

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PCS is celebrating 110 years!

Professional Children's School is entering our 110th Anniversary year. Alumni are invited to share their PCS story. Please consider filling out the short form in the link below to describe the impact PCS has had on your life.

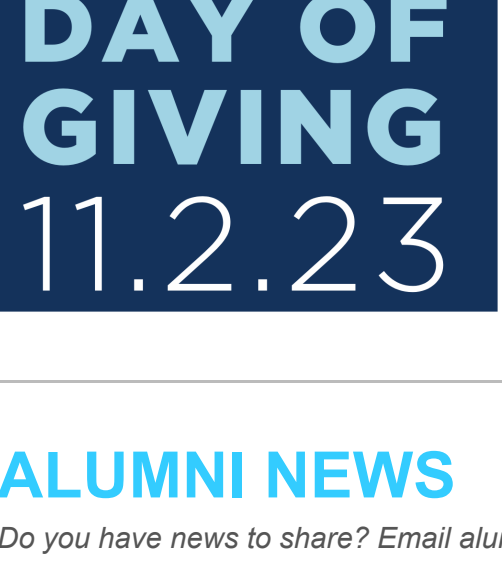
Share your PCS Story



You have helped us reached 93% of our goal!

This June, we started the Alumni Giveback campaign with a goal of raising \$100,000 for Professional Children's School. We are proud to report that we are close to reaching this goal. We need \$6,380 to reach our goal. Can you support PCS?

Support the Alumni Financial Aid Fund



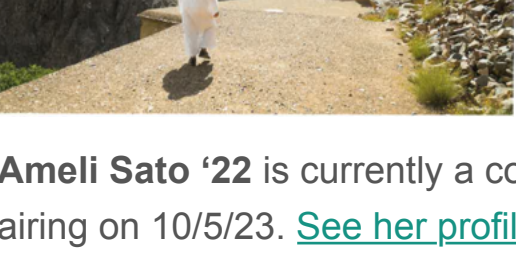
Save the Date for the PCS Day of Giving!

The entire PCS community will come together for our 6th Annual Day of Giving on Thursday, November 2, 2023. Help us reach our goal of \$200,000 by spreading the PCS word! Stay tuned for more news and giveaways!

Learn more about the PCS Day of Giving

ALUMNI NEWS

Do you have news to share? Email alumni@pcs-nyc.org to be included in the next edition of Alumni News.



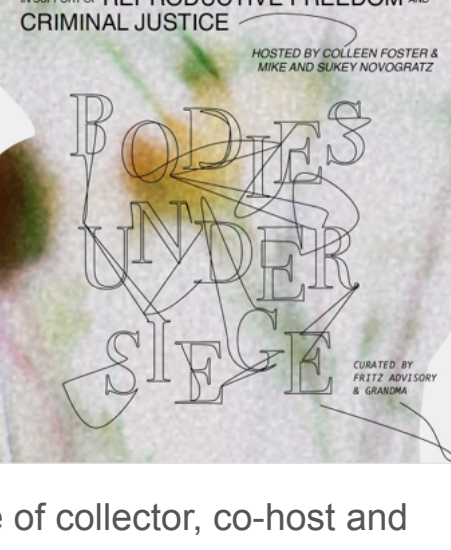
Sammy Voit '23 is a featured photographer in *We The Place*, a publication from SVA BFA Photography and Video. This collection of photographs "showcases a wide range of perspectives that explore issues around identity as they relate to location". Sammy is one of 51 students from 33 high schools featured. His photograph is titled *Roof Climber*.

Ameli Sato '22 is currently a contestant on "Produce 101 Japan The Girls" which will start airing on 10/5/23. [See her profile page and solo video here](#). This show runs through December and contestants' progress is based on votes. Make sure to like and share Ameli's videos!

Ian Rotheroe '20 just entered his 2nd season as a Company Artist with Ballet Idaho in Boise, ID! Ian said that he had a really wonderful first season and he is excited for the season ahead!

Emily Robinson '17 wrote her debut novel, Consumed, which will be released on October 1st. [Learn more here!](#)

Philo Cohen '16 is on the team putting together *Bodies Under Siege*, an upcoming event in support of Planned Parenthood Federation of America and The Grandma Fund, a fund established by Galaxy Gives to support 501(c)(3) criminal justice reform organizations. Working with artists, galleries, collectors, and organizers, the goal of *Bodies Under Siege* is to leverage strategic alliances across liberation movements at the intersection of art, culture, and activism and to raise funds for the work of PPFA and The Grandma Fund.

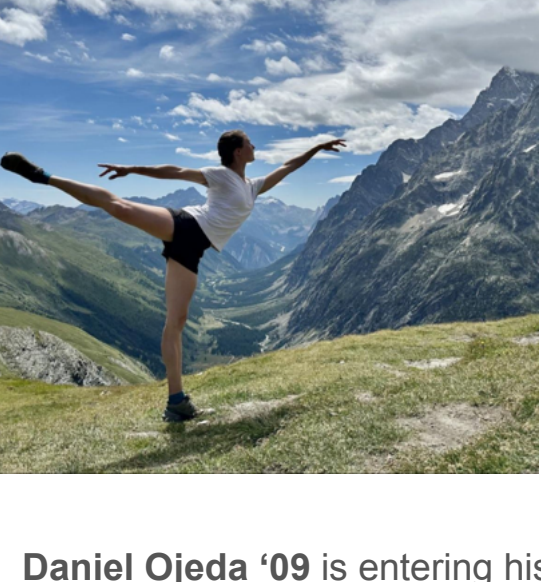


Event hosts presented an Exhibition and Conversation in the home of collector, co-host and longtime Planned Parenthood supporter Colleen Foster over Labor Day Weekend in The Hamptons. The benefit exhibition is on view through September 30 in The Hamptons. A private view with available artworks to purchase in support of PPFA and The Grandma Fund can be accessed [here](#). If you would like to make a direct donation to Planned Parenthood Federation of America in honor of this event, please click [here](#).

Ana Maria Delmar '16 is relocating to London to pursue a master's degree at the Courtauld Institute of Art. She will be in the MA Curating the Art Museum program.

Darius Davie '10, the Founder/CEO of [Groom Guy](#) was just featured in [Haute Living](#). Groom Guy's most recent partnership is with lifestyle brand The Macallan, offering a golf package at their second location, PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens. Darius' work as a men's hairstylist was also recently featured in [GQ Magazine \(France\)](#).

Zach Allen '13 released the newest album with his band, Tempt, on August 25th. [Check it out here](#).



Cecilia Illesiu '09 taught at the Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet (CPYB) and Ballet 5:8 summer intensives. This July, Cecilia was invited to lead a Ballet Teacher Workshop in San Pedro Sula, Honduras through her Global Ballet Teacher initiative and community. She taught ballet classes, guided teachers in combination and choreography creation with integrated feedback and collaboration among the teachers. Additionally, Cecilia and her fiancé hiked 100 miles around the Tour de Mont Blanc this summer, trekking through France, Italy, and Switzerland. She is looking forward to Pacific Northwest Ballet's next season as a Principal dancer.

Daniel Ojeda '09 is entering his 13th season at Ballet Idaho. He is a Soloist and often choreographs original works for Ballet Idaho's New Dance Series.

Tiler Peck '06 creates her first commission for NYCB after choreographing her self-curated *Turn It Out* with *Tiler Peck & Friends* program at New York City Center, among an array of other projects. The ballet opens February 1st.

Steven Melendez '05 just started his second season as Artistic Director of New York Theatre Ballet. His untitled world premiere piece is on the program for October 6th and 7th. Tickets to NYTB events can be found [here!](#) Steven is also the subject of the feature length documentary film, *LIFT*, which has its theatrical release on September 15th. [Click here to learn more!](#)

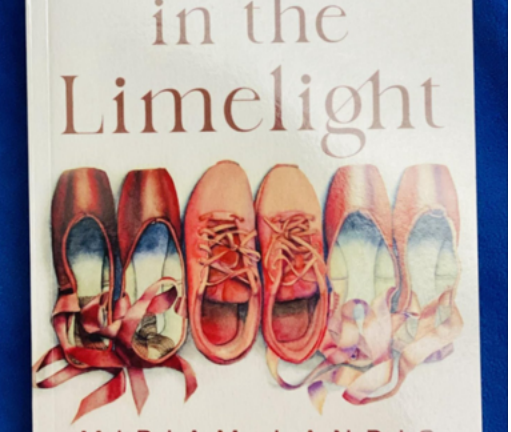
Jack Antonoff '02 and **Margaret Qualley '13** wed in a star-studded ceremony in New Jersey on August 19, 2023.

Kieran Culkin '00 was nominated for an Emmy Award for his role in *Succession*.

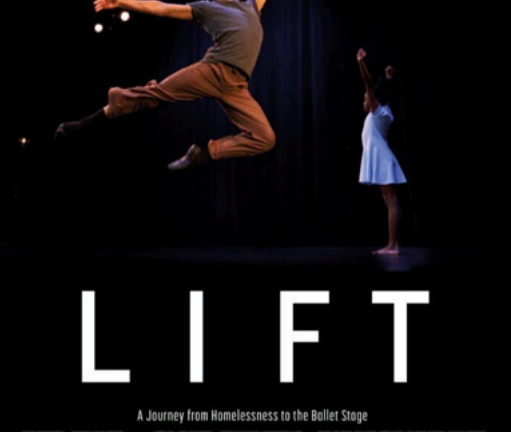
Laura Bell Bundy '99 stars in "The Cottage," marking the Tony-nominated actor's return to Broadway after 15 years and her first time on the New York stage in a non-musical play.



Margaret Qualley '13 and Jack Antonoff '02 on Aug. 19, 2023 in New Jersey. Theimaginedirect.com



Lauren in the Limelight by Miriam Landis '96



The LIFT documentary with Steven Melendez '05.

Marisa Pauli Gorst '98 recently relocated to the Hudson Valley after two years on the road with CATS *the Musical* as a Dance Swing/Assistant Stage Manager. Together with her husband, Marisa is taking the "throw everything at the wall and see what sticks" approach to this transitional moment in her career. Marisa and her husband have an assortment of gigs lined up to start with the fall semester of 2023. They are looking forward to discovering everything that the rich and varied arts community of this beautiful place has to offer!

Christina Ricci '97 was announced as a part of the 2024 class of actors to receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, along with fellow PCS alumna, **Jane Krakowski '87**. Ceremony dates will be announced at a later date.

Miriam Landis '96 is publishing her book, *Lauren in the Limelight*, in October. [Learn more here!](#)

Maggie Schein '91 spent years as a professional ballerina after graduating from PCS, but now you can find her in academia. Maggie works in moral psychology, philosophy, curricula development and intervention, and literature. Her first scholarly book, "Cruelty: A Book About Us," will be coming out by Palgrave Mcmillan in early fall.

Miranda Cuckson '90 released her newest solo album, *Világ*, this past spring. The album features the Bartók Solo Sonata, new pieces written for Miranda by Stewart Goodyear and Aida Shirazi, and recent works Manfred Stahnke, and Franco Donatoni. Miranda's fall concerts include the NY Studio School in September, a recital at [San Francisco Performances](#) on November 2nd, and a concerto written for her by Georg Friedrich Haas at the [Vienna Musikverein](#) on November 24th. PCS alumni are encouraged to attend if you are in the area!

Uma Thurman '88 recently appeared in the acclaimed Prime Video film [Red, White, and Royal Blue](#). She will also appear in [The Kill Room](#), alongside Maya Hawke and Samuel L. Jackson, which releases in theaters on September 29th.



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Anastacia Newkirk '87 returns with her eighth album and her first full-length project in six years, Anastacia's latest LP, "Our Songs", sees the US diva tackle a wide-ranging selection of German pop classics.

Karen Beluso '85 recently started a new position as the Business Development Lead at The Royal Conservatory of Music.

Barry Pearl '69 appears as "Weasel" in the upcoming film called *Rock and Doris (try to) Write A Movie*. [See the trailer here!](#) Barry will also join his former *Grease* castmates at three autograph signing events this fall: ComicCon Erie (Pennsylvania), a *Grease* screening in Seattle, Washington, and the Edinburgh ComicCon.

Léonie Rosenstiel '64 recently did an interview with Jack Canfield. [Check it out here!](#) Léonie Rosenstiel's *PROTECTING MAMA: Surviving the Legal Guardianship Swamp* has just received its fourth major honor. The Colorado Independent Publishers Association (CIPA) named her narrative of the harrowing fourteen years she spent battling the legal system to protect her mother, and then getting a gag order lifted so that she could write about her experience, as a finalist for this year's Annual EVVY award, CIPA's highest honor. *Protecting Mama* previously won First Prize in the New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards, Second Prize in the Global Book Awards and Third Prize in the New Mexico Press Women's Communications Contest. Calumet Editions LLC, publishes this groundbreaking title under its Wisdom Edition imprint; it can be ordered through all bookstores. Read more at [www.calumeteditions.com](#) or on [Amazon.com](#).

Ivan Cury '55 can be heard in the narration on the audible version of *Laughs, Luck and Lucy: How I Came to Create the Most Popular Sitcom of All Time*.

Evelyn Mayblum '54 just celebrated 64 years of marriage with her husband, Martin. They live in Boca Raton, Florida and have two children and six grandchildren.

FROM THE PCS ALUMNI LIAISON

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well, and that you and your families had an enjoyable summer season spending quality time with your loved ones and taking the time to rejuvenate. Personally, my time away from the building gave me the opportunity for self-care, something that as a parent, I don't always pay much attention to until it's absolutely necessary. I also had to come to terms with the fact that my twins headed off for new adventures as freshman in college. Being an empty nester is something I am coming to terms with and I am excited for my boys and for myself as we explore new possibilities.

Our students both returning and new have also begun their adventures for the year and we are happy to report that there is excitement in the hallways and great conversations being had in our classrooms. Our seventeen extracurricular clubs have begun to meet and we are happy to report that most of them are student driven based on interest. This year we have added American Sign Language, Debate and Filmmaking among others.

As we think about our work ahead, I am reminded once again, that our Community is never complete without visits from our Alumni. Please come and visit us often. **To schedule a visit, email alumni@pcs-nyc.org and Meghan Blakeman or I will be happy to greet you and show you around.**

There are other ways you can also participate this year so I am asking any Alumni who are nutritionists, wellness coaches or in other health fields to reach out to me. Our focus this year is to provide opportunities for our students to learn more about wellness and mental health. We have built programming into our Advisory on a wide range of topics and will be organizing a Health Awareness day later this year for the entire school community. We would love to have some of our alumni return as speakers or workshop leaders for this important event. Please reach out to me directly at [dnauholnyk@pcs-nyc.org](#) if you work in these related fields and would be interested in helping out.

As we head into October, I am excited about what's ahead and look forward to welcoming you back.

Fondly,
Dania Nauholnyk
Alumni Liaison



From left to right: Robert Liguori, Dania Nauholnyk, and Peter Cirilo '91 at Raul Pensando's unveiling of his new line during New York's Fashion Week

Do you have news to share with the Alumni community?

Click here!

Planning a visit to PCS? Make sure to schedule an appointment so that we can plan accordingly! Email alumni@pcs-nyc.org to schedule a time to stop by, tour the building, and walk down memory lane. We cannot wait to see you!



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