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HCHSAA SPRING EVENTS CALENDAR

In addition to the General Reunion, HCHSAA is sponsoring four other exciting events this spring. Additional information about these events have been or will be sent by email; for most of these events, this will be the only notice you will receive by postal mail. Please write to us at hchsalums@yahoo.com to be added to our email list!

MoMA Tours & Luncheon

Sunday, April 6, 1:00 p.m. or Thursday, April 10, 1:00 p.m. Nora Lawrence '97, a curatorial assistant at MoMA, will lead a private tour for alums of the exhibit "Color Chart: Reinventing Color, 1950 to Today" followed by lunch at Café 2. This is the first major exhibition devoted to the pivotal transformation which occurred midway through the 20th century, when long-held convictions regarding the spiritual truth or scientific validity of particular colors gave way to an excitement about color as a mass-produced and standardized commercial product. The exhibit features work by some forty artists ranging from Ellsworth Kelly and Gerhard Richter to Sherrie Levine and Damien Hirst. The cost is \$60 and includes entrance to the museum (\$20 value), lunch, and the tour. Reservations can be made by emailing the AA office at hchsalums@yahoo.com or calling 212-772-4079. Space is limited to 23 people per tour.

In the Heights Theater Party

Sunday, April 13, 2:00 p.m. at the Richard Rogers Theater, 226 West 46th St.

This musical, created by and starring Lin-Manuel Miranda '98, captures a few days in the lives of some Washington Heights residents. *In the Heights* makes its triumphant move to Broadway (opened March 9) after a successful and multiple award-winning run off-Broadway last year. In conjunction with the HCHS PTA, the Alumnae/i Association is pleased to offer \$75 orchestra tickets (regular price \$110–\$250). There will also be a "Talk Back" Q&A with the cast following the performance. Tickets will be distributed at the theater beginning at 1:00 p.m. on the day of the show. You can purchase tickets by contacting the Alumnae/i Association office at hchsalums@yahoo.com or 212-772-4079. We accept Mastercard or Visa for payment. Don't delay—tickets are limited!

Gala Spring Benefit Cocktail Party at '21' Club honoring alumna and retired HCHS Science Department Chair Marge LANDSBERG Goldsmith '61

Thursday, May 15, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the '21' Club, 21 West 52nd St.

The Alumnae/i Association is holding its first-ever fundraising gala. Susan Levine Fuhrman '61, President of Teachers College, Columbia University serves as honorary chair as we honor Marge LANDSBERG Goldsmith '61 for her long and dedicated service to the Hunter College High School community. Invitations will be mailed to alums and friends in the NYC Tri-State area. If you live outside of this area and would like to attend, please contact the AA office at hchsalums@yahoo.com or call 212-772-4079.

Young Alums Reunion Weekend Happy Hour (classes of 1992–2004)

Friday, June 6

Details will be announced via email (if you're not currently receiving Young Alums email, please contact our office at hchsalums@yahoo.com to be added to the email list).

REUNION 2008

HCHSAA's annual all-classes reunion will take place on Sunday, June 8 at the High School (94th St. and Park Ave.).

It's a great opportunity to see the school as it is today, meet current and former faculty members, and share reminiscences of HCHS with fellow alums. The day begins at 10:30 a.m. with check-in, followed by a general assembly featuring speakers from each milestone class, and is capped off with a buffet luncheon. Milestone classes wishing to gather prior to the general assembly can reserve a classroom through the Alumnae/i Association for as early as 9:30 a.m. Most milestone classes (years ending in 3 or 8) are planning a separate gathering for the same weekend, so all members of those classes should check with their individual class coordinators. In addition, many classes have set up websites or egroups. Information about individual classes can be viewed on page 22. If your class does not yet have a reunion coordinator and you would like to volunteer, please contact our office. Preregistration for the general reunion can be done online at www.hchsaa.org or by mail, using the form on page 23.

HCHSAA BOARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

HCHSAA is seeking candidates for our Board of Directors. Responsibilities of this volunteer position include attending monthly evening meetings in Manhattan and participating in ongoing work such as fundraising, event planning, publicity, interaction with the High School, etc. Dues-paid members may make nominations of individuals, including themselves, until the close of business on Friday, May 2, by writing, calling, or emailing the Association's office. Candidates must be current with their dues (they may be paid at the time of nomination) and are asked to submit a brief autobiographical sketch and a statement of why they would like to serve on the Board. The term of office is three years, beginning July 1, 2008.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Your Alumnae/i Association aspires to do much for both the alumni body and our *alma mater*. The work is challenging but rewarding, and we have much to be grateful for—especially the volunteers who devote so much time and energy to continuing to expand our reach and impact. It is truly a privilege to be able to work with such a remarkable group of women and men to help HCHS sustain its place as New York's preeminent school for gifted and talented young people.

While the present incarnation of the Alumnae/i Association was formed in the 1970s to help save HCHS from closure, the AA only achieved full nonprofit status in 1997. So in many respects, HCHSAA is a very young organization. As our office manager, Marge Kolb '78, is fond of reminding me, when she began working for the AA nine years ago, annual contributions to the High School averaged less than \$10,000. Thanks to farsighted Board members like Joan Rosenthal '73 and Eve Ferdman '79, the AA began to reach out more actively to alums in the late '90s, which has resulted in increased annual giving to HCHS. In each of the past four years, the AA has been able to provide more than \$100,000 to Hunter to fund important projects with an immediate impact as a result of contributions received through the HCHSAA Annual Giving drive and milestone class gifts. Thanks to you, we have funded library books and textbooks for AP classes, modernized computer labs, provided consumables for the Science and Art departments, and underwritten guest lectures for the English department, to name just a few.

Two years ago, our Board, then led by president Mimi Eng '84, made the decision to enter into a partnership with Hunter College to collaborate on a major campaign—now known as *Our Foundation, Our Legacy*—with the goal of raising \$5 million, including \$3 million to establish a permanent endowment for HCHS. This is an ambitious effort, and we owe Mimi and her fellow Board members sincere thanks for launching a project that will provide important benefits in perpetuity for ongoing generations of deserving students.

Fundraising is not our only priority. We continue to expand networking and social events through activities such as our Autumn Reception, Young Alums get-togethers (so ably organized by Board member Errol Bakal '99), theater parties, museum tours, and of course, our annual General Reunion (this year on Sunday, June 8). We've also expanded and improved *AlumNotes*, started a website in 2003 (which we hope to revamp soon), and introduced an online alum directory. With your participation and support we hope to expand these gatherings and services even more in the coming months.

The work we are able to do is really a function of the commitment of a remarkable group of volunteers. I would like to express my own heartfelt thanks to my fellow Board members for all that you do and give a special word of thanks to Ruth Davis '56, who served as co-president of the AA with me last year. Your efforts are nothing short of inspirational, and I am grateful for all that you have taught me about caring, giving back, and seeking the best for our entire Hunter community.

To all 11,000 of you out there, alumni and friends alike, I hope you are as proud of our Alumnae/i Association and school as I am. With the commitment I know we all share for our *alma mater* and the friendships we all share with one another, I'm certain we will see even brighter accomplishments in the months and years ahead.

Cordially,

Purvi Sevak '91

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Am I the oldest alum—from the class of January, 1929? I still find ways to keep my brain active and life interesting. I am preparing programs and the local talent to be leaders, through Temple Beth Shalom. I've recently turned 95.

Rebecca LEVITAN Lister, Jan. '29

[Ed.'s note: No, you're not our oldest alum...our office has recently spoken to Henriette JUDELS Ratner, class of 1928! And, there may be a few from even earlier classes—in fact, our office recently received word of a 100-year old alum who just recently passed away.]

To the Editor:

Your letter [requesting donations for the annual giving drive] arrived the same day as the *Wall Street Journal* article which

showed Hunter as the best public school [in the nation] at getting graduates into elite colleges. I'm very proud of Hunter, especially since my husband is a Stuyvesant graduate and we are still having our childish battles over whose school is best!

Marilyn YELLIN Cohn '54

[Ed.'s note: The above note was received along with a contribution to the Annual Giving drive.]

To the Editor:

The Class of '82 started a Yahoo! group in 2007 (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hchs82/>), soon after its 25th reunion, in order to have a forum to keep in touch. The initial participation was enthusiastic with 93 classmates joining and over 800 messages posted in the first two months.

After that, participation declined until at one point, we went a whole week with no posts. Many of us missed the daily messages and updates, so to boost interest, I decided to stir things up by issuing a challenge to my classmates—for each new person who joined or each existing person who “delurked” by posting a message, I would contribute \$1 to the Alumnae/i Association in honor of my friend and classmate Steven Gilliard, a well-respected blogger who passed away on the day of our reunion in June. In the timeframe specified—10 days—we collected 149 messages, so I now present the AA with a check for \$150 in Steve's honor, on behalf of the class of '82. Please put it to good use to support our *alma mater*.

Anonymous member of the Class of '82

Hunter Today: What's It Really Like?

by Marge Kolb '78

The Alumnae/i office often receives inquiries from alums wondering what Hunter is like today. Our alumni body—almost 11,000 strong—spans graduates from the 1920s to the 2000s, and we all have different memories of Hunter based on its location, in which grade we started (7th, 9th or 10th), and whether it was all-girls or co-ed. What is constant for many of us from across the years, however, are the memories of a place where being smart was okay and where we had excellent teachers and were challenged by them and by each other.

Physical Plant

Today's Hunter students attend classes in a former public middle school building at 94th St. and Park Ave. This has been the home of both the high school and elementary school since the winter of 1977.

Just prior to that, the high school spent several years on two leased floors of an office building on Lexington Avenue and 45th Street, after it was summarily forced out of the gargoyled building on 68th Street and Lexington which had been its home for 30 years. That space was needed by Hunter College when it expanded its student body in the early 1970s as a result of CUNY's open enrollment policy. The high school also faced the threat of closure in 1972 due to budget cuts. Current Hunter College president (and HCHS alum) Jennifer Raab '73 often remarks that she remembers the protests in which she and her classmates participated to lobby the college's then president, Jacqueline Grennan Wexler, Ph.D., to save Hunter High. In March 1972, about 1,000 students, parents, and alums

demonstrated in front of Governor Rockefeller's office in NYC in an effort to obtain enough money and political support to keep the elementary and high schools from closing. Days later, State Senator Roy M. Goodman, himself an alumnus of the elementary school, announced that rearrangements in the state budget would avert the shutdown.

Alums of the late '70s, like me, who spent part or most of our time at 45th and Lexington, remember the happiness we all felt when we got a “real” school building—one with a proper library, lunchroom, and gymnasium. Today's students, however, refer to the building as “the brick prison”—after all, it's modeled on an armory that formerly graced the site and it has very narrow, long windows

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DEDICATION OF THE DR. STOWE WHITMAN HAUSNER STUDY ROOM

Dr. Stowe WHITMAN Hausner '40 was honored on December 4, 2007, when a study room in the High School Library was dedicated to her memory by her family—husband Gabriel Hausner; sister Phyllis WHITMAN Beck '45 and husband Aaron Beck; brother Martin Whitman and wife Lois; and cousin, and retired HCHS librarian, Harriet WHITMAN Aufses, Jan. '44 and husband Arthur. Present at the dedication and reception were current and retired faculty members, including Rose Marie Laster, Carol Marsh, Susan Meeker, Anastasia Nicholas, Marge Goldsmith, and Audrey Maurer; as well as Hunter College president Jennifer Raab; current and past Alumnae/i Association Board members Purvi Sevak, Doris Wallace, and Mildred Speiser; PTA president Jim Essey and many other friends and family of Dr. Hausner.



Clockwise from top left: Photo of Dr. Stowe Whitman Hausner used on the cover of the dedication ceremony program; Members of the Stowe Hausner family with Hunter College President Jennifer Raab '73; Retired faculty members Harriet Aufses, Rose Marie Laster, Anastasia Nicholas, Susan Meeker, Marge Goldsmith, and Carol Marsh.

Jennifer Raab thanked Dr. Hausner's family members for their generous donation of \$125,000 to *Our Foundation, Our Legacy*—the major campaign to benefit HCHS. She noted that although Hunter is supported by New York City through CUNY's budget, public funds are subject to fluctuations over time, and thus the additional monies raised by donations from alums and friends are vital to the well-being of the school. To ensure a permanent funding source, Hunter College and the Alumnae/i Association have launched a capital campaign specifically to seek gifts, such as this one from the Hausner/Whitman family, which will enable Hunter to continue to be a leader in gifted education. Ms. Raab also recog-

nized and thanked Harriet Aufses for her many years of service to the High School.

Randy Collins, the acting director of the Campus Schools, spoke of the Library as the heart of the school and how that is surely a sign of a very healthy facility. He joked that whenever the Library is closed for even a couple of hours, such as for this reception, he actually hears complaints from the students!

Two current students, Kafi Mavour and Jeffrey Portnoy, spoke about their experiences at Hunter and expressed thanks for donations from alums. Kafi remarked that her hope is to be a novelist and thus she would like more books purchased for the Library. She also said she feels blessed

to attend Hunter—where intelligence is appreciated and students strive to learn. Jeffrey confirmed the importance of the Library to the school—remarking that it is always “buzzing.”

Stowe Hausner's family also spoke. Brother Martin, who worked in investment and authored three books and taught at Columbia, remarked that what Stowe, who was the eldest, taught him about analysis, was probably the single greatest source of learning he's ever had. Sister Phyllis Beck, the first woman justice on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the Vice Dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, related that

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ALUMS ENJOY AUTUMN RECEPTION AT HCHS

Alums of classes from the 1940s through the 2000s turned out for the Alumnae/i Association's fifth annual Autumn Reception at the High School on October 25, 2007. This year, a new feature was added, as alums were taken on guided tours of the school to enable them to see the results of alumni donations—SMART boards in classrooms, a revamped computer lab, etc. The Library, however, was the main gathering place, as drinks and hors d'oeuvres were sampled, entertainment was provided by a student musical group, and brief remarks were made by the Alumnae/i Association president, Purvi Sevak '91, High School administrators Randy Collins and Sonya Mosco, PTA president Jim Essey, three current students, and Major Campaign Consultant, Matt Blumenfeld '83.

Randy Collins, who has been with the elementary school since 1986 and is currently the acting director of the Campus Schools (Hunter Elementary and High Schools), remarked that he's never seen a high school where so many alums come back to visit year after year and he's quite impressed with the dedication of Hunter's graduates. Sonya Mosco, the High School's acting principal, welcomed all alums as being part of the living legacy of HCHS. She stressed that while some things about Hunter have changed over the years, many have not—young alums continue to say how well Hunter prepared them for college and for life. The strength of Hunter continues because of each and every alum and their legacy of excellence and support for the school.

Current students talked about what Hunter is like today and described their diverse activities which range from varsity sports and working on student publications to participating in theater groups and clubs such as Model U.N. They described Hunter's close-knit community and its commitment to letting each student



Above: Alums enjoy reception. Right: Event organizers Susan Spector '64, Marge LANDSBERG Goldsmith '61, and Diane Janoff '73.



explore and develop their individuality. They also expressed their thanks and appreciation to alums for all their contributions to the school, which they feel greatly contribute to the students' experiences.

PTA president Jim Essey expressed his happiness that his daughter, who will graduate in 2009, will be part of the continuing Hunter community. He added, for those who had not heard, how proud everyone is that Hunter was recently ranked the number one public school in the country, by *The Wall Street Journal*, for getting its students into top colleges. He too stressed the importance to the school of donations from the PTA and alums, explaining that the school's yearly \$10 million budget is spent almost entirely on staff salaries and that "mad money" amounts to only about \$90,000—barely enough to purchase chalk! In its current budget, the PTA is proud to be giving \$670,000 toward yearly operating expenses and \$290,000 toward capital improvements (classroom upgrades etc.).

Matt Blumenfeld '83, who heads up the Alumnae/i Association's major fundraising campaign, related that his was the first class to begin and end their time at Hunter in the current 94th Street building—where the school has now been located since 1977! He extended thanks to Marge Goldsmith, Susan Spector, and Diane Janoff for organizing the reception and to Purvi Sevak, the AA president, who also teaches full-time at Hunter College and had her second baby over the summer, as well as all current and past Board members who have done so much to move forward with expanding the Association's fundraising efforts for the High School. He summarized the goals of the major campaign—to raise \$5 million over a five-year period to establish a permanent endowment restricted to funding the High School. He was happy to report that amazing things are happening as the Hunter community starts to come together around its shared affection and gratitude to this rare and special school. Already, almost \$1 million of the \$5 million goal has been raised and he feels confident that the goals will be met.

HUNTER TODAY: WHAT'S IT REALLY LIKE?

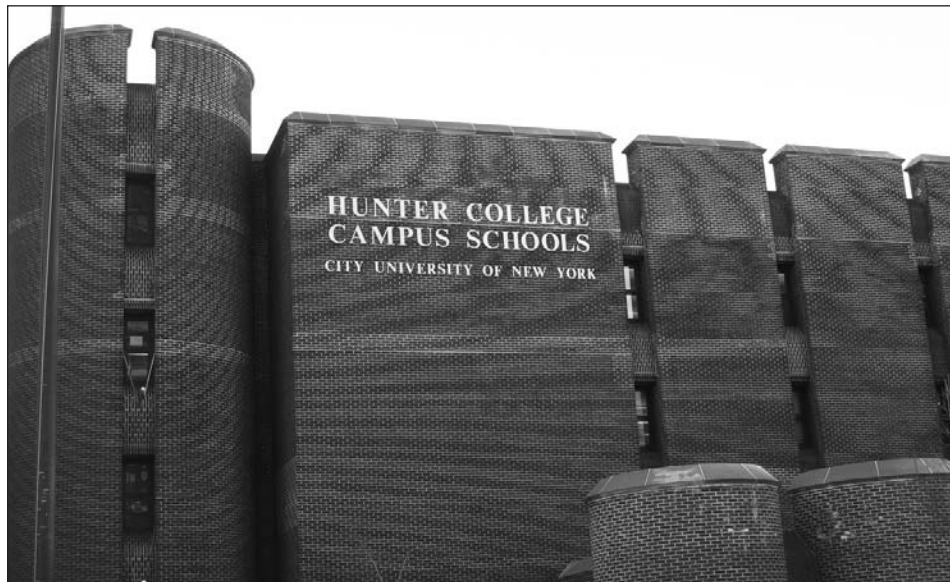
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which open onto a hallway which rings the entire building—the classrooms are all located on the opposite side of that hallway in the building's interior, and are thus windowless (some have said that since Hunter is so hard to get into, its “unbreachable” appearance suits it!).

Thanks to the phenomenal fundraising ability of the school's PTA and gifts from the Alumnae/i Association, the school makes the best of its environment—there are three state-of-the-art computer labs, a recently redecorated cafeteria which includes a salad bar and soup-and-sandwich bar, a gymnasium with a rock-climbing wall, and soft-seating areas in the library; classrooms have been spiffed up with acoustical wall panels, carpeting, storage furnishings, and technology such as Smartboards (large, touch-controlled screens that work with a projector and a computer to throw the computer's desktop image onto the interactive whiteboard which acts as both a monitor and an input device; users can write on the interactive whiteboard in digital ink or use a finger to control computer applications by pointing, clicking, and dragging, just as with a desktop mouse). The entire school building is also a “hot-spot” with wireless internet access.

Admission to Hunter High

Many older alums will recall that Hunter formerly accepted students in 7th, 9th, or 10th grades. However, since at least the 1970s, the only entrance point to Hunter High has been the 7th grade. Each fall, about 2,500 NYC sixth grade students are invited to take the entrance exam, given in January, based on the scores they achieved on their 5th grade New York State reading and math exams (for those NY parents familiar with the state's scoring of the exams, you'll be interested to know that for this year's entrance exam,



students must have earned a score of 705 on ELA and 732 on Math). The entrance exam is comprised of multiple choice reading and math sections plus an essay (the essay section was added in the late 1970s, after several years in which more males than females earned entrance to the school—mostly due to their higher scores on the math section; it was found that girls pulled even with boys with a writing component added). Only students who achieve a certain cutoff score on the multiple choice section have their essays graded, and the combined score determines who is offered admittance. Although no detailed demographics are kept by the school, an analysis of the 2007 graduating class of 180 shows that there was a fairly even split between boys and girls. Students continue to come from all five boroughs, though Queens is currently the most represented with about 46% of last year's senior class, followed by Manhattan with 36%, and Brooklyn with 12%. The Bronx was represented by six students and Staten Island had just two.

All-girls vs. Co-educational

From its inception in 1869 as the Female Normal and High School, Hunter High was an all-girls school. Before the January 1974 entrance exam was given, a group of parents, including some who had sons attending Hunter Elementary, filed suit to have boys admitted to the high school; Judge Inzer B. Wyatt ruled in Federal District Court that 24 boys were to be allowed to take the entrance exam that year. Eighteen boys were admitted in September, 1974 and graduated as part of the class of 1980; the first fully co-ed class was the class of 1981. Many older alums lament the loss of Hunter as a beacon for gifted women, but they can rest assured that the present female students at Hunter continue to excel in their studies and in leadership roles among their male classmates.

Academics

Seventh grade is considered a transition year in which students take a wide variety of courses to prepare them for high school. Grades 8–12 are comprised of

coursework towards a Hunter diploma, including four years of Math, Science, English, and Social Studies, and five year-long electives, as well as Foreign Language, Art, Music, Physical Education, Health, and Communications/Theater. In addition, all students must complete 75 hours of community service, either inside or outside of school.

The Hunter Scholars program (formerly Inter-Collegiate Year) is the program for 12th graders. It offers a unique opportunity for seniors to experience the working world in preparation for the challenges of college and ultimately a career. Internships are for 5–10 hours per week for one or both semesters. They are student-generated and are scheduled around their on-campus program of classes. Seniors may also take one or more college classes tuition-free at Hunter College or Columbia University.

Hunter enjoys an open-campus status and students may choose what to do during their free periods—they can use the library or computer lab, go to the cafeteria or courtyard, or remain in their term's hallway.

Student Activities and Achievements

Clubs, music and theater groups, and athletic teams abound at Hunter. Clubs include: Hunter United Nations Society (HUNS), Fed Challenge (economics), Mock Trial, Debate Team, Math Team, Chess Team, and Washington Seminar. The Hunter theater program now has five full productions every year: a Shakespeare play; the Hunter Theater Ensemble (HTE), which usually presents a straight play; Musical Repertory (Musical REP); Hunter Classics, for students in grades 7 through 9; and the Brick Prison Playhouse, which showcases student-written plays.

Most sports teams use the name Hunter Hawks after the school mascot—the exceptions are Boys' Volleyball (Hunter Hitmen) and Girls' Volleyball (Headhunters). In addition to Volleyball

there is a co-ed varsity bowling team, as well as varsity teams for boys' and girls' cross-country, fencing, soccer, swimming, basketball, indoor track, outdoor track, baseball, softball, and tennis. There are also middle school teams for soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball. In 2006, an ultimate team, co-ed middle school swimming, and a co-ed middle school wrestling team were added to Hunter's athletic curriculum. Hunter's sports teams are surprisingly competitive given the school's size; several, including Boys' and Girls' Volleyball, Swimming, Fencing, and Tennis are usually among the top 10 in the city.

Hunter has many student publications, including *What's What*, the official school newspaper since 1922, and its rival independent paper, *The Observer*. Weekly circulations include *What's G.O.ing On*, a joint presentation of the G.O. and *What's What*. Student-produced magazines include *Chapter 11* (humor), *Tapestry* (science fiction and fantasy), *Radicals* (math), *The Desk* (literary magazine for lower-termers), *Argus* (literary), *Annals* (the school's yearbook), *Biosphere* (science), *F-Stop* (photography), *Hunter Political Magazine*, *Cardigan* (independent culture magazine), *E magazine* (popular culture and fashion magazine), and *Playback* (music and arts magazine).

Hunter students also enjoy a number of special events including: Spirit Day, Homecoming, Carnival, Senior Tea, Honors & Awards Assembly, picnics, dances, including the Senior Prom, and the Varsity Sports Banquet.

According to the National Center of Education Statistics, the average SAT score (verbal and mathematics) at Hunter in the 2001–2002 school year was 1390. The 2400-scale average for the class of 2007 was 2156 (1436 on a 1600-point scale). Academic excellence at Hunter continues!

Have You Joined the HCHSAA Online Alum Directory?

Last June, we launched the HCHSAA online alum directory—a tool to enable alums to network with classmates and other alums—an integral part of our effort to keep alums connected and to build a stronger Hunter community. Access to the directory is limited to members of our alum community and will not be provided to any outside vendors. Since we first invited alums to register and begin using the directory, more than 2,200 of you have done so. If you're one who hasn't, please send an email message to our office at hchsalums@yahoo.com to request your individual access code.

Once you register as a member of the community, you can verify and update your directory entry: home and business contact information, college degrees, spouse/partner name, and children's names. You also have the option to choose which parts of your listing are viewable by other alums (or you can block your entire listing). The directory can be accessed from the link on the main page of our website: www.hchsaa.org (but once again, if you don't have the original email from us, please contact us for your access code).

TOP RANKING FOR HUNTER IN STUDY BY WALL STREET JOURNAL

Hunter College High School is the top-ranking public school in the U.S. in getting students into highly selective colleges and universities, according to a study by *The Wall Street Journal* that was published on November 30, 2007. Calling its ranking a “cross-section of college admissions,” the *Journal* chose eight colleges with an average admissions selectivity of 18%, and whose accepted applicants had reading and math SAT scores in the 1350–1450 range, according to the College Board. The colleges were: Harvard, Princeton, MIT, Williams, Pomona, Swarthmore, the University of Chicago, and Johns Hopkins. The *Journal* then identified the high schools of the 7,000 entering freshmen of all eight colleges and calculated what percentage of students in each high school enrolled in those eight colleges. Only high schools with at least 50 students in the graduating class were included.

Hunter tied for 15th nationally (the AA previously reported a 14th place tie, but the *Journal* subsequently corrected the rankings) behind private schools such as New York’s Collegiate School and Brearley School with 26% and 24% of their students respectively enrolling in the eight colleges. Hunter had 24 students or 13.6% of its graduating class attending the colleges. There were only five other public schools on the list of 40, with Princeton High School in 27th place and Stuyvesant in 29th place.

STATS: WHERE DID THE CLASS OF 2007 END UP?

HCHS is no exception to the trend, exhaustively reported in the national press, that competition for admission to selective colleges is tougher than ever. With the large numbers of qualified students applying, colleges are using their wait-lists more than in the past, and are cherry-picking students from them to balance their classes. This resulted in HCHS counselors finding themselves making many more calls to colleges on behalf of wait-listed students. Also, in 2007, HCHS expanded the number of private colleges that each student could apply to from six to eight (along with as many public or international schools as they wished) and thus saw an increase in applications per student from 4.8 in 2005 to 9 in 2007.

The HCHS PTA has shared statistics showing the 73 colleges and universities to which 176 members of the class of '07 accepted entrance. They range alphabetically from Amherst to Yale, with the largest number—11—going to Cornell; followed by University of Chicago, Harvard, and University of Wisconsin–Madison with seven each; Dartmouth, NYU, University of Pennsylvania, Tufts, Wesleyan, and Yale with five each; and Boston College, Brown, Carnegie Mellon, Columbia, Hunter College, McGill, Princeton, and Stanford with four students each. The complete list is below:

Amherst College	1	Gettysburg College	1	Smith College	1
Antioch College	1	Hamilton College	1	Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education/ CUNY	2
Bard College	1	Hampshire College	1	University of Southern California	1
Barnard College	1	Harvard University	7	St. John's University	1
Baruch College/CUNY	2	Hunter College/CUNY	4	Stanford University	4
Bates College	1	Indiana University at Bloomington	1	SUNY Buffalo	2
Binghamton University	3	Iona College	1	SUNY Geneseo	2
Boston College	4	Lawrence University	1	University of Toronto	1
Boston University	3	Macalester College	1	Trinity College	2
Brandeis University	1	University of Maryland, College Park	1	Tufts University	5
Brown University	4	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2	Tulane University	1
Bryn Mawr College	2	McGill University	4	Vanderbilt University	1
Bucknell University	1	Middlebury College	1	Vassar College	1
Carnegie Mellon University	4	New York University	5	Wake Forest University	3
University of Chicago	7	Northwestern University	1	Washington and Lee University	2
Colgate University	2	Oberlin College	2	Washington University in St. Louis	1
Colorado College	1	Oxford University	1	Wellesley College	2
Columbia University	4	Pennsylvania State University, University Park	2	Wesleyan University	5
Cooper Union	2	University of Pennsylvania	5	College of William and Mary	3
Cornell University	11	Pomona College	1	Williams College	3
CUNY Honors College	1	Princeton University	4	University of Wisconsin, Madison	7
Dartmouth College	5	Purchase College	1	Yale University	5
Duke University	2	Reed College	1		
The New School/ Eugene Lang College	1	University of Rhode Island	1		
Fordham University	2	Rochester Institute of Technology	2		
George Washington University	1				
Georgetown University	2				

ALUMS RETURN TO HUNTER AS TEACHERS

Daniel Mozes '84 and Stephen Young '86 joined the faculty of HCHS this year—Young in the Math department and Mozes, on a part-time basis, in the English department. AlumNotes asked them to share their experiences.

Daniel Mozes: Nothing has changed at Hunter—that's my initial impression. There are many superficial changes like the way seniors take more classes and spend less time on internships or jobs outside of school, there are more and different kinds of AP courses, and even more pressure to get into college (but that's true in every high school right now). The English Department I am working in seems especially sharp, and I am particularly impressed, for example, by the way that CT (Communications & Theater) classes feel like real acting classes. It's as if Uta Hagen swept through the CT department. There are also subtler ways in which teaching at Hunter has changed to conform better to student-centered models of teaching that have been the focus of Education schools for the past half century. I think the result has been to make Hunter students even more articulate than they were when I was a student. It also seems to me in general that the kids here now are smarter than I ever was, but that feeling is familiar to me because I felt the same way when I was a student here, as did more than half of my classmates. There is a competitive atmosphere at the school (nothing has changed) where even though all the children are above average, everyone is susceptible to feeling below average.

I have taught at Lehman College since 1991 as an adjunct in the English Department and am only now coming (back) to Hunter to teach. I have seen Lehman transform itself into a much more elite place than it was when I began, and yet it was still quite a shock

the first time I walked into a Hunter classroom to observe other teachers teaching. I was jealous of Hunter students on behalf of my Lehman students. Why can't everyone receive this sort of education? But that opinion implies that I believe everyone ought to think like I do; I only believe that some of the time.

Traveling from the Bronx to the Upper East Side to teach is more than a trip on the subway. Sometimes I teach the same texts in both places, though in different contexts. My Hunter students don't need the same background help, or help with understanding the basic meanings. We go more quickly to interpretation here. On the other hand, at Lehman the students have had life experiences, such as having gone to Iraq as soldiers, or growing up in very harsh urban environments that our kids at Hunter could not or just did not seem to have had.

I love teaching at both places, but at Hunter I feel like I have come home.

Daniel Mozes earned a BA in English Literature from Columbia in 1988 and a Ph.D. in English Literature from CUNY's Graduate Center in 1996. He has taught at Queens College and Lehman College and in 2007 he earned Middle and High School Certification from City College.

Stephen Young: During this year's HCHS entrance exam [on January 11th], some of the other teachers asked me what I remembered about taking the test. I don't remember much other than the



Stephen Young '86 and Daniel Mozes '84

topic for our essay—we had to write about the saying, “The more things change, the more they stay the same.” After returning to Hunter to teach this past September, that same saying comes to mind again.

I was part of the class of 1986, which means we had our twenty-year reunion not too long ago. Becoming a part of the math department felt like a reunion as well—five of the math teachers were teaching when I was a student, and acting chair Hal Weinstein was hired right before I graduated. Linda Aboody, with whom I interned during my senior year, is now my office mate. It is truly a dream job for me.

I was always a decent math student but I didn't especially love math, until my senior year Calculus class with Evanthia Basias changed my outlook. After graduating, I went to Union College in Schenectady for my Bachelors, and then to the University of Wisconsin–Madison for my Masters degree in math. I was in the Ph.D. program at Madison but left

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to teach community college in Chicago. I taught algebra and calculus for a year at College of Du Page and at Morton College. I liked teaching but at the time I felt like trying something new, so I started teaching myself statistics. After passing the first actuarial exam, I got a job in Chicago with Aon Re Services, a large insurance broker, and worked in casualty reinsurance. (Reinsurance is when insurance companies buy insurance, usually to protect against catastrophic losses such as hurricanes, earthquakes, product recalls—big losses.) The mathematics involved in determining the appropriate price for that kind of coverage is very involved, and I worked on some interesting projects.

After seven years I decided to move back to New York. I felt that the part of my actuarial work that I enjoyed the most was the computer work. Programming and designing spreadsheets and running simulations were the tasks that I was best at. So I switched careers and got a job with Citigroup in a financial reporting group. Then, three years ago I got married, and my wife, Margaret, and I started to map out a plan for our lives. She decided to become a Physician Assistant and I decided to go back to teaching. I was accepted to the NYC Teaching Fellows program, but as the program was starting up I got a call from Tony Fisher to interview for a teaching position at Hunter.

Everybody says that the first year of teaching is the hardest, and I can tell you that I have never experienced the kind of emotional, mental, and physical exhaustion like I have felt this year. Would I go back? No chance. I love teaching math and I have a great bunch of students. I teach three eleventh-grade classes and two ninth-grade classes. They are a won-

derful bunch—not all of them like doing math, but they are all hard workers and I'm proud to be their teacher. For the most part, things have stayed the same at Hunter since the 1980s. The building looks the same—although some of the classrooms have been renovated, and there's a language lab now. The students are still smart, there are still many clubs and bake sales and a lot of the traditions I remember are still around. Theater is still thriving at Hunter, sports are still a part of student life, the math teams are doing well, the G.O. is still a big deal. We still use Bumby & Klutch texts for our math classes, although Richard Klutch has retired.

This year during Spirit Week, somehow Open School Day, when the parents visit and observe classes, was scheduled on the same day as Pajama Day. So there I was, teaching in my pajamas and bathrobe, telling jokes and stories and talking about math. Apparently one of the parents asked their child if I always taught like that, or if I was just putting on a show for their benefit. My student said yes, that I was like that every day, except for the pajamas. Math can get pretty dry, so every day is a battle to keep things interesting. Letting the students see your passion for the subject is the first piece of the puzzle, but then you also have to understand where they get confused and figure out different approaches to explaining ideas. You need to keep the students involved and keep the class moving forward. I've found that being honest, fair, and thoughtful is the way to earn the students' respect. I've changed careers a few times in the past, but I really feel at home now. Being back at Hunter is wonderful, and I hope someday I'm teaching alongside some of my current students.

NEWS FROM HCHS

The 2008 senior class contains 67 National Merit Semifinalists and 81 Commended Scholars. The nationwide pool of semifinalists represents less than 1% of high school seniors...In commemoration of Veterans Day, HCHS screened a special CUNY/Hunter edition of short, filmed interviews as part of the "Stories of Service" project. This program is part of the nonprofit Digital Clubhouse, which has partnerships with The History Channel, The Roosevelt Institute, AMVETS, Youth Serve America, and Disabled American Veterans, as well as many other agencies, civic groups, and veterans' organizations. The program provides the technology and training for students to interview and record the stories of service of veterans. Rep. Charles Rangel, who served in Korea, spoke to students... Alex Bores finished 9th in the Lexington Winter Invitational (Lexington, MA) debate competition on January 18–19 out of a field of more than 120 varsity debaters...

HCHS PTA Auction

The PTA is preparing for its Annual Auction on Thursday, May 1. They hope to raise \$100,000 and would like your help securing live and silent auction or raffle items such as:

- tickets (theater, sports, music, TV taping, etc.)
- gift cards
- restaurant gift certificates
- airline mileage
- vacation homes
- art and jewelry (worth above \$100)
- one-of-a-kind experiences—
behind scenes tours, walk-on parts,
lunch/dinner with a celebrity,
autographed memorabilia, etc!

Donation forms can be found on the PTA website at www.hunterpta.org. If you have questions, contact Lori Bores at 212-650-0241 or lori.bores@verizon.net. The PTA also welcomes any alumni and friends interesting in attending.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

OUR FOUNDATION, OUR LEGACY—THE CAMPAIGN FOR HUNTER COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

A CAMPAIGN TO CREATE AN ENDOWMENT AND IMPROVE HCHS RESOURCES

In 2006, the HCHS Alumnae/i Association, in conjunction with Hunter College, embarked on the largest fundraising campaign in its history. *Our Foundation, Our Legacy* was initiated to seek long-term support for Hunter College High School (Hunter College is also working on extending this campaign to include the Elementary School). Commitments are being sought from alums, parents, and friends of Hunter to create a \$3 million permanent endowment fund for the High School and an additional \$2 million for current needs both at the High School and the Alumnae/i Association. Since inception, the campaign has received donations and pledges approaching \$1,000,000 from a broad swath of alums and friends.

"A gift to Hunter makes a difference," said Campaign consultant Matt Blumenfeld '83. "When you contribute, you are helping to launch the careers of future scientists, doctors, professors, artists, and philanthropists too; people who will have the brains, training, and desire to go out and change the world for the better."

Some of the commitments we've received recently, which illustrate the breadth of our donor base, include the following:

- The Hausner, Whitman, Aufses, and Beck families donated \$125,000 in memory of Stowe WHITMAN Hausner '40 (see related article on page 4).
- Dorothy Brodin, retired HCHS French teacher, gave a legacy gift of more than \$100,000 when she passed away in 2006. Mme. Brodin taught at HCHS from 1948–1968.
- Eleanor ULLMAN Light, Jan. '49 donated \$5,000 to fund Holocaust education programs at the High School. The money came from World War II reparations she received from the French government on behalf of her family. Light has also funded a scholarship at her college *alma mater*, Cornell, which gives first priority to HCHS graduates and awards about \$1,200 each year.
- Sister Beryl Herdt '50 contributed \$35,000 in December 2007 in honor of her parents, Clifford and Eda Herdt, whose industriousness, creativity, belief in the values of education, and partnership with one another characterized their lives. Sister Beryl's career includes service as a teacher at Hunter High and professor, administrator, and emerita at Hunter/Lehman Colleges. She currently works at Dominican College in Orangeburg, NY. In making her gift, Sister Beryl wrote that, "I am eternally grateful for the education I received, the outstanding faculty, and the excellence and friendship of my sister classmates at HCHS. Hunter High gave me a very solid foundation for master's, doctoral, and continued scholarly study and activities as well as life."
- Anita Springer '72 donated \$35,000 in 2007, in honor of her class's 35th reunion. Springer has been successful in the world of finance and felt strongly that she wanted to share her success with Hunter, and inspire her classmates to participate.

IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES

Imagine what Hunter could accomplish with an endowment on the scale of the best private or public schools. Consider the following: In September, 2007, an alumna of the small George School, in Newtown, PA, donated \$128 million to the school, more than doubling the endowment and providing incredible opportunities for the 540 students it serves. In January 2008, *The New York Times* reported that elite prep schools have "college-size" endowments, including Phillips Exeter Academy's \$1 billion (nearly \$1 million in endowment assets for each of its students). Other schools mentioned include the Brearley School in Manhattan with \$100 million, Choate Rosemary Hall with \$267 million and Phillips Andover Academy with \$800 million. James H. Ottway, Jr., a former board member of Dow Jones & Company was quoted in the article as stating: "I always tell people I was educated at Exeter and went to Yale... I have always given more money to Exeter because I felt it was the most educational experience and character-forming experience of my life." [As an aside, we're proud to say that HCHS alum Susan LEVINE Fuhrman '61, president of Teachers College of Columbia University, was quoted in the article.]

With nearly 11,000 alums on our mailing list, there are few limits to what we can accomplish if we dedicate ourselves to working together to help our student body of 1,200.

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- Joshua and Stephanie Lane, parents of a graduate of 1997, have made annual stock gifts in the range of \$2,000 for the past three years, while their son, Jeremiah, has made similar gifts through United Way (plus employer match).
- Errol Bakal '99 pledged \$2,500 to the Campaign and is also a member of the HCHSAA Board of Directors. Currently working in private equity, Bakal is delighted to be able to give back to Hunter, to which he attributes much of who he is today. Bakal also coordinates the Board's Young Alums group and has organized a series of increasingly successful events. If you are interested in getting involved in Young Alums, please contact Errol Bakal at errol.bakal@gmail.com.
- Alejandro Alves '01 has, for over two years, given monthly gifts (through automated payments) in amounts ranging from \$35 to \$70. Alves, who grew up in the south Bronx, and after Hunter attended West Point, is currently serving his second tour of duty in Iraq.

Hundreds of others have made gifts and pledges ranging from \$10 to \$100,000 and we thank all of them.

This year, we are hoping that milestone class gifts (from those who graduated in a year ending in '3' or '8') will set a new standard for generosity. As we move closer to reunion we ask each class member to consider the value of your Hunter experience and to contribute as generously as you possibly can when called upon.

There are a broad variety of giving options available, including planned gifts and bequests. For more information on the campaign for Hunter and how you can help, please contact Matt Blumenfeld '83 at matthew@financialdevelopmentagency.com or Ann Goldberg at Ann.Goldberg@hunter.cuny.edu.

HCHSAA GIVES \$110,000 IN GIFTS/GRANTS TO HCHS

HCHSAA proudly presented more than \$110,000 to HCHS in the fall of 2007. This marked the fourth consecutive year in which the Alumnae/i Association has given \$100,000 or more to Hunter for immediate needs. These gifts to HCHS were made possible by donations large and small from alums and friends—to the HCHSAA Annual Giving appeal, milestone Class Gifts, and to the *Our Foundation, Our Legacy* campaign.

Some alums have chosen to direct their gifts in specific ways, while others gave un earmarked gifts—their donations were awarded to fund items requested by the various High School departments after review of grant proposals received by the AA's Board of Directors. Highlights of grants made possible by contributions to the 2006–2007 Annual Giving drive are:

- \$30,000 to upgrade one of the School's three computer labs
- \$9,400 for the Arts department for instrument and music storage cabinets, a dedicated laptop for the music lab, and art supplies
- \$9,300 for the Science department for microscopes and a flatbed scanner
- \$7,250 for the English department for audiovisual equipment for the 2007–2008 theater season and to support the Contemporary Playwright lecture
- \$7,000 for the Health and Physical Education department for office renovations
- \$3,600 for the Library for computers and a printer

English department chair Lois Refkin has already expressed her thanks: "On behalf of the English/CT

[Communications & Theater] Department and our students, I'd like to thank the Alumnae/i Association for your incredibly gracious support... We will send you more information as we develop the plan for our playwright visit, and certainly hope alumni will come to our shows to see how their support will enhance our students' efforts in HTE (Hunter Theater Ensemble), Rep, and Classics this year. We are extremely grateful for your generosity." HCHS Principal Sonya Mosco wrote: "On behalf of the administration and faculty of HCCS, we are SO GRATEFUL to the HCHSAA for your continued support and interest in our programs. Your generous contributions directly support education in the classrooms as well as activities benefiting the community at large."

HCHSAA president Purvi Sevak '91 and the entire Board of Directors would like to express gratitude to everyone—alums and friends—who made these contributions to the High School possible. Alums are reminded that HCHSAA's 2007–2008 Annual Giving drive is underway (the letter sent last November is reproduced at right)—it is sincerely hoped that everyone will contribute. Contributions can be made by check, or online using Mastercard or Visa at our website: www.hchsaa.org. HCHSAA is also able to accept gifts of securities—please contact our office for transfer instructions. Gifts to HCHSAA are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law and HCHSAA is also eligible for matching gifts from employers. If you have already contributed in the past few months, thank you very much. If you haven't, now would be a great time!

ANNUAL GIVING 2007–2008

At right is the text of the letter sent to alums and friends last November to kick off the HCHSAA 2007–2008 Annual Giving campaign.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has already donated to this year's effort. We encourage everyone who has not yet participated to do so today! Please see the article on page 12 to read about how your contributions last year benefited HCHS!

You can give online at www.hchsaa.org (click "View Online Payment Center") or return the form on page 23 with payment in the pre-addressed envelope provided for your convenience.

HCHSAA's current fiscal year runs from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. All donors who contribute \$100 or more to the Annual Giving drive during this period will be acknowledged on the Honor Roll of Giving, to be published in a future issue of AlumNotes.

A copy of the latest financial report and registration filed by our organization may be obtained by contacting New York State's Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law, Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271.

November 2007

Dear HCHS Alum or Friend:

What is the value of the Hunter educational experience? As students, we were the beneficiaries of an extraordinary experience—a community that challenged while providing support, that opened up pathways far beyond our home neighborhoods, and that provided a solid foundation upon which to build our lives as we moved to college and beyond.

We continue to reap the benefits of our Hunter education throughout our lives. We count fellow Hunterites among our closest lifelong friends, and thrill at that flash of knowing joy whenever we meet another Hunterite. We are all part of the same "gifted" community that cherishes inquisitiveness, values intelligence, and relishes complexity. We are a small yet diverse family that stretches across generations and recognizes the rare and precious experience our Hunter education provided.

Your Alumnae/i Association is dedicated to both expanding programs and resources for alumni and helping to ensure that the Hunter experience remains true for each new generation of students. Each year, your contributions to the HCHSAA Annual Giving drive provide needed support to the High School—funding needed equipment, curricular and extracurricular materials, and other resources that enrich, enliven, and challenge. Last year, some of the items which your contributions supported included: college-level Art History textbooks for the 9th grade, complete renovation of one of the computer labs, a full classroom set of graphing calculators for the Math department, equipment for the Science labs and the Physics team, completion of the two-year Social Studies office renovation project, weight room renovations, as well as funding for the Library, extracurriculars, visual and performing arts, Foreign Languages, and student publications. Every student benefits from our support.

The 2006–2007 Annual Giving drive raised more than \$84,000 from 765 gifts. With your help, we hope to significantly improve both of those numbers and bring our giving in line with where it should be—at the top tier of all secondary schools nationwide.

As Board members of our Association, we are happy to give our time, energy, and money to support an experience we recognize as foundational. We urge you to join us in showing your appreciation of the Hunter experience by generously supporting the 2007–2008 Annual Giving drive with your tax-deductible contribution.

Best wishes for 2008,



Purvi Sevak '91

President, Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association

P.S. Your gift may be eligible for an employer match. HCHSAA is also able to accept gifts of securities. Please contact our office for more information or to schedule an individual gift consultation.

P.P.S. If you haven't paid dues (which support our office operations, including production of *AlumNotes* and maintenance of our website and new online directory) in the past twelve months, or would like to renew your dues, please return your dues payment with your contribution to the Annual Giving drive.

HUNTERITES IN THE NEWS

Ruby WALLACE Dee '39 received an Academy Award nomination as best supporting actress and won a Screen Actors Guild Award for her standout performance in the hit movie *American Gangster*. This is Dee's first Oscar nomination in a long and storied career. Dee has played memorable roles on stage, on television, and in more than 50 movies during a remarkable career that spans more than half a century. She has also been hailed for her work as a writer and a social activist. Last year, Dee returned to Hunter College, from which she graduated with a B.A. in French and Spanish, to present an exclusive preview screening on campus of *Naming Number Two*, an award-winning film in which she starred.

Cynthia Ozick, Jan. '46 was presented by President Bush with a National Humanities Medal at a ceremony held at The White House on November 15, 2007. The award was in honor of her literary criticism, which, as President Bush stated: "has traced the shifting currents of American arts and letters. In her criticism and essays she has been a lifelong advocate and practitioner of moral clarity and literary excellence." For more than two decades the NEH has recognized some of our country's most influential artists, philanthropists, authors, and scholars.

Mildred SPIEWACK Dresselhaus, Jan. '48 has been awarded the 2008 Oliver E. Buckley Condensed Matter Prize for her pioneering contributions to the understanding of electronic properties of materials, especially novel forms of carbon. Dresselhaus is on the faculty of MIT, where she has worked since 1960. She was formerly President of the American Physical Society (1984), now chairs the Board of the American Institute of Physics, was Treasurer of the National Academy of Sciences (1992–96), and President of the American Association for

the Advancement of Science (1997). She is the recipient of the National Medal of Science (1990), 24 honorary doctorates, and many other awards.

Dr. Linda Fried '66 has been appointed the new dean of the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, effective May 2008. Dr. Fried will also be a professor of epidemiology. Dr. Fried joins Columbia after a distinguished career of more than two decades at Johns Hopkins University, where she is currently professor of medicine, epidemiology, health policy and nursing and serves as director of the Center on Aging and Health. A renowned geriatrician and epidemiologist, she is internationally recognized for her outstanding clinical work and research in geriatric medicine and gerontology. While also leading Johns Hopkins' Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology and the Bloomberg School of Public Health's Program in Epidemiology of Aging, Dr. Fried has focused her own scholarship on the causal factors of frailty as well as on the prevention of disabilities associated with the aging process. She was named a Kaiser Faculty Scholar in General Internal Medicine and is the recipient of a National Institute on Aging MERIT Award, as well as many other honors, including membership in the Institute of Medicine. Having attended the University of Wisconsin as an undergraduate, Dr. Fried received her medical degree from Rush Medical College and completed her postdoctoral training at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in geriatrics, general internal medicine and epidemiology. She also received her masters in public health from Johns Hopkins. She is also co-designer of Experience Corps, a community-based senior volunteer program that serves public school children while promoting better health for the older volunteers by fos-

tering increased physical, cognitive, and social activity through intensive civic engagement in public elementary schools.

Steven Gilliard, Jr. '82, who died last June, was profiled in the annual *New York Times Magazine's* "The Lives They Lived" issue on December 30, 2007. Gilliard was a political blogger who wrote for "The Daily Kos" and then moved on to start his own blog—"News Blog." In the introduction to the special issue, the editors explained that in selecting the profiles they looked to "embrace idiosyncrasy, storytelling and the interest and passions of our editors and writers."

Lin-Manuel Miranda '98 was awarded the Richard Rodgers New Horizon Award by ASCAP Foundation in December, 2007. This award is given in recognition of emerging musical theater talent. His show *In the Heights* ran off-Broadway in 2007 and opened on Broadway at the Richard Rodgers Theater on March 9, 2008. A cast album will be released in conjunction with the show's opening.

Josh Centor '00 was featured on the front page of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* (September 14, 2007) for his role in pioneering the new media efforts of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, including a blog and weekly podcast. Centor has spent the past two years working at the NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis and has also been featured in the *Boston Globe*. His connection to the NCAA began when he played baseball as a student at Brandeis; he then joined the Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and became a proponent of the value of college sports.

Laura Weidman '00 was interviewed by Susan Sawyers of *The Huffington Post* on January 8, 2008. Weidman was a principal in New York City's Garden in Transit—a project that put painted flow-

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ers on yellow taxis. Referring to her years at Hunter Elementary and High Schools, Laura said, “Getting a fantastic free education with a really diverse group of kids, who all felt lucky and privileged to be there, was an amazing environment to grow up in.

Hunter’s open campus encouraged independence and fostered sensitivity and acceptance of others. I grew up with a good balance of being pushed when I was younger, but knowing that if I messed up, it was okay.” She added that her commitment to social consciousness grew out of a month she spent, at the age of 15, volunteering in Costa Rica as part of Hunter’s community service requirement. “The one week we spent doing home stay in a rural village probably had the biggest impact on me—it was informative and instructive to be in a place that was so different from where I was from. I was embarrassed about everything that I had. That sort of self-awareness is important.” The article can be accessed at www.huffingtonpost.com/susan-sawyers/the-next-generation-in-bl_b_80291.html

HCHS English teacher **Peter Melman** had his book *Landsman: A Novel* (Counterpoint Press, 2007) ranked among the top 10 books by new novelists in 2007 by the *Rocky Mountain News*. The plot revolves around Elias Abrams—a New Orleans Jew on the run from police and his former fellow gangster lowlives—who joins the Confederate Army to put some distance between himself and his troubles. He is subsequently befriended by an older soldier, John Lee Carlson, a book-loving college professor who improbably tells stories from Ovid in the calm places on the edges of the Civil War’s carnage.

Retired English teacher **Nanette Asher**, who heads Queens’ *Shakespeare Inc.*, was mentioned in an article in the weekly Queens newspaper, *Times Ledger*, on October 25, 2007, in connection with her group’s production of *Hamlet* at the Bowne Street Community Church in Flushing. The group is only three years old, but has already tackled *Macbeth*, *As You Like It*, and *Romeo & Juliet*. Asher’s production of *Macbeth* used modern technology, such as cell phones, as well as modern fashion and techno music.

Florence Avakian ’55 being interviewed on Al Jazeera Television in February about the Armenian Genocide and its prospects for recognition by the United Nations. Avakian is an accredited U.N. journalist and freelance writer based in NY...**Helen Epstein ’65** being interviewed last August on WAMC, the Albany NPR radio station, about growing up in Manhattan, her six years at Hunter, and how her time there contributed to her becoming a cultural journalist. The interview can be accessed online by searching “Helen Epstein in conversation with Alan Chartock.” Epstein is the author of five books of literary nonfiction including the two memoirs *Children of the Holocaust* and *Where She Came From: A Daughter’s Search for Her Mother’s History* and the biography *Joe Papp: An American Life*. All three books were named *New York Times* Notable Books of the Year...**Susan MAJORS Battley ’68** on CNBC on February 5, in a segment entitled “Re-Ignite Your Career.” The segment deals with effective leadership skills, focusing on NY Giants coach Tom Coughlin’s leadership makeover this past year. The segment can be viewed online at: www.cnbc.com/id/15840232?video=638989240...**Jana (a/k/a Jane) Martin ’80** at The Knitting Factory on September 18 reading from her new book *Russian Lover and Other Stories*...**Kyle Baker ’83** at the Kew Gardens Hills Library in Queens on October 25, giving a cartooning workshop for children ages 6 and up. Baker is an award-winning cartoonist...**Eli Attie ’85** on the NPR-radio program “All Things Considered” on January 8. Attie, a former speechwriter for NYC Mayor David Dinkins and Vice President Al Gore, was invited on the show on the day of the presidential primary in New Hampshire to discuss concession speeches. Attie is currently a writer/producer in LA and has worked on *The West Wing* and *Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip*...**Laura Auricchio ’86** writing on occasion for the magazine *Time Out New York* as she reviews (mostly pre-19th century) art exhibits around NYC. Auricchio teaches at The New School...**Angus Johnston ’86** being interviewed at the weekly live show “Shoot the Messenger” on August 24, 2007, at the Ace of Clubs (in the basement of the Acme Bar & Grill in Greenwich Village). Johnston is a historian who has written about American student activism...**David Davidson ’98** singing with the Manhattan Choral Ensemble, a 40-voice mixed chorus, in holiday concerts at The Shrine Church of Saint Anthony of Padua and St. Athanasius Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn...

HCHS on the Web

Several alumni have alerted our office to the following:

- Wikipedia, the free online encyclopedia, has an interesting entry regarding HCHS, including a list of “notable” alums, many of whom have stand-alone biographies on the site.
- Facebook group: brick prison alumni
- Friendster profile: <http://profiles.friendster.com/1563574>

ALUM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roslyn STERNBERG Willett '40 is publishing a novella in installments on the web. It is called "Special" and is featured in *Midway Journal* (www.midwayjournal.com/December07_CurrentIssue.html). Willett has published 15 short stories since she retired. She is listed in *Who's Who in America* and in the new *Feminists Who Changed America 1963–1975* published by the University of Illinois.

Natalie Edgar, Jan. '50 edited the book *Club Without Walls, The Journals of Philip Pavia* (Midmarch Arts Press, 2006). Pavia, a sculptor who died in 2005, chronicled how he and his cohorts met informally at the misleadingly named Waldorf Cafeteria (actually a low-rent diner). Pavia describes it with a typically romantic flourish as "carve[d] out of living rock...a catacomb, with niches and small chapels for leaders and prophets from our art world above." Regulars included the "overbearing" Aristodemos Kaldis, the "enigmatic" Landis Lewitan, the "serious thinking" Willem de Kooning, the "affable" Franz Kline, and a host of others, such as Jack Tworikov, Beauford Delaney, Isamu Noguchi, Fairfield Porter, and the dance critic Edwin Denby.

Gloria FLEISCHER Cohen, Jan. '51 was honored on February 29 by the New Jersey Association for Gifted Children with its Hall of Fame Award for 2008. The award is NJACG's way of thanking her for her dedication to improving the quality of gifted education, educating students, and providing expertise. Cohen retired in 1997 as coordinator of the K–12 Enrichment Program in the Ramsey Public Schools, and has served as a consultant to school districts and organizations and presented seminars and workshops about gifted education. She received her doctorate in education from Columbia University's Teachers College.

Judith MOSCOW Heimann, Jan. '53 recently published *The Airmen and the Headhunters: A True Story of Lost Soldiers, Heroic Tribesmen, and the Unlikeliest Rescue of World War II* (Harcourt, 2007). The book recounts the story of eight WW II Army airmen who were shot down by the Japanese in 1944 and, after parachute landings, scattered over the mountainous interior of Borneo. When loincloth-wearing Dayak tribesmen appeared, the starving airmen wondered if they would be turned over to the island's occupying Japanese or if the Dayaks would risk reprisals to help them. The tribal leaders' unprecedented decision led to a desperate game of hide-and-seek and, ultimately, the return of a long-renounced ritual—head-hunting. Heimann was interviewed by Jackie Lyden on NPR's *All Things Considered* on November 10; it can be accessed at: www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=16122320. Heimann reads a selection from the book at: www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=16350787. Heimann, a career diplomat and writer, spent seven years in Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaysia, and also served as consul general in Bordeaux, France. Retired now from the Foreign Service, she still works on special diplomatic assignments for the Department of State and splits her time between Washington, DC and Brussels.

Rose Hartman '55 is a professional photographer and is available to shoot portraits, special events, and weddings. Contact her at rhartmanphotos@mac.com

Bess Heitner '60 invites alums to view her jewelry design offerings at www.bessheitner.com. Her contemporary jewelry designs, which have been featured on ABC-TV and Japanese television, are made of the finest stones and minerals which she seeks out from the world's treasure troves—Peruvian Opal, Brazilian

amethyst and tourmaline, Italian branch coral, Indian rubies, just to name a few. She finishes each piece with custom clasps handcrafted from unusual objects or gems set in precious metals. Tiny Austrian crystals and luminous pearls add a subtle sparkle and flattering glow to all skin tones. Her work is available through fashion stylists and image consultants, and in select boutiques in New York, California, and Sydney, Australia.

Judith Sachs '64 remembers what it was like to be a teenager—and also remembers what it was like to be the parent of one. She is editorial director of *ParentingTeens Online* (www.parentingteensonline.com), the antidote to the great rollercoaster ride of adolescence that puts parents in the front car of the coaster, rather than letting them get whipped around in the back. This free online magazine, for the parents of 12–19 year olds, covers the major issues of adolescence (substance abuse, family dynamics, education, money, social issues and community, sports and competing, technology and media) and is delivered by email monthly to subscribers. It provides practical advice from experts, parents, and teens themselves.

Vivian Reiss '70 presented "Art Sensational: The Neuroscience of Molecular Gastronomy"—a lecture and tasting—at the Reiss Gallery in Toronto in February. Psychotherapist Ariel Garten gave a lecture investigating how the brain understands and delights in food, which took place in the architecturally enchanting Reiss Art Gallery filled with Reiss's luscious paintings of food. The tasting was designed by Reiss to illustrate on the tongue the brainy culinary ideas in the lecture. (Molecular Gastronomy is the hottest topic in the world of cuisine—using science to explore how food is transformed and allowing flavors and textures to be isolated and recombined in surprising and delightful ways.)

Ellen Wallenstein '70 had a show of her photos entitled "Opus for Anne: A Still Life, 2002–2005" at the Henry Street Settlement, Abrons Arts Center in the fall of 2007. The photographs and artist books were made during the three years Wallenstein spent as a hospice volunteer, visiting Anne, a cancer patient, at her apartment in Greenwich Village. Wallenstein made her first photographs while a student at Hunter. She went on to earn a B.A. in Art History from SUNY Stony Brook and an M.F.A. in Photography from Pratt Institute, where she is currently an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Media Arts Department. She is also a member of the faculty at the School of Visual Arts, where she teaches photography and book arts classes.

Anne Harrington '77 had her new book *The Cure Within: A History of Mind-Body Medicine* (Norton) reviewed in the January 27, 2008 *New York Times Book Review* section. The reviewer, Jerome Groopman (a physician who writes for *The New Yorker*) calls the book "a splendid history of mind-body medicine [in which] Anne Harrington tries to explain why we draw connections between emotions and illness, and helps trace how today's myriad alternative and complementary treatments came to be." Harrington is a professor and chairman of the history of science department at Harvard.

Jonathan Kirshner '82 has recently published *Appeasing Bankers: Financial Caution on the Road to War* (Princeton University Press, 2007). In his book, Kirshner, a professor of government at Cornell University, shows that bankers dread war—an aversion rooted in pragmatism, not idealism. States that pursue appeasement when assertiveness—or even conflict—is warranted, Kirshner demonstrates, are often appeasing their own bankers. And these realities are increas-

ingly shaping state strategy in a world of global financial markets. Bankers, Kirshner shows, have even opposed assertive foreign policies when caution seems to go against their nation's interest (as in interwar France) or their own long-term political interest (as during the Falklands crisis, when British bankers failed to support their ally Margaret Thatcher). Examining these and other cases, including the Spanish-American War, interwar Japan, and the United States during the Cold War, *Appeasing Bankers* shows that, when faced with the prospect of war or international political crisis, national financial communities favor caution and demonstrate a marked aversion to war.

Kyle Baker '83 announces two recent publications: the mini-series *Special Forces* (Image Comics, October 2007) and *The Bakers: Babies & Kittens*. *Special Forces*, a dark, biting satire and action-adventure, shows what happens when U.S. military recruiters get desperate as a young autistic boy and a directionless female ex-con are sent to the frontlines. *The Bakers: Babies & Kittens* is a book-length adventure and follows up a previous collection about family life. Baker has authored more than 13 graphic novels, including the critically acclaimed *Nat Turner* and *The Bakers*. For fun with the Bakers online, go to <http://thebakersanimationcartoons.blogspot.com>

Mike Holt '86 recently released a new album entitled *Windows*, which weaves Beatles-y pop songs, funny anthems, orchestrated ballads, original classical instrumentals, and solo piano pieces into a single musical journey. Samples can be heard at michaelholtmusic.com or myspace.com/mikeyholt. Holt held a gala release party at The Living Room in NYC on January 11; classmate Sam Bardfeld '86 also appeared.

Sandi Dubowski '88 is the producer of the new film *A Jihad for Love*, which had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival in September 2007. The film is the first feature documentary to explore the complex global intersections between Islam and homosexuality. Dubowski previously directed the 2001 documentary *Trembling Before G-d*, about orthodox Jews and homosexuality.

Dave Kerpen '94 has announced that he is running for the 2009 New York City Council seat being vacated by David Weprin in southeast Queens. His website is www.davekerpen.com. Kerpen is currently a public junior high school math teacher, most recently at IS 237 in Flushing. He also is a partner in the Kbuzz, a non-traditional marketing firm, based at The Shops at Atlas Park in Glendale.

You can have your announcement published by writing or emailing the Alumnae/i office.

HCHS HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS SOUGHT

Hunter alums who survived the Holocaust or were refugees from Europe during the Nazi era have a very special story to share. Betty Kleinfeld, Acting Chair of the HCHS Social Studies Department, would like to host these women at a special event for students next fall. For more information and how to participate, contact Betty at 212-860-1280 or by email to: bkleinf@hccs.hunter.cuny.edu

If you would like to share your story in writing and add to the archive of the Hunter High Survivors website, please visit <http://freespace.virgin.net/er.kugler/hchs/> or email Eve Kanner Kugler, Jan. '99 at eva.kanner@virgin.net.

1960s

Gale BRINN McCall '61 has moved her website to: <http://GaleMcCall.net> • **Nancy R. Katz, Ph.D. '64** founded Illyria Consulting Group, Inc. in 2006. She is president and principal medical writing consultant of this group, which provides writing services for the biopharmaceutical industry. Please visit her website at illyriaconsulting.com. •

Ann GORMLEY Pinzl '64 writes that although she is no longer Curator of Natural History at the Nevada State Museum, she keeps professionally active, both on the botanical and museum fronts. She has not moved or taken up golf in her retirement, but does travel.

1970s

Amy Farber '71 reports that classmate **Nancy EICHENBERGER McKellar '71** was badly injured in late January when she was hit by a truck near where she lives in Calgary, Canada. She will be hospitalized and in rehab for a number of months, so classmates are urged to drop her a note.

1980s

Robert Burridge '85 is back working at NASA in Houston after spending a few years in Atlanta. These days, NASA's focus is the moon, so among other things, he's been working on command and control interfaces for lunar robots. In particular, they've been thinking up ways to deal with the 5–10 second time delay between command and response and this year Rob expects to be working on the brains for a lunar rover/lunar truck concept vehicle. Since there are no plans to send people to the moon for at least a dozen years, his work is mostly research which means he doesn't have to worry about whether a particular technology

(like rubber tires or fast computers) is currently feasible for the lunar environment. • **Renee RAMIREZ Herz '85** has been living in Los Angeles for seven years (and has just recently learned to drive at the age of 35!) with her husband, Justin, and two sons, Ian (6) and Alex (3). She misses New York but thinks it's much easier to live in LA. She sends greetings to classmates Angel Soto, Lisa Weisbord, Marc Levy, and Alex Pustilnik. • **Andrew Greene '87** is thrilled that his first *New York Times* crossword puzzle appeared on Sunday, August 26, 2007 in the Magazine section.

1990s

Jeremy Rosof '93 and his wife, Rachel Fetner, had their first child, Lily Charlotte, on September 22, 2007. Lily is a bundle of joy and lives with her parents on Long Island, where Rachel practices medicine as an endocrinologist and Jeremy is a commercial litigator at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan. • **Greg Rowland '93** and **Amy Abbazia '94** were married on January 12, 2008. They knew each other socially at Hunter, but never dated and weren't in touch after graduation until they met again at a party in late 2004. They are both attorneys—Greg at Davis Polk & Wardwell and Amy at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett. • **Juliet Ross '96** is proud to announce her private practice in clinical psychology in Manhattan. Referrals are welcome! She is also a post-doctoral fellow at the National Institute for the Psychotherapies and continues to be an avid jewelry designer, with a selection of her work featured at the website: LittlePretty.com. Juliet reports that **Jessica Buturla '96** is working hard at Cravath, Swaine, & Moore LLP and is engaged to be married in September 2008. **Ruth Kaplan '96** successfully defended her dissertation proposal in the English Department at Stanford. **Simon Rodberg**

'96 heads the English department at Caesar Chavez, an exciting charter school in Washington, DC. He is engaged to be married in June 2008. • **Jeff Lane '97** is currently a Ph.D. student in Sociology at Princeton. His recently published book *Under the Boards* is currently included in the syllabi of sociology and history courses at several universities including Wake Forest, University of Memphis, University of Colorado–Boulder, and University of Denver. For more information about the book, please visit <http://undertheboards.com/reviews.html>.

• **Macauley Peterson '97** traveled to Houston in December with the Hunter chess team for the bi-yearly Nationals competition. Hunter Elementary won first place with its 1st grade team and finished in the Top 5 for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Hunter High tied for first place with its 9th grade team and finished in the Top 5 for 7th grade. Macauley was one of four assistant coaches and has helped coach every year since he graduated from HCHS except when he was in the Netherlands working on his M.A. in Film Studies; prior to that, he attended for 10 years as a competitor! He has made an 18-part video series on the 2007 World Chess Nationals which can be found at ICC Chess FM (www.chessclub.com/chessfm/) and his website is www.macauleypeterson.com. He's back in Europe now working full-time as a journalist (mostly about chess). • **Lona Kaplan '99** married Jason Werner on August 18, 2007, in Kings Point, NY. In attendance were HCHS alums **Elizabeth Kandel '99**, **Arthur Lewis '98** and Lona's brother, **Ian Kaplan '96**. The newlyweds plan to stay in New York, where Lona is a special education music/theater teacher.

2000s

Josh Centor '00 married long-time girlfriend, Jaye-Lacey Pearlman, on May 26,

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2007, in Ashland, MA. They met during college at Brandeis University. • **Caren Perlmutter '00** is managing the Education and Employment Program at the American Museum of Natural History. • **Jayne Kubat '04**, currently a senior at Bucknell University, co-wrote an article published in the July 2007 *Journal of Magnetic Resonance* entitled "Non-Uniform Sampling and Maximum Entropy Reconstruction Applied to the Accurate Measurement of Residual Dipolar Couplings." Jayne is a research assistant in the Bio-Chem lab and her team worked on this article, with her professor taking third-billing. Her proud mother writes that Jayne is applying to veterinary schools for Fall 2008. • **Andrew Kaminski '05** is enjoying Dartmouth. He writes that there are a lot of Hunterites there, which is great because Stuyvesant is "way over-represented." • **David Watson '07** is a freshman at Dartmouth.

You can contribute your news to Class Notes by writing or emailing the Alumnae/i Association office.

FROM THE BLOGOSPHERE

During the week of October 15, 2007, The *New York Times*' City Room (the metro blog) asked readers to submit questions for Alec Klein, the author of *A Class Apart: Prodigies, Pressure and Passion Inside One of America's Best High Schools* (Simon & Schuster, 2007), a recent book about Stuyvesant. The first question, submitted by "Moishe Chan," was: "Why does Stuyvesant get all the attention when everybody knows that Hunter is, by any account, the best public high school in NYC and probably the country? Hunter 8th graders take the test to get into Stuy just to prove how easy it is!" (For those not in the know, "Moishe Chan" was a fictional character created for *Annals* 1991).

FIRST ANNUAL HCHSAA JOE KUBAT INVITATIONAL SOFTBALL CLASSIC

The team from the '90s beat the team from the '80s by a score of 6-5 in a fun softball match played on Saturday, September 15, 2007 at the Heckscher Ballfields in Central Park and organized by Matt Blumenfeld '83. About 30 alums plus Hunter Elementary teacher Joe Kubat attended. Kubat has coached the High School baseball team for many years. Laura Auricchio '86 reports that her class had an excellent turnout, although she was the only woman from the '80s decade! Andrew Siff '86 adds that the classes from the '90s were trash-talkers who definitely need to be beaten in a rematch!

YOUNG ALUMS THANKSGIVING HAPPY HOUR

About 125 alums showed up at some point during the Saturday, November 24, 2007 mixer. The venue was Society, in the NYU neighborhood. Event coordinator Errol Bakal '99 reports that everyone had an incredibly fun time. The next Young Alums event is tentatively planned for Friday, June 6—if you're a member of one of the classes from 1992–2004 and you haven't been getting our email notices for these events, please drop us an email at hchsalums@yahoo.com.

Are You Missing Out? Send Us Your Email Address!

If you're not on our email list, you're not receiving invitations to great alum events like theater parties, happy hours, and other special events! Email is the only way we advertise Young Alums events as well as get-togethers of the Social/Networking Group (for alums from 1980–1993). We also send notification of special events open to alums which take place at Hunter College or the High School, as well as other performances of interest (alum concerts, comedy shows, speaking engagements, etc.). Email is the best way to hear about the latest alum events! To be added to our email notification list, simply send an email to hchsalums@yahoo.com with the subject line: "Add Me to Blast Email." You can opt out of email at any time by following the instructions in any bulk email you receive from us. We generally send email no more than once or twice per month and we never give your email address to outside parties.

CHAPTER NEWS

Washington, DC Metro Region

Do you know that HCHS has had a chapter for alums of all ages in the Washington, DC area for the past 10 years? We meet 4–6 times per year with varied agendas of interest to the group, such as book and movie reviews, discussions of current events, and a speakers' series. Members have been featured speakers and have offered special events, including a tour of the Textile Museum led by a HCHS docent, a pool party, an Embassy tour, and a viewing of one alum's important private art/print collection.

Recent speakers have included:

- Deborah Tannen, an HCHS graduate and Professor of Linguistics at Georgetown University. She is the author of books and articles about linguistics, including *You Just Don't Understand: Women and Men in Conversation* and *You're Wearing That? Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation*.
- Susan Pollack, attorney at Needham, Mitnick and Pollack, a specialist in elder law and legal issues related to life cycle planning for alums and their parents.
- Anne Becker, the Poet Laureate of Takoma Park, MD, who talked about "Poetic Thinking: Not Just for Poets." She is the author of two books, and teaches poetry writing at the Writer's Center in Bethesda, and in the Maryland Poets-in-the-Schools program.

We will soon have a presentation by Bernadine Healy, former Medical Director of the National Institutes of Health, and a HCHS graduate. We also meet with the HCHS "Washington Seminar" students each spring. We meet for a casual dinner and then talk with the students about our careers and experiences since graduating from Hunter. It's always an enjoyable evening for all. Please join us by contacting Deanna Okrent at d.j.okrent@att.net for more information and to get on our mailing list. If you already receive emails from the group, there is no need to reply.

New Chapter—East End of Long Island

Betty Fox, Jan. '50, Jean Binnie, Jan. '42, and Margot STRAUS Petrow, Jan. '50 are forming a new alum chapter for the East End of Long Island. Please contact them if you're interested in receiving chapter news—summer and second home owners welcome too! Betty can be reached via email at bdf@foxwhitby.com or telephone at 631-324-0526.

Are Your Dues Due?

Your HCHSAA dues expiration date (month and year) is printed above your name and address on the back page of *AlumNotes*. You may use the form on page 23 to send in your dues. A reply envelope is attached for your convenience. To pay via credit card, please pay online at our website—www.hchsaa.org—and click the button "Visit Online Payment Center." Dues support the operations of our office—including production of *AlumNotes*, maintenance of our website, and various social events throughout the year. As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, dues and donations to the Alumnae/i Association are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. HCHSAA is also eligible for matching donations from many employers—so please check with your company's HR department.

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In Memoriam

Evelyn A. Balz, Jan. '26 died October 26 in her 100th year. She earned a B.A. and M.A. from Hunter College and was a retired educator and assistant to the Superintendent of Schools for the NYC Board of Education. She was living in the Bronx at the time of her death.

June DUROUX Foster '36 died on March 7, 2007. She was devoted to her family, faith, community and numerous volunteer activities. She had an inquisitive mind and active interest in a wide range of subjects, from math and sciences to languages and the humanities. She taught at schools in Michigan, New Jersey, and Delaware, including courses at The Academy of Lifelong Learning. She was a poetess and enjoyed travel, Scrabble, sewing, crafts, genealogy and bridge. She was a graduate of Hunter College and the University of Michigan. Her husband of 62 years predeceased her in 2003; she is survived by her sons John, James, Thomas and William Foster and daughters Anne Crites and Jan Dixon and their families, as well as her brother, Joseph, and her identical twin sister Dorothy Hansmann '36, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Estelle Cross '37 died at age 85 in November, 2005. She was a retired social worker. Up until the time she became ill, she would read HCHS alumni publications regularly and with enthusiasm. Her sister, Phyllis CROSS Perlo was also a Hunter High alum, who pre-deceased Estelle.

Joan STEINBERG Neuwirth, Jan. '48 passed away in July, 2007. She was also a graduate of Hunter College and went on from there to earn an M.Ed. from Rutgers. She retired from the NJ

Department of Day Care Services. Her daughter, Marion Van Derveer, writes that Joan was a proud alumna of Hunter and always spoke with much pride of the school that nurtured her throughout her teen years.

Frances AMITAY Abramson, Jan. '50 passed away in August 2007. She lived in Washington, DC and was the wife of Dr. Lee Abramson and the mother of two sons.

Patricia G. Mulhall '50 slipped her earthly bonds on May 31, 2007 in Hartford, CT. After bearing four children, she returned to complete her degree at Hofstra University and worked for many years as the acquisitions librarian at Eastern Connecticut State University. She was a beloved mother, sister and friend to many, in particular her other family at St. Paul's in Willimantic, Connecticut, where she was an integral part of the fabric of the church community. She leaves behind her devoted brother, Gerard Mulhall, and her four children, Gerry Riley and his wife Donna Jadis of California; Pan Riley and her husband Jim Nason of Simsbury; Deirdre Serio and her husband Sam and daughter Sandy of Virginia; Geoffrey Riley and his wife Joi and their children Jordan and Zack of Oregon; and several nieces and nephews who were very dear to her heart. She was an extraordinary woman and will be deeply missed.

Elaine (Bunny) CRIMMINS Terris '52 passed away on November 18, 2007. Elaine started at Hunter with the class of Jan. '53 and was graduated with the class of June '52. Her dearest friend Rachel (Rose Lee) Lawrence, Jan. '53 writes that thanks to HCHS and their Social Studies teacher, Mrs.

Kreiser, their lives were transformed. Mrs. Kreiser had assigned pairs of students to do reports on current events and Elaine and Rachel had to do a report on recognizing Franco's Spain. They would take the subway to Columbia's Butler Library where the minutes of U.N. deliberations were housed and from there share their dreams and love of New York as they took the subway home to Queens. And from there grew a life-long friendship. Elaine went on to St. John's University, graduating with a degree *cum laude* in English and Philosophy. She became an outstanding English teacher at the Fort Lee (NJ) Middle School, where she initiated and ran the successful gifted and talented program. She was married to her husband, Fred, for 52 years and is survived by five children and five grandchildren.

The Alumnae/i Association has also been advised of the deaths of the following alums: **Helen FITZPATRICK Crabtree '26**, **Minna GILDSTERN Goldschmidt '27**, **Helen KURZWEIL Sol '32**, **Grace COLLINS Taska '33**, **Frances KUSMAN Owen '41**, **Mildred GOLDSMAN Rothstein '41**, **Evelyn MARGOE Feuer, Jan. '45**, **Beverly S. Gerstein '46**, **Lorna J. LANGER Gilmore, Ph.D. '48**, **Ruth SCHACHTER Morgenthau '48**, **Erica R. Levy, Jan. '50**, and **Toba BOCKNER Weiss, Jan. '50**.

Dr. Karen McCarthy, who served as Director of the Campus Schools in the early to mid-1980s died on January 1, 2008 at the age of 65. She was retired from her last position as Katonah-Lewisboro Superintendent of Schools, where she had worked from 1992–1999. She had also been an Associate Professor at Hunter College.

2008 MILESTONE CLASS REUNION COORDINATORS

2008 Reunion: Sunday, June 8, 2008

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1993

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2003

Bryan Tsu, bryantsu@gmail.com
Bryan is looking for additional classmates to help organize the reunion, so anyone interested should contact him as soon as possible.
Egroup: <http://groups.google.com/group/HCHS2003ALUMS>

DEDICATION OF DR. STOWE WHITMAN HAUSNER STUDY ROOM

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Hunter was the defining experience for her, Stowe, and their cousin Harriet, who all came out of P.S. 80 in the Bronx. It helped them make the transition from their insular neighborhood to a spectacular, eye-opening world and gave them the experience of the entire city through their classmates and teachers. Hunter also gave them a strong sense of civil rights and justice and she recalled that Stowe marched in Washington in the 1960s, spent summers on Indian reservations, and later in life, became a psychotherapist. Harriet Aufses recalled that Stowe had been like a big sister to her and it was because of Stowe that she had applied to Hunter. When the campaign for HCHS was announced, it seemed appropriate for the family to show its appreciation to Hunter and honor Stowe's memory by making a donation. Harriet recalled all her years at Hunter as being happy ones—except for the recurring budget problems—and she expressed the hope that the gift from Stowe's family will help ameliorate budget ups-and-downs and inspire others to donate to the campaign.

Dr. Stowe WHITMAN Hausner graduated from HCHS in 1940, went on to Hunter College, and later received an M.S.W. from the Columbia School of Social Work and a Ph.D. from NYU. She was the founding director of the social services division at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco, NY and chief social worker for the Westchester County Community Health Board. Prior to that, she was a program manager at the National Institute of Mental Health, and taught social work at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

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REGISTRATION for REUNION: SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2008 at HCHS

Reunion Classes of 1958–2002

- ☐ Dues-paid rate (You may pay dues now to receive this rate!) \$25 x _____ adult(s) = \$ _____
- ☐ Non-dues-paid preregistration rate (\$35 at the door) \$30 x _____ adult(s) = \$ _____

Reunion Classes of 1957 and earlier and Reunion Classes of 2003 and later

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ANNUAL DUES (Your dues expiration date (MONTH/YEAR) is printed above your name on the reverse side of this page.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Classes of '03 and earlier | \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Premium Membership—\$85 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classes of '04–'06 | \$15 | Includes choice of one: Entry for 1 to Reunion / T-shirt / 2 mugs / Teddy Bear / Apron |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Class of '07 | FREE | Please indicate choice and size, if applicable: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Fixed Income | \$20 | (The value of your gift will decrease the amount of your tax-deductible contribution;
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult's T-shirt | \$22 | Circle choice: | S(34-36) | M(38-40) | L(42-44) | XL (46-48) | XXL(50-52) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child's T-shirt | \$16 | Circle choice: | XS(2T-4T) | M(10-12) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Mug | \$12/\$20 | Circle choice: | 1 mug for \$12 | 2 mugs for \$20 | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teddy Bear | \$24 | | | | | | |
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Thursday, May 15 at '21' Club

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Reunion 2008

Sunday, June 8 at HCHS

Register online at www.hchsaa.org (click "Vist Online Payment Center") or
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