

PROFESSIONAL CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

# ANNUAL REPORT ON GIVING

2017-2018



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Professional Children's School is a vibrant independent school that provides a rigorous college-preparatory education in a supportive environment for young people pursuing careers or pre-professional training in the performing arts, competitive sports, and other endeavors.

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**FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL**

# DR. JAMES DAWSON

Each and every year, Professional Children's School is graced by an extraordinary group of young people, entrusted to us, who come to New York from different states and numerous countries from around the world and, together, those young people, in combination with our faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, parents, friends and supporters, create anew an ongoing and sustained community, bound together by our common ideals and driven so as to achieve a successful balance of the mind and the heart, academics, the arts, and all the myriad other focused interests that drive dreams forward.

It is, after all, the power of community that binds us together — not just the physical

aspect of individuals within a shared space, but the deeper understanding of community, per the dictionary, that draws on “the feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals”. It is a collective sense of empowerment, a unified belief in dreams, a tribute to passion and interest, an affirmation of remarkable young people whose foci are deliberate, tenacious and energized.

Professional Children's School has, for over 104 years, been a safe haven for dreamers, a refuge for the bold, inspired young artists, athletes, entrepreneurs, and visionaries who are the embodiment of hope and courage to sustain — or to make anew — the challenging pathways that derive from passionate interest in a field fraught with uncertainty but unlimited in the potential to touch lives and elevate the human condition. Whether it be in the arts, in athletics, in business, or fashion, whether as the composer or the performer, the athlete or the designer, the creative start-up or the leading harbinger of disruptive innovation so to make things anew, each of the students at this remarkable school is a vessel that carries us forward. Their diverse talents and universal perseverance, whether sustained for their adolescent years alone or throughout a lifetime, are, to

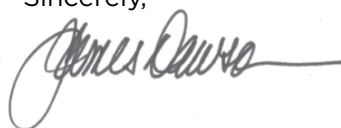
me, and to us, representative of emerging leaders who push us forward, who inspire us daily, who give us reason to believe in the optimism of youth and the sustainability of artistic, athletic, and aesthetic creativity. One cannot support a school if one does not believe in a better tomorrow. One cannot support a young person in the arts if one does not believe in the transcendent nature of performance — however realized. One cannot support a competitive athlete without knowing of the nearly unlimited capacity of human striving and achievement to do more, to do better, to press forward, almost beyond imagination, guided by a deep inner drive that compels that individual to reach for the stars. One cannot support an entrepreneur in the absence of absolute faith that, at least on occasion, an idea becomes a reality and the reality becomes normal in such a way that the world can never retreat to a time before the change and at which point, going forward, life is never the same.

Each of you, each of the donors and supporters noted herein — from the parent to the trustee, from the alumna/us to the distant relative, from the small but powerful benefactor to those with the means to change the world with their financial reach — each of you are visionaries of your own, marching us forward, believing in that better

tomorrow, inspiring the young to keep striving, embodying the fervent belief that a better future is entrusted in the youth of today, and knowing full well that without your support, these dreams would not be achievable, these aspirations would not be realized, these lofty goals set by our inspired, remarkable students would be that much harder to reach for and far less possible to attain.

Thanks to you, the future remains filled with hope, and we remain committed to affirming the endless possibilities that compel our students to carry on in whatever aspiration compels them to strive a bit harder and to reach a bit further, while committed to the noble task of educating them so as to prepare them to be future leaders, and, in doing so, continuing the commitment that inspired Professional Children's School to form over a century ago. For all you do to support this community and our common and powerful shared attitudes, interests and goals, and on behalf of all the young people entrusted to us, you have my, and our, profound gratitude.

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**

# EILEEN "LEE" MULRY DIECK

A recent article in *The Atlantic* focused on life passions and how they develop in children and young adults. Those of us associated with Professional Children's School are accustomed to spending time with students who are already well into the pursuit of their passions in the arts, athletics, and business development. These students and their families understand that passions are the result of the "investment and development" the researchers referenced in that article discuss. As an institution that is devoted to providing an excellent education for students who are pursuing their passions outside of school, PCS also enables students to develop other areas of interest along the way. Through the provision of a robust

curriculum, students can develop passions in academic areas as well. While many of our alumni do go on to careers in the areas in which they trained while at PCS, the truth is that many also go on to become community and business leaders. This is what sets Professional Children's School apart from all other schools; not only does PCS provide the flexibility that our students need to pursue their dreams, but it also provides the excellent college preparatory education that prepares our students for whatever their ultimate life and career choices may be. PCS serves the dual purposes of ensuring academic strength as well as the social and emotional growth that a supportive school environment must engender in order for children to thrive.

Your support of Professional Children's School enables us to fulfill this mission for our students; for this we are deeply grateful. Currently, almost half of our students receive some amount of financial aid. Our Gala, Fund for Professional Children's School appeal, and special funds like the Dawson Fund, the Sapar Fund, and the Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation Fund support the needs of these students. Through your participation in these efforts, you make it possible for us to fulfill our mission for all of our students. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to convey our thanks to

each of you for your contributions, and ask that you continue to support our mission to the extent that you are able.

I'd like to extend my gratitude to two board members who completed their service at the end of this school year. Nina Levant served as a Trustee and member of our Advancement Committee. Bill Jacobi served as our Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, also taking on the role of chairing the Windows Committee. This work resulted a financial restructuring which enabled us to complete this past summer the last major building project for the foreseeable future: replacement of the PCS building windows. I congratulate and thank Nina and Bill for their years of service to Professional Children's School. I'm pleased to announce that we have welcomed Michele Smith Barakett (Sophia '20) to our Board of Trustees this year. A trained psychologist, Michele has expertise in the areas of cultural psychology, diversity, and multicultural counseling, and has worked in schools and in the community. We are thrilled to welcome Michele to the PCS Board of Trustees and look forward to working with her.

As I begin my final year as Board Chair, I'm acutely aware of the inspiration the students at PCS provide for all of us who are fortunate enough to be involved in

supporting the PCS mission. I'm grateful to be part of a school community that serves such a vital role in these students' lives, and thankful for your support. I hope to see you at upcoming school events!

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lee Dieck', with a stylized, cursive script.

Lee Dieck



**FROM DIRECTOR OF  
INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT**

**CHRIS  
HALEY**

A very big thank you to the hundreds of parents, grandparents, alumni, trustees, faculty, staff, administrators, foundations, and friends of PCS who gave \$1,131,324 toward the 2017-2018 Fund for Professional Children's School! Your generous support enabled PCS to provide need-based financial aid to 42% of our students, giving more students an opportunity to benefit from the combination of academic excellence, balance, and community that only PCS can provide.

This year through the Advancement Office, we celebrated community at PCS (one of our three pillars: Academics, Balance, and Community) in a variety of ways.

We kicked off the school year with our annual boat cruise around Manhattan, attended by 188 students, parents, faculty, staff, and administrators. Our alumni gathered for a festive holiday celebration at PCS, representing six decades of past PCS students.

Our Spring Gala at The Edison Ballroom brought together 186 members of the PCS community for a night of entertainment and philanthropy. Twenty of our talented students performed a musical produced exclusively for the Gala called *This is the Moment: The Life of an Artist*. The production was directed by our drama teacher Vincent Sagona, with choreography by Sheri Moore Nikitas (Yanna Nikitas '19), costumes by Marni Hersch (Orli Hersch '19), and musical direction by Luke McGinnis. We presented the PCS Legacy Award to three distinguished alumni, Marcia Lynn Sells, Esq. '77, Alex Wolff '16 and Nat Wolff '13. The evening raised more than \$168,000 for the PCS Financial Aid Fund. We thank everyone who helped to make this wonderful evening such a great success!

Parents of PCS seniors gathered at the home of Ellen and Eric Garland (James Garland '18) for a lovely cocktail party to toast the Class of 2018. A very special thank



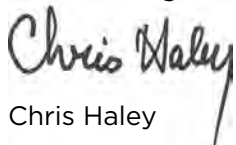
you to the Garlands for hosting the event and to Ellen Garland and Valerie Feigen (David Eisman '18) for co-chairing this year's Senior Class Gift appeal, which raised nearly \$52,000 toward the creation of a financial aid fund for musicians in honor of Roberta Kosse, who retired from PCS after more than three decades of service as our music teacher.

More than 60 supporters joined us for an Appreciation Reception at PCS. The evening featured performances by Cormac Cullinane '19, Jonah Kernis '21, Bairun Liu '19, and JiaBao Wei '19.

Right before Commencement, we ended the school year with a retirement celebration honoring Paul Chalmers and Roberta Kosse, who each served more than three decades. The event was attended by more than 100 members of the PCS family.

Thank you for your continued generous support of the Fund for Professional Children's School! We hope to see you in 2018-2019.

With much gratitude,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "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, 2017–JUNE 30, 2018

Fund for Professional Children’s School (Unrestricted). . . .	\$301,445
Financial Aid Funds. . . . .	\$538,982
Includes Gifts to: PCS Financial Aid Fund, Dr. James Dawson Fund for Broadway Scholars, Class of 2018 - Roberta Kosse Financial Aid Fund for Musicians, Carol Kleban Financial Aid Fund, SAPAR Contemporary Art Scholarship Fund, and Virginia B. Toulmin Scholarship Fund	
Other Restricted Gifts. . . . .	\$26,427
Special Events . . . . .	\$264,470
<b>TOTAL GIVING TO PCS. . . . .</b>	<b>\$1,131,324</b>

**GIVING TO THE ANNUAL FUND BY CONSTITUENCIES\***

Trustees . . . . .	\$246,806
Parents. . . . .	\$376,521
Alumni . . . . .	\$94,713
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Faculty and Staff . . . . .	\$10,250
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The Fund for Professional Children's School is the cornerstone of Professional Children's School's fundraising efforts. It is made up of gifts from parents, alumni, foundations, faculty, staff, and friends. We strive to keep tuition as affordable as possible while continuing to provide an excellent academic program, and money raised through the Fund for Professional Children's School helps to bridge the gap between tuition income and the cost of a PCS education. (Tuition alone covers only 86% of the cost of a PCS student's education.)

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Professional Children’s School is pleased to report on the powerful impact of donor support during the 2017–2018 school year, which helped our community to thrive.

## NEWLY ESTABLISHED FINANCIAL AID FUNDS SHOW INCREASED SUPPORT

Thanks to very generous donor support, over the three most recently completed fiscal years we have awarded \$541,700 to qualified students from four of our more recently established Financial Aid Funds: The Dr. James Dawson Fund for Broadway Scholars, The Virginia B. Toulmin Scholars Program, The Nancy Malone Scholarship Fund and The SAPAR Contemporary Art Scholarship. Your generous support will continue to make PCS more accessible to the students who would benefit most from the unique combination of academic excellence, balance, and community that only PCS can provide.

### FINANCIAL AID FUND AWARD AMOUNTS BY TYPE

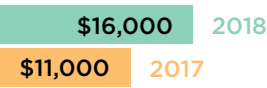
The Dr. James Dawson Fund for Broadway Scholars



The Virginia B. Toulmin Scholars Program



The Nancy Malone Scholarship Fund



The SAPAR Contemporary Art Scholarship



## STEM SUMMER GRANT PROGRAM

Professional Children's School continues to expand its work in the area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) through the Second Century STEM Initiative (SCSI). As part of the school's 2017-2018 SCSI activities, PCS provided students in grades 7-11 access to a special, one-time STEM grant of up to \$5,000 each, made possible by a generous grant from The Edward E. Ford Foundation. Our grants program enabled interested students to participate in STEM-related summer programs to augment their STEM learnings from the classroom.

Eight PCS students participated in the grants program. Here are a few examples of the activities in which they participated.

- "Climbing the Distance: Ladder to the Big Bang" at University of Michigan
- National Young Leaders Forum Summer STEM Program
- Columbia University's summer introduction for high school students to the study of electricity, magnetism, optics, special relativity, quantum mechanics, atomic physics, and nuclear physics
- Dazzling Discoveries, a program to bridge the gap between hands on activities and technology explorations
- iD Tech Camp summer program
- Boston Leadership Institute Summer STEM Program

## 2018 SENIOR CLASS GIFT FUND

This year's Senior Class Gift created the Class of 2018 Financial Aid Fund for Musicians, a new fund whose purpose is to provide additional financial aid support to student musicians who could not otherwise afford a PCS education. We are especially pleased to share that this new fund is dedicated to PCS's music teacher Roberta Kosse (below), who retired from PCS at the end of the academic year after more than three decades of service.

We are grateful to senior class parents Ellen Garland (mother of James) and Valerie Feigen (mother of David) for chairing this year's appeal, which raised over \$50,000.





**HAPPY TRAILS**

We bid a fond farewell to two of our beloved, long-time faculty members who retired at the end of the 2017-2018 school year after more than thirty years of service each. Both Paul Chalmers (Math Teacher and Technology Coordinator) and Roberta Kosse (Music Teacher) will be missed by our entire community. Faculty, staff and alumni came together on May 31, 2018 for a retirement party with touching tributes. Special thanks to Michael Fredo '96, Young Park '98, Mathias Rios '14, and members of our faculty and staff for sharing words, videos and performances in honor of our retirees. Several donations were also made in honor of Paul and Roberta at the end of the school year to help celebrate their retirement and school legacy.









## STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND

Last year's Senior Class Gift from the Class of 2017 established the Student Activity Fund, making it possible for future classes to take advantage of the exciting opportunities New York City has to offer without any extra cost to them or their families. This year, the Student Activity Fund enabled students to enrich their classroom experience with a concert at Carnegie Hall along with three Broadway shows: *Once On This Island*, *Waitress*, and *Frozen*. (Students were also able to show their support for a fellow Middle School classmate who is currently starring in *Frozen*.)

# 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 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  
Heidi Elizabeth Bishay '81  
Roger Boxill '46\*  
Michael '04 and Jacyn Gleicher  
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\*

\*Deceased



# INTRODUCING THE OVATION SOCIETY

We are pleased to introduce the Ovation Society, which was established to honor and recognize our most loyal donors.

To join the Ovation Society, simply make a gift of any amount to PCS for at least three (3) fiscal years in a row. Donors who have already donated consecutively for three or more years are automatically enrolled. To sustain your membership and reach new recognition milestones, make a gift every year.

## **Qualifying Levels:**

3+ Years of Giving

7+ Years of Giving

15+ Years of Giving

Ovation Society members will be recognized in the school's Annual Report on Giving and in other publications, unless requested otherwise. We are deeply grateful for the generous support of each Ovation Society member.

## **THE OVATION SOCIETY**

We are pleased to recognize this year's Ovation Society members, based on giving through the end of our most recently completed fiscal year, June 30, 2018.

### **15+ Years of Giving**

Anonymous  
Karen and Gregory Arenson  
Warren Ashworth and Susan Kander  
Jesse H. Ausubel  
Toni and Ed Benjamin  
Mr. Michael A. Blum  
Donald and Susan Brant  
Marvelous Brooks  
Carol and Stephen Canter  
James Dawson & Shaun Mattivi  
Lee and Bill Dieck  
Kimberley Fiterman-Duepner and Gregory Duepner  
Ernest and Kay Frank  
Carol and John Lane  
Susan and Peter P. Nitze  
Jerry O'Connell '91  
Harold S. Spitzer  
Denise Jackson Sutherland '69  
Irene Strom White '64  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Yanowitch

### **7-14 Years of Giving**

Anonymous  
Anne Ausubel  
Wendy Wisan Baker '53 and Sydney Baker  
Sena Baron  
Barbara Bemelmans '54  
David R. Bixler '71

W. Scott and Wanda Blanchard  
Dylan Brenner  
Caplan Family Foundation, Inc.  
Paul Chalmers and Ronnie Kauder  
Veronica Dawson  
Mariam Dingilian '10  
Christine Dziegielewski  
Valerie Feigen and Steven Eisman  
Mark and Colleen Finks  
Patricia Curley Gannon '58 and Paul Gannon  
Dr. Ellen and Mr. Eric Garland  
Francine Amdur Goldfarb '62 and Robert Goldfarb  
Sherrie A. Hinkle  
Caroline Holder and Dirk DeLaCour  
Joan Hollander  
Stephanie Hull  
Monty Itzen  
Lynn Mizzy Jonas '68 and Phil Jonas  
Marion S. Kaplan  
Diane and Bill Kenney  
Mimi Klein  
Pat and Ronnie '55 Lee  
Dr. Christian Maetzener and Dr. Ruth Maetzener  
John and Victoria Mancuso  
JoAnn Mariano  
Joan McCulloch  
Joan Milkson '59  
Elizabeth Heilman Brooke Murray and John B. Murray  
Erika Petersen and Eric Rosenthal  
Heather Randall  
The Tony Randall Theatrical Fund  
Dr. Anthony Reso '49  
Mr. Jeffrey Rosen and Dr. Daphne Hsu  
Martha and Timothy Stocks-Lyons  
David and Susan Viniar  
The Viniar Family Foundation



### **3-6 Years of Giving**

Anonymous

Anabel Adams and Scott Craft

VinnieCarla Agnello

Anna Palma Aroch and Guy Aroch

Charles and Ivana Baltic

Lori and Carswell Berlin

Julie and Christopher Boehning

Mary Bolotowsky and

Andrew Bolotowsky '67

Estate of Roger Evan Boxill '46

Penelope Brigham '73

Tracy and Don Butler

Dr. Ernestine Byer-Tyre

Dr. and Mrs. James & Patrice Cahill

The Campbell Family Foundation

Magaly and Kevin Casey

Elizabeth Christenberry

Kristin and John Clark

Eléonore and Benoit Cohen

Samantha and Drew Cohen

Mary Ellen Cravens '01 and

Pierce Cravens '04

Dr. Daniel Curry &

Mrs. Rachel Curry '05

Andrew Daly '07

Laura and Timothy Daly

DeLaCour Family Foundation

Mariam Dingilian '10

Mr. and Mrs. Erik Ekstein

Fay and Manuel Fernandez

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Phillip and Mary Foote

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Sumner Gerard Foundation

Joyce and Robert Giuffra

Michael '04 and Jacyn Gleicher

The Peter Glenville Foundation

Arnold and Martha Graf

Gregory Gropper '17

Chris Haley and David Knapp

Melanie Harris '91 and

Robert J. Fraiman, Jr.

Francine Le Roux Haskell

Marni Hersch

The Rev. Dr. Olivia P. L. Hilton

Lisa and Robbie Huffines

William and Anne Jacobi

Barbara and Wim Jessup

Lizbeth Johnson

Paula Abraham Kaufman '95

Fred C. and Marion B. Kneip

Dorothy and Jeff Laguzza

Kelsey Fithian Lamond '02 and

David Lamond

Deborah and Gilbert H. Levine

Bonnie Trompeter Lowe '61 and

Norm Lowe

Margo Manhattan

Michael and Sarah McGhee '96

Edward and Emma McLoughlin

Yaoyong Meng and Jinglin Jin

Ms. Tracey Mina

Carol Hertling Nickell and Frank T.

Nickell

Renata Nikolayev

Carol Petersen Oakes '48

Janet and David Offensend

Erica Marks Panush and

David Panush

Susan Gluck Pappajohn '79 and

Greg Pappajohn

Laura Pearle

Stefanie and Craig Pintoff

Dr. Leslie and Mrs. Rita Pyenson

Kurt Read

Sandra Rivers

Jean and Kevin Rodd

Meredith and Eliot Rubenzahl

Raushan Sapar

Dr. Robert Mark Savage

Jean Scales

Robert S. and Donna R. Shafir

Michelle Shapiro

Carrie and Alex Shaurette

Julie Stevens '87

Jeffrey Stone and Susan Ades

Jeffrey Stone and Gail Weiss

Leslie Sullivan

Sophia Tang and Nigel Ferrey

Arlene Tarlow '54

Elizabeth Drucker Treadwell '92

Jennifer and Peter Tulchin

Leslie Uggams '60

Patricia Van Patten

Vanguard Charitable

Rima Vargas-Vetter '64 and

Paul Ukena

Elizabeth Vizzone

Christina and Ned Wood

Nao and Michael Wylie

Joan Javits Zeeman

Tina Shafer Zizzo

# GRADUATING CLASS OF 2018



PCS held it's 102nd Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at Merkin Hall. The ceremony celebrated academic achievement along with several moving performances and speeches from the graduates. Head of School Dr. James Dawson and Board Chair Dr. Lee Dieck also spoke to the crowd of faculty, staff, administrators, family, and loved ones. We're excited to welcome the Class of 2018 to our growing alumni community.



**CONGRATS  
CLASS OF 2018!**



Paris Adkins  
Vincent Agnello  
Isabella Aldridge  
Tessa Alvarez  
Mari Bell  
Henry Berenson  
Sophia Beresford  
Julian Boehning  
Esme Bolucek  
LaJeromeny Brown  
Yiding Chen  
Simon Cohen  
Liang Dai  
Phoebe Edwards-Plant  
David Eisman  
Jordan Ekstein  
James Garland  
Justine Harnett  
Sean Hsi  
Claire Hutchinson  
Youlan Ji  
Sunny Jin  
Angelica Kang  
Griffin Katz  
Julianne Kinasiewicz  
Taija Law  
Cheyoon Lee  
Nina Lee  
Sandy Li  
Rian Lian  
Julia Lipari  
Olivia Mayo  
Kyrie McIntosh  
Nathan Meltzer  
Xuehui Mo  
Luka Mrvic  
Mira Nadon  
Isabelle Poloner  
Maxwell Read  
Deirdre Scanlon  
Matthew Schechter  
Abigail Shapiro  
Irene Shin  
Caroline Steinberg  
Jessie Tai  
Jacqueline Tong  
Megan Yao  
Lily Zerivitz  
Huan Zhang



## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

This year, 19 seniors applied Early Action/Early Decision and 15 were accepted. Forty-five Professional Children's School seniors were accepted to the following colleges and universities:



American University (4)	The New School Jazz/ Contemporary Music
University of Arizona (2)	New York University (6)
Barnard College	Northwestern University
Berklee College of Music	Oberlin Conservatory (2)
Boston College	Ohio State University
University of California: Santa Barbara	University of Oregon
University of California: Santa Cruz	Pace University
Carleton College	Peabody Institute of Music (2)
Case Western Reserve University	Pepperdine University
Chapman University (3)	University of Pittsburgh
College of Charleston	Point Blank Music School
Clark University	Point Park University
Cleveland Institute of Music	Princeton University
University of Colorado	Rollins College
Colgate University	College of Saint Rose
Columbia University (2)	Sarah Lawrence College
Cornell University	Skidmore College
University of Denver	University of South Carolina
DePaul University	SUNY-Binghamton
Drexel University	SUNY-Geneseo
Duke University	SUNY-Purchase (2)
Eastman School of Music (3)	Syracuse University
Emerson College	University of Toronto
Eugene Lang College (2)	Towson University
Fordham University (7)	Tufts University
George Washington University	Vanderbilt University
Harvard University (2)	Vassar College
Haverford College	Villanova University
IDC - Herzliya	Wagner College
Indiana University	Wake Forest University (2)
The Juilliard School (10)	Whittier College (2)
Long Island University	Yale University's School of Music
Loyola Marymount University (2)	
Manhattan School of Music (7)	
Mannes School of Music (2)	
University of Maryland	
Marymount Manhattan College	
University of Miami	
New England Conservatory (10)	
The New School for Drama	





# MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS OF 2018



## PCS EIGHTH GRADE CLASS OF 2018

Dashiell del Barco  
Natalie Glassie  
Tobias Irikura  
Nicholas Jenkins  
Eugenie Kourti-Ferrante  
Evan Lee  
Bianca Lorich  
Anton Meyerowitz  
Louisa Mor  
Ning Tie  
Nicholas Torchia  
Ian Zelbo





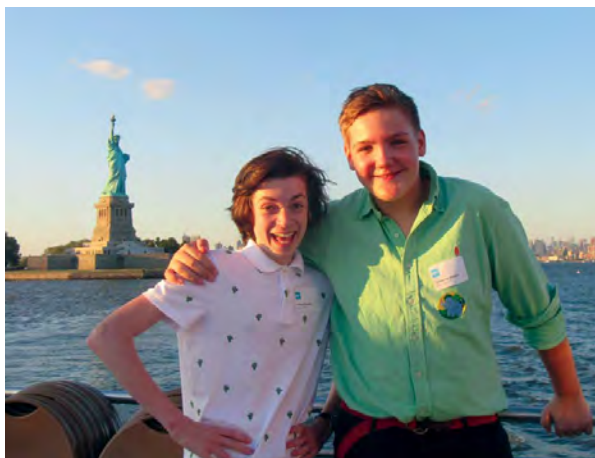


# SPECIAL EVENTS



## **BOAT CRUISE SEPTEMBER 7, 2017**

PCS celebrated the start of another school year with our annual Circle Line Boat Cruise. This long standing tradition brings together the entire PCS community for a fun night out before classes begin. Current students, their families, faculty, staff and administrators enjoyed a cruise around lower Manhattan, which featured a DJ dance party and a buffet dinner. A special thank you to the School's Board of Trustees for generously underwriting a portion of the event enabling PCS students to participate free of charge.





# PROFESSIONAL CHILDREN'S SCHOOL SPRING GALA

**APRIL 23, 2018**

This past spring, Professional Children's School held its largest annual fundraising event at The Edison Ballroom in midtown Manhattan. The evening raised over \$168,000 for the Financial Aid Fund from ticket and donation proceeds, as well as early support from our Host Committee. 186 attendees made up of parents, alumni, students, friends, and family joined us for one of our most successful events (in number of attendees and dollars raised) in recent history.

## **HOST COMMITTEE**

Anonymous

Michele and Timothy Barakett

Donald and Susan Brant

Kristin and John Clark

Darrell and Amy Crate '89

Lee and Bill Dieck

The Draper Foundation

Ernest and Kay Frank

Joyce and Robert Giuffra

Michael '04 and Jacyn Gleicher

Raushan Sapar

Michael Wolff and Polly Draper

The evening honored three alumni with the PCS Legacy Award. The PCS Legacy Award is awarded each year to alumni with distinction in their respective fields. This



*Top photo, from left: JiaBao Wei, Yiding Chen. Bottom photo, back row from left: Trinity Sylvester, Josh Sussman, Cormac Cullinane, Vincent Agnello, Hannah Zeldin and Caroline Cahill. Bottom row, from left: Chloé Bryan, Patrice Cahill, Darby Lee-Stack and Mary Stewart Sullivan.*

year's Legacy Award recipients were Marcia Lynn Sells, Esq. '77, Alex Wolff '16 and Nat Wolff '13.

Guests also enjoyed the performance piece *This is the Moment: The Life of an Artist*, featuring twenty of our current students with direction by PCS drama teacher, Vincent Sagona, musical direction by Luke McGinnis, choreography by Sheri Moore Nikitas (Yanna '19) and costumes by Marni Hersch (Orli '19). The performance featured singing, dancing, an onstage band, and student stories from the heart that explored the triumphs and struggles of the life of an artist. Thank you to everyone who helped make this special evening such a great success!

We hope to see you at next year's Spring Gala, which will take place on Monday, April 29, 2019 at The Edison Ballroom. Details will be forthcoming.





*Top photo: Cormac Cullinane. Second row, from left: honoree, Nat Wolff '13 and faculty member Jason Wofsey, trustee Michele Barakett and host committee member Darrell Crate, and Andy Liu. Third row, from left: Head of School James Dawson with honoree Alex Wolff '16, and Kay Frank, Anne Ausubel and Ernie Frank. Bottom row: honoree Marcia Lynn Sells '77 with Board Chair Lee Dieck.*







# ALUMNI CORNER

**FROM THE ALUMNI LIAISON  
DANIA NAUHOLNYK**

Success is not a solitary journey and we know very well that to build community and to grow as an institution, the participation of our alumni is essential for a plethora of reasons. As Professional Children's School continues to serve a talented, fascinating and creative group of young people who look to the future with both hesitation and excitement, more than ever our alumni serve an important role. And, that is why it is inspiring to see greater involvement on the part of our community. In fact, our alumni community has increased its giving participation by 17%, which exceeds the 10% goal our Alumni Association Council set at the beginning of the year. More alumni have come back to visit, have attended school events, and have given financially to the newly established Alumni Financial Aid Fund. I personally am grateful for their generosity and for their willingness to give of their time.

The most valuable thing you have in life is time. Giving of one's time is just as important as giving financially. One of the goals of our Alumni Association Council is to find more opportunities for our more experienced alumni to share their wisdom, expertise and insight with our younger alumni and our students. What thrills me the most is the fact that there is greater interest on behalf of our community to create mechanisms to support our students by connecting with them, serving as mentors and participating on alumni panels. Our alumni can motivate and provide a glimpse into the future. In a tumultuous world, our students look to our previous students for guidance and reassurance that the paths they take will be well worth it. As our alumni know, questioning the decisions one makes as an actor, a dancer, an athlete or a musician is common place.



Role models allow us to see the potential and to find ways to accomplish one's goals. In turn, these relationships foster meaningful connections to the school.

Our alumni community has boundless potential and we appreciate everyone who has embraced their responsibility to leave an indelible mark on the school and on the children that pass through our doors. They, along with our teachers, our students and our staff are the foundation of this school, and we welcome everyone to become part of the experience. The constant message I hear from our alumni is that we played an important role in their lives in the formative years, and without the flexibility and sense of community which we offer, they would not have been able to pursue their passions and dreams. For many, Professional Children's School has served as a springboard to success. But, success does not happen in a vacuum and we are all responsible to one another.

It's never too late (or too early) to give back to the PCS community. We encourage our alumni to continue to support the Fund for Professional Children's School, the Alumni Financial Aid Fund, or any of our designated funds. No gift is too small to have an impact on a student's future, and I encourage our alumni to consider making a gift to PCS a yearly tradition. Giving back means that you have a deep sense of caring for the school you attended, for the teachers who guided you, and for the children who will one day create change and lead this world. Our alumni can easily be a part of the experience. I challenge our alumni to participate in at least one event and reconnect with this special place, that at one point or another has helped broaden their minds and nurture their passions.

I want to thank Dr. James Dawson, Chris Haley, and Noël Soisson for their support, collaboration and patience. Most importantly, thank you to our alumni who have served on the Alumni Association Council and on our Board of Trustees. Their involvement has been pivotal to create change and I look forward to working with them during our next school year. It is a selfless way to give back and your commitment is so appreciated.

Respectfully,

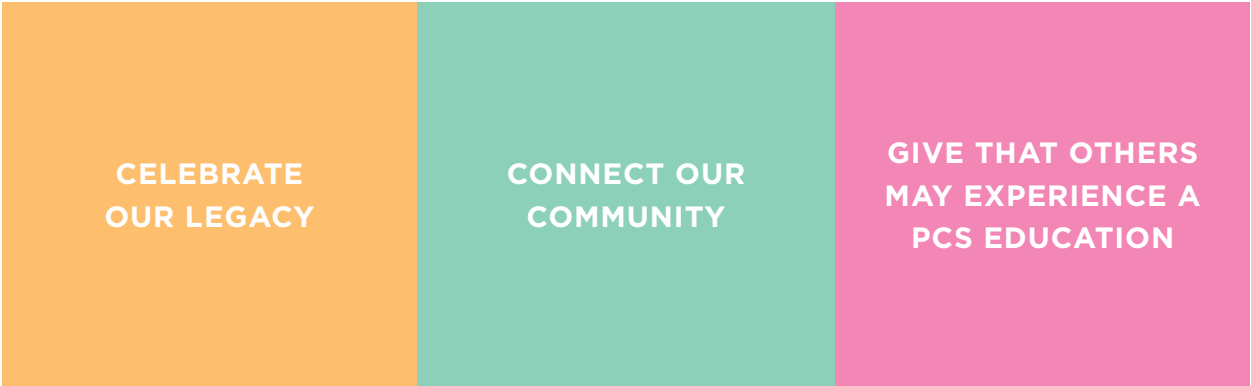


Dania Nauholnyk  
Dean of Middle School Life  
Alumni Liaison

# THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

The Alumni Association Council represents the school's Alumni Association, of which every individual who has attended PCS is a member. The mission of the Alumni Association Council is to enhance and advance the relationship between the school and all of its alumni through meaningful engagement, networking, volunteer involvement, and philanthropic commitment.

## THE THREE PILLARS OF OUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION







### MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

- Justin Abrams '09
- Hannah Bomze '07
- Mary Ellen Cravens '01
- Nilah "Peaches" Davis '85
- Jaime Gleicher '03
- Michael Gleicher '04
- Stephen Hanna '98
- Sarah Shepard Schmieder '87
- Julie Stevens '87
- Ava Conoval Popovich '99
- Rachel Curry '05

### KEEP IN TOUCH!

Send your updates and news to [alumni@pcs-nyc.org](mailto:alumni@pcs-nyc.org) and follow us on social media for the latest buzz in the PCS community.

-  [PCSalumni](#)
-  [@PCS\\_alumni](#)
-  [@professionalchildrensschool](#)
-  [pcsalumni](#)

**ALUMNI FINANCIAL  
AID FUND**

This past fall the Alumni Association Council created the Alumni Financial Aid Fund to supplement the school’s general Financial Aid Fund. A gift to the Alumni Financial Aid Fund supports current students who otherwise wouldn’t be able to attend our school. This new fund gives our alumni community the chance to give back, so that others may experience the same Professional Children’s School education they had. Alumni are able to give at any level in single or recurring monthly installments. Thanks in part to the creation of this fund, alumni giving participation has increased by 17%.

**FIRST ANNUAL ALUMNI  
HOLIDAY GATHERING A  
SUCCESS!**

The Alumni Association Council hosted its first Alumni Holiday Gathering this past December, in lieu of the annual Return Day Luncheon. The purpose of this event was for alumni from every generation to catch up and share good holiday wishes, thus engaging our greater alumni community. Over six decades of alumni joined us for festive snacks and beverages in the Peter



Glenville Theatre, which was turned into a winter wonderland. In the spirit of the season of giving, attendees each donated a \$5 “admission” to the new Alumni Financial Aid Fund to help kick off the fund.

# 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 FINANCIAL AID 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.

**VIRGINIA B. TOULMIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND (ESTABLISHED IN 2016)**

The Virginia B. Toulmin Scholarship Fund was established through the generosity of the Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation to create the Toulmin Scholars Program, which provides annual financial aid awards to two female students in the performing arts, who otherwise would be unable to afford a PCS education.

*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.*

# FACULTY AND STAFF

2017-2018

Will Acevedo, Plant Manager  
Debra Alago, Food Services Manager  
Evelyn Alexander, Science Teacher  
Bernardo Bellosó, 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  
Loryn Evanoff, Head of Upper School+  
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