and her sister.

The Alumnae/i Association has also been advised of the deaths of the following alums:

Beatrice FREIBERGER Hoffman '36
Selma EDELMAN Schlanger '40
Theodora Christon, Jan. '42
Grace Leight, Jan. '42
Eileen O'DONNELL Brady '46
Jeanne UHLENDORF Connolly, Jan. '49
Roselyn KNOBLER Kessler '54
Doris FRANKLIN Siegelman '54
Danielle CIRINO Sutherland '61
Lawrence Weinstein '81



“Other than family, Hunter High School was the most important change factor in my life.”

- Sandy Sindel '74

Notes on Reunion 2014

The Kick-Off Party on Friday, May 30, set the tone for Reunion Weekend 2014, with merriment and plenty of Hunter spirit. The party used to be a young alum event but this year was open to the whole community; Hunterites from across the decades gathered (and stayed well past midnight!) at The Manchester Pub on Second Avenue for an evening of food, drinks, and celebration. The bar, owned by milestoneers **Lawrence Chan '99** and **Hudson Tang '99** even provided a Hunter-themed cocktail. There was also a successful raffle, and alums bid eagerly on tickets to *Book of Mormon* and *Avenue Q* donated by **Bobby Lopez '93**, a beauty package including a Diane von Furstenberg purse donated by **Diana Tsui '99**, and cookbooks picked out by **Julia Moskin '85**, among other great prizes.

The next day was chock-full of activities. The annual Conservatory Garden walking tour was led by the knowledgeable Franz Helmke, Director of Facilities Management at Hunter College Brookdale Center and a horticulturalist at the New York Botanical Garden, who detailed the history and flora of New York's only formal garden. He was joined this year by art historian **Michelle MARDER Kamhi '54**, who spoke about the garden's two sculptures: *Three Dancing Maidens* fountain by Walter Schott and *The Secret Garden* by Bessie Potter Vonnob. Meanwhile, more competitive alums were enjoying a friendly softball game and family picnic out on the Great Lawn.

Organized by **Matt Blumenfeld '84**, the game was - as always - a well-attended and thoroughly enjoyed event.

Later in the day, before milestoneers headed off to enjoy their individual class events, older alums had the chance to visit their former school building on 68th and Lexington. The building, which now belongs to the college, remains surprisingly unchanged since the women of the 1960s and 1970s attended dance classes on the top floor and art classes in the basement, and the alums were able to show their spouses and, in some cases, grandchildren what their time at Hunter had looked like.

Of course, the highlight of the weekend is the General Assembly on Sunday morning. The day started bright and early, as alums started trickling in around 9:00am to take advantage of the complimentary breakfast and coffee, and to reconnect with their friends in some of the classrooms. By the time the assembly started at 11:00am, almost 200 alums from every milestone class had arrived (including **Shirley ZEBROWITZ Bleaman** representing the oldest class: **1939!**).

This year, the Assembly began with a demonstration from **The RoHAWKS**, the Robotics Team whose work and competition participation was sponsored in part by donations from the Alumnae/i Association. **Lisa Siegmann**, Assistant Principal of Grades 10-12 and team advisor, discussed the importance of the program before the students presented the robot they'd built, which

roamed around the stage and picked up and threw a giant pink ball. "When I joined the Robotics Team three years ago, I knew that I liked biology and I thought technology was cool, but I didn't really have much of a real world sense of what it's like. So this team really transformed how I look at the world. I was interested in neuroscience, but now I'm sure that I want to go into neurotechnology, and that that's going to be really the future of this field that I'm interested in. And I wouldn't have had this sort of directed focus without the Robotics Team. And it's not just me; this team has thirty-seven people on it right now, and for all of those thirty-seven people, and for the community at large, it's really been such an inspiration to have this real-world, hands-on fun - it's really just so much fun," explained **Rachel Mikofsky '14**, who was joined by her two teammates **Noah Miller '14** and **Axel Feldmann '15**. "And we're especially proud," she went on, "that out of those thirty-seven people, almost a third of them are females, which are incredibly impressive statistics for a STEM program, and even more for a high school program."

Then, starting with January 1949 and moving forward through time to 2009, delegates from each Milestone class stood before the podium and told stories from their days at Hunter. You can watch a video of the whole General Assembly (taped by **Kevin Chiu '13**) on our website by going to www.hchsaa.org and clicking on Reunion Planning.

ALUMS ON THE HUNTER CONNECTION

“What do all these Hunter connections have in common? They were all women. Now today, we’re doing a first - a connection never done before. We’re very excited and happy to invite Richard Levy, class of ’85, to be an honorary member of the January ’49ers. He’s to be a goodwill ambassador connecting the link between the all-women’s classes and the co-ed classes. To get to know each other: the young and the mature, the male and the female. Hunterites promoting their own peace pact. We can even stop singing ‘Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better.’”
- Mildred Speiser, Jan. ’49



“27 days less than 65 years ago, a group of 177 young women - the largest graduating class at that time in the history of Hunter College High School - received their diplomas and went on to institutions of higher learning all over this country and, ultimately, to make their mark in various

fields: academia, medicine, classroom, business, in the workplace and in the home. The class of June 1949: who are we? We were victims of the Holocaust, of prejudice, of glass ceilings, of closed doors and other barriers. But we survived. One of the major reasons we survived was Hunter College High School.”
- Gloria Evangeline HOOPER-Rasberry ’49

“Actually, I’m the class of 1960, but I volunteered for 1959. I graduated in three years instead of four, which was silly because I missed out on so many good teachers for another year. That was what I appreciated the most. I’ve been to many schools since then, but I’ve never had as many impassioned, dedicated teachers in all subjects.”
- Lisa Rabinowicz ’59/’60

“The class of 1964 was unique in Hunter history. We were 300 girls, the largest class in the history of the school. It was never done before, never done afterwards: draw your own conclusions. But when I started to think about this presentation, I kept coming back to the history of our class, and the history of the society in which we live. We were actually a swing generation of women; were children in the I Love Lucy era, and we came of age with Ms. Magazine and Gloria Steinem. We were the first generation to have televisions as a regular thing in our homes, and we started with Howdy Doody and we went

straight through to men walking on the moon live. So I thought, ‘Gee we’re the TV generation.’ So instead of talking to you, I wanted to show you what it was like for our years, and our generation in the years that we were at Hunter. And then it occurred to me that the technology today is a little bit out of my skill set, so in the interest of what Mildred would call inter-generational collaboration, I did some research and I found a young man named Kevin Chiu from the class of 2013. Kevin was born with camera in his hand, and has the talent to match. We have been working together since February 28th, and we have created something that we hope you enjoy.”
- Susan Spector ’64 (with video collaboration from Kevin Chiu ’13)

“I left a friend’s wedding party, and when I told people I was leaving early to attend my fortieth reunion, they expressed surprise. First, of course, because not looking over thirty, the math just doesn’t add up, and second because why would it be important to be at your high school reunion? So why is it important to be here? For me and for many others, not just my class but I think so many in the room, the simple answer may be that, other than family, Hunter High School was the most important change factor in my life.”
- Sandy Sindel ’74

“We were a very social class, and I think a lot of people remembered our parties back in the day, and

we are still that class. We had a forty percent turnout to our event last night, where we essentially commandeered a downtown bar and were there until they closed and tossed us out and we wandered home at about 3:30 in the morning.”

- Pamela London '84

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“A few weeks after I started seventh grade, our science teacher Mrs. Nicholas told us to take a look at the Science Times and bring in an article to share.

I remember her providing the rationale for this assignment by enthusiastically proclaiming ‘It’s only Tuesday once a week!’ Well, I lived in Rosedale, Queens. My father was a fireman in Bushwick, my brothers delivered the Post for a couple of years, but I didn’t really have any familiarity with The New York Times - my family didn’t read it, and in fact the card stores in our neighborhood didn’t even sell it. I was able to get a subscription through the school, so then I started reading it during the solo parts of my commute, particularly the bus ride between Jamaica and my home, and I was able to successfully complete all my science homework. Along the way, I realized that I kind of really grew to like reading the paper, and seeing how it related to all the other neat things I was learning here.... And during all the experiences I’ve had [since then], all the places I’ve lived, I continue to read The New York Times every day, and I still love the Science Times.”

*- Diane SCHRETZMAN
Mortimer '89*

“I’m currently in DC and I work at the White House in the National Security Council, and I was thinking about the Washington Seminar - I did that when I was in high school... So I emailed the Social Studies department and I said ‘Are you guys coming down to Washington Seminar? Can I help? Can I do anything?’ and they

were like, ‘No of course not. We’ve had this planned for five months. But please come to an alumnae/i dinner.’ So I did, and what I wanted to leave us with from the alumnae/i conversation was that I sat down with these guys - kids, grown-ups, emerging thinkers, emerging activists - and they were amazing. They were asking all of the important questions. They were asking about drones and about human rights and about what we do next in places like Libya and the Middle East. They were asking about constitutional law. They were really demanding answers. And they had done so much research - I think they had Googled everyone. I think they were the only people who had ever Googled five pages down on my Google profile. They had their facts behind them.... It was rejuvenating to hear those questions, and see them thinking about the world, and thinking about it in such amazing ways.”

- Ciara Knudsen '94

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“Five years isn’t that long. We are probably the only class in this room to have had a Facebook group while we were at Hunter. And we used said Facebook group to plan our event last night. And over these five years, many other things haven’t changed. I still

have this t-shirt. We looked over in one of the classrooms and realized that the textbooks are still exactly the same and still have ours and our classmates’ names in them, and probably also some of yours. I remember in seventh grade social studies, reading from one of my textbooks that man one day hoped to walk on the moon. The current seniors were actually students with us - when we were seniors, they were the fresh-faced seventh graders, seeing Hunter for the first time. And the GO office gate mural outside is the one that I personally painted in 9th grade. You’re welcome. But honestly, most importantly, it was pretty astounding how much this place still feels like home. And I’m sure that all of you, or the ones at least who experienced that in this building, can feel that connection. So, we’re really excited to become a part of such a great alumnae/i body, and this has been an awesome event.

Thank you so much.”

*- Alexander Bores '09 and
Alexandra Essey '09*





Reunion Recaps for the Milestone Classes

Class of January 1949

Mildred Speiser

Sixty-five years after graduating from HCHS, it is time to get to know the January '49ers. So we proudly present a sampling of their accomplishments during those years.

Do you know the only ballfield in the US named for a woman? It's **Pat Burke**, January '49er and still coaching. Finding team profanity in the locker room, Pat's vocabulary lesson upgraded their graffiti to defecation and fornication.

If you want to see Pat Burke Field upstate, speak to **Dorothy SIRINEK Kohler** who has been Regional Coordinator of Greyhound.

Music is in the air en route there – courtesy of **Anne ERDE Lansing**, Founder: The Creative Music Workshop. To arrive looking good, see **Joan BERGMAN Yarkin**, President of Designing Women, Inc. Who better than **Lila MARGID Nadel**, fashion writer, to review it?

Gaze around the countryside and appreciate **Sophie RUDERMAN Weber**, environmental lawyer. 49ers all.

Should there be a mishap, you might have landed at the Brooklyn VA Medical Center and met with the Assistant Chief of Social Work, **Harriet KONSTADT Sherman**, followed by an appearance in front of Administrative Appeals Judge **Adelaide GUBINS Edelson** with civil rights attorney **Betty GROSS Elder** representing you. Another legal beagle: **Margaret ADLERSBERG Berger**. Final agreement: go to **Pauline DRYDEN Miles** for Health Education at Empire Blue Cross... also see **Audrey MIRAN Sarner**, Director of Drug Prevention Program.

Relax: **Ina VOGEL Grober**, co-publisher and Managing Editor of *Philatelic Review* and Founder of PR plus - educational world-wide stamps for US schools...

Women of '49 are there for you.

Working pioneers - Tech field '49ers: **Marilyn O'CONNOR Whitelaw**, **Hertha STRIKER Gorlick**; **Joan Sangster Johnston**, Program System Analyst at Doubleday; **Judy GELB Targove**, Computer System Analyst at the US Department of Air Force; **Rhea Plottel**, Metallurgical engineer at Ebasco; **Cecile KENNEDY Springer**, Manager/Product Development Advanced Energy System (nuclear based) at Westinghouse and President of Westinghouse Foundation.

Humanity needs: **Miriam Weissman**, Program Director NACOEJ (involved "magic carpet" rescue of Ethiopians to Israel); **Gloria SPIEGEL Fischel**, NGO Women's League spokesperson to the UN; **Mary Jo MURRAY Alan**, co-director/partner of camp for special needs people with disabilities; **Dorothy LOWENTHAL Stone**, AHRC award for 50 years as dedicated advocate for developmentally disabled. 49ers, too.

Educators: **Dolores BARRACANO Schmidt**, Assistant Vice Chancellor at SUNY; Architects of Human Destiny: teachers with many degrees, many subjects, many school positions, at every educational level. 49ers are everywhere.

For the Reunion weekend, twenty-four January '49ers participated in various class events (close to 25% of our class). Some had come great distances to celebrate happily with their classmates. Thank you **Eleanor ULLMAN Light '49**, travel entrepreneur.

By reaching the 65th year milestone, a record for Reunion history was set at the number of 49ers who attended. Another precedent, the induction of the first male as honorary member of our class: **Richard Levey '85**, Goodwill Ambassador, par excellence, a special gift to us and the Alumnae/i Association.

The '49 story to be continued at our next reunion...the 70th. Alea iacta est.



Class of 1949

Gloria Evangeline HOOPER-Rasberry

Fourteen of us June '49ers gathered at Hunter High School on Sunday morning before the General Assembly. (Several others sent regrets at not being able to attend because of prior commitments, family responsibilities or illness.)

At first we were in a room with two other classes—very unsatisfactory because of the noise level of several classes having conversations at the same time. Fortunately we were able to locate a nearby empty classroom where we moved our class attendees and then we could hear ourselves talk.

We came from the west coast—**Jane SCHWARTZ Schultz**, **Barbara KAPLAN Lee Yankelovich** from California and **Esta Epstein** from Seattle—and the East Coast: Connecticut (**Diana TAYLOR Grubbs**); Westchester (**Adele KRONGELB Hast**); Syracuse (**Gloria Evangeline (Vangie) HOOPER-Rasberry** and, of course, NYC: **Florence REIF Richman**, **Bernice (Bunny) WORMAN Haus-er**, **Carmen BELL Matthew**, **Laurie Klein**, **Elizabeth Held**, **Leila HOREN Weissman**, **Laura LEVIN Goldstein**.

At the 11:00am General Assembly, Jane and Vangie represented our class with remarks. Vangie gave a “mini-profile” of our

class and Jane spoke briefly of her inspiring personal and professional life.

A highlight of the school-wide session was a demonstration by current HCHS students of their award-winning entry in two robotics competitions.

Our class gift totaled \$5,600+ as of July 1 (in the top four of all the milestone classes reporting), with 27 members of our class contributing.

After the General Assembly, thanks to the generosity of **Barbara FASKE Zane**, who opened up her apartment to us—and of Jane Schwartz, who underwrote the cost of our lunch—we gathered for reminiscing and updates.

It was a beautiful day and we parted in good spirits headed for home (some of us) or a trip to Paris, China and Florence.

Quite a few talked about getting together again—hopefully soon—before our 70th

Class of 1964

Susan Spector

The class of 1964 is unique in Hunter history. We were almost 300 girls, the largest class the school's ever had, historic in its way and it was never done again. We are a swing generation of women, born into the /



From left to right: Members of the Class of 1973/74 at the General Assembly. June ALLNACH Noble '59 shows off her class mascot pride. The Class of 1964 at brunch. The Class of 1964 at Scaletta for dinner.

Love Lucy model for women and coming of age with the Women's Lib movement. It's only fitting that our 50th reunion events were unique, too. We met on Saturday afternoon, May 31, for a private tour of the New-York Historical Society led by **Beth BROWN Skobel**, a classmate who is a N-YHS docent. After the tour, we walked down the street to a great dinner at Scaletta, planned by Class Coordinator (and HCHSAA Board Member) **Susan Spector** and **Barbara MAYER Lambert**. On Sunday, June 1, we met at the new school building for the all class reunion where we became the first class to present a movie instead of a speech. The video created by **Susan Spector** and the invaluable **Kevin Chiu '13** was a big hit. On Tuesday and Wednesday of the following week, June 3 and 4, we were treated to two private tours of the Islamic Art Galleries in the Metropolitan Museum of Art conducted by **Carol MANSON Bier**, a classmate who is a renowned expert in the field. The following weekend, June 6-7, some of our classmates met at a spa in Princeton, NJ and on that Sunday, June 8, there was a brunch at Talia's Steakhouse in Manhattan. Not everyone could get to all of the activities, but everyone enjoyed the ones



they were able to attend. Now we're looking forward to many local events in the next five years before we all meet again for our fifty-fifth reunion.

Class of 1969

Jane Elkoff

We had a delightful three hour class lunch on Saturday, May 31, at a very pleasant restaurant in the East 20s. The gathering included 50 of our classmates, some of whom had never been to a reunion before. Many of our group went on to the tour of the old building afterwards; in addition, some of our classmates met together in smaller groups throughout the rest of the weekend.

Class of 1984

Emma OWENS Kerins

Now that the dust has settled, we want to thank you all for making our 30th reunion the best one yet! We had over 40% of our classmates come back (72, plus 10 guests), which is an amazing percentage. Florida, California, Vermont, Georgia, and Kansas are just a few of the places that people trudged in from to make this evening such a special one. **Alison Eisenger** came the

furthest from Seattle! The venue was great since we were able to stay all night and even at 2:00am we had around 40 people still hanging out! We may need a full day event for our 35th!

For those that could not make it, you were there in spirit (and **Joelle Sellner** and **Bob Glickstein** were actually "there" via Google Hangout!). We had some people who could not stand the thought of not being there so made last minutes decisions - **Vago Muradian** left a wedding in DC and jumped on a train to get there just a bit late and **Norma SAVITT Mendelson** made an 11th hour decision and blazed up from Maryland - such great efforts!

We also had a TREMENDOUS fundraising push - before the reunion, we set a goal of \$30,000 (for our 30th!) but only had around \$9,000 and 12% participation. **Ray Tsao** started a little challenge that has GROWN, focusing on percentage of participation versus actual dollar amount and we ended up at... \$36,666 and 60% participation!!!! We had a few folks at the reunion venue itself pledge some very generous amounts. Thanks to all who participated.

Left: A standing ovation for the 50th reunion video by Susan Spector '64 and Kevin Chiu '13. Right: The Class of 1984 parties late into the night at Punch Restaurant.

Class of 1999

Anri WHEELER Brenninkmeyer

Several classmates met for dinner Friday night at Huertas restaurant downtown. We enjoyed catching up over tapas, then headed as a group to the official Kick-Off Party at Manchester Pub. The Class of '99 was definitely the most well-represented class at Manchester, and we had fun talking with new additions who couldn't make it to Huertas and dominating the raffle.

On Saturday we had a very strong showing at our gathering at the Ainsworth. Over 40 of us stayed up chatting the night away (temporarily distracted by the NBA finals), sharing photos of little ones, details of weddings to come, tales of Jeopardy victories, and so much more. It was wonderful to look around, surrounded by familiar faces, and hear about the diverse paths people have taken since Hunter. Those who we were still up for it took the party across the street to the Black Door bar for an impromptu after party.

HCHSAA Events

Storm King Day Trip

The success of last year's trip to Storm King Arts Center prompted the Alumnae/i Association to make the excursion an annual event. So this past spring, alums journeyed once again to the Hudson Valley to take in the breathtaking views and stunning sculptures of the 500-acre outdoor museum. They were joined in this cultural jaunt by current students from the high school junior and senior Hunterites with an interest in contemporary art. Together, they wandered the grounds, first led by a docent and then at their leisure. They explored pieces in the permanent collection, like the numerous Mark di Suvero sculptures or Ursula Von Rydingsvard's *Luba*, as well as temporary exhibitions like *Evoking Tradition* which highlights the work of *Three Legged Buddha* sculptor Zhang Huan (on display through November 9). Lunch was provided by the museum in the wooded cafe near Alexander Liberman's massive *Adonai*, and trams were available to ferry alums and students across the grounds. On the bus ride back, the mood was sleepy and contented, as alums posted pictures from the trip and planned for next year's artistic expedition.



Top left: Students from HCHS take in the artwork. Above: Alums on the tour. Below: Taking in the view.



Giving

"Participation Trumps Dollars"

Raymond Tsao

I was at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport waiting for my flight to LaGuardia on Friday evening of Reunion Weekend. Not landing until late, I was planning to drop my bags off and then head up to the Manchester Pub to see if I could catch a few '84s for a late drink or two. I had just received an email from the HCHS Alumnae/i Association on the current status of our Class Gift: \$9,339.49 from 25 classmates. My first thought: "Not too bad." My second: "Who puts in forty-nine cents?" Then it occurred to me that only 15% of the class had participated thus far. With about 75 planning to attend our 30th bash (down from the 120 or so that attended our 20th), we should be able to do better. Plus we were a long way from the "\$30K for the 30th" that the Reunion Committee had staked out.

I realized my own giving had been, well, spotty. What should I give? And then it hit me: I'd let my classmates determine what I would give by giving themselves. Either that or dump an ice bucket on myself, but that would never work. And so I would make a matching gift based on how many of my fellow classmates gave. Regardless of the amount, I would give \$10 for every 1% of the class that participated by June 30, double during Reunion Weekend, which worked out to about \$5 per classmate (\$10 during Reunion Weekend) or \$2,000 total if we got 100% participation that weekend. Make Ray Pay!

I typed out the email to my classmates during the flight, sent it off when I landed, and then forgot about it. The next afternoon, before heading out to the Joe Kubat softball game, I received an email from a classmate, **Rachel Herschenfeld**, who was in Barcelona, and unable to attend: "Hi Ray, Great idea. I'll contribute, and match your challenge! For sure, the more the merrier." Wow! It gets better.

Emma OWENS Kerins, a Reunion Coordinator, nudges me to explain "Make Ray Pay" after a class event. So I stand on a chair, struggling, of course, to explain the matching (since I took Regular Math), but at the end of it, **Kyra Bromley** raises her hand and says "I'll match!" So does **Doug Henkin**, standing next to her. **Robert Pedrero** told me that he would contribute the full amount as if 100% of the class gave that weekend. **Cynthia Nixon** matched, as did **Matt**

Rosenthal, and **Ingrid Hriljac**. I cannot be more proud to be a Hunterite, Class of '84.

Over the next few weeks, the class went to work, spreading the word and tracking down classmates. **Anna Law** even got **Jean Kwok '86** to give a buck, deputizing her as an honorary '84. So how did we do? 111 classmates (~60%) participated in an almost \$37,000 Class Gift, including a last-minute, anonymous gift of \$5,000. Outstanding! In hindsight, I was wrong. Participation doesn't just trump dollars, it actually begets dollars. Thank you Class of '84!

Support Your Alumnae/i Association

Gifts to the Alumnae/i Association allow us to create and sustain a social and professional network for all alums of the high school, and serve as the funds from which we are able to provide operating and endowment support to the school itself. The AA helps finance programmatic support, scholarships, fellowships and other student aid programs, and serves as a resource for the school by sponsoring educational, scientific, literary and cultural programs in cooperation with faculty and administration. We are tremendously grateful to those alums who have already made us a part of their philanthropic plans. Gifts to the AA may be unrestricted or directed. Unrestricted gifts are among the most valuable, because they allow us to allocate funds wherever the need is greatest, and to take advantage of unique opportunities as they arise. Directed gifts allow you to designate your gift to a specific program, a support group, or a priority area at the high school. When you make a directed gift to HCHSAA, you enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you are supporting a program that is personally meaningful to you.

BECOME A MEMBER

The Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association serves more than 13,000 alums around the globe. Membership dues support the ongoing operations of the office and enable us to maintain our website and online Alumnae/i Directory, produce three issues of *AlumNotes* annually, and present free and low-cost events such as the annual Autumn Reception and Reunion weekend. Your membership in the Alumnae/i Association makes you part of the HCHSAA community and strengthens your ties to other alums and friends — and your ties to the school.

Joining is easy and affordable and contributions are tax-deductible to the extent

allowed by law. Due-paid members receive benefits and discounts and are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting in June.

If your dues are current, thank you for your support. If it is time to renew or you would like to join, please refer to the **Payment Form on the back page** or go to our website at www.hchsaa.org.

THE ANNUAL FUND AND CLASS GIFTS

Milestone Class Gifts and contributions to the Annual Fund are unrestricted, 100% tax-deductible contributions that provide direct support for high school programs and activities. The AA's Annual Fund helps us to better serve students, address faculty and administration requests for support, and capitalize on new opportunities. By making a gift to the Annual Fund or a Class Gift, alums provide a vital and necessary stream of academic and student support. In fiscal year 2014, the Alumnae/i Association made 8 grants to the high school totaling \$110,760. For a list of projects funded in FY14, see page 18.

MATCHING GIFTS

Many companies have matching gift programs that match charitable contributions made by their employees, which can double or even triple your gift to the HCHSAA. To find out if your company has a matching gift program please check with your human resources department. We are pleased to recognize the following Matching Gift donors in FY14:

Fiscal Year 2014 Matching Gift Companies

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Scholarships

THE MILDRED BUSCH AWARD

Since 1987, this award is presented in honor of a former administrator to students who have shown significant development as individuals and as members of the school community.

Grace Cruz
Deepa Saharia

THE THOMAS HUNTER MEMORIAL AWARD

Since 1981, this award is presented in honor of the founder of our school to the students who best exemplify the ideals of Hunter College High School.

Anna Blech
Azraa Chaudhury

THE SHEILA GLICKSTEIN HAKNER AWARD

Awarded in honor of Sheila GLICKSTEIN Hakner, HCHS Class of 1955, mother of Jeffrey Hakner '87, and a lifelong educator, is given to a student who has shown dedication in the service to the education of others.

Mashiyat Zaman



Top left: Deepa Saharia '14 after accepting her award for significant development as an individual and as a member of the school community. Top right: Anna Blech '14 after receiving her award for best exemplifying the ideals of Hunter College High School. Bottom: HCHSAA President Christine Wong '95 and Principal Tony Fisher prepare to announce the Sheila Glickstein Hakner Award.

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Contribute to the future by planning for a special kind of gift. The lasting impact of

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WAYS TO GIVE

There are many ways to give to the HCHSAA. You can do it online, through the mail, by making a single donation or spreading your gift out over multiple payments.

MAKE A ONE-TIME DONATION ONLINE...

It's fast, easy, and secure to donate online. Visit our website www.hchsaa.org and go to the Support the Association page, where you can Donate Now and make your one-time gift.

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If you'd rather, you can send a check to our offices. All checks should be made out to HCHSAA, Inc. and you should put your donation designation (Annual Fund, Class Gift, or Membership) in the memo line. Send it to our address:

695 Park Avenue
Hunter College East, Room 1314E
New York, NY 10065

MAKE A RECURRING GIFT ONLINE

A recurring gift is an ongoing, specific gift amount that is automatically charged to your credit card on the first or the 15th of the month. Visit the Support the Alumnae/i Association page on our site and fill out the form to set up your gift, and then you don't have to worry about remembering to give back to Hunter again!

GIFTS OF STOCK OR SECURITIES

Gifts of stock are a smart way to help support our mission while also receiving great tax benefits. As long as you have held the stock for more than twelve months, you can deduct its full fair-market value at the time of your gift, regardless of how much you paid for it. You also have the chance to reduce or

completely eliminate your capital gains taxes. The HCHSAA accepts gifts of stocks or securities and sells them upon receipt. For more information, visit www.hchsaa.org/support-the-association/ways-to-give/stock-securities.

HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL WITH A GIFT IN THEIR NAME

A Tribute or Memorial Gift is an especially meaningful way to recognize friends, family, business associates, and special occasions, while at the same time supporting the programs of one of the city's greatest schools. Tribute Gifts mark special occasions such as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations. Memorial Gifts express your sympathy or remember a loved one. Contributions are acknowledged with a personalized letter sent to the honored individual or family without reference to the amount of the gift. We are grateful to the following donors who made these gifts in FY14:

Fiscal Year 2014 Tribute/Memorial Gifts

In Honor of Martina ARROYO de Maurel, Jan. '53
Rosaly DeMAIOS Roffman '55

In Honor of Francesca Bacon
Rosaly DeMAIOS Roffman '55

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In Memory of Barbara MILSTEIN Beyda, Jan. '49
Diane DANZIGER Singleton '49

In Memory of Dorothee R. Brodin
Aida BRAITMAN Slabotzky '47 Ph.D.

In Memory of Theodora Christon, Jan. '42
Vera J. Gordon '47

In Memory of Helen MAU Gosch '50
Jean Lenz '50

In Memory of Barbara M. Keyser
Barbara KAPLAN Lee '49

FY14 Grant Award Summary

Administration

Writing Lab	\$20,000.00
National Association of Independent Schools People of Color Conference/Student Diversity Leadership Conference	\$9,000.00
School Psychology Consultant	10,000.00
New lockers	\$40,000.00

Arts & English

Two Portable Document Viewers	\$850.00
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Mathematics

Mathematics Graphing calculators	\$1,560.00
TI- Nspire Cas Graphing Caluclator	\$28,600.00

Counseling

Professional staff development for group planning	\$750.00
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TOTAL	\$110,760.00
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Letter From an Alumna on a Life in Science

I consider myself an alumna even though I spent my senior year in California; my family had moved there. I owe my lifetime career to the time I spent at Hunter, from 1945 through 1947, three years of Math, Physics, Latin, Biology, English, Spanish, and much more. It was the first two that convinced me to major in Physics at UCLA where I went with scholarships, was a Phi Beta Kappa, and received a BA with Highest Honors in Physics. I was a Teaching Assistant in grad school and, while working on a doctorate in Mathematical Physics, I got a job teaching Physics at El Camino College where I stayed full time for 35 years, and then another 15 teaching part time.

I am certain that without Hunter I would probably never have even taken Physics; that's not what girls did in my day (and not many do even now). I loved Hunter, my teachers, and the girls in my class. I am glad that Hunter was for girls only in my time, without the pressure of conforming to gender roles.

I am now 83 years old, with 50 years of teaching Physics. (Now I do something else: Peer Counseling for Mature Adults. I'm a volunteer therapist.)

Please reach out to young women in the community and encourage them (probably you already do) to be open to any interest they develop, even if that is not part of a "women's" traditional field.

Geraldine (Gerry) ROTHSCCHILD Karpel '48

The Honor Roll of Giving

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Your Alumnae/i Association at Work

It used to be that thousands of alums living outside New York City had to rely on a single point person in their region to set up events and facilitate communication between local Hunterites. As years went on, this system became increasingly untenable. HCHSAA Chapter Heads were often stuck with outdated contact information, and it was difficult to disseminate details about upcoming events, or to even get a conversation going about what kind of activities local alums might want to attend. Regional areas were also far too broad - Texas, for example, had only a single chapter head - and therefore,

even if alums were able to find out about events in their "area," they were frequently too far away to consider attending.

That has changed. The Alumnae/i Association has overhauled its Regional Chapter program and switched to online group formats. With the help of Facebook and Google, the HCHSAA is now able to lessen the burden of mediation off of one individual coordinator by allowing communication between all local alums. As a result, chapters can exist without constant oversight, making them more effective and democratic.

Moreover, large chapter areas are automatically broken down into smaller cities and regions; when an alum in Paris posts about an event in the Europe Facebook Group, she immediately reaches the other Hunterites who live in her vicinity as well as those who might be able to make it in from out of town. This is a far more efficient, secure, and interactive way to reach out to Hunterites and make connections. The HCHSAA will be introducing more regional chapters as the year goes on, so look for one in your area soon!

REGIONAL GROUP FACEBOOK AND GOOGLE GROUPS

We have set up private Facebook and Google Groups for seven regions so far, with plans for new ones in the Southwest, Midwest, and the Middle East. To request admission to any of the current groups, visit the links listed below:

Boston Area:

www.facebook.com/groups/283937741753318/ and groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-boston-area-alums

California State:

www.facebook.com/groups/477177519069786/ and groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-california

Northern New England:

www.facebook.com/groups/1455726707988767/ and groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-northern-new-england-alums

Southern New England:

www.facebook.com/groups/250370518458268/ and groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-southern-new-england-alums

Upper New York State:

www.facebook.com/groups/1476103089284000/ and groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-upstate-new-york

Westchester, NY:

www.facebook.com/groups/265824743575976/ and groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-westchester-county-chapter

Europe:

www.facebook.com/groups/581752648545000/ and groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-europe-alum-chapter

AFFINITY GROUPS

Aside from our geographical chapters, we are also in the process of starting groups that are devoted to discussing the issues and interests of specific populations of alumnae/i. Currently, we have two, and would like to establish more!

One is the HCHSAA LGBTQ* Alums group, organized by **Sem Moundas '99**. Their mission is to promote dialogue, sharing of LGBTQ+ related news, and social connection among alumni who identify as LGBTQ+. Reflections on what it was like to be out or not out at while at Hunter are also encouraged. You can join the conversation here:

www.facebook.com/groups/500696296714210/
groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-lgbtq

Our most recent group is the HCHSAA Black and Latino Alums, organized by **Pamela Roach '71** and **Jessica Leonard '04**. The purpose of this group is two-fold. First, they serve the community of Black and Latino Hunter graduates, creating a space for conversation and networking both online and in person. Second, they advocate for initiatives committed to increasing the number of Black and Latino students at the school through recruitment, development, and successful completion of their HCHS degrees. Additionally, the group is organized to fundraise for and organize diversity programs, scholarships, mentoring opportunities and other activities we identify to support Black and Latino students of the school. Their goal is to ensure that Hunter remains a place where New York City kids from every background can flourish. You can join them here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/746727192052261/>

If you would like to start an affinity group, please email Lillian Meredith at lmeredith@hchsaa.org.

VIVIAN REISS GARTEN '70

artist



Nursing Diva
oil on canvas, 42" x 53"

Want to submit to the Alum Corner? Email lmeredith@hchsaa.org with your art, writing, or anything else!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 14

Autumn Reception and Book Reading

An event featuring Patty Chang Anker '88, who will read selections from Some Nerve: Lessons Learned While Becoming Brave and discuss her experiences.

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2015

Theater Event

The Public Theater will be overrun with Hunterites when the HCHSAA comes to see Hamilton, a new musical by award-winning alum Lin-Manuel Miranda '98! Exact date and more information TBD.

JUNE 5-6, 2015

Reunion Weekend

It's a milestone year for all classes ending in 5 or 0. If you are interested in being a class coordinator to help plan events and have a say in how the weekend is structured, please email Lillian Meredith at Imeredith@hchsaa.org.

To register for an event, visit our website at www.hchsaa.org.

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The mission of the Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association, Inc. is:

To organize the alumnae and alumni of the School to further the School's activities;

To provide financial support to the School in the form of endowment funds and other funding for the libraries, laboratories, theater, dance, music, art and academic programs, athletic and computer facilities, and other programs and facilities of the School;

To establish scholarships, fellowships, and other student aid programs;

To serve as a resource for students of the School to enhance their education;

To sponsor educational, scientific, literary, and cultural programs in cooperation with the School;

To serve as an advocate for our School within the larger community; and

To create and sustain a social and professional network for alumnae/i of the School to accomplish these goals.



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		1 Year	5 Year
BASIC	Annual subscription to AlumNotes. Discounted admission to Reunion General Assembly and other programs throughout the year. Access to Members Portal and Jobs Board at www.hchsaa.org . Eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting of Members.	\$35	\$175
SENIOR	Same benefits as above for the class of 1970 and earlier	\$20	\$100
JUNIOR	Same benefits as above for the class of 2010-2013	\$20	N/A
PREMIUM	Same benefits as above plus your choice of a free gift (<i>below</i>)	\$85	\$425
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☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other Amount ☐ *This is a Class Gift*

SUBTOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$ _____

REUNION

Register now for the General Assembly before prices increase on February 15th.

Members \$30 pp x _____ Adults (s) = \$ _____
Non-Members \$40 pp x _____ Adults (s) = \$ _____
Seniors \$35 pp x _____ Adults (s) = \$ _____

SUBTOTAL REGISTRATION \$ _____

MERCHANDISE

Cost includes postage and handling. Please circle size for tee-shirt(s)

Quan.	Item	Cost	Size (circle)				Subtotal
	Adult T Shirt	\$22	Sm (34-36)	M (38-40)	L (42-44)	XL 2X	\$
	Coffee Mug	\$12 2 for \$20					\$
	Gifted Cook Apron	\$20					\$
	Teddy Bear	\$20					\$

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TOTAL \$ _____

☐ My check is enclosed. -or- ☐ Charge to my (circle one) AMEX MC VISA _____ Exp Date: _____ CVV: _____

NAME

YEAR OF GRADUATION

Please print name as it should appear in Honor Roll of Giving (if different)

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