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Dear HCHS Alumnae/i.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of HCHSAA, I extend our deepest gratitude to the many generous individuals who have made gifts and contributed their time to the Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association. Your support provides the foundation for everything we do at HCHSAA. Your gifts of time and money have allowed HCHSAA to support Hunter College High School, sponsor events for alums, and start a mentorship program for students. Your advice, counsel, and criticisms have helped HCHSAA create more inclusive and responsive processes for engaging its alumnae/i.

In this issue of *AlumNotes*, we bring you exciting news about Reunion 2022 and the Annual Meeting, we report on the work of HCHSAA and provide a brief introduction to the Association's amazing staff. In the next edition of *AlumNotes* we hope to introduce you to our new Executive Director! As we go to print, we are in the final stages of what has been a comprehensive search process. In an effort to have a search as inclusive, diverse and broad as possible, we circulated the job description to professional associations in fundraising, not-for-profit, and underrepresented communities, as well as other job posting websites and networks.

We recognize that issues around last year's Annual Meeting were disappointing for many of you and we are very sorry. We have heard your concerns and worked very hard this year to make the process to participate easier and more inclusive. Please read the Governance and Annual Meeting sections below for details about the upcoming Annual Meeting on June 4th, after Reunion.

We want HCHSAA to welcome all of the High School's alumnae/i so please feel free to contact us with any ideas for how we can improve the experience for you.

Vivian Altman '77, President April 2022 AlumNotes is published by the Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association, Inc.

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HUNTER COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE/I ASSOCIATION, INC. ANNUAL REPORT

In addition to a lot of exciting news, this special Annual Report issue of *AlumNotes* contains important registration procedures for Reunion 2022 on page 17 and the Annual Meeting on page 16 that will need your attention. Please note that while both events will occur on June 4, 2022, they have separate registration processes. Registering for one event will not

automatically register you for the other. Also note that as part of registering for the Annual Meeting, you will first need to register to vote at and receive a Ballot & Proxy form for that meeting. As detailed later in this issue, you will have both electronic and print options for each registration process and will be able to participate virtually in the Annual Meeting.

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LETTER FROM THE HCHS DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS SCHOOLS



Dear Alumnae/i,

Spring's renewal is HERE at Hunter!

This week, the student written, directed, acted and produced BRICK play festival is up and running, 2022 BRICK: NO TIME TO BRICK, (picture a James Bond tuxedo as the poster), the HCHS RoHawks robotic team 3419 returns to the NYC FIRST Robotics competition at the Washington Heights Armory with their 2022 robot named "Now For Something Completely Different", PSAL spring sports are practicing and competing in Central Park and around the City, the final show of the Cultural Club season is rehearsing for Monday's ACS performance, and the GO is running elections for the GO officers. I've attached some pictures of some of the activities this year-many of which your financial support has helped to make possible - the pride of the students in their accomplishments is palpable.





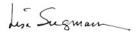


I cannot express the joy I feel writing about these "normal" HCHS activities. Yes, the pandemic is still with us; we are still testing students for COVID, reporting positive cases and distributing at-home test kits before vacations, but the activity and enthusiasm that has always characterized life at Hunter College High School is back. And just as your alma mater is springing back to life, I am delighted to work with the reinvigorated HCHS Alumnae/i Association leadership to support the growth and sustenance of HCHS in this season of renewal.

I look forward to welcoming you back, as planned, in person this June. Let's reconnect and revive our sense of gratitude for HCHS and its faculty and staff, our support for the next generation of alumni during their formative years, and our connection to each other.







Lisa Siegmann Director, Hunter College Campus Schools

REUNION 2022

We are excited to share that Reunion 2022 will be held in person on Saturday, June 4th. HCHS is gradually beginning to host events and Reunion 2022 will be one of the first to occur on the High School campus. After two years of isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are all eager to gather in person and reconnect. Reunion will include events for milestone classes for graduation years ending in a 7 or a 2. We can also reserve breakout classroom space for any affinity groups, teams, clubs or non-milestone graduation classes who wish to meet during Reunion 2022.

For more details on the schedule of events or how to volunteer or reserve a classroom for a non-milestone graduation year or an affinity group, team or club, please visit hchsaa.org/ Reunion2022/ or contact HCHSAA at reunion@hchsaa.org.

To register for reunion please visit hchsaa.org/Reunion2022/ or complete, sign and return the form at the end of this report. (Please note that Reunion and the Annual Meeting are two separate events with two different registration processes. Registering for one event does not automatically register you for the other event.)

Remember that HCHSAA's use of the campus will be subject to any rules and regulations in effect at the High School on June 4th. This means that masks and vaccinations could be required for entry and the event could be moved to a virtual platform. We will keep you apprised of these requirements as we learn them by posting them on hchsaa. org/Reunion2022/.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES IN-PERSON AT THE SCHOOL

SATURDAY 6/4

9:00-10:30 Registration

Breakfast buffet

Milestone Class Meetups Black and Latinx Meetup

LGBTQIA Meetup

Other Affinity/Club Group Meetups
Non-Milestone Class Meetups

Tours of the High School with current students

11:00 - 12:45 General Assembly

Welcome from Campus School Director,

Principal and HCHSAA

Student Presentations

Class Videos

Facebook access for remote participants

1:00 - 2:30 Lunch in the Courtyard

3:00-4:30 Annual Meeting of Members (Auditorium)

GOVERNANCE

The HCHSAA Board has undertaken a review of the Association's operations and governance. Among other things, the Board has worked to revise its governing documents so that they better reflect the Association's mission and allow for greater alumnae/i engagement.

In the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the Association took a series of actions designed to increase membership and alumnae/i engagement. On May 11, 2021, the Board set dues at \$0.00. Then at their June 5, 2021 Annual Meeting, the members approved the amendment of HCHSAA's Certificate of Incorporation to expand the Association's mission to allowing it to provide more alumnae/i programming and activities.

Last fall and winter, the Governance Committee of the Board worked with legal counsel at White & Case to update the HCHSAA By-Laws. As a result of that work, the Board unanimously voted to amend HCHSAA's By-Laws on March 15, 2022 and to adopt a new Membership Confirmation Policy. A copy of the amended By-Laws, marked to reflect changes to the prior version, and the new Membership Confirmation Policy can be found on the Association's website at hchsaa.org/2022AnnualMeeting/. The amendment to Article I, Section 1.01 of the By-Laws clarifies how membership is determined if and when dues are eliminated and will need to be ratified by the members at the Annual Meeting. Please visit hchsaa. org/2022AnnualMeeting/ to see the current language for Article I, Section 1.01 and the proposed language to be ratified by the members.

Finally, the Board has taken several steps to ensure that it thoroughly documents all of its policies and proceedings and regularly checks for any conflicts of interest. Additional policies adopted since the beginning of calendar 2021 include a new Employee Handbook, a Publication Policy and a Gift Acceptance Policy.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 2022 Annual Meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, June 4th at 3:00pm. (Please note that this time is half an hour earlier than previously announced in HCHSAA's eNewsletter.) HCHSAA's switch from in-person to virtual annual meetings during the pandemic resulted in a one hundredfold increase in average attendance. To continue to encourage such robust participation, especially for members for whom travel to our beloved New York City is difficult, the Board decided to offer another virtual meeting this year along with optional in person participation. Instructions on how to attend the Annual Meeting will be sent to all members who register to vote (as detailed below).

At the Annual Meeting, the Association's President and Treasurer will report on HCHSAA's work and finances and the members will be asked to vote on two matters – (i) the election of directors and (ii) the amendment of Article I, Section 1.01 of HCHSAA By-Laws. Voting will occur by electronic ballot (with an option to submit a paper ballot). In the ballot, members will be given the option (but will not be obligated) to grant their proxy to certain HCHSAA officers or to a write-in proxy holder. In addition to voting for the slate of candidates for open director seats approved by the Board, members will also be given the option to select their own write-in candidates on the ballot.

To receive a ballot and vote at the Annual Meeting, you must meet the membership requirements in HCHSAA's By-Laws and register to vote pursuant to the Membership Confirmation Policy before 5pm ET on Friday, May 13, 2022 (the Record Date established by the Board for the Annual Meeting). To confirm your membership with HCHSAA, register to vote at and request a Ballot & Proxy for the Annual Meeting choose one of the following options:

 Electronic Registration - visit hchsaa.org/vote/ and complete and submit the virtual Member Voter Registration and Ballot Request Form;

OR

 Paper Registration – complete, sign, date and submit the Member Voter Registration and Ballot Request Form at the end of this issue of AlumNotes.

You may request a printed or pdf version of the Member Voter Registration and Ballot Request Form from HCHSAA by emailing membership@hchsaa.org or calling 212-772-4079.



Please note that -

- For your Member Voter Registration and Ballot Request Form to be valid:
 - You will need to:
 - complete all required fields and sign and date it; AND
 - submit it to HCHSAA on or before the Record Date.
 - HCHSAA may need to confirm that you either graduated from the High School or attended it for at least three years.
- Reunion and the Annual Meeting are two separate events with two different registration processes. Registering for one event does not automatically register you for the other event.
- By completing and submitting the Member Voter Registration and Ballot Request Form you will be:
 - certifying that all information in it is true and correct;
 - agreeing to have the information that you provide in it included in the list of registered voters that HCHSAA is required to maintain in its records and provide to those who legitimately request it; AND
 - consenting to receive only an electronic Ballot & Proxy (unless you specifically email a request to receive a printed or pdf Ballot & Proxy to membership@hchsaa.org on or before the Record Date).

On June 5, 2021 (the date of its last Annual Meeting), HCHSAA had 1,489 members validly registered to vote. As of April 1, 2022, HCHSAA currently had 3,456 registered users in its alum database. The Association does not expect to see a significant change in the number of its members who register to vote for the 2022 Annual Meeting on June 4th. A list of all members validly registered to vote at that Annual Meeting will be available after the Record Date. You may request a copy by emailing membership@hchsaa.org or calling 212-772-4079.

For more information and updates regarding the annual meeting, please visit hchsaa.org/2022AnnualMeeting/.



CALENDAR 2021 REPORTING

The following reports cover the calendar year 2021 and may also include some events that occurred after December 31, 2021.

Grants – Despite the continuing effects of the pandemic, in calendar 2021, HCHSAA continued to use alumnae/i donations to support programs that provide enrichment at and greater access to the High School.

- The Association granted over \$250,000 in Emergency Funds to the Hunter College Foundation over the course of the year to offset costs incurred by the High School, including outdoor tents, air filtration systems, COVID-19 testing staff and monitors, and remote learning equipment.
- To help provide greater access to the High School, HCHSAA made \$46,000 in grants to the non-profits Exam Schools Partnership Initiative (ESPI) and Achillea Peer Tutoring. The grant to ESPI helped provide Hunter test prep classes to academically advanced students from low-income neighborhoods and racially isolated schools. Achillea Peer Tutoring was started by an HCHS student as a school club to provide one-on-one peer tutoring to students with experiences in the child welfare system in New York City. Under the fiscal sponsorship of the New York Foundling, it has expanded to providing similar tutoring services across the country.

Other grants in 2021 included a grant to the High School's Debate Team, funding for a research article on ADHD published by a graduating HCHS senior in the journal Nature Scientific Reports, and stipends for HCHSAA student interns who worked in support of HCHSAA Diversity Committee initiatives. The Association also provided transportation support for underserved families of new HCHS seventh graders who live far from the High School, without easy access to transportation or carpool options.

In 2022, HCHSAA continued to support similar initiatives. In January, it made a grant to the High School to help create a video library of Hunter teacher tutorials for sixth grade students preparing for the High School's entrance exam and made an initial grant to help fund HCHSAA's own pilot mentoring project. In early April, the Association made a grant to the High School to pay for an annual subscription to NEMNET – a diversity recruitment and consulting firm for faculty and school administrators.

Events/Programs - In calendar 2021, HCHSAA continued to engage the alumnae/i community through a series of programs, events, and communications. The Association continued and expanded the robust calendar of virtual programs it started in 2020 in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Due to the flexibility of Zoom, the programs held by the Association reached a greater audience of alums in both scope and location.

The Association offered 26 virtual programs on an array of topics including an interactive class of yoga and tai chi, an interview related to the banning of nuclear weapons, and panels organized around such varied topics as comedy, entrepreneurship, and financial planning and investing. HCHSAA's Diversity Committee sponsored two programs held



in celebration of Black History Month, and a third discussion for Women's History Month. Four Chinese American alums facilitated a panel discussion to commemorate Lunar New Year in February. A new program established in observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day brought together four survivors whose families fled Europe to eventually arrive in the U.S. The Diversity Committee also sponsored a three-part series of Roundtable Discussions that addressed underrepresented groups at HCHS. The Roundtable Discussions featured alums, faculty, and current Hunter students as panelists.

HCHSAA held its first Legal Networking night to support alums interested in the legal profession. It included a panel discussion with alumnae/i professionals and breakout groups with alum attorneys practicing in academia, banking, entertainment, real estate, and other fields. The Association also hosted a number of regional social hours on Zoom for alums based in the Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia (DMV) area that formed as the basis for a potential regional chapter. Additionally, the Association served as the host for a coronavirus support and discussion group, Life in the Time of Corona, which was held

monthly from January through August and drew attendance from alums of different years.

In the fall, the Association offered a select series of events that included a book talk with two authors moderated by retired HCHSA English faculty member Kip Zegers. 2021 also marked a return to in person theater, when a group of nearly two dozen alums gathered to see the production *Morning Sun* in November; tickets for the show sold out in a matter of minutes.

Overall, the Association's virtual programs in 2021 had over 50 alums and 6 students volunteer their time to discuss their careers, noteworthy achievements, and current days at the High School. These program participants came from many different states as well as from Europe, as did our audience.

For the second year in a row, HCHSAA held its 2021 reunion event virtually. The event (on June 5, 2021) drew an audience of nearly 300 alums who were eager to connect with their classmates after more than a year of social distancing and isolation. The Association's 2021 Annual Meeting of Members immediately following the Reunion program saw its highest attendance in more than a decade.

Throughout the year, HCHSAA continued to maintain many of its regular communications despite switching all of its staff to remote work in March 2020. In calendar 2021, the Association published two issues of



its magazine, *AlumNotes*, and emailed 12 monthly eNewsletters, in addition to weekly event related emails.

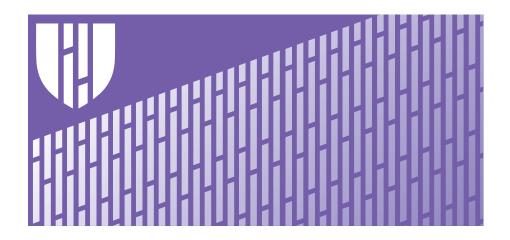
Since December 31, 2021, the Association has continued to sponsor programs and events - repeating its successful programs in celebration of Black History Month and Women's History Month. HCHSAA also resumed hosting the Life in the Time of Corona support group and sponsored another virtual program in early 2022, which featured a medical expert's Q&A on COVID-19 and its effect on children. The Association also continued to publish its monthly eNewsletters, as well as the Winter Issue and this Spring Issue of AlumNotes.



FINANCIAL REPORT

To meet the annual report requirements of Section 519 of the New York Not-for-Profit Law, the Association has prepared the following information for the calendar years 2020 and 2021. This information is not based on HCHSAA's fiscal years, is not audited, and has not been subject to an independent verification and review process. To see HCHSAA's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 prepared by Lutz & Carr, LLP

Calendar Year Comparisons	2021	2020	% Change
Assets (including trust funds)	\$1,831,672	\$1,929,006	-5.05%
Liabilities (including trust funds)	\$290	\$290	0.00%
Revenue/Receipts			
Restricted	\$13,675	\$32,039	-57.32%
Unrestricted	\$450,838	\$507,296	-11.13%
TOTAL	\$464,513	\$539,335	-13.87%
Expenses/ Disbursement			
Restricted	\$8,000	\$3,175	151.97%
Unrestricted	\$599,186	\$491,839	21.83%
TOTAL	\$607,186	\$495,014	22.66%



HCHSAA STAFF

Kinshasa Peterson Communications Manager

Kinshasa Peterson joined HCHSAA in January 2017 as the Association's Communications Manager, bringing over fifteen years of professional experience in marketing and communications to the position. A third generation New Yorker and Brooklyn native, she has worked in varied environments in the for profit and nonprofit sector. Before joining HCHSAA, Kinshasa served as marketing and communications director for LEIMAY, a performing arts collective



based in Williamsburg, and developed a marketing plan for their world premiere of *Becoming-Corpus* at the BAM Fisher in 2013.

Her responsibilities at HCHSAA include writing, editing, and producing *AlumNotes* 2-3 times per year, and working with a graphic designer and proofreader to bring each issue to completion. Kinshasa is also responsible for writing and editing the monthly eNewsletter as well as other eblasts for programs, events, and other messaging put forth by HCHSAA. She assists in creating communications for Reunion Weekend, and also provides staff support to the Communications and Diversity committees. She supports the alumnae/i community by responding to requests and inquiries as needed.

Kinshasa is a graduate of the United Nations International School, where she completed International Baccalaureate coursework in Anthropology. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Sarah Lawrence College with a concentration in Fiction Writing, Anthropology, and French.

Thomas Zwilling Manager, Membership and Administration

Thomas Zwilling is the newest member of HCHSAA team, joining in March 2022 as Manager, Membership and Administration. In this role, he oversees HCHSAA membership, helps organize class reunions, processes incoming gifts, and maintains the organization's records. He is excited to join the team and to get to know the HCHS family. Prior to joining HCHSAA, he worked for six years at Inner-City Scholarship Fund as a Prospect Researcher and Manager of Direct Marketing.

In his free time, Tom enjoys reading, working out, watching television, and wishing that he had more interesting hobbies. He is a native New Yorker, born and raised on Long Island and currently residing in Queens. He attended Chaminade High School in Mineola and St. John's University in Jamaica, Queens, where he graduated *summa cum laude* with a degree in Management and a minor in philosophy.



Thomas Laurel Technology Associate

Thomas Laurel first joined HCHSAA as a Hunter College Intern in 2018. Majoring in Computer Science, he was also president of the school's Breakdancing Club! Thomas graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the college in May 2021 and resumed his role with HCHSAA in February 2022. As Technology Associate at the Alumnae/i Association, he supports the efforts of the Communications Manager and the Manager, Membership &



Administration in the areas of technology, social media, and data entry.

Thomas' family emigrated from Manila, Philippines and settled in the Bronx. A recipient of STEM and Arts scholarships, he began his Hunter College studies with a range of introductory courses in his freshman year. Drawn to the problem-solving aspects of computer science, he decided to major in the subject. Through his arts scholarship, he took a dance class and furthered his long-standing interest in breakdancing. He was also active in the student club POH, Philippinos of Hunter.

Thomas is a graduate of the Bronx Early College Academy, where he completed International Baccalaureate coursework in Math, History, and English. Thomas enjoys gaming, fitness, and has recently been exploring projects with a 3D printer.



HUNTER COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE/I ASSOCIATION, INC. (HCHSAA or The Association)

MEMBER VOTER REGISTRATION AND BALLOT REQUEST FORM

I hereby certify that -

- I either graduated from Hunter College High School (the School or Hunter) or attended Hunter for at least three years;
- All of the contact information (Contact Information) below is complete and correct;
- I agree to have my Contact Information included in the list of registered voters that HCHSAA
 is required to maintain and provide to those who request it;
- I understand that registering for HCHSAA Reunion 2022 is a separate process from registering to vote at and request a Ballot & Proxy for the HCHSAA Annual Meeting;
- I would like to receive a ballot to vote in the Annual Meeting of HCHSAA to be held on June 4, 2022; AND
- I realize that I will receive only an electronic Ballot & Proxy unless I specifically email a request
 to receive a printed or pdf Ballot & Proxy to membership@hchsaa.org on or before 5pm ET on
 Friday, May 13, 2022 (the Record Date).

My Contact Information is -

Current Name*	
Name at Hunter (if different)*	
Address*	
Graduation Date from Hunter*	
Years Attended Hunter (if did not graduate)*	
Email Address*	
Phone Number	

I understand that in order to receive a ballot to vote at the Annual Meeting this registration -

- is subject to confirmation with Hunter that I either graduated from the School or attended it for at least three (3) years; AND
- must be completed and received by HCHSAA before the Record Date
 - via email to membership@hchsaa.org; OR
 - via mail to HCHSAA at Hunter College East, Room 1313B, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10065.

Signature*:			
Name*:			
Dato*:			

^{*}Indicates a required field that must be completed for registration to be processed and accepted.



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REUNION 2022 REGISTRATION

I would like to register for Reunion 2022 to be held at Hunter College High School (HCHS) on June 4, 2022. I understand that registering for Reunion 2022 is a separate process from registering for the HCHSAA Annual Meeting to be held on the same day.

My Contact Information is -

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Name at Hunter (if different)*	
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Years Attended Hunter (if did not graduate)*	
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	** payable to Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association, Inc. ing amount*** (check one box below):
[] \$45.00 for You	ing Alums (who graduated from HCHS or another high school in or after 2012)
[] \$55.00 for Se	enior Alums (age 65 and older)
[] \$65.00 for all	other Alums
lunch buffets. If you have	CHSAA will work to provide a wide variety of options for the breakfast and a specific dietary restrictions, please email reunion@hchsaa.org before a list of the different options that the caterer for Reunion 2022 will be able
Signature*:	
Name*:	
Date*:	

- * Indicates a required field that must be completed for registration to be processed.
- ** If you wish to pay by another means, please register online at hchsaa.org/Reunion2022/ or contact reunion@hchsaa.org.
- *** Some members of milestone classes may find the cost of Reunion 2022 prohibitive. If that is the case for you, please contact reunion@hchsaa.org. If you would like to make a donation to HCHSAA to cover the cost of alums with such constraints, please also contact reunion@hchsaa.org.

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