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## *Letter From the President*

Dear Friends,

The Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association would like to thank you, the alumnae/i, as well as your friends and families, for making this one of the most productive fundraising years in the school's history. The HCHSAA received significant contributions through the annual phonathon and individual class gifts. The school also received its largest single gift ever. Martin Shkreli generously donated \$1 million to Hunter with the aim of "supporting and expanding its reputation as one of the premier schools in New York City and the United States." We sincerely thank Martin and all of our other contributors for their generosity and continued support of the school.

This has also been an outstanding year for the Association's numerous programs and events. The June reunion weekend had the highest attendance in years with alumnae/i flying in from all over the country and abroad to participate. Representatives from every milestone class presented at the annual assembly beginning with the class of 1940! Both the all-Hunter showing of **Lin-Manuel Miranda's '98** musical "Hamilton," at the Public Theater, and the group trip to "An American in Paris," produced by **Jane Dubin '74**, sold out almost immediately and were extremely well received. We were also honored to have **Patty Chang Anker '88** read selections from her book, *Some Nerve: Lessons Learned While Becoming Brave*, at the high school library and **Laura Auricchio '86**, read selections from her book, *The Marquis: Lafayette Reconsidered*, at the Lotus Club.

The past year's success was made possible by your generous support. We are confident that next year will be equally productive. We have numerous exciting programs in the works and hope to continue to strengthen our Hunter alumnae/i bonds. We ask that you continue all of your support and visit the website: [www.hchsaa.org](http://www.hchsaa.org) and our official Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/officialhchsaa](http://www.facebook.com/officialhchsaa). Sign up, update your contact information and most importantly, stay involved.

We hope that all of you enjoy your summer and look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

Very truly yours,



Matthias Li '95  
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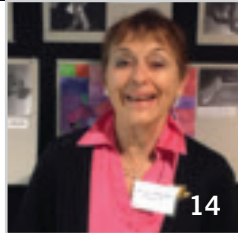
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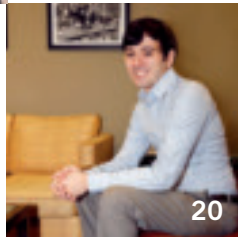
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## Congratulations to the Class of 2015 !

### WHICH COLLEGES ARE THE 2015 HUNTERITES ATTENDING?

COLLEGE	ATTEND	COLLEGE	ATTEND	COLLEGE	ATTEND
Allegheny College	1	Indiana University at Bloomington	1	SUNY Binghamton University	6
Bard College	1	Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)	1	SUNY Geneseo	1
Bates College	1	Johns Hopkins University	1	SUNY Purchase College	1
Boston College	1	Kenyon College	1	SUNY Stony Brook University	8
Boston University	2	Lafayette College	1	Swarthmore College	1
Bowdoin College	2	Lehigh University	3	Tufts University	4
Brown University	5	London School of Economics	1	Tulane University	1
Carnegie Mellon University	5	Macalester College	2	University of California, Los Angeles	1
Case Western Reserve	1	McGill University	1	University of California, Santa Barbara	1
Clark University	1	Middlebury College	1	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	2
Colby College	1	Minerva Institute for Research & Scholarship	1	Union College	1
Columbia University	11	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1	United States Naval Academy	1
Cornell University	15	New York University	11	University of Chicago	6
CUNY Hunter College	4	Northeastern University	1	University of Connecticut	2
CUNY Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education	3	Oberlin College	3	University of Edinburgh	2
The Curtis Institute of Music	1	Oberlin Conservatory of Music	1	University of Michigan	4
Dickinson College	1	Parsons The New School for Design	1	University of Pennsylvania	4
Duke University	1	Pomona College	1	University of Pittsburgh	1
Emerson College	1	Pratt Institute	1	University of Southern California	1
Emory University	1	Princeton University	4	University of Texas, Austin	1
Emory University - Oxford College	1	Purdue University	1	University of Virginia	1
The Evergreen State College	1	Rochester Institute of Technology	2	University of Washington	1
Georgetown University	2	Scripps College	1	Washington University in St. Louis	3
Grinnell College	1	Skidmore College	1	Wesleyan University	5
Harvard University	7	Stanford University	1	Williams College	5
Haverford College	1			Yale University	8
Howard University	1				

## News from the School

### Project Diversity Wins Princeton Race Relations Prize

Rising seniors and cofounders of the HCHS Diversity Club, **Meredith Pong '16** and **Shamsa Derrick '16**, created *Project Diversity*, an installation of photography and word that highlights the racial, sexual, and socio-economic diversity at Hunter and addresses stereotypes that are associated with these identifiers. The presentation hangs in a hallway at HCHS to remind observers that these limiting labels undermine our individual human dignity. The two students received the 2015 Princeton Race Relations Prize for their work. The project can be viewed in more detail on their Tumblr blog. (<http://hchsdiversityproject.tumblr.com>)



Meredith Pong '16



Shamsa Derrick '16



**Kalia Firester '15** (front row, second from left) captured the Second Place Medal of Distinction for Global Good this Spring in the 2015 Intel Science Talent Search National Competition. Her research on how tomato plants and other crops can fight off deadly parasites won her a \$75,000 scholarship to the college of her choice. Her study may have far-reaching applications for environmental and human disease control. At HCHS this past year, Kalia participated as a teaching intern in research biology. She will be attending Harvard University this fall.



The Rohawks (Robotics Team 3419) at 2015 DC Regional Competition

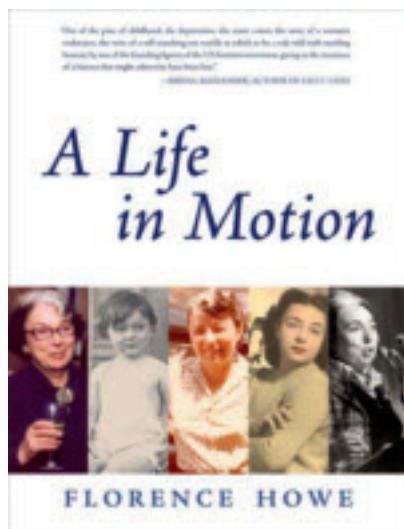
### HCHS Robotics Wins Again

The Rohawks (Robotics Team 3419) won the DC Regional Competition (and the Quality Award sponsored by Motorola, which celebrates machine robustness in concept and fabrication) and competed in the FIRST Robotics Championship (FRC) in St. Louis, Missouri on April 22-25 with over 600 teams from around the USA and the world. (This is an HCHSAA supported project.)



## Alum Updates

**Roslyn Willett '40** was inducted into the Hunter College Hall of Fame this past May for her outstanding leadership in extending the professional boundaries for women. Roslyn was the first female technical executive at Stein, Hall & Co., Inc. and the first female editor at McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. In 1950, as editor of *Diner Magazine*, she pioneered "flextime," working from home two days a week. Roslyn became the first woman to establish a public relations and marketing firm for industrial, high-tech, and medical equipment, as well as for the corporate and financial industries. In 1970, Roslyn was elected to the Women's Political Caucus, Inc., where she developed training programs. Her professional biography is included in a new book, *Feminists Who Changed America* (p. 494, 1963-1975), published in April 2015 by University of Illinois Press.



**Florence ROSENFELD Howe, Jan. '46** has enjoyed a long career as a thought leader and women's rights activist carving out a new path for those who followed. In 1970, she co-founded *The Feminist Press*, an educational nonprofit journal to advance women's rights. Still active in her eighties, Ms. Howe gave a presentation this past April on the life and legacy of poet and writer Grace Paley at a New School symposium. Ms. Howe was Ms. Paley's editor, publisher, and friend from the mid-1960s until her death in 2007. The event was introduced by **Laura Auricchio '87**,

Dean of Undergraduate Studies at The New School.

**Nanette KASS Wenger '47, MD**, was awarded The 2015 Inaugural Bernadine Healy Leadership in Women's Cardiovascular Disease Distinguished Award by the American College of Cardiology. Dr. Wenger is a professor of medicine in the cardiology division at Emory University School of Medicine, and the former Chief of Cardiology at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Wenger's half-century dedication to reducing women's disability and death from cardiovascular disease has earned her international renown as among the top experts on coronary disease for women. She is listed in *Best Doctors in America*.

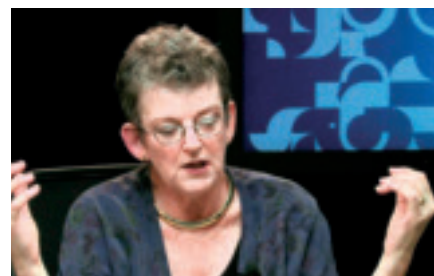
**Rose Hartman '55** has published her latest book, *Incomparable Couples* (ACC Editions), featuring over one hundred and fifty of her photographs of famous couples, including the photo of Bianca Jagger kissing Mick Jagger at Studio 54 in 1977. The New York Journal of Books calls *Couples*, "a love note to New York City." An excerpt from the book can be found in the July issue of *Harper's Bazaar*. ([www.rosehartmanphotography.com](http://www.rosehartmanphotography.com))

**Sharon KLAYMAN Farber '61** will be publishing a new book, *Celebrate the Wounded Healer Psychotherapist: Pain, Resilience, and Self-Disclosure*. She is seeking chapters from "Hunter alum psychotherapists who consider themselves to be wounded healers." For further information and guidelines contact her at: [Sharonkfarber@gmail.com](mailto:Sharonkfarber@gmail.com) or 914-478-1924.

**Helene WILLIAMS Spierman '61** performed in a Brahms recital on August 13 at the Bethpage Public Library. Her other project this year is singing the title role of Alexander Dargomyzhsky's opera *Rusalka* to be performed at Queens College on November 22. The English translation of the production was written by her husband, composer Leonard Lehrman, and her late mother-in-law, Emily Lehrman. The opera tells the story of the unrequited love of the Miller's daughter (played by Helene) who turns into a mermaid after throwing herself into the Dniepr.

**Gail LEVY Pool '64** had her memoir, *Lost Among the Baining: Adventure, Marriage, and Other Fieldwork*, published this year by the University of Missouri Press. The

book looks back with humor on a field trip she took with her husband in the Sixties to live with the Baining of Papua New Guinea. The trip was a fiasco. The Pool's couldn't make sense of the Baining's unusual lives. Returning home, they couldn't make sense of their own lives. The story follows the couple's sixteen months in the bush, the culture-shocked aftermath, and their return—forty years later—for a warm reunion with the people who so upended their world.



**Irene Greif '65** was honored by Hunter College High School as this year's Distinguished Alumna. In 1975, she was the first woman to receive a Ph.D. in Computer Science from MIT. Irene is a founder in the field of Computer-Supported Cooperative Work. She taught Computer Science at the University of Washington and MIT where she also taught Electrical Engineering. In 1987, Irene left academia to help develop Lotus software products and worked at IBM until retiring in 2013.

**Jane Tillman Irving '65** was awarded the prestigious 2015 Writer's Guild of America Award for her WCBS Radio News series, "Civil Rights at 50." The awards were presented on Saturday, February 14, 2015 in simultaneous ceremonies in Los Angeles and New York. The WGA awards are for outstanding achievements in film, television, and radio have been presented annually since 1949. The winners are selected by the 12,000 members of the Writer's Guild. ([www.wgaeast.org](http://www.wgaeast.org))

**Claudia Justy '66** was a featured speaker at an alumni event at SUNY New Paltz on March 11, 2015. The program, in honor of Women's History Month, highlighted career choices made by alumni. Justy, who graduated from New Paltz in 1970, originally trained to be a secondary school teacher. After attending graduate school at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, she went on to become a college administrator. In 1984, she earned a JD from Touro Law School. She has been



an HCHSAA Board member since 2014 and is currently chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

**Stella KWASNIK Cottam '67, Ph.D.**, has co-authored a new book, *Eclipses, Transits, and Comets of the Nineteenth Century: How America's Perception of the Skies Changed* (Springer, 2014). Dr. Cottam received her Ph.D. through the Centre for Astronomy at James Cook University in Australia. Her thesis topic was called, "The Popularization of Astronomy in the United States of America Subsequent to the Transits of Venus of 1874 and 1882 and the Total Solar Eclipses of 1868, 1869, and 1878." At the Centre, her academic supervisors included co-author, Wayne Orchiston.

**Phyllis ROSEN Merriam '71** presented her work in a group exhibition entitled "Naked" at the Nave Gallery Annex in Somerville, Massachusetts from May 21-June 20, 2015. The exhibit was curated by photographer Brett Henrikson.

**Adria Quiñones '79** has won The Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators' On-The-Verge Emerging Voices Award for her middle-grade novel, *The Disappeared*, the story of a boy trying to understand his father's disappearance. The award is given to "writers or illustrators who are from ethnic and/or cultural backgrounds that are traditionally underrepresented in children's literature in America."

**Jean Wilim Tom '80, Ph.D.**, Group Director of Research at Bristol-Myers Squibb, was inducted by the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) into its College of Fellows on March 16, 2015 in Washington, D.C. The College of Fellows is comprised of the top two percent of medical and biological engineers in the country. The most accomplished and distinguished medical chairs, research directors, professors, innovators, and successful entrepreneurs are invited into the College of Fellows.



**Thunder Levin '81** wrote the screenplay for *SHARKNADO 3: OH HELL NO!*, the third installment in the series of made-for-television disaster films that premiered on the Syfy Channel on July 22. The Sharknado series has generated a popular cult following. *Rotten Tomatoes* writes of Sharknado's remarkable success: "Proudly, shamelessly, and gloriously brainless, *Sharknado* redefines 'so bad it's good' for a new generation." Thunder's 2014 screenplay *SHARKNADO 2: THE SECOND ONE* generated over 1 billion Twitter impressions and was the highest-rated original movie in Syfy history. The show included a shout-out to his HCHS alma

*"The College of Fellows is comprised of the top two percent of medical and biological engineers in the country."*

mater through a teenage character who refers to his New York high school as being "built like a brick prison."



**Lori Hoepner '90, MPH, DrPH**, successfully defended her dissertation for the DrPH degree from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, Department of Environmental Health Sciences. Her dissertation was entitled, "Bisphenol A Exposure, Adipogenic Mechanism and Effect on Childhood Adiposity." Fellow Hunterites **Jeb Harben '90** (Lori's husband) and **Bridget Goris-Klein '90** (her close friend since the first day of 7th grade at HCHS) were in attendance to cheer her on. On May 19, 2015 at the Mailman School, Lori was presented with The I. Bernard Weinstein Award for Academic Excellence in Environmental Health Sciences for the DrPH/PhD for "outstanding academic achievement and promise in the field of public health." Her research focuses on the effects of the chemical bisphenol A (BPA), found in polycarbonate plastics and epoxy resins (such as in food can linings), on obesity/body size outcomes in inner city minority children, as well as a laboratory component looking at possible genetic effects of BPA in human fat cells.





**Daisy ALPERT Florin '91** has published an essay entitled “Crash” in the July issue of *Under the Gum Tree*, a literary arts magazine. Published quarterly with the byline, *Telling Stories Without Shame*, the digital journal presents creative nonfiction and visual art that strives to create “authentic connections through vulnerability...stories that are the hardest to tell.” Daisy also pens a blog for “thinking mothers” at [www.brainchildmag.com](http://www.brainchildmag.com).



**Peter ‘PK’ Kimelman '91** is Founder and Artistic Director of the FLUX Foundation in Oakland, CA, a nonprofit collaborative practice for creating large-scale public art. His work *Bloom!*, a 35’ tall bouquet of flowers and butterflies “made of a car hood, tires, kitchen tools, a traffic signal, an HVAC duct, a car bumper, artificial turf, and a road plate intended to establish a connection between our actions, animals and shared environment” is currently on view at the Philadelphia Zoo. During the first week of June, *Lacuna*, a public art space and a library created from 50,000 books donated by the *Internet Archive*, debuted at the Bay Area Festival of the Book in Berkeley. FLUX has also received a commission for a new work, *Dreamland*, for this year’s Burning Man festival.



**Veronica S. Jung '93** has launched a boutique law firm in New York City. The Law Offices of Veronica S. Jung, LLC is an employment law practice that represents both employers and employees and focuses on quality, cost-effective solutions to workplace disputes, both in and out of the courtroom. For more information: [www.veronicajunglaw.com](http://www.veronicajunglaw.com).



**Judd Kessler '00**, Assistant Professor of Business Economics & Public Policy at Wharton, was interviewed on NPR Radio’s morning edition by host Shankar Vedantam on May 27 on the state of U.S. organ donorship and how to increase it. Judd conducted a study with Alvin Roth of Stanford University of six million people’s donor choices before and after a California law changed. He discussed his research study findings on NPR.

**Lianne Bassin '03** debuted her album, *Breathe In: Children’s Songs for Mindfulness & Awareness*, on June 20. Lianne spent fourteen years attending HCES and HCHS and “thanks to her amazing elementary school music teacher, Ms. Ames,” Lianne has been a singer-songwriter since the age of five. She currently uses her background as a singer, early childhood teacher, and yoga instructor to create opportunities for children to learn mindfulness. In February 2014, Lianne was awarded a

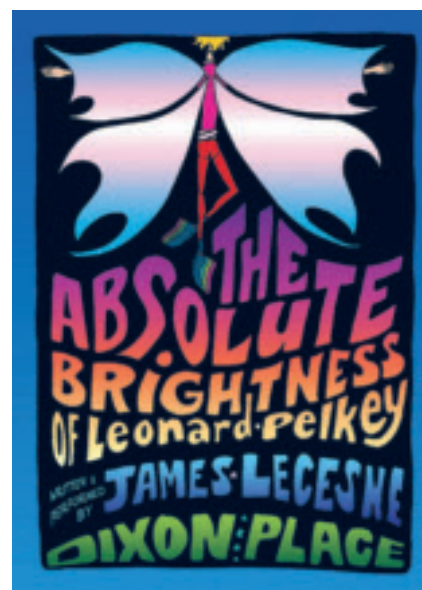


grant from Rodeph Sholom School to record a children’s album focused on mindfulness. *Breathe In* inspires mindfulness as a way of living, helping children to pay attention to themselves, others, and their surroundings. ([www.liannebassin.com](http://www.liannebassin.com))

**Benji Goldstein '10** composed a new musical, *The Average Achievers*, along with playwright Jonathan Karpinos. It was presented this past March at the HCHS Spring musical under the direction of the high school theater director Meg Sturiano. A video clip of the Hunter production was screened at this year’s HCHSAA Reunion event on Saturday, June 6, 2015.

#### Late Update:

**Jane Dubin '74**, producer of “An American in Paris,” has produced another hit show. The show, “The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey,” written and performed by James Lecesne is playing at the Westside Theater on West 43 Street. Charles Isherwood of the *New York Times* call it “a superlative solo show.” ([www.absolutebrightness.com](http://www.absolutebrightness.com))





## In Memoriam



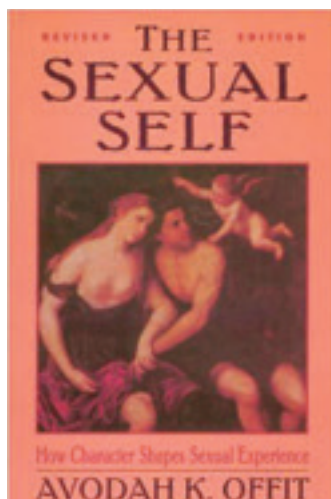
**Ruth GEISSINGER Robertson '32** of Mt. Kisco, N.Y., passed away peacefully Monday, March 16, 2015, a month away from her 99th birthday. She was a graduate of Hunter College. She received an MD from the University of Michigan in 1939, one of eight women in a class of eighty. Board-certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology, she moved to Mt. Kisco in 1948 where she worked at Planned Parenthood for more than thirty-five years.

**Grace E. Watson '41** died on February 1, 2015 in Washington, DC. She was the youngest child of Judge James S. Watson and Violet Lopez Watson of New York. She worked for the Department of Health Education and Welfare as an executive and an administrator of numerous programs including the Horace Mann Learning Center. She had a lifelong interest in improving education, especially for the underprivileged. Grace was the quiet member of a high profile and accomplished Harlem Renaissance family. She was rarely stressed or worried, always seeking to be of help, and true to her name, always gracious. She is survived by her nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and nephews.

**Phyllis ROBINOVE Block '43** died on January 13, 2015. She was very proud to have been a graduate of Hunter College High School. She attended Hunter College, was named Phi Beta Kappa and went on to earn a master's degree and Ph.D. from Columbia University in Romance Languages. She married the late rabbi, Dr. Irving J. Block, who founded the

Brotherhood Synagogue in Gramercy Park. She leaves behind her son Herbert Block, and her grandchildren Joseph, Isaac, and Tamar.

**Ethel SCHARFMAN Dwork '43** passed away June 4, 2014. Ethel graduated from Hunter College. She moved to Essex Junction, VT when her husband, Julius Dwork, became a math professor at the University of Vermont. She worked for almost thirty years at the IRS in Burlington, retiring in 1984. Ethel will be missed by her niece Rebecca, nephew Jack, his wife Gina, their children, her cousin Mark Abrams, his daughter Nilima, her nephew Arthur, and her closest friend from college, Esther Fink of Monroe Township, N.J. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Friends of the Brownell Library, 6 Lincoln St., Essex Junction, VT 05452 or the Visiting Nurse Association, 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT 05446.



**Avodah KOMITO Offit, Jan. '48** dedicated her adult life to helping her patients as a respected and accomplished psychiatrist, and her family as a devoted and loving mother and wife. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Hunter College, marrying Sidney Offit, a young novelist, and raising two sons, she enrolled in New York University Medical School and received a medical degree in 1967. She completed an internship at Lenox Hill Hospital and her residency at Payne Whitney Psychiatric Clinic of New York Hospital where she joined the staff. She was also a member of the faculty of the Cornell University Medical College. After entering private practice, Dr. Offit was a pioneer in understanding the psychological basis of human sexuality. She defined the emerging field of sex therapy

in scholarly books and in popular columns and articles in national magazines including *Glamour*, *Vogue* and *Self*. In her office in her family's brownstone on East 69th Street, Dr. Offit wrote three books. Her first book, *The Sexual Self*, (1977) was a critical success, described as "strewn with wit and insight," by the *The New York Times*. *The New Republic* magazine dubbed Dr. Offit the "Montaigne of human sexuality."

**Roberta ERENSTOFT Wyler '49** passed away in December 2014. She taught in the New York City school system for many years. She will be greatly missed by her devoted sons Michael and Richard, her daughter-in-law Beth, and her beloved grandchildren. She will also be missed by her very close Hunter High School friends of almost seventy years, **Betsey SINGER Weinstein '49** and **Marilyn MUTH Heinrich '49**.

**Marcia BRODSKY Feinberg, Jan. '51** died peacefully in hospice care on March 24, 2015. She courageously lived with progressive peritoneal cancer since her diagnosis in 2010. A fervent reader and consummate crafter, she quickly created a social network wherever she went. She treasured good jokes, her friends, and her Jewish heritage almost as much as her family. Any remembrances in her honor can be directed to National Tay Sachs and Allied Diseases (NTSAD.org) for which she was a lifetime volunteer after losing her son to Tay Sachs many years ago. She is survived by her two daughters, two sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

**Joann LYON McLennan '55** passed away on January 29, 2015. Joann will be sadly missed and fondly remembered for her feisty character and sharp intellect. She was recently predeceased by her beloved husband of 43 years, Rodger. Joann leaves behind many friends cultivated through years of volunteer and charity work with various organizations, including the Royal Ontario Museum, and her beloved goddaughter, Amy Brandon.

**Rita HECHT Gellermann '59** died peacefully in her Upper West Side home on June 7, 2015. Rita is survived by her beloved husband, William P. Gellermann, Ph.D., sister-in-law Dianne Samuelson, nephew and niece Eric and Sally Samuelson, cousins Sheldon Turteltaub, Renee Turteltaub, Fanny Putter and son Lawrence Putter. She received her B.A. from Brooklyn College, her master's degree from CUNY, and

was a psychologist at Elmhurst Hospital for 30 years. She was loved and respected by patients and colleagues. Rita was a loyal friend to many. She loved life and *The New York Times*. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center for gynecological cancer research.

**Eleanor ROSS Kleinberg '62** passed away peacefully on March 30, 2015. The beloved wife of Alan, loving mother of Amanda, caring daughter of Robert Ross and Frida Kaminer Ross, she was an inspiration and source of strength and wisdom to many. After Hunter, Eleanor graduated from Barnard College in 1966, and worked as the Vice President of the advertising agency Benton & Bowles until 1980. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Barnard College, 3009 Broadway, NY, NY 10027 or 212-870-2520.

**Ellen Kay Schwartz '69** died June 16, 2015 at home. Ellen attended Vassar College and Boston University School of Law, where she met her husband, Ed. A staunch believer in both public service and the need for fair application of the law to all, Ellen served as an attorney for the Legal Aid Society, Inspector General for various NYC agencies, Asst. Deputy Commissioner for the NYPD, and Head of Internal Affairs for the Baltimore Police Dept. For the last eight years, Ellen served the people of the State of New York, first as Executive Deputy Chief of Staff in the Attorney General's Office and then as Assistant Executive Deputy Secretary to the Governor.

**Sally SPITZEL Edwards '70** passed away Labor Day weekend in 2014. She wanted to be remembered as being funny first, and loving and caring second. She will be deeply missed by her husband Gordon, her children Spencer and Sarah, and her sister Carol Gross (Jerry). Notes of condolence can be sent to her sister: *Carol Gross*, 205 West End Ave, Apt 5U, New York, NY 10023 or her husband and children: *Gordon Edwards*, 108 Kathy Ann Court, McMurray, PA 15317.

**Joseph C. Scarlatti Thompson '83**, a much-loved professor of philosophy at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks who passed away from lung cancer last summer, is being remembered by his many student with the Joseph C. Thompson Memorial Lecture Series. The Joseph C. Thompson Memorial



Scholarship Fund has also been created. Former students and colleagues are requesting donations to the scholarship in his name. If the fund eclipses \$25,000 in donations in the first five years, it will be funded in perpetuity. An excerpt from an article in the *Alaska Commons* reads, "We have many instructors in life, but few teachers. Rare is the man who teaches well; rarer still is the man whose lessons last a lifetime. Thompson was one of those shining few."

To donate, go to (<http://www.uaf.edu/giving/gift/giving-form/schools/CLA/>). Details about the Fund are also listed on Facebook at: "Joseph C. Thompson Memorial Scholarship Fund." For more information, please email: [jquinones@alaska.edu](mailto:jquinones@alaska.edu)



*Matthew Hennessy '90 while attending HCHS.*

**Matthew Hennessy '90** died December 1, 2014 in Bastrop, Texas following complications after a motorcycle crash on Thanksgiving. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bastrop Animal Rescue: (<http://www.bastropanimalrescue.org/>).

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

**Helen KAUTZ Schultz '34**  
**Genevieve JAROSZ Young '35**  
**Elisabeth NIEDERMAYER Stuart, Jan. '42**

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Alice BLOCK Segal, Jan. '44  
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 Rose MARKMAN Klausner, Jan. '50  
 Erica Levy, Jan. '50  
 Eva FORGAN Merkel, Jan. '50  
 Marilyn Plottel, Jan. '50  
 Ruth SINGER Schanker, Jan. '50

*A correction for Mary BECKER Berger '42 from Winter 2015 AlumNotes, In Memoriam: Mary leaves behind her three beloved daughters Emily, Sarah, and Deborah, and five grandchildren. Deborah who lives in Acton, MA. was inadvertently omitted from the previous notice.*



## Alum Events

### HCHS Favorite Son Gives Back!

On March 12, 2015, nearly three hundred Hunterites and their guests filled the Public Theater for an HCHSAA sponsored event to see a favorite son, **Lin-Manuel Miranda '98** – the mastermind behind the blockbuster hip-hop musical, *Hamilton*. Lin dedicated the performance and post show “talkback” to alumni and current HCHS students. The crowded lobby was full of smiles and excitement from Miranda fans fortunate enough to have purchased a ticket.

Upon the urging of Lin-Manuel friend and fellow alum, Judd Kessler '00 and with the cooperation of the Alumnae/i Association's program committee, chaired by **Marjorie LANDSBERG Goldsmith '61** (chairwoman and former head of HCHS science department) and committee members **Florence ROSENFELD Howe, Jan. '46, Amy Farber '71, Angela Liang '91, Alexis Fermanis '94, and Matthias Li '95**, the HCHSAA purchased the entire theater for an all-Hunter performance. The program committee also invited current students and their parents to attend through the high school PTA. Perhaps it is a credit to his Hunter education that in Lin-Manuel's America, women and minorities are not invisible or voiceless, but instead take center stage with equal power and presence along side of Hamilton as central characters. The women of *Hamilton* are so integral to the storyline that they have replaced such prominent figures as John Adams.

The March evening was a tribute to Lin-Manuel's love for Hunter. During the talkback, he made fond references to HCHS faculty to the delight of the audience. Attending Hunterites gave the love back and watched with rapt attention. They seemed to know they were watching not only American history, but theatrical history as well. The show called the “coolest Broadway musical ever” by *Time Out* moved uptown to the Richard Rodgers 1319-seat theater on Broadway in July and opened on August 6.



Lin-Manuel with cast members at the post-show “talkback” at the Public.

#### HUNTERITES / MIRANDA FANS



Lin-Manuel with Judd Kessler '00



Thomas Summerville '00,  
Nicole EISENMAN Weber '00



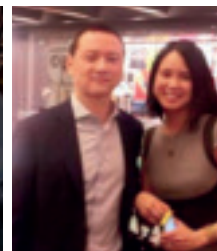
Christine Wong '95 & James Larkin



Cast member-I, HCHS  
student-r



Susan MAJORS Battley  
'68-l & Lynn SILVERSTEIN  
Najman '68-r



Matthias Li '95 &  
Jennifer Li



Pamela Roach '71  
with her mom



Hunterites waiting  
for the show to  
begin.



MARCH 26, 2015

## Diversity Committee's Inaugural Meetup at Pranna Bar

The Alumnae/i Association's Diversity Committee hosted its first networking and happy hour event, "Cocktails and Conversation," at *Pranna Bar*, a sleek clubby lounge near the Flatiron. Over forty Black and Latino alumni joined the event and enjoyed meeting fellow alums for the first time and reconnecting with others. For more information on upcoming events and programs, contact Committee Chairs: **Pamela Roach '71**, [pamela@breakthroughgroup.com](mailto:pamela@breakthroughgroup.com) and **Jessica Leonard '04**, [jess.leonard@gmail.com](mailto:jess.leonard@gmail.com)



*HCHS Alumnae catch up with old friends at the Diversity Committee's "Cocktails and Conversation."*



*At Sardi's pre-show talk with Jane Dubin '74 for *An American In Paris**

MAY 5, 2015

## Award-winning Broadway Revival: *An American in Paris* Performance & Discussion with Jane Dubin '74

Former investment banker and current theatrical producer, **Jane Dubin '74** graciously offered to host a discussion for Hunter alumni before an evening performance of her newest Broadway show, *An American in Paris*. Fifty Hunterites attended the performance and an enthusiastic group of twenty-five Gershwin fans joined Jane at Sardi's upstairs bar where she shared her experiences as a Tony Award-winning producer.

Jane's first Tony was won in 2009 for *The Norman Conquests*. "Paris" received four Tony Awards this year, as well the Drama League

Award for Best Musical, and four Drama Desk Awards. As she explained to the assembled alumni, Jane left Wall Street to combine her love of theatre with her business acumen, and to express her desire to "do something that had impact on the world in a positive way." She stated that she never had as much fun in finance as she is having as a theatrical producer. The Sardi's crowd peppered Jane with questions and clearly enjoyed the private behind-the-scenes preview with their very own Hunter alumna.

The show itself is breathtakingly beautiful. Choreographed by Royal Ballet star Christopher Wheeldon and performed by prima ballerinas on both sides of the Atlantic, the dance sequences against Tony award-winning sets and lighting designs seemed dream-like, as if a French Impressionist painting had come to life.





40th reunion dinner, Class '75  
Photo credit: Laura Levine '75

# Highlights from Reunion 2015

**R**eunion 2015 started off with a bang. A record number of alumni from all seventeen milestone classes attended this year. From January 1940 through June 2010, seventy years of Hunter history were present in the high school auditorium on Saturday, June 6.

The day began with alumni meeting in separate classrooms and catching up on decades of news before moving to the General Assembly. The assembly opened with a video presentation of the HCHS Spring Musical, *The Average Achievers*, music composed by milestone alumnus, **Benji Goldstein '10**. (Student performers were taking the SAT and unable to perform live that day.) A Hunter "history lesson" followed as a student historian shared unique discoveries of past HCHS memorabilia, including a "Personality Card" from 1937.

Between 1923 and 1953, many all-female years at Hunter had two graduating classes annually—one in January and another in June. **Roslyn Willet '40** who was recently inducted into the Hunter College Hall of Fame for her pioneering work for women, shared fond remembrances of her Hunter days. **Marjorie**

**Parrish, Jan. '40**, who brought her yearbook along to share with old friends, received a standing ovation after singing her school song for the assembly.

The combined 1945 classes numbered eight members in total and were organized by enthusiastic class coordinators, **Shirley BARER Levitt, Jan. '45**, **Phyllis FLYER Kavett, Jan. '45**, and **Joan SWIT Hollander '45**. **Phyllis Kavett** spoke about living through the Depression, World War II, and FDR's presidency. **Joan Hollander** recalled the attack on Pearl Harbor as a high school freshman and listening to FDR's radio address with the entire school as he declared war on Japan. **Shirley Levitt** shared the unusual high school experience of some of the Hunter girls "having fellas who were fighting" on the front lines. At the General Assembly, the classes of 1940 and 1945 sat in the front row of the auditorium obviously enjoying seeing each other again after so many years. One alumna remarked, "We're still friends!"

The Class of 1950 (June) reunion was pulled-together beautifully by **Marlene ADER Lerner '50** who is still actively working by co-managing her family business. **Phyllis LEKASHMAN Glantz, Jan. '50** spent the

better part of the year contacting alumnae and organizing the 65th reunion for her class. **Judith SEGAL Zabar, Jan. '50** hosted sixteen classmates at her sprawling West End Avenue home on Friday afternoon. On Saturday, both Phyllis and Judith were thrilled to present their class gift and memories of their Hunter years in the high school auditorium.

The well-organized Class of 1955 assembled twenty-five members together at the high school through the Herculean efforts of the class coordinating committee: **Eleanor (Ellie) PRUGER Seepes, Anita VALENTE Mule, Shirley ABRAHAMS Whitney, and Margaret (Peg) BETZ Perrin**. The dynamic foursome mailed letters, made countless phone calls, wrote emails, and held planning meetings to bring together as many classmates as possible. For those who could not attend in person, **Ellie Seepes** created (and continues to maintain) a weekly blog with photos, news, and updates ([hchsclass55.wix.com/http](http://hchsclass55.wix.com/http)).

**Jeanette ISENBERG Bersh '60**, who has been coordinating the Class of 1960 reunions for decades, gathered a large group of close-knit classmates for coffee and conversation in the morning at the high school. After Jeanette gave a humorous and brief class speech,

"We were the largest class to graduate from Hunter and we were also the noisiest...We come not with new partners, but with new parts like hips and knees," the group left on a chartered bus for lunch in the Hunter College faculty dining room.

The spectacular 50th reunion celebration for Hunter alumnae of 1965 was the result of the highly productive team of ten: **Ellen Lewis, Elaine BRAND, Jane Tillman Irving, Susan ACKOFF Ortega, Rebecca Reich, Mildred Kalik, Sara ROBBINS Schoenwetter, Christine Rothermund, Georgette Jasen, and Deborah Rosenfeld** (remotely from Florida). Professional broadcaster and journalist (and winner of this year's Writer's Guild Award), **Jane Tillman Irving** gave a dynamic presentation about their Hunter journey from age eleven through graduation through some of the most turbulent years of the 1960s, including the assassination of JFK and the March on Washington. Following her speech and to the delight of the entire assembly, fifty songstresses of varying abilities took to the stage to sing their senior song. Accompanied on piano by classmate **Gerry FRANK Blum**, they joyfully sang the years away.

The class reunions of 1970, 1975, and 1980, were each planned by a sole class coordinator brave enough to go it alone. **Susan Neidich '70, Lisa Braun '75, and Jean Tom '80** respectively pulled together large groups for Saturday's official events. Susan spoke about the Vietnam War, the growing feminist movement, and political activism as the backdrop for her years at Hunter. Jean noted that the Class of '80 was the first coed class to graduate from Hunter with twelve male members.

The Class of 1975, organized by first time coordinator **Lisa Braun**, brought together the largest group of the day with nearly sixty members in attendance. They gathered in the overflowing classroom on the high school's second floor and filled a front section of the auditorium where a constant party atmosphere was felt. Lisa shared common memories of attending school in a midtown office building "with Grand Central as our living room." Her reference to the "smoking bathroom" was greeted with laughter by the entire assembly. She noted that many Hunter alums across the years may have had the similar experience of "not having to worry about being picked on for being smart...We were all nerds together."

**Keith Kaplan** volunteered as coordinator for the Class of 1985 and brought together

a dozen classmates, among them was **Vizhier CORPUZ Mooney** who flew in from the west coast and helped fundraise for the class gift. **Doug Khrebel**, a stage and film actor and the first male to speak in the Assembly began with perfect comic timing, "Yes, there is something different about me," to which the crowd roared. He shared with pride his classmates' passion for building a better world as social activists, legal defenders, doctors, and environmentalists. Doug, as a member of one of the early coed classes, gave an appreciative nod to Hunter's feminist legacy: "I think I can share with all my male colleagues in the audience...how amazing it is in a world where women still have to fight idiotic battles of prejudice to be preceded by such incredible, amazing, and strong women."

**Ian Wright** and **Nina Habib-Spencer** from the **Class of 1990** worked tirelessly for several months to fundraise for a class gift in honor of their three classmates that passed away, including **Matthew Hennessy** who died most recently after an accident last December. Two classmates agreed to anonymously match the funds if the donations reached \$25,000. Ian, who is married to classmate, **Maria CARDO-NA Wright '90**, Nina and the other members of the class committee succeeded in raising over \$37,000. With matching funds, their final class gift totalled over \$62,000. While Nina was home Saturday morning with her two small children, Ian presented the gift "In Memoriam" and noted that this occasion was the first time he had been back to Hunter in twenty-four years since his freshman year in college. He promised to be back in five years with other classmates as he expressed his delight at listening to the stories of fellow alumni. Their generous class gift sets a precedent in Hunter giving history.

The class representatives from 1995, **Anthony Accurso** and **Laurie Ehrlich**, designed a creative evening program for their 20th reunion celebration. The event included a silent auction to benefit HCHS and was attended by more than eighty alumni. The Class of '95 boasts not one, but two recent Alumnae/i Association presidents: **Christine Wong** (2014 reunion M.C. and AA President) and **Matthias Li '95** (2015 reunion M.C. & AA President).

The Class of 2000 had many members with infants and toddlers at home that prevented them from attending the morning session. Active board member and class coordinator **Judd Kessler '00**, who has been

instrumental in organizing *Hamilton* events with friend and fellow alum, **Lin-Manuel Miranda '98**, had to leave the reunion early to help his wife at home with their new baby. In his stead, **Matt Lattman** and **Daniel Stein**, spoke for the class. Matt explained that their first reunion five years ago was an alcohol-induced blur while this year's events revolved around infants, toddlers, and babysitters. Daniel provided some welcome comic relief by stating that: "The more we encounter other people who did not go to Hunter, the more we appreciate those that did go to Hunter."

For their first class reunion, the Class of 2005 made a strong showing of 12 members organized by class coordinator **Max Sarinsky**, and his mates, **Graham Majorhart, Molly Rubenstein**, and **Alex Kohen**. As the youngest and newest members at the reunion, they showed as much enthusiasm and school spirit as the oldest classes and seemed to enjoy listening to the history of their alma mater. When Graham grabbed the microphone to speak for his class, the outcry from some of the members of the all-women classes was audible: "The men are taking over." "They [speakers from classes 1985 through 2005] are all men!" To which Graham responded with professional aplomb, "Hunter is the place of solutions," and welcomed classmate **Molly Rubenstein** to the stage. Molly spoke about her classmates in law, New York City government, and the many entrepreneurs and artists (including herself) involved in the startup community.

**Benjamin (Benji) Goldsmith '10** was the sole member of his class to attend the reunion based on the invitation from the Alumnae/i Association to introduce his musical clip. Benji, who graduated from Yale this past May, explained that his class is still in college or recently finished and he looks forward to attending with them in five years.

*On behalf of the Alumnae/i Association, we thank everyone who was able to attend the reunion and the class coordinators and volunteers who donated their time and energy to making the event so special. We would also like to thank the class representatives for sharing their wonderful stories with those present. (Please see "the HCHSAA Reunion Survey" results at the end of this section.)*



# Reunion Reports from Class Coordinators



(l-r) Roslyn Willett '40, Marjorie Parrish Jan '40

## Class of 1940

Roslyn Willett

Sad to relate, the Class of June 1940 had only one representative (me), but January 1940 had a distinguished lady from whom you will probably hear. I have been in touch with **Shirley Hack** who did not take the ride from her home in Secaucus, NJ, and with **Rosalind WEINBERGER Leighton** in Oakland, CA where she has just moved into an assisted living facility but kept her car. One of the highlights of my high school career was being taught the "Lindy Hop" between desks in the 96th Street building by Salome Greenberg who also introduced me to big band music and pop culture. I supplemented her teaching with daily listening and note-taking of the *Make Believe Ballroom* on the radio. When I mentioned teachers at the reunion, I omitted the memorable **Ray Miller** who taught chemistry, **Miss Orgel** who taught European history, and **Miss Garlati** who taught French.

## Classes of January & June 1945

Joan SWIT Hollander, Phyllis FLYER Kavett, Shirley BARER Levitt

WE WERE THERE!!!

The Classes of January and June 1945 celebrated their 70th Reunion.



Classes of January and June 1945

Eight in number, with three coordinators. we met, ate, and spoke at the Assembly. We thank all who assisted us. We thank everyone for the time and space. Four classmates sent regrets for inability to attend. Two sent regrets due to distance (Israel, Florida) and two due to their health. (NJ and D.C.)

## Class of January 1950

Phyllis LEKASHMAN Glantz

The Class of January 1950 held its class reunion at the home of **Judy SEGAL Zabar** on Friday, June 5th. We enjoyed a delicious luncheon. Our souvenirs this year are imprinted umbrellas in deep lavender and white. Practicality reigned. (On Saturday, June 6th at the General Assembly, **Phyllis LEKASHMAN Glantz** presented the following passages.)

*"Things have changed since we went to school  
Much that we did then is not now very cool  
However, that's not really what I'm here to say  
today  
But how much we love Hunter High, each in  
our own way  
And proudly announce our contribution this  
year  
But first, I have to make something a little clear.  
You will discover some problems when you get  
to this stage  
Death, dementia, depression, arthritis can  
strike at our age  
We are inundated with requests for money on  
the phone and by mail  
Our colleges, our grandchildren, every day  
there's another sad tale.  
Our class size has decreased and many alive  
can't be found  
So when we totaled our contributions, us they  
did astound."*

*"We are very proud to announce that the Class of January 1950 presented checks totaling \$3,325.00."*

**Judy SEGAL Zabar** wrapped up the class presentation with:

We entered Hunter in 1944, in 1946 (the first post-war year) and in 1947. Before we knew it, we graduated in January 1950 and began the rest of our lives. Sixteen of our classmates met for a wonderful lunch on Friday, June 5th to celebrate our 65th milestone and the decades disappeared. We cherish our memories, our lasting friendships and our years at Hunter that gave us a respect for excellence and the resources to pursue and achieve our individual goals in life. It is a great pleasure to see this heritage continue in this building.



(Top) Class of January 1950 at Judith SEGAL Zabar's Upper West Side home. (Bottom) Classmates of 1950 join Marlene ADER Lerner '50 (L).

## Class of 1950

Marlene ADER Lerner

Our 65th reunion was wonderful! I cannot describe the pleasure of reuniting with classmates of so long ago. The only way it could have been better is if more of you had been able to attend. Those of us who did resumed talking and friendships as if there had not been a 65 year hiatus.

We were seven, myself, **Freda ROSENTHAL Eiberson**, **Olivia HALMOS Grayson** (who graciously hosted an absolutely wonderful and delicious dinner at her home after the official reunion), **Vivienne GOLDMAN Levenson**,

**Maxine KOENIG Scherl, Dorothy BURRY Simon and Hanna ELLE NBERG Strong.** We enjoyed each other's company so much that we're planning "mini-reunions" before 2020, to which you are all welcome. Just let me know and I'll keep you informed about them.

We were a very special privileged bunch, we HCHS graduates, even if we didn't know it at the time. This reunion showed me again the spirit and accomplishments of Hunter High School women and of all classes starting with 1940 through 2015. Hunter empowered us as women, way before the "women's movement," and it was somewhat disappointing to hear the reports of recent co-ed classes coming only from male students. Those classes chose a male to speak for them. It was as if we women are again accepting being in the background.

Much has changed. The things that are being learned and done at the school currently are truly amazing. The facilities boggle the mind. To make room and time for them, lost and gone forever are the likes of a Latin requirement or a speech clinic. They have been replaced by robotics and space physics. But unchangeable are our memories! So please let me hear from you! 126 Kensington Oval, New Rochelle, NY 10805 (acoustico@aol.com)

(\*See editor's note below.)

## Class of 1955

*Peggy BETZ Perrin*

The rain and sun-soaked tour of the Central Park Conservatory Gardens on Friday could not dampen the determined high spirits of the 60th Anniversary Class of 1955. We went on to celebrate a long, bifurcated Reunion lunch conversation on Saturday, and a laughter-filled class lunch on Sunday. We were really happy to see one another, and our classmates were the main focus of the days' festivities.

Saturday's Reunion began with the familiar and welcome breakfast, which we carried back to our assigned classroom. With little thought or effort, we settled into seats in a large circle, as we have for several reunions now, and began to catch up on the intervening years' happenings, reporting on personal and family changes, sharing joys, mourning losses, encouraging, sympathizing, comforting. When we were reminded to convene for the Milestone Class Assembly, we agreed to return—with our lunches—to this classroom.

Perhaps as a milestone group ages from



(Top) Linda ADER Rosencrantz (l), Ellen SINCOFF Rodis, Peg BETZ Perrin '55 (seated); (Bottom) Members of Class '55

having been one of the youngest to being one of the oldest, its perspective changes. At the Milestone Class Assembly, we appreciated and applauded the pride in their achievements and future expectations of the younger classes. In our own ways and on our own terms, we'd been there. This 60th Reunion weekend, we were present to celebrate one another. We recalled the teachers who had made a difference in our decisions and choices and in the quality of our learning, but, back in Room 228, we thanked the friends who had helped make our three or four or six years a period of life worth remembering.

At our private class brunch on Sunday, we numbered sixteen alums—including three who

had been unable to attend other activities. With great food and a bit of wine, we had a wonderful reunion. Classmates contributed \$8,280 (with a \$500 matching gift pending) overall. We thank everyone! We especially thank a "creative classmate" who developed a class blog that has been sharing greetings, thoughts, and photos during the reunion period and may continue to do so as long as we keep talking. Thank you, Ellie.

Class of '55 would love to hear from you!

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Ellie PRUGER Seepes,  
Class of '55 blogger

## Class of 1960

*Jeanette Bersh*

Our 55th Class reunion was a wonderful event. We started with breakfast at the High School in a private room. We then went to an overlong assembly before getting on a chartered bus to Hunter College (which was a good idea). We had a wonderful DIY lunch in the faculty dining room decorated in lavender and white with flowers and balloons. About 50 of us spent all afternoon talking about our old friends at Hunter. At 5:30 we separated, some of us going to dinner at La Solera where 3 brave men and 2 more classmates joined us. We finally stopped talking at 8:30 pm. This day should go into the Guinness book!



Jeanette Bersh (far L) with Class of '60



## 50th REUNION! Class of 1965

Class Reunion Ad Hoc Committee



(Top) committee members from front left are: Jane Tillman Irving, Susan ACKOFF Ortega, Rebecca Reich, Elaine Brand, Christine ROTHERMUND Rizzuto, Sara ROBBINS Schoenwetter, Ellen Lewis, Millie Kalik. (Bottom) Class of '65 returns to Thomas Hunter Hall!

In addition to joining other milestone classes at the high school on Saturday, the Class of '65 was thrilled to welcome seventy-three classmates to a wonderful 50th reunion lunch on Sunday afternoon at Scaletta Ristorante. For the many out-of-towners who came for the weekend or longer (from as far as Israel), we also arranged "extracurricular" trips to the Frida Kahlo exhibit at the Bronx Botanical Garden, the High Line (followed by dinner at Bo's Kitchen), and Ellis Island. On Saturday, more than fifty of us attended the HCHS reunion event. Our presentation in the auditorium included a vigorous rendition of our Senior Song. We're still "gracious, perspicacious, and vivacious."

This sublime summary of our years at Hunter was presented at the General Assembly by our classmate **Jane Tillman Irving**:

*Our 1965 edition of "Annals" begins:*

"It sometimes happens that strange and separate worlds, in their random motion through the sky, meet at a single point." For 190 of us, our point was at 68th Street and

Lexington Ave., at Hunter. Most of us were eleven years old, the best and brightest of our schools, who'd passed the test, been lionized and praised, and now, here we were, to spend the next six years together. Some joined us later, in ninth grade or tenth, and four left for college after junior year, but by the time "Annals" came out we were one body, again quoting here, "... the glorious, dubious Seniors of 1965."

What times we lived in! We were children of the Cold War, who feared the bomb, and sometimes marched and petitioned against it. I remember attending, with some of you, a far-off-Broadway teen musical entitled "If We Grow Up." If! And sometimes, during the Cuban Missile Crisis, for instance, we wondered if that title would prove to be prophetic. The day in 1962 when the Cuban Missile Crisis came to a head, in Spanish class, Mrs. LoFruento allowed us to vent our fears by singing -- "God Bless America," "This Land is Your Land," "America the Beautiful." We were children of the Kennedy era. Most of us liked their politics, and they were great political theater. Inauguration Day for John F. Kennedy happened to be a snow day, and we all got to watch it at home on TV. We saw from their look, the speech, that indeed "... the torch [had] been passed to a new generation," and it included us.

And suddenly it was over, on November 22, 1963. We were in the middle of mid-terms, called "Uniforms" in those days, so no classes were in session. **Sara [Robbins Schoenwetter]** remembers wandering uptown and finding rest in a church (and she's not Christian). **Marsha [Temes Amstel]** told me she simply didn't want to get out of bed. We were stunned, as we would be again, but not in quite the same way, by the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr., Bobby Kennedy and Malcolm X.

One of the lyrics in our Senior Song is "Hunter Seniors stand for diversity..." of course, back then diversity didn't mean what it means today. One hundred eight-six graduates: five blacks, three Asians, one Spanish surname. It was the era of the Civil Rights Movement, Freedom Rides and lunch counter sit-ins, for which we were too young, but I, and many of you, participated in the March on Washington in 1963. The Vietnam War was beginning to escalate around us, but one Hunter teacher [Mr. Plass] assured his seniors that we shouldn't worry, we'd all get married. They were only drafting the dropouts.

*"Our 1965 edition of 'Annals' begins: 'It sometimes happens that strange and separate worlds, in their random motion through the sky, meet at a single point.' For 190 of us, our point was at 68th Street and Lexington Ave., at Hunter."*

—Jane Tillman Irving

John! Paul! George! Ringo! Need I say more? Yes! The entire British Invasion! Bob Dylan and Phil Ochs! Peter, Paul and Mary! Doo-wops left over from the '50s! Motown! The Bobbys: Darin! Vee! Vinton! Rydell! Names doodled in notebooks and inscribed on wooden desktops. Partisans of one type of music often disdained the others; some played guitar every Sunday in Washington Square Park. Cousin Brucie, Murray the K, and the WMCA Good Guys (and their sweat-shirts) ruled the AM airwaves.

We learned about the new scientific discovery, DNA, and, in seventh grade, were guinea pigs for the "New Math." We took our AP



courses, we studied, we worried about getting into college; we argued and read, wrote poems and short stories -- some of them good! -- we learned to think. We were not allowed to wear pants to school. We took gym in horrid one-piece blue romper suits, sometimes carried on the bus and subway on hangers in plastic cleaner's bags, washed and ironed to a fare-thee-well. On special occasions, what a sight we were, turned out in our Junior Blouses, blue and brown madras plaid. We strutted in our Aussie hats, high heels, black skirts and white blouses for Moving Up Day and Senior Day, with Barbara and Linda in charge, and paid homage to our mascot, His Highness Linus, a lion built by us out of chicken wire and papier mache.

Our teachers inspired us, challenged us, encouraged, and sometimes bullied and frightened us. Everyone had her favorites, but we all adored our senior class adviser, Mr. Irving Kizner, who taught Latin, made us question, think, and always laugh. He's living in Massachusetts, and, we're told, would love to hear from his Hunterites. All the best to you, Mr. Kizner!

Throughout it all, for fifty years, the friendships we made have endured, and we've made new ones as adults. Thank goodness for the Internet - we talk to each other all the time. Hunter was a crucible; we were tested and forged, and fully prepared for the rigors of college and beyond. Our worlds came together for six amazing, frustrating, formative years. As girls in a girls' school, we led, debated, never had to mask our intelligence to attract some boy, and it never occurred to us that there was anything we couldn't do. The women's movement was coming and we were ready. Those were the lessons of Hunter College High School.

That's the report from the class of 1965. We will see you see you in five years and in 10, and beyond, God willing. We are blessed to be together, sisters and younger brothers, and to be the beneficiaries of our superior Hunter education. In the words of the Alma Mater, SING TO OUR SCHOOL!

## Class of 1970

*Susan Neidich*

The Centennial Seniors, Class of 1970, spent a warm and wonderful weekend together. Friday evening, our own talented **Cilla Owens**,



*Class of '70 in an HCHS Classroom*

performed as part of Ribs & Brisket Revue at Floridita on 125th Street. A tableful of classmates were there to listen to the music and enjoy one another's company. Saturday morning, a group of the class of 1970, attended the reunion events at the current high school and afterward an even larger group of us attended a tour of our old building, now known as Thomas Hunter Hall. Seeing the same red tiled walls brought back memories. Following the tour, there was an open invitation to continue the conversation at Maria Rychlicki's home on the west side, which many accepted. Sunday morning seventy five of us got together for brunch at the Bistro Ten 18, to eat, chat, and see old friends and to make new ones.

Pictures were posted immediately on our Facebook page, enabling those unable to attend to share in our reunion. We remembered our ten classmates who are no longer living. Fond memories of Hunter life were spoken of, most notably the annual school field day boat rides to Bear Mountain. We expressed our amazement that 45 years have passed since we graduated high school. Looking at one another with "yesterday's eyes," we saw little difference other than hair color with the yearbook pictures we each wore as name badges. Having reached an age when we know what really matters in life are the relationships we have, our reunions are treasured events. Afterwards, some of us headed back home, while others continued with private celebrations. We also raised over \$15,000 for the HCHSAA with donations still coming in.



*Class of '75 at the General Assembly*

## Class of 1975

*Lisa Braun*

As one of the last classes without boys, one of the few with the ICY option, and the only class to spend six years in two high floors of the 466 Lexington office building, we had lots of unusual experiences, on top of having spent our formative adolescence in the unique crucible that is HCHS. Working solo, I was amazed and delighted to track down 119 out of 136 and bring nearly half the class together—including many reunion first-timers—to remind everyone what a fantastic group of women we were lucky enough to associate with, and why it's worth trekking back to see each other occasionally. We enjoyed listening to the other Hunter class speakers who did a fantastic job of vividly evoking their various eras.

After the reunion proper, 61 of us took over Cavatappo Grill for yummy Italian food. That went so well that five extra people requested on the spot to join our sumptuous next-day buffet brunch at Turkish Kitchen, at which we saw 25. Throughout, the talk was exuberant and nonstop, and the warmth was just incredible. Participants didn't love the music I prepared, but only because they couldn't hear it for all the talking! **Avis Sanders** set up a Facebook page ("Hunter College High School Class of 1975"), which 59 classmates have already joined. Many of us will share a spreadsheet of contact information soon, but others may still reach out or be reached by emailing [hchsclassof75@gmail.com](mailto:hchsclassof75@gmail.com). Thanks to all who came, keep in touch, and hope to see more of you in 2020!



*Class of '80*

## Class of 1980

*Jean Tom*

The class of 1980 celebrated its 35th year reunion in grand style. The class was able to contact 150 out of a total of 155 classmates including members who graduated a year earlier in 1979. While no personal computers existed in our time at Hunter, it was Facebook, LinkedIn and other web search technology that were the key factors in tracking down our classmates. We celebrated old and renewed friendships during the weekend. In the 35 years since our graduation, classmates have gone on to many diverse fields – some work in the field of education, medicine, government, community activism, law, art, music, film-making, writing, clergy, business, marketing, technology, science and engineering and many who have raised and cared for their families and loved ones. We live in 24 states across the US and 7 countries across the globe.

The class of 1980 is particularly proud to be the first co-ed class in Hunter's history helping to evolve the school while maintaining its great traditions. We had 25 of us attend the General Assembly and nearly 80 of us were at the dinner held at Bottino's in Chelsea. We were joined at the dinner by some of our favorite teachers: **Mrs. Helen Friedman**, **Mrs. Majorie LANDSBERG Goldsmith '61** and **Mrs. Sue Leung Eicher**. At the dinner, classmates: **Tara Howard-Saunders**, **Laura Haight**, **Laura Edlin**, **Helaine Ettinger** and **Lisa Tsufura** sang songs acapella to remember our departed classmates: **Melody Wong**, **Jonathan Weiss**, **Maureen** and **Velma Bowen**. A sizable group continued the conversations well into Sunday morning!

With the foundation laid by this reunion, the class will continue to have mini-reunions in the next 5 years until our 40th in 2020. Contact [jean.tom@verizon.net](mailto:jean.tom@verizon.net) to be added

to the **Class of 1980** email distribution list, the **Class of 1980** Facebook Closed Group, the Shutterfly Share website (where all the recent reunion pictures and videos reside) or if you would like to obtain a copy of the 1980 Annals yearbook. We are working on getting the yearbook republished.

The Class of 1980 will also host a mini-reunion in the Bay Area in late summer/early fall, hosted by **Maria Hekker**, contact her at: [mhekker@mac.com](mailto:mhekker@mac.com).



*Class of '85*

## Class of 1985

*Keith Kaplan & Vzhier CORPUZ Mooney*

The Class of '85 had a wonderful 30th anniversary weekend on June 6th and 7th! We enjoyed the moving and meaningful morning ceremony on Saturday, June 6th. Twelve of us were able to attend, and accomplished actor **Doug Krehbel** made a poignant speech that reminded us of what makes Hunter so special to us, all of these years later. As night owls, however, we turned out in much greater numbers for our class gathering at Terroir Tribeca starting at 8PM. About 70 of us enjoyed a great evening of food, laughter and (uh oh) singing.

Thanks go out to the benevolent "junta" who coordinated this gathering of true friends from far and wide. There were also numerous "preunions" leading up to the party, and a gathering organized for families the next day. As of the most recent reporting, our class gift exceeded \$14K with some incredible individual gifts. Thank you all so much for your generosity and love for HCHS. (Keith can be reached at: [kaplankeith@yahoo.com](mailto:kaplankeith@yahoo.com))

## 25th Reunion! Class of 1990

*Ian Wright*

I'd like to recognize the other members of the 1990 class reunion committee: **Dr. Lori Hoepner**, **Nina HABIB Spencer**, **Dr. Allison**



*Girls JV Basketball Team '90*

**BRYANT Mantha**, and **Bridget GORIS Klein**.

It's amazing how in such a small community, with roughly 190 fellow graduates, that after 6 years we didn't know everyone, (or know one another that well), during our Hunter years. These reunions every five years have proven a great catalyst for our class to reconnect as adults, and through Facebook we've become much closer, especially in bridging the barriers (both literal and figurative) we had in high school. More than 90 class members and their guests celebrated this year at Upper Story in the D&D building, overlooking the Ed Koch Bridge, and toasting 25 years of "Otter Confusion."

This year, the class remembers our classmates who've passed on: **David Drazen**, who succumbed to cancer during our senior year in high school, **Chris Chong**, who passed away in December 2011 leaving behind a daughter and wife, and **Matt Hennessey**, who died unexpectedly this past Thanksgiving 2014. All of their deaths impacted our class. Chris is survived by his mom Barbara (a long-time administrator at Hunter Elementary School) and his sister Erica, who's also a Hunter alumna. A moment of silence was held during our reception to remember our three classmates who are no longer with us to celebrate Reunion, but live on in our hearts.

In the spirit of our fond memories for these fallen friends, and with the support of nearly 50% of our class, including two anonymous classmates who provided a dollar-for-dollar \$25,000 matching challenge, I'm proud to announce that the Class of 1990 has raised over \$62,000 for the high school this year. It is our hope that this gift not only helps meet the current needs of our alma mater to continue providing the best public education in the country, but also sets a new bar for what all our fellow alumni can contribute.

*Sincerely, Ian Wright. ([Ian\\_Wright@outlook.com](mailto:Ian_Wright@outlook.com))*

*“The class of 1980 is particularly proud to be the first co-ed class in Hunter’s history helping to evolve the school while maintaining its great traditions.”*

—Jean Tom

our classmates. The evening included a silent auction for fundraising with many donations from our classmates themselves. The party ran from 7-11pm, and per at least one account, the post-party lasted until sunrise. The following morning, we reconvened for a brunch picnic at the Grotto in Central Park. Classmates and their spouses and children showed up to bagels, coffee and purple and white balloons. The weekend flew by too quickly, and we all left eager for the next milestone reunion.

(You can reach Anthony at: [antaccurso@gmail.com](mailto:antaccurso@gmail.com))



Alumni and “Babies of Class 2000”

## Class of 2000

Judd Kessler

For the first time, the Class of 2000 (Apocalypse Cow!) had two events on reunion weekend. Now that a critical mass of us have kids of our own, **Sara Newland '00** had the great idea to organize a “Babies of the Class of 2000” event, which was held in Mariner’s Playground in Central Park after the General Assembly. Fun was had by all, both those over 30 and under 3, and a family-friendly class event sure to become a reunion-year tradition. Later in the evening, after the babies were asleep or otherwise engaged, the class held a bar event in Chelsea, which was also very well attended and full of merriment. A contingent of the class was absent but had a very good excuse — they were attending the wedding of **Elan Bogarin '00** (the class sends regards to the happy couple). We are now all eagerly awaiting our 20th! ([judd.kessler@gmail.com](mailto:judd.kessler@gmail.com))



Showing School Spirit! First Milestone Reunion: Members of Class '05

## Class of 2005

Molly Rubenstein & Max Sarinsky

Approximately seventy members of the Class of 2005 (plus about two dozen spouses and significant others) met in the East Village on June 6 for our first-ever class reunion! We were only supposed to have the bar reserved until midnight, yet most of us stayed past 2 a.m. It was a big day for our class notwithstanding the reunion. Several couldn’t make it because they were attending the wedding of one of our classmates. Another classmate regretted to inform us that he couldn’t attend due to the birth of his child. All in all, it was a spectacular evening. So many people from our class are doing such wonderful things. We can’t wait to see even more of them at our next reunion in five years!

## Class of 2010

Benji Goldsmith

At Hunter, I was encouraged to explore my interests—to direct the musical, to even WRITE a musical! At Hunter, I was allowed to really dig into my extracurriculars, and the entire community was supportive of that. I honestly don’t know if I’d be on the path I am on right now if it weren’t for Hunter’s strong theater program, and I have so many of my teachers and the community at large to thank for that. Not to mention that the Hunter alumni include some truly impressive role models... (A video clip from the HCHS Spring Musical composed by Benji was presented at the Saturday morning General Assembly.) ([www.averageachievers.com](http://www.averageachievers.com))



Class of '95 at evening auction event

## Class of 1995

Anthony Accurso & Laurie Ehrlich

The class of 1995 enjoyed a gathering of over 50 classmates at Solas Bar, near Astor Place. Several classmates flew across the country to join us, and one even flew in from the Middle East. The event included delicious food, courtesy of the catering company of one of





1995 Classmates, from left: Anthony Accurso, Matthias Li (AA current co-president), Roslyn Wuchinich, Christine Wong (former AA president), Jessica Cohen.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

#### Hunter College High School: Many Classes, One School, One Community

The first HCHS coed class graduated in 1980—*thirty-five* years ago. The oldest class at this year's reunion (with two alumnae present) graduated in 1940—*forty-years* earlier. As noted above in one of the reunion reports, five of the six coed classes from 1980-2005 selected a male representative to speak for their class—something that has not happened before this year. However, this circumstance caused a strong response among some of the pre-1980 classes including loud protests from alumnae in attendance and offensive remarks directed toward the coed members. The heated discussions continued in the lunch room, hallways, and classrooms, and on the official HCHSAA Facebook page shared by all alumnae/i.

After forty years, the coed Board members of the Alumnae/i Association, ranging from the Class of '47 through '04, believe that it is time for us to encourage our fellow alumnae/i to cross the gender divide and see each other as allies, not adversaries. The legacy of Hunter's proud feminist past will never be forgotten. Rather, it continues to inform all the classes that have followed. Hunter remains a unique institution that celebrates women's empowerment among both female and male graduates.

The small graduating classes set Hunter apart from every other elite public school in New York by offering an unusual opportunity for camaraderie. *All* Hunterites love their school. This year's gender conflict might be the perfect opportunity to open this conversation up to all alumnae/i—with respect, understanding, and most of all, the willingness to listen to those with differing views. Hunter is a coeducational accelerated program for smart girls and boys and has been for over forty-years. We want all alumnae/i to feel welcome at their reunions and at Alumnae/i Association events. The first step towards a better future might be to become a unified body of alumnae/i (female and male) and, at the very least, learn from each other.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter. We are happy to share your views with the alumnae/i community, anonymously or otherwise. Please send your comments and whether we have your permission to publish these without your name, but preferably with your class year to: [info@hchsaa.org](mailto:info@hchsaa.org).

## Reunion Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent reunion survey! We asked for your views on how to improve the Milestone Reunion format that reoccurs every five years for each class. One hundred and thirty people responded including one third of whom attended this year's HCHSAA reunion event. Here is what you said:

- **Sixty-four percent** of alumni surveyed prefer the current format of milestone classes sharing their stories.
- **Saturday** is the preferred day for the event by a wide margin with a small percentage supporting the afternoon over morning.
- **An overwhelming majority** (over 85%) of those surveyed rejected the option of two separate assemblies: one for women-only classes (pre-1980) and another for coed-classes (1980-present).
- **General Assembly Timing:** 1.5 to 2 hours with the oldest classes given 10 minutes and younger classes given 5 minutes to speak. You requested better management of allotted time by speakers.

#### Here are the best suggestions we received:

- **Display current student projects** before or after the Assembly for those interested.
- **Provide information** on parking and transportation to high school.
- **Better lunch line process:** queuing up on both sides of the serving tables.
- **Getting all the classes together** without segregation is very important (from a pre-1980 class member).
- **Find a date** when high school faculty are able to attend.

#### Reunion 2016 Updates

- The Reunion Committee (comprised of class coordinators and HCHSAA board members) will be making improvements based on the survey results.
- 2016 Class Coordinators "Kick-off meeting for classes ending in "1" or "6" is set for Monday, September 28, 2015 at 6:30 pm.
- For more information, contact: [reunion@hchsaa.org](mailto:reunion@hchsaa.org)

## Giving Back

### An Interview with Martin Shkreli, from Class of 2001

This past March, **Martin Shkreli**, Founder and Executive Chairman at Turing Pharmaceuticals and former hedge fund manager, donated a record-breaking \$1,000,000 to HCHS educational programs. The gift is earmarked for all “students in the sciences who don’t have an easy path.” Martin who left Hunter a year early to pursue an opportunity to work with Jim Cramer on Wall Street stated, “I was so prepared I had to leave early.”

We asked Martin to look back on his years at Hunter. Here is what he had to say:

#### Why is Hunter so special?

If it were not for HCHS, I wouldn’t have been able to enter the business world at age 16. HCHS is rigorous, but it’s the content of that rigor that makes it so special. I learned things in my 7th grade biology that still puzzle my colleagues with PhDs. What makes Hunter unique is that it also allows for normal social development, a trait other elite high school’s often don’t have.

#### Which classes made the difference for you?

I recall two classes in particular: my English class where I first learned the meaning of subtext. Also, Ms. Aboody’s 7th grade logic class. Her class helped me thrust myself into unsolvable problems. She transformed my life.

#### Did any of your Hunter classmates make an impact on you?

Yes, a classmate **David Zheng**, who is maybe the most brilliant man I ever met. We met outside the computer science lab at HCHS, one of the geekiest places on the planet. We had what we thought was the coolest conversation ever about computer programming... at age 11.

#### What inspired you to make this gift?

I got to the point where I am comfortable with my success. I also have a deep sense of community for Hunter. When I felt like I was in a position to donate, there wasn’t even a thought it would go somewhere else. Success doesn’t happen by accident, it takes a village. For communities and ecosys-

tems to thrive, there has to be reciprocity. For me, *not* to donate to Hunter would be a real injustice.

#### How did attending Hunter influence your success?

It’s clear as day to me that I wouldn’t have been nearly as successful without HCHS. If I took an objective assessment of what led me here, it was this vibrant and rigorous education that was simultaneously friendly and sociable...a wonderful sociable experience at Hunter that again, you don’t normally find in such a rigorous academic setting. Being a product of this school is something I am proud of.

#### What do you intend the \$1million to be used for?

I really trust the administration to manage it well. But my hope is that it will be used to encourage students in the sciences who don’t have an easy path and to support the STEM program, which didn’t exist when I was there. Hunter helped me during some unique life challenges. I know there are plenty of other students with similar challenges. My hope is for HCHS to provide the flexibility and counsel to students in need of that help to navigate those challenging times.

#### What do you hope will result from your remarkable gift?

Hunter has had a legendary reputation in the humanities for the past 100 years and will for the next 100. For some reason, the sciences don’t share that, and I hope this gift will change that. My career is a result of the excellence of my Hunter education as a science and math student. I am also a part of the CUNY family having graduated from Baruch. My sister graduated from Hunter College.

#### Did you know that this is the largest gift ever in the history of Hunter College High School?

The goal is that other alumni will continue this conversation and my gift will be eclipsed by someone else’s. Then I hope to eclipse that. Ultimately, if all goes well, this will be the first of many contributions. I’m already planning and thinking about the next one.

#### Is there anything else you would like to share with fellow Hunterites?

This donation is in part a call-to-arms for other similarly situated alumni that consider Hunter to be a major contributor to their success. As a younger alum, I feel it’s never



*“It’s clear as day to me that I wouldn’t have been nearly as successful without HCHS.”*

too early to make a gift. HCHS is a beacon in the Tristate area as the best high school in the world—and let’s not forget, we do have the best high school in the world. A lot of people wait to engage in philanthropy until later in life. Yet if you feel confident that you are on a trajectory of success—maybe because of the skills you got at Hunter—there’s no reason to delay.

Comments to be shared with Martin can be emailed to: [info@hchsaa.org](mailto:info@hchsaa.org)

## Grants to the High School

Grant making is at the core of our activities. The Alumnae/i Association issues a request for proposals to high school faculty and administrators twice a year. We honor the generosity of spirit and dedication of our contributors in all our giving; your commitment and foresight make it possible for us to continue making a difference for HCHS students today. Grants awarded in FY15 are:

\$18,000	To help staff the Writing Center
\$15,000	Registration fees, travel, and hotel accommodations for students and faculty attending the 2015 National Association of Independent Schools People Of Color Conference in Tampa, FL
\$15,000	Production costs of the October 2015 TEDxHunterCCS
\$4,500	A new Visiting Artist Series of workshops, clinics, and presentations for the Art & Music classes and performance ensembles
\$9,280	Five Macbook Pro laptops for use by music and art department faculty members
\$3,000	Two oak Classroom Display Cabinets for the science department's collection of high quality scientific models
\$2,000	To replenish depleted Honors and Awards funds
\$15,000	Support for the Robotics Team winter competition expenses
\$2,178	To purchase four Quad Pack (CPR Training Infant Manikins with additional airways) to teach ninth graders infant rescue breathing/CPR and AED
\$2,625	70 licenses for TI-Nspire CAS, student edition software, for use in the computer lab, library, and additional desktops
\$4,295	Wave equipment for middle school science labs
<b>\$90,878</b>	

## HCHSAA 2015 Scholarship Awards

### THE SHEILA GLICKSTEIN HACKER AWARD

*Awarded in honor of Sheila GLICK-STEIN Hakner, mother of Jeffrey Hakner '87, and a lifelong educator, is given to a student who has shown dedication in service to the education of others.*

**Cleo Moursi**

### 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.*

**Quentin Dupouy  
Erica Lin**

### THE MILDRED BUSCH AWARD

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

**Emma Bredthauer  
Christopher Klein**



*Class '90 Reunion 2015 Planning Committee from left: Dr. Allison BRYANT Mantha, Bridget GORIS Klein, Ian Wright, Nina HABIB Spencer, Dr. Lori Hoepner*

## 2015 Milestone Class Gift Results

1940	\$275
1945	\$845
Jan. '45	\$810
1950	\$2,275
Jan. '50	\$3,325
1955	\$8,880
1960	\$6,190
1965	\$18,158
1970	\$16,208
1975	\$6,036
1980	\$4,135
1985	\$17,913
1990	\$62,239
1995	\$5,300
2000	\$4,710
2005	\$1,560
2010	\$345



## The Honor Roll of Giving

The Alumnae/i Association's Board and staff extend sincerest thanks to the many generous individuals who made gifts to the Alumnae/i Association in fiscal year 2015. We are also pleased to recognize those donors whose support for current high school projects and initiatives, the endowment, and the Alumnae/i Association operations were made through the Hunter College Foundation. We acknowledge all donors who gave \$100 or more and apologize in advance for any errors or omissions.

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Martin Shkreli '01‡

### \$10,000-\$15,000

Kim and Mark Kondracki '90  
Jeremiah S. Lane '97  
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Michael Rashes '90  
Anonymous '90

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Anonymous '90  
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*In Memory of David Drazen '90*  
Miranda FLORY Capra '90

*In Honor of Surprising Successes*  
Susi Snyder '95

*In Memory of Mr. David Tomes*  
Michelle Au '95

*In Honor of Adam E. Cohen '97*  
Barbara L. Gerber-Krasner '58, Ph.D.

*In Honor of Judd Kessler '00*  
The Bronfman South Fellowships in Israel, Inc.

*In Memory of Dr. Ira E. Marienhoff*  
Eric Budish '96  
David Niederman '90  
David Steinglass '85 "...who challenged me continuously and for which I am grateful"  
Chen-Li (Anthony) Sung '90 "a teacher and friend"  
Nancy O'NEIL VanHorn '90



## Your Alumnae/i Association at Work

### PEOPLE ARE LOOKING AT YOU

The HCHSAA Online Directory strives to be *the* database of *everyone* who has ever graduated from Hunter. It is only viewable by Hunter alums who register on our site ([www.hchsaa.org](http://www.hchsaa.org)).

If you haven't checked out your Directory profile in a while, the summer is a good

time to make sure that your information is correct. Providing us with up-to-date contact information saves us time and money spent processing returned mail. Updating your professional information helps us to learn more about who you are so we can tap into our network and design programs of interest to the community.

If you are hesitant to share your contact information with everyone, there's even a way

for you to mark your record (or just parts of it) "private." While all alums can access the directory, only dues-paid members can view the professional and educational information you provide. So while you are on the site, be sure to check on the status of your membership so you can search for classmates, and create your own professional Hunter network.

Any questions, please contact: [info@hchsaa.org](mailto:info@hchsaa.org) or 212-772-4079

### REGIONAL GROUP FACEBOOK AND GOOGLE GROUPS

Join one of the seven Alumnae/i Association's private Facebook and Google Groups to find out what's happening locally. To request admission to any of the current groups, visit the links listed below:

#### **Boston Area:**

[www.facebook.com/groups/283937741753318/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/283937741753318/)  
[groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-boston-area-alums](https://groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-boston-area-alums)

#### **California State:**

[www.facebook.com/groups/477177519069786/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/477177519069786/)  
[groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-california](https://groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-california)

#### **Northern New England:**

[www.facebook.com/groups/477177519069786/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/477177519069786/)  
[groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-northern-new-england-alums](https://groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-northern-new-england-alums)

#### **Southern New England:**

[www.facebook.com/groups/250370518458268/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/250370518458268/)  
[groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-southern-new-england-alums](https://groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-southern-new-england-alums)

#### **Upper New York State:**

[www.facebook.com/groups/1476103089284000](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1476103089284000)  
[groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-upstate-new-york](https://groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-upstate-new-york)

#### **Westchester, NY:**

[www.facebook.com/groups/265824743575976/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/265824743575976/)  
[groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-westchester-county-chapter](https://groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-westchester-county-chapter)

#### **Europe:**

[www.facebook.com/groups/581752648545000/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/581752648545000/)  
[groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-europe-alum-chapter](https://groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-europe-alum-chapter)

### AFFINITY GROUPS

Aside from our geographical chapters, all alums are invited to join

**HCHSAA LGBTQ\* Alum group**, organized by **Sem Moundas '99**. Their mission is to promote dialogue, sharing of LGBTQ+ related news, and social connections among alumni who identify as LGBTQ+ Reflections on what was it 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/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/500696296714210/)  
[groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-lgbtq](https://groups.google.com/d/forum/hchsaa-lgbtq)

**HCHSAA Black and Latino Alums**, organized by **Pamela Roach '71** and **Jessica Leonard '04**.

The purpose of this group is two-fold. First, it serves the community of Black and Latino Hunter graduates, creating a space for conversation and networking both online and in person. Second, it advocates 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 develop diversity programs, scholarships, mentoring opportunities, and other activities identified to support Black and Latino students of the school. Their goal is to ensure that Hunter remains a place where New York City students from every economic, social, and ethnic 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 Monika Mitchell, your membership coordinator at: [mmitchell@hchsaa.org](mailto:mmitchell@hchsaa.org).

## CLASS OF 1965 SENIOR SONG



Hunter look up and make way,  
Seniors are coming today.  
Seniors are gracious, perspicacious and vivacious,  
We're just fantastic they say – so...

Rise and cheer us,  
never a class before had the potential for stature and fame.  
We're dramatic both on and off Broadway,  
All of the agents say we've earned a name.

In New York we're regarded as a mystery, I  
In Washington we've started making history!

Rusk and Zorin want us to mediate  
Nasser says he can't wait for our aid.  
In the Peace Corps, Seniors come out on top.  
Nothing can ever stop the Senior parade.

Models of perfection in the nation's eyes,  
Seniors '65 have won the Nobel prize!

Diplomatic, our innate ability  
Strengthens stability in Cyprus or France.  
Hunter Seniors stand for diversity  
Each university begs for a chance.

People of all nations and ideas react,  
Ringo has become a Senior-maniac!

Bright, dynamic – we are a class to love  
The worldly Seniors of June '65!

*(See HCHSAA home page for video link of Class '65  
singing their senior song at Reunion 2015.)*

*Want to submit to the Alum Corner? Email [mmitchell@hchsaa.org](mailto:mmitchell@hchsaa.org) with your art, writing, or anything else!*



# Calendar of Upcoming Events

To register for an event, visit our website at [www.hchsaa.org](http://www.hchsaa.org).

## SEPTEMBER 28

### Reunion 2016 Kick-off Planning Meeting

Class Coordinators for Milestone Classes ending in "1" or "6" are invited. For further information or to RSVP for the planning meeting, contact: [reunion@hchsaa.org](mailto:reunion@hchsaa.org)

## OCTOBER 3

### TEDHunterCCS: *Mihi Cura Futuri: The Care of the Future is Mine*

Guest Speakers include

Judith Sachs '64, "Anyone Can Dance"

Jonathan Kirshner '82, "The Future of Economics"

Raymond Tsao '84, "Pour Your Cup"

Josselyne Herman-Saccio, "Empower Yourself"

Noah Kaminsky '09, "Science in College"

## OCTOBER (PROGRAM & DATE TBA)

### Autumn Reception

## NOVEMBER 22 HOLD THE DATE!

### HAMILTON conceived and written by Lin-Manuel Miranda '98

A limited number of matinee & evening performance tickets for Sunday, November 22, 2015 will be available to alumni and their guests beginning September 1. (Thanks to Lin-Manuel Miranda '98 and Judd Kessler'00, and the HCHSAA Program Committee for arranging this.)

Please contact us on or after September 1, 2015 for further details and to purchase tickets: Tel: 212-772-4079 / 212-396-6572 Email: [info@hchsaa.org](mailto:info@hchsaa.org)

## ALUMNAE/I ASSOCIATION UPDATES:

- Reunion 2015 Videos for Milestone Classes "0" & "5" are posted on our home page: [www.hchsaa.org](http://www.hchsaa.org).
- Seeking INNOVATION submissions by all alumnae/i for Fall AlumNotes Issue. If you are an "innovator" in any area (arts, sciences, business, medical, academia) or want to suggest a classmate's innovation, please email Monika at: [mmitchell@hchsaa.org](mailto:mmitchell@hchsaa.org)

## MISSION STATEMENT

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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## PAYMENT FORM

To pay your dues, register for reunion, make a donation, or purchase merchandise by credit card go to our website [www.hchsaa.org](http://www.hchsaa.org) and click on "Make a Gift." To pay by check, complete the form below and mail this entire page with your check payable to HCHSAA in the enclosed envelope. Donors who give \$100 or more a year (excluding dues) will be recognized in *AlumNotes* annual Honor Roll of Giving. To make address corrections please use this form, login to our online directory and make the change, or email [info@hchsaa.org](mailto:info@hchsaa.org).

### MEMBERSHIP

Levels	Benefits	circle one	
		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 <a href="http://www.hchsaa.org">www.hchsaa.org</a> . Eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting of Members.	\$40	\$200
SENIOR	Same benefits as above for the class of 1970 and earlier	\$25	\$125
JUNIOR	Same benefits as above for the class of 2011-2014	\$25	N/A
PREMIUM	Same benefits as above plus your choice of a free gift (below)	\$90	\$450
NEW GRADS	Same benefits as <i>Basic</i> for the class of 2015	FREE!	N/A

SUBTOTAL DUES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Gifts to the 2015-16 Annual Fund support Hunter High School programs, activities and academic departments.

Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law, and, if this is your milestone reunion year, will be counted towards your class gift.

☐ \$75 ☐ \$125 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other Amount ☐ *This is a Class Gift*

SUBTOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### REUNION—EARLY REGISTRATION

Register now for the General Assembly

Members \$35 pp x \_\_\_\_\_ Adults (s) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-Members \$45 pp x \_\_\_\_\_ Adults (s) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Seniors \$40 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					\$
	Canvas Zip Tote	\$24						\$
	Water Bottle	\$10						\$

THIS IS MY *FREE* PREMIUM BENEFIT -or- SUBTOTAL MERCHANDISE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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YEAR OF GRADUATION

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

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