

PROFESSIONAL
CHILDREN'S
SCHOOL
ANNUAL PROGRESS
REPORT

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2015-2016

“I am overwhelmed with gratitude. What an honor and privilege for my child to be the recipient of such an incredible gift. We all hope for great things for our children. To have my daughter receiving a top-notch education at Professional Children’s School is beyond what I could have imagined for her. The support and encouragement that she has received from the very first point of contact at PCS has made it easy for me as a parent to...let her grow.”

—PARENT WHO HAS BENEFITED FROM YOUR SUPPORT OF PCS



FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL DR. JAMES DAWSON

WHENEVER WE ARE MOVED TO contribute, be it financially, or via our time and/or our talent, in each and every case, we are giving a part of ourselves and making a public declaration of belief, a statement of hope, a commitment to the future and to the possibilities that lie just beyond the horizon. Every tomorrow is a new beginning; each dawn brings the implied potential of a new day and opens the blank canvas upon which the kaleidoscope of color will coalesce as we are pulled forward from the stunning, breaking light of morning toward the full brilliant light of day. Gifts are, in fact, the most visible markers of hope that we share, in that each comes with a dream in mind and each is given with the intention of enabling a dream to be realized. Each gift is empowered by belief and each carries forward the certain conviction that our time, our talent, and/or our financial support will not only make for a better tomorrow but that the impact of those gifts will be tangible and real on the lives

of the extraordinary young people for whom we give.

This year we celebrate the impact of our supporters: from the onward advances in our STEM program to the extraordinary growth and building of funds in support of our financial aid program; from the far-reaching generosity of our Trustees — whose support begins with our annual boat cruise and extends through and to each of the activities and appeals that dot our annual landscape — to the wide-ranging involvement of our Alumni Council; from the brilliant work of our faculty and staff working together with our dedicated Advancement team to the countless offers of support and encouragement from our parents and guardians; from the added security systems enabled by this past year's Senior class gift to the work of a broad group of tenacious enthusiasts that ensured the renaming of West 60th Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues as PCS WAY; from the ongoing

leadership of our Chair of the Board, Lee Dieck, to the ongoing work of our Trustees, including the noteworthy service from our former long-serving Trustee, Kimberley Fiterman-Duepner, who has assisted us with innumerable special events over many years; from each of our supporters who gave to the Annual Fund or to a specially designated fund, to those who have planned to leave us a legacy gift through the Encore Society. In each case, the impact is real, the lives touched are visible, the effects are life-changing.

There is an abundance of powerful stories and countless illustrations regarding the many ways that our friends and supporters' varied contributions impact this institution and, above all, there is an equally long list of lives touched by the generosity that enables and ensures that PCS continues to provide an extraordinary college preparatory education to the busy and passionate young artists, athletes, and entrepreneurs who inhabit our halls. In a world that is increasingly focused on a search for ways to make tomorrow better than today; at a time when we are seeking methods and mechanisms to touch lives and make them richer and better; in a highly connected world somehow plagued by the loneliness of uncertainty, there is a place where what you do, where what you contribute, where the hopes that you hold, the dreams that you harbor, the power of

your conviction that we are on the cusp of a better tomorrow and a future filled with endless possibility, can come to fruition with an absolute sense of certainty. The investment of each and every contributor noted herein, the support of every initiative, the funds raised through every appeal, the designated and unrestricted gifts that speak so loudly of the generosity of our supporters, each finds a voice embodied in, lived through, enhanced by, and realized through the remarkable young people that grace our halls and whose future is driven, at least in part, by the impact of the generosity and support that comes from each of you.

Celebrate your place in the hope that fills these halls and in the better future that will be realized by the young people entrusted to us, who directly benefit from your generosity. On their behalf, and on behalf of the many tomorrows filled with dreams and the endless cascade of dreamers yet to come, thank you. We are profoundly grateful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James Dawson", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

James Dawson



FROM CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES LEE DIECK

PROFESSIONAL CHILDREN'S SCHOOL IS a unique and special institution. Like many schools, we provide an excellent college preparatory education for our students. What separates us from other schools, though, is our commitment to providing our students with a rigorous, high quality education while supporting them in their various professional endeavors. Our ability to accomplish this is due, in no small part, to the dedication of our faculty and staff. They understand the challenges our students face as they pursue careers in their chosen fields, and work with them to make sure they are prepared for their future educational endeavors. This is what sets Professional Children's School apart.

The 2015-2016 school year was a particularly active one, with the inaugural presentation at our annual benefit of the PCS Legacy Award, honoring alumni Robbie Fairchild '04 (Principal, New York City Ballet, and Tony Award nominee for *An American in Paris*), Jessie Baylin

'02 (acclaimed singer and songwriter), and Arlene Shuler (President and Chief Executive Officer, New York City Center). Also at the benefit, we were pleased to honor long-time staff member Peggy Meertins for her outstanding service to PCS. Our newly formed Alumni Association Council has begun its work by sponsoring a variety of events and activities. Its efforts to provide opportunities for members of the PCS alumni family to gather will be ongoing.

At the Board level, work on our strategic plan continued and will be completed this fall as we prepare for our New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS) five year follow up visit in March 2017. As a Board, we have moved forward with initiatives in advancement, governance, and finance, including an assessment of our building needs going forward. I'm excited to welcome Joyce Giuffra (daughter, Caroline '21), and Michael Gleicher '04 as regular trustees,

Erica Panush (daughter, Lucy '16), as a parent trustee, and Rachel Yanowich '05, as an alumna trustee. Their enthusiasm for and support of PCS will be invaluable as we continue to build for our second century.

I'd like to extend my gratitude to the following trustees who have completed their terms: Charles Fagan who has provided substantial support for many of our special events, including and especially the activities surrounding our Centennial, Sarah Shepard Schmeider '87, who has helped PCS expand its social media presence and advanced the understanding of the Board regarding media connections, and Leslie Uggams '60, who as an alumna trustee has graced us with her presence, her understanding of and appreciation for PCS history, and her incredible talent through her performance at our Centennial Gala.

As I start my second term as Chair of the Board of Trustees, I am deeply grateful to my fellow trustees for their engagement and support, and to the faculty and staff of this school that I hold dear. It is said that institutions are a reflection of their leaders; the Board and I revere the skilled leadership and unwavering dedication to all things PCS of our Head of School Dr. Dawson, and we thank him for all that he has done and continues to do for the

school.

My heartfelt thanks to each of you who supports PCS. Your steadfast commitment enables Professional Children's School to fulfill its unique educational mission and plan for the next generation of talented students who will come through our doors.

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Dieck", with a stylized, flowing script.

Lee Dieck



FROM DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT CHRIS HALEY

WE ARE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL TO EACH of the 528 parents, grandparents, alumni, trustees, faculty, staff, administrators, foundations, and friends who contributed nearly \$1.043 million to Professional Children's School during the 2015-2016 academic year.

2015-2016 was an incredible year for PCS. Donors provided more than \$425,000 toward tuition & financial aid for deserving students, many of whom would not have been able to attend PCS without donor support.

In 2015-2016, PCS awarded funding to seven students from the Dr. James Dawson Fund for Broadway Scholars, totalling more than \$88,000. Next year, we will award another eight Dawson Fund scholarships providing an additional \$98,000.

The success of the Dawson Fund inspired the creation of additional targeted scholarship funds, including the SAPAR Contemporary Art Scholarship Fund, which provides full scholarship support to a qualified student in the visual arts.

Similarly, our generous alumna Nancy Malone, who sadly passed away in May of 2014, provided significant support from her estate to her existing PCS scholarship fund for students in the dramatic arts.

In addition, we successfully concluded our campaign for the Second Century STEM Initiative (SCSI), raising more than \$300,000 to enhance PCS's STEM education. The SCSI has enabled PCS to make numerous exciting science, technology, engineering, and math-related enhancements to our classrooms and labs.

On February 29, 2016, nearly 150 supporters and 25 students participated in Legacies: A Cabaret Benefit, our annual gala benefit, which netted more than \$85,000 toward student financial aid (the equivalent of two full PCS scholarships). Additionally, we presented the newly-established PCS Legacy Award to distinguished alumni Robbie Fairchild, Jessie Baylin, and Arlene Shuler, and retiring, long-time staff member Peggy Meertins.

Our supporters did all of the above while generously contributing more than \$300,000 toward PCS's unrestricted Annual Fund, which helps to underwrite the school's general operation.

In addition to fundraising, the Advancement Office is responsible for our alumni relations efforts. We are excited to welcome long-time PCS administrator Dania Nauholnyk to the Advancement team on a part-time basis, who in July 2016 began serving as PCS's Alumni Liaison, in addition to her duties as Dean of Middle School Life. Dania will be working closely with our Alumni Association Council to provide expanded outreach to our vibrant, growing alumni community.

We are also thrilled to welcome Noël Soisson — seen with me in the photo above — who joined the Advancement team

in the fall of 2015. Among Noël's many contributions to our Advancement efforts, she has brought new life and creativity to our various digital communications. We are very fortunate to have both Dania and Noël working with the Advancement Office.

We invite you to stop by our office to say hello. The Advancement Office is located on the third floor at 132 West 60th Street. All PCS supporters and alumni are warmly encouraged to drop by anytime the school is open.

Thank you again for your generous support of PCS during the 2015-2016 academic year. We look forward to seeing you in 2016-2017!

With much gratitude,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Chris Haley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, thin vertical stroke extending downwards from the end of the name.

Chris Haley

PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT

JULY 1, 2015–JUNE 30, 2016

Annual Fund Unrestricted	\$305,709
Annual Fund Restricted	\$76,550
Tuition & Financial Aid Funds	\$425,023
Includes Gifts to: PCS Tuition & Financial Aid Fund, Carol Kleban Tuition & Financial Aid Fund, Dr. James Dawson Fund for Broadway Scholars, Nancy Malone Scholarship Fund, SAPAR Contemporary Art Scholarship Fund, and Other Tuition & Financial Aid Funds	
Second Century STEM Initiative	\$79,343
Special Events	\$155,952
TOTAL GIVING TO PCS	\$1,042,577

GIVING TO THE ANNUAL FUND BY CONSTITUENCIES*

Trustees (Present and Past)	\$284,538
Parents	\$374,693
Alumni	\$235,240
Parents of Alumni	\$345,104
Faculty and Staff (Present and Past)	\$18,273
Grandparents and Friends	\$133,429
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ON NOVEMBER 17, 2015, WEST 60TH STREET BETWEEN COLUMBUS AND Amsterdam Avenue was renamed "PCS Way" in honor of the School's 100th anniversary. The new street sign is displayed on the southwest corner of Columbus Avenue and West 60th Street. PCS has been located on West 60th Street since 1956 and has been in the Lincoln Square neighborhood for more than 90 years. Stop by for a visit to check out the new sign!



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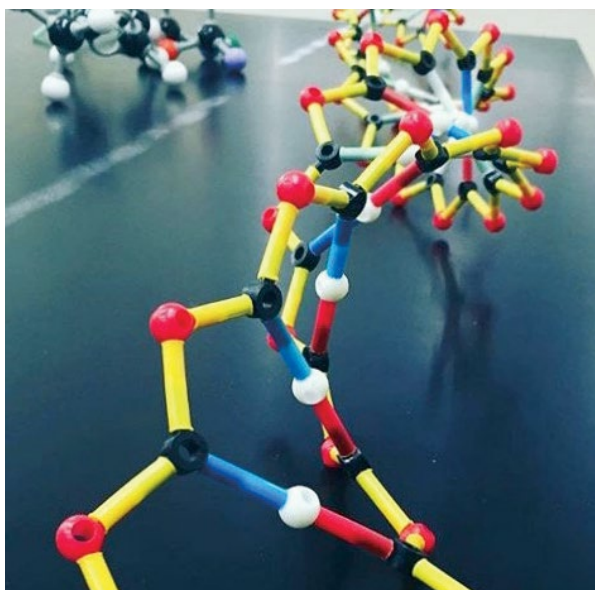
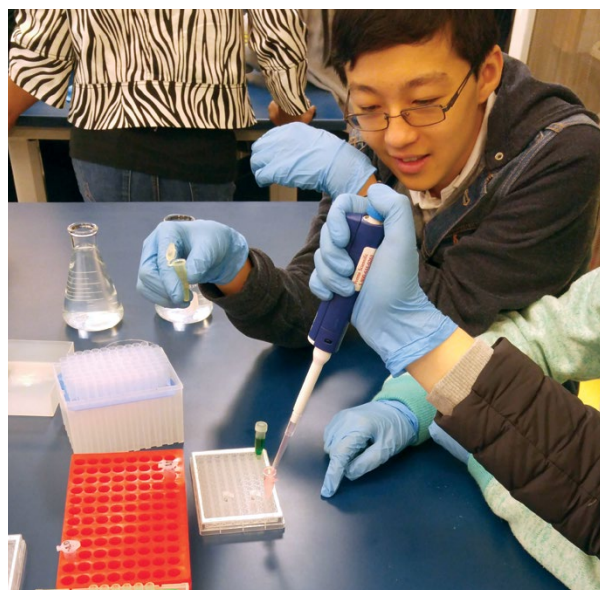
SECOND CENTURY STEM INITIATIVE

Annual Fund contributors have invested more than \$300,000 toward PCS's Second Century STEM Initiative (SCSI), more than \$50,000 beyond our original goal. The SCSI was created in 2014 to strengthen and deepen our academic offerings in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math in ways that benefit all students regardless of their current or future careers.

The Second Century STEM Initiative is focused on the following five areas:

1. Faculty Professional Development
2. Classroom Equipment Upgrades
3. Beyond the Classroom Enrichment for Students
4. Investment in Technology
5. Distinguished Visitor Series

As of the summer of 2016, PCS has invested more than \$70,000 toward state of the art classroom and laboratory equipment and technology upgrades, including the purchase of new optical dissecting microscopes for Middle and Upper School biology and environmental science labs, along with DNA electrophoresis equipment, invertebrate and vertebrate dissection specimens, and new chemistry lab equipment, including beakers and digital thermometers. We have also incorporated numerous elements of a fabrication lab into our existing Middle and Upper School classroom spaces, which will be introduced to students in the fall of 2016. Also in the summer of 2016, we converted an entire classroom into a new Upper School physics lab. These are but a few of the many enhancements that have



been made possible by funding from SCSJ donors.

Additionally, PCS has invested nearly \$40,000 for our STEM faculty to attend national and regional conferences and other trainings to expand and enhance their knowledge base for classroom instruction. The school has invested an additional \$1,500 toward subscriptions for STEM-related scholarly publications and faculty participation in professional associations.

In the 2016-2017 school year, the PCS STEM program will focus its efforts on expanding the school’s Beyond the Classroom Enrichment offerings and implementing a Distinguished Visitor Series.

BANNER YEAR FOR TUITION & FINANCIAL AID SUPPORT

2015-2016 has been a banner year for financial aid support for students. Generous contributions to The Dr. James Dawson Fund for Broadway Scholars, the SAPAR Contemporary Art Scholarship Fund, the Nancy Malone Scholarship Fund, the Carol Kleban Tuition & Financial Aid Fund, and the PCS Tuition & Financial Aid Fund have enabled PCS to provide more than \$1.04 million in tuition assistance in the 2015-2016 school year.





THE DR. JAMES DAWSON FUND FOR BROADWAY SCHOLARS

Created in 2014 to commemorate Dr. Dawson's 20th year as Head of School, the Dawson Fund for Broadway Scholars has raised more than \$425,000 to make PCS more affordable for students from the Broadway community. During the 2015-2016 school year, seven scholarships totaling \$88,300 were awarded from The Dawson Fund, and in 2016-2017, eight students will receive a combined total of \$98,000 from The Fund. In the 2015-2016 year alone, PCS had students from *Matilda*, *She Loves Me*, *The King and I*, and *Finding Neverland*. We are grateful to our many benefactors who continue to generously support this important fund, which reinforces our school's proud heritage.

SENIOR CLASS GIFT FUND

This year's Senior Class Gift supported the purchase of a new, much improved synchronized wall clock and intercom speaker system, enabling important loud-speaker announcements. This new state-of-the-art system will make for a more hospitable experience for all. PCS families contributed 24 gifts in support of this important initiative.

THE PCS ENCORE SOCIETY

IN 1994, BETTY IVEY MARTIN INSPIRED the creation of the Encore Society, an honorary group formed to recognize those who have included a provision for PCS in their estate plans. Bequest intentions qualify for membership in this esteemed society. If you would like to become a member of the Encore Society by making a gift to secure PCS's future, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 212-582-3116 x.115.

ENCORE SOCIETY MEMBERS

Anonymous

James Dawson and Shaun Mattivi

Roger Boxill '46*

James He and Wendy Zang

Aimee Hepting '29*

Ellen W. Johnston*

Murray and Terry Kessler

Nancy Malone '54*

Betty Ivey Martin*

Hidegarde H Preston '42

Dolores Quinton*

Lavinia Reese*

Frank Streeter*

Henryette Hunt White*

INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF PCS

For many alumni, families, and friends, PCS has played a significant role in their growth and development. If you would like to ensure that future students and families have the same opportunities, please consider investing in the future of PCS with a gift from your estate.



IN GRATITUDE TO NANCY MALONE '54

We are grateful to our beloved alumna Nancy Malone who passed away on May 8, 2014. A successful actress, director, and producer, Nancy generously established the Nancy Malone Scholarship Fund to benefit PCS students working in the dramatic arts. Upon her death, Nancy expanded the fund with a generous gift from her estate. We are grateful to Nancy for her generosity of spirit and for her steadfast support of her alma mater. She was truly an inspiration, and we will be forever grateful.

*Deceased

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2016



Sophie Avidane
Verity Azario
Nicholas Barasch
Kalyn Berg
Samantha Brooks
Lillian Casscells
Yu Chun Cheng
Christina Clark
Philomène Cohen
Christopher D'Ariano
Ana María Delmar
Qianyin Du
Alexandra Eisman
Tengku Irfan
Jennifer Kuhl
Peter Lin
Julia Lockshin
Bofan Ma
Kate McGorry
Clayton McKenna
Lauren Neis
Thomas Michael Nickell

Sabrina Ocasio
Lucette Mariana Panush
Alexandros Pappajohn
Elizabeth Peck
Jiadi Pei
Gina Piersanti
Hannah Potgieter
Davide Riccardo
Nadav Schreiber
Anthony Xhosa Scott
Sophia Elena Stefanopoulos
Alexander Steinberg
Fiona Catherine Stocks-Lyons
Muyun Tang
Chloe Tang
Maria Tinoco
Oliver Wang
Gabriella Verdolini
Tsai Chieh Wang
Olivia Jude Wendt-Fijal
Alexander Wolff
Anni Yu



**CLASS OF 2016 COLLEGE
ACCEPTANCES**

American University of Paris
Auburn University
Averett University
Bard College (3)
Bethany College
Boston College
Boston Conservatory
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Carnegie Mellon University
 School of Music
Central Saint Martins,
 University of the Arts
City University of New York –
 Brooklyn (2)
City University of New York –
 City College
City University of New York –
 Hunter
CUNY- Queens Conservatory
Cleveland Institute of Music
Colorado State University
Columbia University (3)
University of Delaware
Delaware Valley University
Drexel University
Emerson College
Emory University

Eugene Lang College (4)
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fordham University (4)
George Mason University
George Washington University (2)
Harvard University (2)
Howard University
IDC Herzliya (Israel)
Indiana University
The Juilliard School (7)
University of Kentucky
Lewis & Clark College
Loyola Marymount University (2)
Manhattan School of Music (5)
Mannes School of Music (5)
Marymount Manhattan College (3)
McGill University
University of Miami
Mills College
Morehouse College
New England Conservatory (2)
New York School of Interior Design
New York University (5)
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College (2)
Otterbein University
Pace University (4)
Parsons School of Design (2)
The Peabody Institute of Music

University of Pittsburgh
Pratt Institute of Art
University of Puget Sound
Reed College
Regents University (London)
University of Richmond
Roanoke College
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Sarah Lawrence College (3)
School of Visual Arts
Seattle University
Seattle Pacific University
University of Southern California
Stanford University
SUNY-Albany
SUNY-Binghamton
SUNY-Geneseo
SUNY-New Paltz
Temple University
University of Texas
Tufts University
Vassar College
University of Vermont
University of Virginia (3)
Virginia Commonwealth University
West Virginia University
Whittier College
Wilson College

THE EIGHTH GRADE CLASS OF 2016



Spencer Arjang
Brandon Foster-Bagley
Molly Beker
Annika Bergofin
Caroline Cahill
Patrice Cahill
Talia Clark
Kenya Fujita
Darcy McLoughlin
Camryn Mina
Alex Putzer
Jace Reisen
Rachel Rubenzahl
Edward Schweighardt
Amelia Shapiro
Tiantian Wu

ANNUAL PCS BOAT CRUISE



On September 10, 2015, members of the PCS community kicked off the new school year with the annual Circle Line Boat Cruise around lower Manhattan. A special thank you to the School's Board of Trustees for underwriting a portion of the event enabling PCS students to participate free of charge.



LEGACIES: A CABARET BENEFIT

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FEBRUARY 29, 2016

THE SCHOOL'S ANNUAL GALA fundraising event was held at the JW Marriott Essex House and was attended by nearly 150 supporters. The evening netted more than \$85,000 for the PCS Tuition & Financial Aid Fund, which is the equivalent of two full financial assistance awards.

This inspirational and fun-filled evening featured cabaret performances by 25 current PCS students and the inaugural presentation of the PCS Legacy Award for distinguished alumni, which was presented to Arlene Shuler, Jessie Baylin and Robbie Fairchild. The Legacy Award was also presented to retiring Upper School Assistant and honorary alumna, Peggy Meertins.

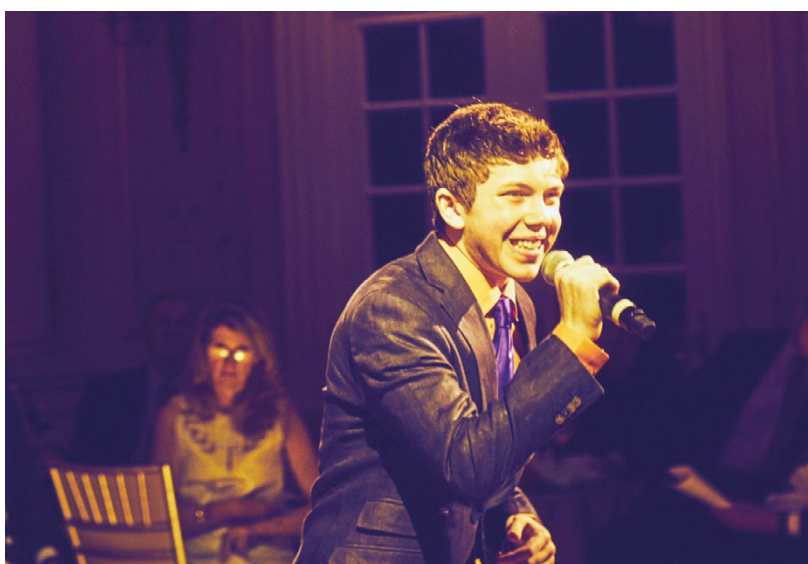
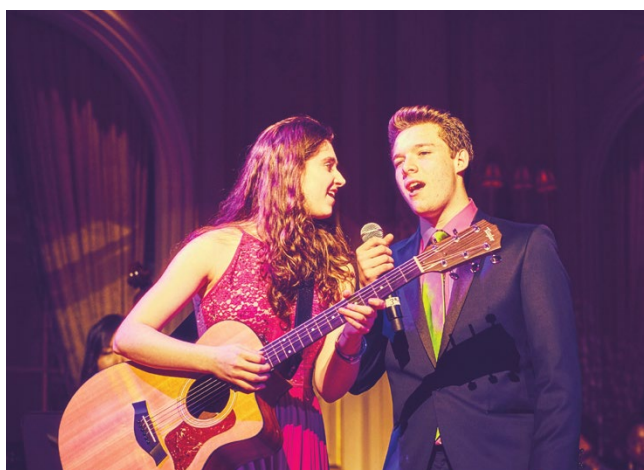
Thank you to everyone who helped make this special evening such a great success.

We hope to see everyone at next year's Winter Gala, which will take place on Monday, February 13, at The Edison Ballroom. Details will be forthcoming.

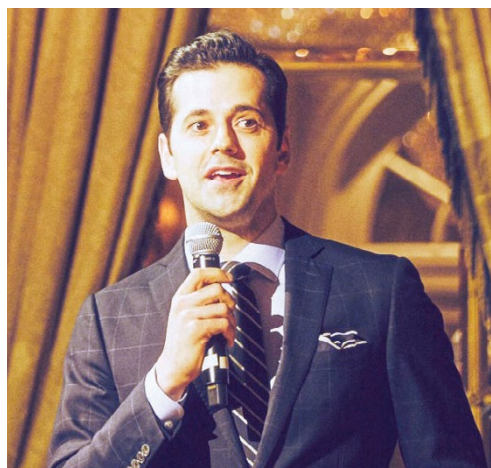




This page, clockwise from top left:
 William and Eileen Dieck and family,
 Head of School James Dawson, Legacies
 Cabaret cast, Honoree Peggy Meertins.
 Facing page: Mary Stewart Sullivan '20.



This spread, clockwise from top left:
 Honoree Jessie Baylin, performers
 Schuyler Press '17 and Greg Gropper '17,
 Jr. Exile, Honoree Robbie Fairchild,
 Benefit Chair Kimberley Fiterman-
 Duepner, performer Ethan Haberfield '17,
 and Honoree Arlene Shuler



THANK YOU TO LONG-TIME BENEFIT CHAIR KIMBERLEY FITERMAN-DUEPNER

We express our sincere gratitude to our dear friend, Kimberley Fiterman-Dupener, for her many years of dedicated service to PCS, as a devoted former trustee, a parent of two thriving PCS alumni, and the indefatigable chair of so many PCS benefits over the last several years. After leading the extremely successful Centennial Gala and this year's equally wonderful Legacies: A Cabaret Benefit, Kimberley has decided it is time to step down as benefit chair. Kimberley shares that she looks forward to enjoying being a part of upcoming PCS benefits simply as a guest and benefactor, something which she has not had the opportunity to do for many years. We thank you, Kimberley, for the countless hours you have dedicated to ensure the success of so many of our events. We will miss your creative flair, your great attention to detail, your dedication to excellence in all things, and your extraordinary leadership!

THE ALUMNI CORNER

MY NAME IS DANIA NAUHOLNYK, AND I have been given the privilege of serving as the new Alumni Liaison carrying on the work of my dear friend, Carol Kleban, whose untimely passing is felt by all of us. Carol's passion to foster lasting friendships with the wonderful people who have passed through our doors is a fine example of her understanding of PCS's rich history and our mission. While these are difficult shoes to fill, I will do my best to continue to build and maintain channels of communication and keep you informed of life at PCS. I hope to also hear from all of you so that we together can find ways for you to network and reconnect with your classmates and other alums.

Twenty five years ago, I joined the PCS community as a Middle and Upper School Science teacher and eventually my path led me to become the Head of our Middle School and now the Dean of Student Life. Never a day goes by that I am not grateful for the opportunity to work with a wonderful group of young people who inspire me and push me to be better both in my own profession and as a person.

I have had the opportunity over the years to get to know many of our alumni, whether attending PCS in Middle or Upper School, or both. Our alumni have left a lasting impressions on me during their time at PCS and while their lives may

have taken them down different paths than those that brought them to PCS, one thing is certain and that is that we are always connected by our time spent here in this

very special place. Our alumni's individual stories make up our collective history and need to be heard and appreciated. They have worked hard to accomplish what they have thus far in they own lives and we hope that in some way we made a difference.

I am very excited to be working with Chris Haley, Noël Soisson, and our Alumni Association Council and I look forward to both hearing from and meeting our alumni in the months to come. Feel free to reach out to me at alumni@pcs-nyc.org or call the school directly and ask for extension 144.

Respectfully,



Dania Nauholnyk
Dean of Middle School Life
Alumni Liaison



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

This year, PCS’s Alumni Association Council was formed and met for the first time. The Alumni Association Council represents the school’s Alumni Association, of which every individual who has attended PCS is a member. The Council’s purpose is to:

- Provide PCS with a framework for an alumni network
- Serve as school ambassadors and to sustain a sense of institutional history
- Strengthen the relationship between the alumni community and the school

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Justin Abrams '09, Hannah Bomze '07, Mary Ellen Cravens '01, Nilah "Peaches" Davis '85, Lane Harwell '98, Young Park '98, Sarah Shepard Schmieder '87, Julie Stevens '87, Denise Jackson Sutherland '69, Rachel Yanowitch '05. The Council welcomes your ideas. Connect with them at alumni@pcs-nyc.org.

**WEST COAST ALUMNI REUNION
(PHOTOS AT RIGHT)**

The West Coast Reunion was held on Saturday, February 6. The event brought together alumni from both coasts at Ceremony Bar in Studio City, CA. Guests were able to catch up with their fellow classmates, as well as bid farewell to Peggy Meertins, who retired at the end of the 2015-16 school year.



PCS YOUNG ALUMNI

On Wednesday, January 7, members of the Classes of 2012-2015 were invited back to PCS for a mini-reunion and luncheon with their classmates and PCS faculty and staff.

CLASSMATES AND COCKTAILS AT (le) POISSON ROUGE

On Thursday, April 28, the PCS Alumni Association hosted an event at (le) poisson rouge in the West Village. Alums caught up with their fellow classmates over cocktails and music as they bid on special raffle prizes. Special thanks to (le) poisson rouge co-owner and alumnus David Handler '98 as well as (le) poisson rouge manager and alumnus Brett Tabisel '00 for allowing us to host this event at their venue.

ALUMNI PANEL

Five PCS alums came back to talk to our current students about "life after PCS" on Thursday, April 28. The panel covered a range of topics including how to choose a college, self promotion in the digital age, and how to switch gears to a new career path. The panel included: Pierce Cravens '04, Xue Yang Liu '07, Isabel Magowan '06, Claudia Mason '89 and Alex Stone '04.

ALL-CLASS ALUMNI REUNION

All alumni are invited to attend our next All-Class Alumni Reunion, which will take place on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at PCS. Watch for details on email and social media!



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2015-2016 FACULTY AND STAFF

Will Acevedo, *Plant Manager*
 Debra Alago, *Food Services Manager*
 Evelyn Alexander, *Science Teacher*
 Bernardo Bellosso, *Custodian*
 Ernestine Byer-Tyre, *Biology and Chemistry Teacher*
 Kevin Casey, *Physical Education Teacher*
 Paul Chalmers, *Math Teacher and
Technology Coordinator*
 Maureen Darcy, *French Teacher*
 James Dawson, *Head of School*
 Christine Dziegielewski, *Receptionist*
 Sean Fedeli*, *Middle School
Social Studies Teacher*
 Ruben González-Jiménez,
Spanish Teacher
 Chris Haley, *Director of
Institutional Advancement*
 Dalila Hannouche,
French Teacher
 Catherine Henry, *Social Studies
and History Teacher*
 Cynthia Herbert, *Accounts
Payable and Guidance
Counselor Assistant*
 William F. Hirt, *History Teacher
and College Advisor*
 Caroline Holder, *Art Teacher*
 Shari Honig, *Director of Admissions*
 Rocio Izurieta, *Custodian*
 Lizbeth Johnson, *Director of Technology*
 Steve Kharkov, *Technology Support*
 Carol Kleban, *Alumni Liaison*
 Alexandra Klein, *Learning Specialist*
 Roberta Kosse, *Music Teacher*
 Nicholas Kurian, *English Teacher*
 Jeffrey Laguzza, *English and Social Studies Teacher*
 Victoria Mancuso, *Business Manager*
 Marcy Mann, *Associate Head for Academic Affairs*
 Raquel Martinez, *Bookkeeper*
 Joseph Mayes, *Cafeteria Staff*
 Peggy M. Meertins, *Administrative Assistant to the
Associate Head of School*
 Vincent Napolitano, *History Teacher*

Dania Nauholnyk, *Dean of Middle School Life &
Alumni Liaison*
 Renata Nikolayev, *ESL and French Teacher and
International Student Advisor*
 Thomas Orefice, *English Teacher*
 Ayana Peña, *Assistant to the Associate Head & Head of
Upper School and Attendance Officer*
 Angela Perozo*, *Assistant in the Middle School Office*
 Erika Petersen, *History Teacher*
 Guthrie Porter, *Math Teacher*
 Altagracia Ramos, *Custodian*



Administrative Team

Kevin Rodd, *Science Teacher*
 Matthew Rodriguez, *Custodian*
 Kerry Roeder, *Librarian*
 Antonio Rodriguez, *Cafeteria Staff*
 Alejandrina Santos, *Custodian*
 Vincent Sagona, *Drama Teacher*
 Robert Mark Savage, *History Teacher*
 Jean J. Scales, *Business Office and Admissions Assistant*
 Shellie Sclan, *English Teacher*
 Meghan Formwalt Shann*, *Learning Specialist*
 Alex Shaurette, *Head of Upper School*
 Noël Soisson, *Institutional Advancement Assistant*
 John Tucker, *Director of Public Relations*
 Alissa Wall, *Math Teacher*
 Jason Wofsey, *Math Teacher*

*Joined in the 2016-2017 academic year

NAMED & RESTRICTED FUNDS

THE BOB AVIAN SCHOLARSHIP (ESTABLISHED IN 1997)

Sir Cameron Macintosh established this endowed scholarship fund to honor his friend and colleague, producer/choreographer Bob Avian. The scholarship is awarded to a PCS student with an interest in the field of dance and is based on academic and artistic merit.

CENTENNIAL FUND FOR THE FUTURE (ESTABLISHED IN 2012)

The Centennial Fund for the Future was created by the PCS Board of Trustees to raise funds toward paying off the School's IDA Bond.

THE DANI BRENNER '96 DARE TO DREAM FUND (ESTABLISHED IN 2010)

The Dani Brenner Award, supported principally through the generosity of the Brenner family, is given annually in memory of PCS student Dani Brenner (1978-1995) to a member of the junior class for excellence in creative and expository writing.

THE GLADYS BROOKS FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT GRANT FOR THE LIBRARY (ESTABLISHED IN 1997)

This endowed fund supports the technological components of the PCS Library, allowing students access to the wide range of modern research resources.

THE DR. JAMES DAWSON FUND FOR BROADWAY SCHOLARS (ESTABLISHED IN 2014)

The Dr. James Dawson Fund for Broadway Scholars was created in honor and recognition of Dr. Dawson's twentieth anniversary as Head of School. The Fund will provide tuition assistance to students from the Broadway community who, without additional support, would be unable to afford a PCS education.

THE EDWARD E. FORD FOUNDATION YOUNG DREAMERS FUND (ESTABLISHED IN 2008) AND THE EDWARD E. FORD FOUNDATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND (ESTABLISHED 1973, ADDITIONAL GRANT IN 1990)

These endowed funds provide tuition assistance for outstanding students in good standing with financial need.

FACULTY SALARY ENDOWMENT (ESTABLISHED WITH AN EDWARD E. FORD FOUNDATION GRANT IN 1981)

This endowed fund supplements faculty salaries, helping to keep them competitive with other independent schools. It allows the school to keep tuition at a reasonable rate while continuing to maintain an excellent professional staff.

FACULTY ENRICHMENT FUND (ESTABLISHED WITH AN EDWARD E. FORD FOUNDATION GRANT IN 1987)

This fund provides grants for faculty members to attend special workshops, seminars, and embark on special projects of their own design in order to further professional and personal growth.

FACULTY-STAFF TRAVEL GRANT FUND (ESTABLISHED IN 2001)

Two grants annually are awarded to members of the full-time faculty and/or staff who have been continuously employed at PCS for a minimum of four years. Grants can be used for any purpose involving travel within the United States and/or international destinations. The grant program is designed to support travel to fulfill a personal or professional goal, and recipients are selected at the discretion of the Head of School.

**PETER GLENVILLE THEATRE FUND
(ESTABLISHED IN 2003)**

Established by a generous grant by the Peter Glenville Foundation, this fund provides ongoing operating support for PCS's Peter Glenville Theatre.

**THE JACKSON FAMILY FUND FOR STUDENT
SUPPORT (ESTABLISHED IN 2006)**

This fund was created by PCS alumna and past Chairman Denise Jackson Sutherland '69, in memory of her parents Audrey Keppel Jackson '39 and John Henry Jackson '35. The fund supports student needs not covered by tuition assistance. Income from the fund provides for the purchase of books, transportation to and from school, eyeglasses, class trips, and other expenses beyond the reach of students with financial need.

**THE CAROL KLEBAN TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND
(ESTABLISHED IN 2013)**

This fund was initially created in 2013 in honor of Carol Kleban's retirement from her position as Associate Head of School. Upon Ms. Kleban's untimely passing in June 2015, the Fund was rededicated to commemorate her life and career in recognition of her more than three decades of service to the PCS community.

**THE NANCY MALONE '54 SCHOLARSHIP FUND
(ESTABLISHED IN 2013)**

Established by alumna Nancy Malone to provide scholarship support to PCS students working in the dramatic arts.

**THE ROBERT J. MARIANO '61 MEMORIAL FUND
(ESTABLISHED IN 2003)**

Robert Mariano was the director of the first "All of Us" musical in 1960, with fellow students Marvin Hamlisch, Leslie Uggams, Christopher and Glen Walken and Lorin Hollander. The show evolved over the years into the annual Spring Benefit. In 2003, his many classmates and friends established this memorial fund to help support the building and operation of the Peter Glenville Theatre at PCS.

**THE READERS DIGEST-DEWITT WALLACE
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS (ESTABLISHED IN 1992)**

This fund provides tuition assistance for students with financial need.

THE LAVINIA REESE FUND (ESTABLISHED IN 2009)

An endowed fund providing need-based tuition assistance for PCS's African-American students was established with a bequest in December 2009 from Lavinia Reese. Ms. Reese was an employee of the School for more than 34 years until her retirement as business manager in November 2005.

**THE SAPAR CONTEMPORARY ART SCHOLARSHIP
(ESTABLISHED IN 2015)**

The SAPAR Contemporary Art Scholarship was established to provide tuition support to a talented visual art student(s) who could not otherwise afford a PCS education.

**SECOND CENTURY STEM INITIATIVE FUND
(ESTABLISHED IN 2014)**

The Second Century STEM Initiative Fund was created to strengthen and deepen PCS's academic offerings in the areas of science, math, and technology in ways that benefit all students regardless of their possible careers.

We are grateful to the many alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff who have made gifts to support our community over the years. Additional gifts to any of these funds are especially welcomed as we work to advance the mission of PCS. If you would like to explore creation of a new named fund, the Office of Institutional Advancement would be delighted to work with you.

IN MEMORIAM



L. DAVID CLARK

On April 27, 2016, Professional Children's School lost a cherished member of our Board of Trustees. A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, David was recognized as a leading attorney in the trust and estates field. He served as a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate counsel and was named both a Best Lawyer and a Super Lawyer. David was a devoted husband and father, a classical music aficionado, and a passionate PCS supporter. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carolyn and his family during this difficult time. We are profoundly grateful to David for the wisdom and guidance that he brought to the PCS Board, and we will miss his presence and support for many years to come.



DAVID PAGE SEAMAN

On July 24, 2016, Professional Children's School lost a former, long-term member of its Board of Trustees and a cherished parent of PCS alumni Victoria Seaman '87, Page Seaman Bowler '89, David Seaman '93, who also served on the PCS Board, and Geoffrey Seaman '97. A graduate of Yale University and University of Virginia School of Law, David maintained a law practice until his death. He was an active member for more than 50 years at Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church in Bedford, NY, where he sang in the choir and served as a verger. David and his family provided for PCS through personal philanthropy and for many years through the General William Mayer Foundation, which recently supported PCS's Second Century STEM Initiative. We are grateful to David for his many years of service and support and we keep Mary and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

