



PROFESSIONAL  
CHILDREN'S  
SCHOOL

**ANNUAL  
REPORT  
ON  
GIVING**  
2020-2021

# A WARM WELCOME FROM THE OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

The theme for this year's Annual Report on Giving is, appropriately, resilience. In this most challenging year in the life of our school and, indeed, the world, signs of resilience abounded.

Despite being located in some 49 different locations and a dizzying number of timezones, our students participated in lively classroom activities and discussions, and remained engaged and connected with each other via Zoom, FaceTime, chat, and other means.

Our faculty and staff worked tirelessly to attend to the needs of our students as we all continuously adapted to the "new normal" of the moment.

This year, we bade farewell to our Institutional Advancement Associate, Noël Soission, who moved away from New York City. We thank Noël for her many excellent contributions to our work over the last several years and we wish her well.

We welcomed Meghan Blakeman, our new Assistant Director of Institutional Advancement (a new role for the Office of Institutional Advancement). Meghan looks forward to meeting everyone, as we begin welcoming students, parents, alumni, and guests back to 132 West 60th Street, which for many will be the first time since March 2020.

Most importantly, we thank the hundreds of current parents and grandparents, alumni, alumni parents and grandparents, current and past trustees, faculty, staff, administrators, former employees, and friends who support all facets of the life of our school.

As always, we are grateful that you are a part of the PCS family, and we hope to see you in the coming year. Thank you for your generous support of PCS! Your support means more to our students and families than ever before.

All the best,



Chris Haley

Director of Institutional Advancement



Meghan Blakeman

Assistant Director of Institutional Advancement



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FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

# DR. JAMES DAWSON

One mark of success amid uncertainty is to find yourself at a level of accomplishment comparable to a time before adversity came upon you. Writer and speaker Emory Austin reminds us of our need to stay the course, to make the circle whole, even during the tough times, when she writes, “Some days there won’t be a song in your heart. Sing anyway.” Sing, indeed! Sing of the generosity of so many donors during such a challenging year. Sing of the superb success of our PCS Gala this past spring, a remarkable and successful achievement despite being our first virtual Gala in our 106-year history. Sing of the generous support from all of those noted herein for their extraordinary commitment to our Fund for PCS (formerly the Annual Fund) and to our various financial aid and support budgets, be they general, named, or targeted. Sing of the success of our magnificent faculty, who taught, affirmed,

bolstered, and delivered even during the ever changing, highly unusual, often completely virtual schooling that had to take place through so much of the 2020-2021 academic year. Sing our profound gratitude to our staff and add a special note of gratitude for our tireless, focused, and dedicated maintenance personnel. Sing our deep appreciation to our committed Trustees whose generosity and commitment know no bounds. Sing, too, our salute to our students and to their parents for their presence and their perseverance.

We were not alone on this journey but rather a part of a City, a nation, and a world that had an incredibly challenging year: a year of uncertainty, a year of losses and of lost and absent opportunity, a year - and more - marked by the nearly complete shutdown of the performing arts in a City that embodies the arts and in a school that heartily and happily embraces young artists. Despite the hardships and the losses and the financial challenges faced by so many, we - the community of PCS - persevered. We walked tall; we held high those talents and skills and the drive that makes for greatness. Nelson Mandela once reminded us that “the greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.”

PCS did not fall; we did not stumble; we persevered; we embodied that magical energy and light that so clearly defines who we are by keeping the faith, running the course, and empowering and embracing the remarkable young people entrusted to our care.

All of those noted herein – each of you – made a difference in the life of the school and in the life of the young people who fill our halls. Each of our students, each of their caring, concerned, and supportive parents and family members, and each of our donors, ran that race with us; each of you rose above the challenges and proved just how unstoppable our work is, not because we avoided failure but because we continued on, we stayed on course, we rallied ahead, we made it to the finish line despite the hardships and the uncertainty and the lack of clarity.

For myself and on behalf of all of us at Professional Children's School, and especially on behalf of the young people entrusted to us, I want to offer my profound gratitude to you for your generosity, your faith in the work that we do, your enthusiasm for the students that we support, and, much like our entire community at 132 West 60 Street, I want to thank you for your resilience to stay the course and to continue to generously support and touch our lives so deeply through your magnificent generosity.

Sincerely,

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



**FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

# MELANIE HARRIS

We remain steadfast in our commitment to Professional Children's School's mission to provide a rigorous, high quality education while supporting our students in their various professional endeavors. Our dedicated faculty and staff understand the challenges our students face as they pursue careers in their chosen field, and they work tirelessly to help prepare our students for future educational endeavors. It is the hard work and dedication of the beloved faculty and staff and the leadership team, as well as our culture of collaboration and acceptance of all that helps make PCS such a special place. They successfully adapted and ensured that both the remote learning program and the in-person model lived up to our very high standards of academic excellence.

The past year and a half has been incredibly challenging for all of us. Unfortunately, as I write this, it is clear that there are more challenges ahead. While we had all hoped that the 2021-2022 school year would be a "return to normal", the Delta variant of COVID-19 is requiring us all to reevaluate what normalcy looks like. Nevertheless the Professional Children's School community can look back on the past year and reflect on and be proud of how we persisted in the face of great adversity. We were resilient as we came together and pushed forward -- our students and families, faculty and staff, and even our highly valued alumni community demonstrated remarkable faith in PCS and one another. I have no doubt that we will continue to do so as we head into this next chapter together.

This past May, PCS hosted our first ever virtual gala, Dare to Dream. Dare to Dream provided us with numerous new opportunities. For example, PCS alumni from around the globe were able to participate in the event, allowing us an opportunity to reconnect with this important constituency. The high production quality of the Dare to Dream video and live event has provided us with valuable content that we hope to use in future marketing campaigns to help spread the PCS success story. Most importantly, the virtual gala gave us an opportunity to come together as a community and to celebrate the PCS culture of passionate students who dare to dream personally and professionally. Our generous donors contributed more than \$259,000, far surpassing our fundraising

goals. The proceeds provided crucial support for the school's Financial Aid Fund.

We look back on the last year and it's hard to think of anything other than the pandemic. But when I look back on the last year, I think about how our community pulled together to support one another. I think about how extraordinarily fortunate PCS is to have an experienced and passionate leader in Dr. James Dawson. His steady hand, experience and wisdom has been evident every step of the way. The Board of Trustees is proud that the financial standing of the school remains strong and we are incredibly grateful to each of you for your support of PCS. Your commitment and enthusiasm enables Professional Children's School to fulfill our unique educational mission as we plan for the next generation of talented students who will come through our doors, in person and virtually.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MH' with a flourish at the end.

Melanie Harris '91

# PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT 2020-2021

JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

Fund for Professional Children's School (Unrestricted).....	<b>\$239,252</b>
Financial Aid Funds.....	<b>\$646,726</b>
Includes Gifts to: PCS Financial Aid Fund, Dr. James Dawson Fund for Broadway Scholars, Carol Kleban Financial Aid Fund, SAPAR Contemporary Art Scholarship Fund, and Virginia B. Toulmin Scholarship Fund	
Other Restricted Gifts .....	<b>\$151,342</b>
Special Events.....	<b>\$259,410</b>
Total Giving to PCS.....	<b>\$1,304,790</b>

## GIVING TO PCS BY CONSTITUENCIES\*

Trustees. ....	<b>\$398,241</b>
Parents.....	<b>\$77,425</b>
Alumni .....	<b>\$104,183</b>
Parents of Alumni .....	<b>\$564,365</b>
Faculty and Staff.....	<b>\$8,639</b>
Foundations, Corporations, and Grants. .....	<b>\$924,343</b>

\*For reporting purposes, individuals in multiple categories have been counted more than once.



# IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

**\$1,039,500** awarded through  
financial aid and scholarships

**\$100,000** awarded through the  
Virginia B. Toulmin Scholarship Fund

**\$72,500** awarded the Dr. James  
Dawson Fund for Financial Aid

**\$54,500** awarded through  
the COVID Relief Fund

**\$50,000** awarded through the Nancy  
Malone '54 Scholarship Fund

**\$49,500** awarded through the SAPAR  
Contemporary Scholarship Fund

**60%** of PCS Students Received Financial Aid

YOUR GENEROSITY  
MAKES ALL OF THIS  
POSSIBLE!

# PCS DAY OF GIVING

We thank the entire PCS community for joining together on October 20, 2020 to generously support the PCS Day of Giving.

## PROFESSIONAL CHILDREN'S SCHOOL



### THANK YOU!

### \$133,000

raised

### 101

donors

This year we raised **\$133,000** for the Fund for Professional Children’s School, which provides for every aspect of the operation of our school, including financial aid for 60% of our students, maintaining our beautiful building, and so much more.

OF THIS YEAR’S SUPPORTERS,	
27% .....	WERE CURRENT PARENTS
24% .....	WERE ALUMNI
17% .....	WERE ALUMNI PARENTS
13% .....	WERE PCS EMPLOYEES
12% .....	WERE PCS TRUSTEES

We are especially grateful to the PCS Board of Trustees for collectively offering a generous matching gift, which served as a powerful catalyst for the Day of Giving.

# TOULMIN MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE ACHIEVED

Professional Children’s School is grateful to the Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation for inspiring the PCS community to secure an additional \$60,000 through a special end-of-school-year matching gift challenge. We thank our current families, alumni, parents of alumni, and friends of PCS who banded together to achieve this goal!

## MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

FROM THE  
VIRGINIA B. TOULMIN FOUNDATION



# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

FROM AUDREY ZHANG '21



My name is Audrey Zhang, and I came to PCS on the Sapar Contemporary Art Scholarship in the 8th grade. I immediately felt at home, which inspired me to grow from a shy artist to a leader: I became the Student Association Co-Leader, the Yearbook Co-Editor in Chief, the Literary Magazine Arts Editor, and an international PCS student mentor.

In the 8th grade, I joined the Student Association. After honing my communication skills for three years, in 2019, I initiated my first fundraiser. In 6 months, we raised \$2,000 for charity: water, giving 50 people clean water for life. I was overjoyed—every effort was worth it!

To help everyone at PCS reconnect during the pandemic in 2020, I coordinated a virtual Coffeehouse. We edited PCS performances into a film. On YouTube premiere night, we used our appreciation for art to express our love for each other, which connected, empowered, and healed us.

From 2020-2021, we raised \$1,052 for City Harvest, feeding more than 2,900 people in need. We also donated around 150 blankets with handwritten notes to The Food Bank For New York City.

To address the climate crisis, we created a sustainability checklist. I also organized two new school-wide events: Environment Day and Ecolympics. For Environment Day, we informed PCS about biodiversity loss, plastic overuse, and fossil fuel overuse. Then, we launched Ecolympics, a team sustainability competition. Our community saved an estimated 3,876 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>, diverted 181 pounds of waste, and saved 3,625 gallons of water in five days. Then, we raised \$410 for Ocean. Now!, helping our oceans. Our small lifestyle changes significantly helped our society. I am ecstatic that both events will be new annual PCS traditions.

I also joined the Yearbook Club in 8th grade. I loved illustrating five covers, designing pages, and sharing ideas with other editors. 2020-2021's theme was "PCS: The Future is in Our Hands." I drew a cover depicting an equitable and environmentally-friendly future to encourage everyone to care for others and Earth.

Regarding our Literary Magazine, I submitted to Volume 1 in 10th grade. In 11th grade, I joined the team. I enjoyed curating artwork, editing stories, and discussing literature with teammates. I painted covers for Volumes 3 and 4, which were themed "Identity" and "Connection," respectively.

As an international student mentor, I emailed four mentees weekly, helping them adjust to school, New York City, and English as a second language. Conversing with them and sharing wellness advice lifted my spirits.

Because I had the privilege of partaking in extracurriculars, I engaged with many unique perspectives at PCS. Our interactions helped me form my identity as an artist connecting with others and a leader working to realize a better future.

I am eternally grateful to the Sapar Contemporary Art Scholarship for bringing me to PCS and nurturing me all these years.

I thank the warm-hearted faculty for showing me that my voice matters, that anything is possible if I believe in myself and try my best.

My wonderful teachers helped me mature as a scholar and person, for which I am deeply thankful. I dove into studio art and the humanities to better understand myself and others. Through the sciences, I studied the possibilities of our universe and coded an AI to gain insight into our future.

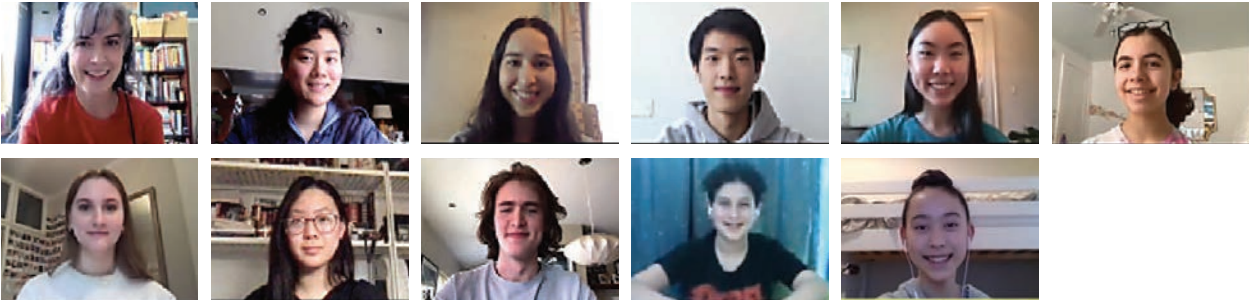
My passionate, perseverant peers always inspire me to work harder every day. I am delighted to have met so many incredible and compassionate creators.

I cherish my brilliant, resilient PCS family, who helped me develop the wings to fly and the courage to face all challenges awaiting me at Princeton University and beyond.



# STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Student Association (SA) creates a sense of community within PCS with events such as coin wars and bake sales. SA also informs the student body about sustainability and addresses inequality by donating to charities. This year, SA raised money for City Harvest, which conducts NYC's largest food drive for New Yorkers in need.



My favorite thing about being a part of the PCS Student Association this year was being able to make a difference in not only our community but in the world. I am grateful for all of the knowledge I have gained from being a part of the Student Association this year.

**-JULIA O. '24**

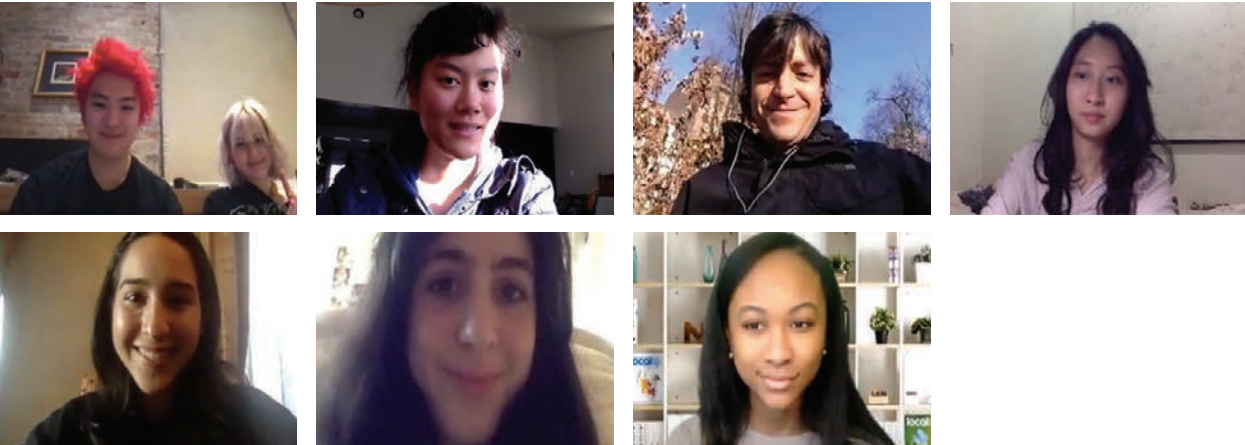
What I enjoyed the most about being in the SA was having the opportunity to really educate myself on what is going on in the world and how I can help using the knowledge.

**-EMILY A. '22**



# LITERARY MAGAZINE

Against the Current, PCS's Literary Magazine, is a digital and print publication that showcases the creative works of students, faculty, and alumni, including fiction, memoir, poetry, photography, sculpture, painting, and sketch. The Magazine celebrates diverse talent at PCS and is a platform for risk-taking.

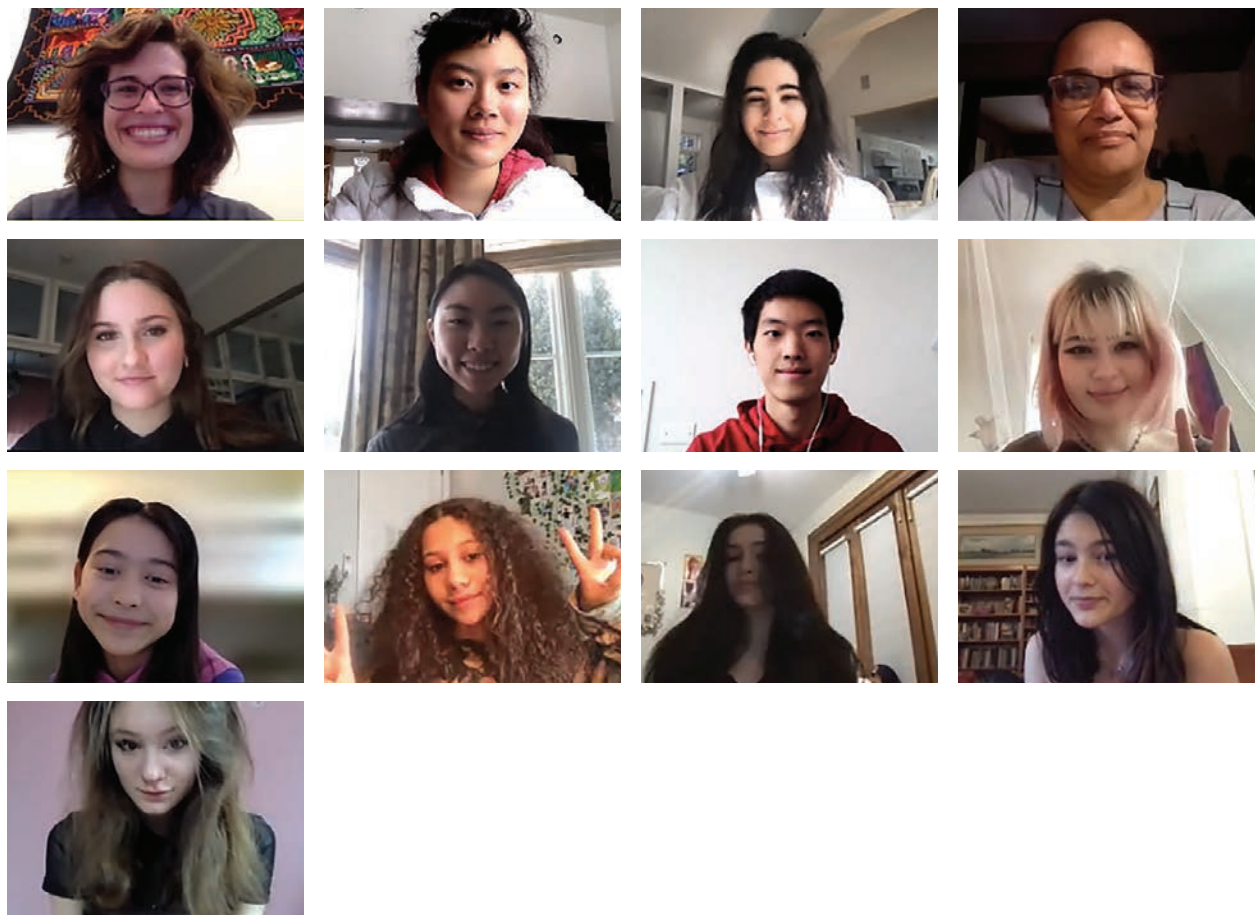


"Literary Magazine was a safe place for us to express our words in an artistic way. The vibe of the club was really warm and allowed me to share my true thoughts. Literary Magazine will always be in my thoughts even after graduation."

**-JOANNE L. '21**

# YEARBOOK

Each year, the Yearbook team works year-round to document the many wonderful memories from the current school year. From picture taking to choosing appropriate backgrounds, Yearbookers dedicate countless hours to celebrating the student experience at PCS.



## OTHER CLUBS AT PCS INCLUDE:

- Artspace
- Black Student Union
- Chopstickers
- Clothes and Culture Club
- Gay Straight Alliance
- Sports Chat
- Middle School Social Justice Club
- Together We Rise Social Justice Club

*These are but a few of the clubs offered at PCS (the list of clubs changes each year based on student interest).*

# COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, & ANTI-RACISM

Professional Children's School's faculty, staff, and administrators have been working to deepen the school's commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism (DEIA).

## **In 2017, the PCS Board of Trustees adopted the following Diversity and Equity Statement:**

*PCS is committed to developing a community where all of its members feel safe, supported and celebrated, and share a common responsibility to cultivate the same in others. We aim to be a place that embraces diversity in its multiple forms, actively confronts prejudice and bias, and does not shy away from difficult conversations. Given that the journey towards equity and justice is ongoing and evolving, so too must our academic offerings and social interactions remain open to revision, as we strive to become responsible world citizens.*

*During the 2020-2021 academic year PCS continued this important work. The school issued a statement of purpose and support for the Black Lives Matter movement, noting that "this is the beginning of a necessary and ongoing journey, not just to be responsible for the past but for the future as well. Members of [the PCS] community pledge to fully dedicate themselves to be a part of this...vision going forward." The school's Diversity and Equity Committee of faculty, staff, and administrators are dedicated to continuing to develop and implement a specific plan regarding our commitment to DEIA.*

*Additionally, the PCS Board of Trustees formed a DEIA Task Force to help ensure progress by clarifying specific DEIA initiatives and goals. The Task Force identified a set of beliefs and behaviors through which the school can continue to create a culture of belonging, dignity, and justice.*

**"Each journey begins with a single step. We have a long way to go but our hopes are real, our efforts are ongoing, our welcome is broad and inclusive."**

*James Dawson Head of School*

The Task Force notes that DEIA is essential for preparing students for the future. It has been noted that prospective families frequently ask about our diversity, and it is important to be able to communicate our efforts clearly.

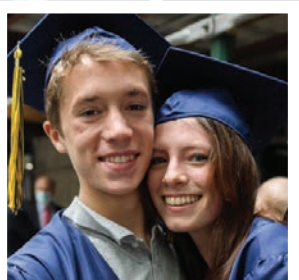
## **Our approach to Diversity & Equity (as articulated by the DEIA Task Force)**

- PCS is committed to developing a community where all of its members feel safe, supported, and celebrated, and share a common responsibility to cultivate the same in others.
- We aim to create a culture of belonging, dignity and justice by fostering beliefs and behaviors relating to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-racism.
- We encourage prejudice and bias to be confronted, and we do not shy away from difficult conversations.
- The journey towards equity and justice is ongoing and evolving, so too must our academic offerings and social interactions remain open to revision, as we strive to become responsible world citizens.

We are grateful for the continued dedication to DEIA of our employees and Board of Trustees and, especially, to **Michele Barakett** for chairing the Board's DEIA Task Force.



# GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021







## PCS GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021

Alexis Ashe	Marie-Louise Larsen
Chance Bachochin	Emma Lee
Frederick Henry Berlin, III	JeongWon Lee
Mia Kim Bernard	Joanne Hsiang-Ling Lin
Sierra Blanco	Bianca Lorch
Clara Blue Cantor	Alexandra Malone
Sofia Chunlu Caracciolo	Shelby Mann
Liling Chee	Samuel Melchoir Merkle
William Zhe Chen	Victoria Nezaj
Cayley Coppola	Huihao Ning
Alexandra Rose Dagen	Eleanor Mae Sanzenbacher
Hannah Talia Dagen	Ava Cooper Sautter
Elizabeth Alexandra de Roos	Jiayu Shen
Phoebe Lane Desperito	Anna Sophia Sirieix
Grace Alexandra Dower	William Spector
Philip Duclos	Dongyuan Sun
Sascha Feinburg	Theresa Szanfranski
Jordan Ferdman	Ruoyu Wang
Claire Layton Fishman	Tianyou Wang
Taela Rose Graff	To Wang
Valencia Lane Hochberg	Jiefu Wang
Zhizhong Hou	Tien-Lin Yang
Anna Alexandra Jacobs	Siyuan Yin
Faith Nicole Jacobs	Audrey Yu
Jonah David Kernis	Audrey Tianyu Zhang
Jillian Kossak	Yiwen Zhang
Annika Boelset Lambert	Jiamin Zhao
Samantha Jaye Lang	

# **CLASS OF 2021 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES & DESTINATIONS**

American Academy of Dramatic Arts	Emerson University (3)	Point Park University (2)
American Musical & Dramatic Academy	Eugene Lang College (4)	Queens University
American University (3)	Fordham University (16)	Reed College
American University of Paris	George Mason University	University of Richmond
University of Alabama (2)	George Washington University (4)	Rider University
University of Arizona (3)	University of Hawaii	Rochester Institute of Technology
Arizona State University (3)	Hawaii Pacific University	Rollins College
Auburn University	University of Iowa	Rowan University
Bard College (2)	The Juilliard School (6)	Rutgers University
Bennington College (3)	Kean University	Ryerson University
Berklee College of Music	Kenyon College (2)	Saint Anselm College
Boston College	Long Island University	Saint John 's University
Boston University (6)	Los Angeles College of Music	University of San Francisco
Brandeis University	Manhattan School of Music (8)	San Francisco Conservatory of Music
University of Bristol	Mannes School of Music (4)	Sarah Lawrence College (6)
Brown University (4)	Marymount Manhattan College (5)	Savannah College of Art & Design
Bryn Mawr College	University of Massachusetts	Skidmore College (6)
Bucknell University	McGill University	University of South Carolina
Butler University (2)	University of Miami	University of Southern California
University of California - Santa Cruz	Michigan State University	Southern Methodist University (3)
Carnegie Mellon University	University of Minnesota	Stanford University
Chapman University (2)	New England Conservatory (7)	SUNY-Binghamton
College of Charleston	University of New Hampshire	SUNY-Purchase
University of Cincinnati (3)	New York Conservatory of Dramatic Arts	Stetson University
City University of New York	New York University (2)	Syracuse University
Clark University	Northeastern University (4)	University of Toronto
Colby College	Oberlin College (3)	Trinity College (2)
Columbia University (4)	Oberlin Conservatory (3)	Tulane University
Concordia University	Occidental College	University of Utah
University of Connecticut (2)	Oklahoma City University	Vassar College (4)
Connecticut College (4)	Pace University (3)	University of Vermont
Cornell University	Peabody Institute of Music (3)	University of Virginia
Cours Florent, Paris	University of Pennsylvania	Wagner College
University of Delaware	Pennsylvania State University	Wake Forest University (2)
DePaul University (4)	University of Pittsburgh (2)	Washington University (St. Louis)
Drew University	Point Park University	Wesleyan University
Drexel University	Pratt Institute	University of Wisconsin (3)
Duke University	Princeton University (2)	
Eastman School of Music (2)	University of Quebec (Montreal)	
Elon University (2)	Pitzer College	
Emerson College (4)		





# MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVING UP



The Middle School celebrated the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year in the Peter Glenville Theatre on Friday, June 7th. Head of Middle School Dania Nauholynk and the Middle School faculty recognized the achievements of the graduating 8th grade class and celebrated the moving up of students in Grades 6 & 7. Parents were invited to watch from home.



## GRADE 6

Callie Curtis  
Lila Field  
Alexis Perkel  
Azhy Robertson  
Bailey Thomas  
Belle Thomas

## GRADE 7

Devin Campbell  
Rowan Field  
Darrow Golub  
Noelle Hogan  
Jasper Johnson-Weinberg  
Griffin McIntyre  
Simon Ostrower  
Viktoria Papakalodouka

## GRADE 8

Claire An  
Hannah Brandt  
Carly Connors  
Emerson Davis  
Bryce Lorenzo  
Tatiana Lorch  
Abby Malloy  
Theodore (Theo) Murphy  
Natalie Schroeder  
Daria (Dasha) Shvets  
Theodora Silverman  
Ayana Stampely



# VIRTUAL SPRING GALA

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO  
HELPED MAKE OUR FIRST VIRTUAL SPRING  
GALA A SUCCESS!**

Our evening of artistry and  
lively conversation reached an  
unprecedented number of  
viewers, all of whom  
**“DARED TO DREAM.”**

Our **generous  
donors contributed**

**\$259,410**

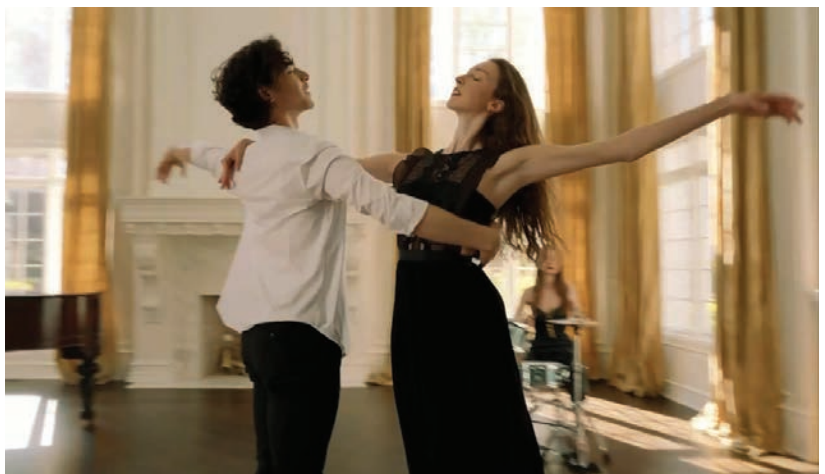
**in support of the**

**PCS Financial  
Aid Fund**

**and more than 144 households  
participated in  
the event.**



The Spring Gala began with a beautiful short film entitled *We Who Dare to Dream*, which highlighted a variety of PCS voices and stories. Following the film, Gala guests participated in several live breakout rooms that featured dynamic conversations with PCS alumni led by **Peter Boal '84**, Pacific Northwest Ballet Director, **Megan Fairchild '02**, New York City Ballet Principal Dancer and PCS Board Chair **Melanie Harris '91**, Centerview Capital, private equity and **Silas Farley '12**, Dean of the Coburn School.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE VIRTUAL SPRING GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE

(in alphabetical order):

Marian Brown

Kristin Kennedy Clark

Amy Crate '89,

James Dawson

Silas Farley '12

Michael Gleicher '04

Chris Haley

Melanie Harris '91

Bob Musiker

Erica Marks Panush

Noël Soisson

BREAKOUT ROOM MODERATORS AND PANELISTS

Brianna Abruzzo '12

Christopher D'Ariano '16

Peter Boal '84

Christina Clark '16

J. Colby Clark '20

Megan Fairchild '02

Silas Farley '12

Melanie Harris '91

Ezra Hurwitz '05

Caroline Jones '09

Maiko Kitaoka '12

Thomas Nickell '16

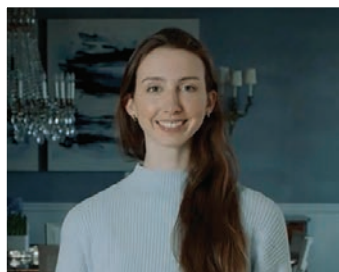
Brittany Pollack '07

Marcia Sells '77

Fiona Stock-Lyons '16







## WE THANK OUR GENEROUS VIRTUAL SPRING GALA BENEFACTORS!

### Honorary Chairs

Michele and Tim Barakett  
Kristin and John Clark  
Paul and Sonia Jones  
Carol Hertling Nickell  
and Frank T. Nickell

### Honorary Vice Chairs

Melanie Harris '91  
and Rob Fraiman

### Spring Gala Committee

Jesse and Anne Ausubel  
Amanda and Ritam Bhalla  
Donald and Susan Brant  
Robert and Lisa Brenner  
Marian Brown and John Glassie  
Amy '89 and Darrell Crate  
Merrill and Ashton Curtis  
James Dawson  
and Shaun Mattivi  
Lee and Bill Dieck  
Nicholas and Maja DuBrul  
Silas '12 and Cassia Farley  
Kimberley Fiterman-Duepner  
and Gregory Duepner  
Michael Gleicher '04  
Stephanie Hull  
Diane and Bill Kenney

John B. Murray  
and Elizabeth Heilman  
Brooke Murray  
Bob Musiker  
Erica Marks Panush  
and David Panush  
Susan Gluck Pappajohn '79  
and Greg Pappajohn  
Erin and Brendan Scanlon  
Sonya and Darren Schroeder  
Sally Shreeves  
and Norm Champ  
Denise Jackson Sutherland '69  
Cortney and Bill Villafranco

### Alumni Spring Gala Committee

Brianna Abruzzo '12  
Peter Boal '84  
Jessica Carlson '11  
Christina Clark '16  
J. Colby Clark '20  
Harrison Coll '12  
Amy Crate '89  
Emma Crate '19  
Chris D'Ariano '16  
Gabi DuBrul '20  
Megan Fairchild '02  
Silas Farley '12  
Aly French '04  
Michael Gleicher '04

Olenka Grabicki '10  
Gregory Gropper '17  
Melanie Harris '91  
Ezra Hurwitz '05  
Caroline Jones '09  
Lynn E. Karren '87  
Maiko Kitaoka '12  
Sonja Kostich '90  
Genevieve Labean '99  
Kelsey Fithian Lamond '02  
Ariel Merrick '05  
Dash Mihok '92  
Thomas Nickell '16  
David Norton '81  
Berenika Palys '00  
Jill Perin '81  
Brittany Pollack '07  
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# ALUMNI CORNER



*Dania Nauholnyk*

Since its founding, Professional Children's School has continued to inspire generations of artists, entrepreneurs, athletes, and innovators through flexible academic education as they pursue their dreams. During this most challenging year, our community was put to the test as we built and rebuilt pathways to meaningful learning for our students. Instrumental in our success was our alumni community, which stepped up to support our families and bring joy and creativity to our virtual programming.

With leadership from our Alumni Liaison, **Dania Nauholnyk**, we launched a new virtual event series titled PCS Presents. This new series included forums, panels, and presentations from a variety of PCS alumni, and ranged in topics from their creative expertise, to pivoting careers and finding balance. The first PCS Presents event occurred in May 2020, featuring **Maddy Brout '12**, **Maiko Kitaoka '12**, **Min Yeo '10**, and **Victoria Gempel '12** discussing their lives and careers since graduation. The event grew in popularity and we hosted three other PCS Presents events during the 2020-2021 academic year.

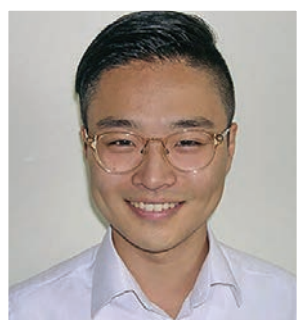
In September 2020, PCS Presents featured a conversation with **Sam Akins '14** and **Barrett Doss '07**. Both prospering in their own careers, their conversation focused more on issues of race and inequality, both in the world and in the arts industry. In November 2020, PCS alumnus and Trustee, **Silas Farley '12**, hosted a PCS Presents event focused on his creative expertise, and in particular his project "Songs from the Spirit", the site-specific ballet he choreographed for The Metropolitan Museum of Art in 2019. The third PCS Presents



*Maddy Brout '12*



*Maiko Kitaoka '12*

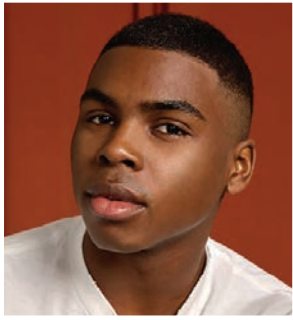


*Min Yeo '10*



*Victoria Gempel '12*





Sam Akins '14



Barrett Doss '07



Silas Farley '12

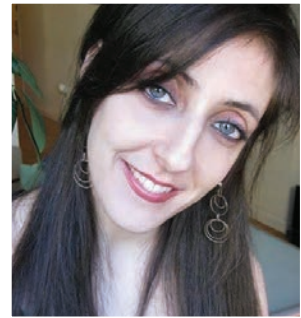
event of the academic year was a discussion with **Gavin Larsen '92** and **Leeza Behar '92** about Gavin's new book, *Being a Ballerina: The Power and Perfection of a Dancing Life*. All three of these events connected our community members in celebration of our alumni and our mission.

In addition to PCS Presents, our alumni collaborated extensively for the Virtual Spring Gala: Dare to Dream. From performing or speaking about their careers, to participating in the four Alumni Breakout Room panels, viewers were able to see the many pathways taken after graduating from Professional Children's School, and learn about the impact PCS has had on their careers and lives. To learn more, don't miss the Virtual Spring Gala article earlier in the Annual Report.

With the high level of alumni participation this year, we are supremely hopeful for continued engagement with this core part of the PCS community



Gavin Larsen '92



Leeza Behar '92

## 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.

### Alumni Association Council

Justin Abrams '09  
Alexis Cardile '10  
Mary Ellen Cravens '01  
Pierce Cravens '04  
Nilah "Peaches" Davis '85

Jaime Gleicher '03  
Clementine Goutal '08  
Victoria Grempel '12, President  
Micki Jacobs '85  
Julie Stevens '87  
Madisen Taylor '10

# RETIRING FACULTY

Two of our long-term faculty members, **Shellie Sclan** and **Erika Petersen**, retired this year. Ms. Sclan, who retired after 41 years of service at PCS, has literally taught generations of our students. Ms. Petersen taught at PCS for over 17 years and has been a fixture in the lives of our students for nearly two decades.



*Shellie Sclan*



*Erika Petersen*

## DR. DAWSON SHARES THE FOLLOWING ABOUT SHELLIE AND ERIKA:



“**Shellie Sclan** is, above all else, a consummate and caring teacher: caring about both the fullness of life of the young people entrusted to her and caring about the literature that she shares with them; hers is an abiding love of literature and a genuine and holistic love of life. She is a brilliant reader, a huge fan of superb writing and a superb writer herself. Shellie’s devotion to literature is based on her commitment to

and her conviction regarding the truism that words are the most powerful trademark of humanity and that through words we can be touched and we can touch others; we can see things in new ways and see what has always been in front of us in a new light. She reads not only the lines in front of her but in between the lines; she grasps the bigger picture and identifies the common and abiding themes of literature. Shellie Sclan is an embodiment of the words we share in text, the sentiments we share in spirit, the growth we share in discovery, the power that we share in what we read.”



**“Erika Petersen** is a teacher of history but also a teacher of life; so many students over her many years have spoken of the impact that she has had on them and on their development as young people, as messengers of both hope and action to make for a better world. Her classroom was a place of discovery and of challenging the status quo and the standard line: she made people think and she made them look at things

from multiple perspectives, and with an eye and an ear for the feelings and the motivations and the hopes and the dreams and the setbacks that make history not only a lesson about the past but a moving, powerful, present source of understanding the world around us; she made the study of history a way to gain insight regarding the nature of humanity’s journey, as entities together and alone over the millennia. Erika Petersen not only made history come alive but she added life, light, and understanding to the lives of her students and she offered them not only a ray of light forward but a beacon of hope to make their own history and the history of their world going forward one that was filled with a boundless sense of endless possibilities.”

**For students departing from PCS, Dr. Dawson frequently imparts this sentiment: “For those who have been part of the PCS family, there is no good-bye but simply an au revoir.” This is equally true for the faculty and staff who depart from PCS.**

**Ms. Sclan and Ms. Peterson, you have each made an indelible impression on countless lives during your time at PCS. We bid you each a fond au revoir – we will look forward to seeing you again!**

# GIVING AT PROFESSIONAL CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

**PHILANTHROPY AT PCS TRULY TAKES A VILLAGE.** We are grateful for the many parents, grandparents, guardians, alumni, trustees, foundations, faculty, staff, and friends who make charitable donations to PCS each year. Thank you for your generous support of our students and faculty. Professional Children's School strives to keep tuition as affordable as possible while continuing to provide an excellent academic program. Money raised through our various donor-supported funds — both restricted and unrestricted — helps to bridge the gap between tuition income and the cost of a PCS education.

## TOTAL GIVING TO PROFESSIONAL CHILDREN'S SCHOOL CONTRIBUTED BETWEEN JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

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# 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, 2021.

To join the Ovation Society, simply make a donation 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.

## 15+ YEARS OF GIVING

Anonymous	Lee and Bill Dieck	Erika Petersen
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# ENCORE SOCIETY

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.

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

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# NAMED AND 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 FINANCIAL AID**

*(established in 2014)*

The Dr. James Dawson Fund for Financial Aid was created in honor and recognition of Dr. Dawson's twentieth anniversary as Head of School. The Fund's original purpose was to provide financial aid to students from the Broadway community who, without additional support, would be unable to afford a PCS education. The Fund was later broadened to support any PCS student in need of financial assistance in order to attend PCS.

## **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)*

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 READER'S 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)*

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