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ANNUAL REPORT ON GIVING 2022-2023



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FROM THE OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

In reflecting on this past year, and the several years prior, we are most proud of how the Professional Children's School community has thrived in challenging times. Now, as we enter a period of renewed commitment and energy, it is clear that this community of students, parents, alumni, trustees, faculty, staff, and supporters is uniquely special. It is with most humble and profound gratitude that the Office of Institutional Advancement thanks our hundreds of supporters for your continued faith in Professional Children's School.

The 2022-2023 school year was a celebration of the authentic, unique people that comprise the PCS community. This year, we came together in many ways to honor the impact and importance of a PCS education. The 2022-2023 Annual Report on Giving acknowledges the meaningful support we have received from contributors near and far. We often say that PCS feels like home, and we hope this document conveys to you the comfort, hope, and warmth this year has brought to our school.

The theme of this year's Annual Report is "coming home". This phrase may be familiar to those of you who were able to participate in the Spring Gala, however these words carry an ever deeper meaning for PCS. With reaffirmed hope and promise, we returned to PCS in September 2022 with high spirits and a strong sense of togetherness. This became the thread that was sewn throughout the school this year, strengthening our community and our resolve as we look toward our 110th anniversary in 2024.

In September 2022, we welcomed PCS families and students to the Annual Circle Line Boat Cruise. This most cherished event kicked off the school year with a joyous celebration on the Hudson. We are especially grateful to our Board of Trustees for sponsoring

this event, ensuring that all PCS families, faculty, and staff could attend at no cost.

In October 2022, we welcomed many of our most committed supporters to a reception honoring their continued investment in PCS. The evening included a splendid cocktail reception and passed hors d'oeuvres, meaningful words of support for PCS, and a wonderful student performance. We look forward to hosting more of these events in the future.

In November 2022, the entire PCS community came together for the 5th Annual Day of Giving. With the record-breaking support of 195 donors, we raised over \$207,000 for the Fund for Professional Children's School. Additionally, many of our students participated in giving back to our NYC community by making almost 600 sandwiches for Bowery Mission.

In January 2023, we held the first ever "PCS Hoops", a friendly basketball game for PCS alumni. We welcomed former students from multiple generations back for a joyful game in our gym, with sandwiches, snacks, and PCS swag available. It is always a pleasure to have alumni in our building and we look forward to more alumni events to come.

In April 2023, we "came home" to PCS for a Spring Gala celebration at 132 West 60th Street. With 131 guests in attendance, we raised over \$178,000 for the PCS Financial Aid Fund. The evening included an exquisite cocktail reception with passed hors d'oeuvres, a stunning student art gallery featuring a range of artwork, an impressive silent auction with 11 items, and a memorable student performance. The Legacy Award for distinguished alumni was given to Barrett Doss

'07, Thomas Nickell '16, and Terrence Wilson '94. It was a most special evening, made all the more meaningful because we were in our own building.

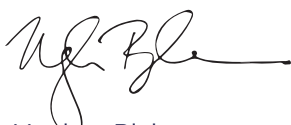
In June 2023, we launched a new campaign called the PCS Alumni Giveback. Through this campaign, our alumni contributed over \$12,000 to support the Alumni Financial Aid Fund. It means so much to us when our alumni show support for the rising generations of PCS students.

Lastly, as the 2022-2023 year came to a close, we said goodbye to Chris Haley, Director of Institutional Advancement, after 10 years of service to Professional Children's School. Chris's commitment to PCS was always evident in his meticulous, creative approach to fundraising. In his time with us, he raised millions of dollars, initiated our annual Day of Giving, and redesigned the scope of our special events. We are most grateful to Chris for his decade of support, and we wish him the best of luck in his next adventure.

Together, we raised \$2.1 million for Professional Children's School between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023. We are immensely grateful to the incredible community of supporters for honoring the PCS mission. We hope you enjoy this year's Annual Report on Giving.



Chris Haley
Director, Institutional Advancement



Meghan Blakeman
Assistant Director, Institutional Advancement



FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

DR. JAMES DAWSON



Home.

The word alone conveys so much to each of us: about a safe place, a place tied to a safe harbor that allows us to leave any and all of the external and global raging storms behind us, a place to relax, to renew, to refresh, to recharge, and then to return – re-energized and amped up – so as to go back to the day to day challenges that drive us forward and to do so with a renewed sense of purpose.

More than just a safe harbor, however, I have long realized that home is not just a place but a space in the heart and it is that space that binds us together, often to a physical entity that enshrines our common values, that has been a source of affirmation and promise, that provides us a context of hope and that reminds us, each and every day, of the vast array of endless possibilities that time, and history, and a plethora of different people bound together by a set of common ideals create and sustain. Home

for so many of us is found at 132 West 60th Street; home for so many of us is manifested at Professional Children's School.

We have faced a grueling few years, impacted by the COVID pandemic and the concomitant impact it has had on the arts and arts-related training institutions, along with the diminution of international travel, and an economic upheaval driven by global and national tensions and worries. The PCS community has not been immune to those forces and their impact is felt by many of us still. But, in the same way that any home becomes a refuge, so too has PCS become that safe harbor, still focused on supporting the arts and the mind, academics and the arts, intellectual power along with the power of the heart. We're recovering – albeit slowly – to work alongside that rekindling spark of the arts and the ever-present sense of hope that never disappeared from within our walls even in the worst of times. As necessary over these past few years, we increased our financial aid budget to help struggling artists and families; we've been deeply thoughtful about spending; we've tempered our progress with sensitivity to the epidemiology as necessary. More than anything, we have never given in, given up, or failed to give out our support, our affection, our affirmation, and our available funds to help the young people – and their families – entrusted to us to pursue a dream and make their dreams a reality.

Our ability to continue true to our mission and our collective sense of purpose is truly the work of each of you – each of the individuals,

families, foundations, and certainly each of our Trustees, faculty, and staff, who contributed funds – and time and energy – to PCS over this past year so as to ensure our ability to support the young people in our care. Our Trustees are a source of constant support, and we are deeply grateful for their service. We are profoundly grateful for each and every gift from each and every donor and we are deeply grateful for the generosity of our donors for their persistent and consistent support. We are grateful to our student performers, our unwavering professional community, and our committed and dedicated parents. Every single gift made a difference and makes a difference (still!).

In recognizing our responsibility to support our annual fund needs and our critically important financial aid demands, we also have an obligation to look forward and broadly to see what the needs of our students are going forward and to work to grow and support our programs in those areas showing great need. In light of that commitment, I am particularly grateful for an extraordinary and anonymous gift of \$500,000 whose funding will become available during the course of the next year, and which will support a robust mental health program for our community. Ours is a commitment to the full child and this deeply appreciated gift will enable us to fulfill that promise going forward. We will be sharing more details about our plans regarding mental health care and support at PCS in the very near future.

The bottom line for this year and for each and every year is always the same: each of the gifts

and each of the donors noted herein is critical and deeply appreciated. Each gift touches a life or lives so as to make for a better school, a stronger community, a more powerful seat of learning as an educational institution as well as a caring place for young people to grow while surrounded by support and affirmation. We are allies in the collective journey of this remarkable community and your generosity makes all of this possible.

It's all here: support, affirmation, safety, a place and a space to relax, to renew, to refresh, to recharge. An institution that supports the full duality of each of the young people who fill our halls by providing our rigorous college preparatory education along with our robust support for the chosen outside passion and interest that brings our students to us in the first place. Each of our donors makes that possible; each of our supporters reaffirms our commitment to care; each of our volunteers adds to the fabric that binds us together and keeps us focused on the place and the space that the Professional Children's School becomes and remains for each and every person connected to us.

Home.

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

Dr. James Dawson
Head of School

FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MELANIE HARRIS '91



The start of the 2023-2024 school year is a good time to focus on the goals for the year ahead. We have a clear vision of 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 and wonderful opportunities our students face as they pursue careers in their chosen field, and they work tirelessly to help prepare our students for their futures, both educational and beyond. It is the hard work and dedication of the faculty and staff and the leadership of Head of School Dr. James Dawson and his team, as well as our culture of collaboration and acceptance of all, that helps make PCS such a special place.

The last few years have been the most challenging years in recent PCS history. Student enrollment declined nearly 40% from pre-pandemic levels as the pandemic and economic pressure continues to impact the arts and New York City. These circumstances have presented unprecedented

challenges for students and their families, faculty and staff, and for the institution as a whole. We are focused on what the "new normal" looks like at PCS as it becomes evident that PCS will not rebound in the near future to the same size student body that it was before the pandemic. The Board of Trustees and Administration are focused on managing a budget reflective of the size of our student body as well as raising additional funds to bolster our "reserve funds". We remain as committed as ever to our overall success and a secure financial future for PCS, in this our 110th year.

This past April, PCS hosted a wonderful annual gala which was held at the school. Being at the school was meaningful for everyone who attended, especially for students who performed so beautifully at the event. Our generous donors contributed over \$175,000 which provides crucial support for the school's Financial Aid Fund – over 35% of our students receive some level of financial aid, a critical element of the school's mission. Our donors are the lifeblood of our fundraising efforts and we share our profound thanks for your continued support.

As Chair of the Board of Trustees, and a proud alumna of the PCS class of 1991, I'm looking forward to a year that will allow us to continue to rebuild our community. I'm grateful that PCS has an experienced and passionate leader in Dr. Dawson. His steady hand, experience and wisdom continue to guide us forward. The Board of Trustees is incredibly grateful to each of you for your support of PCS and we hope that you will continue to dig deep to provide your support. Your commitment

and enthusiasm enables Professional Children's School to fulfill our unique educational mission as we plan for this school year and for future generations of talented, eager and bright PCS students.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a vertical line and a horizontal stroke.

Melanie Harris '91
Chair, Board of Trustees

PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT 2022-2023

JULY 1, 2022—JUNE 30, 2023

GIVING TO PCS BY INITIATIVE

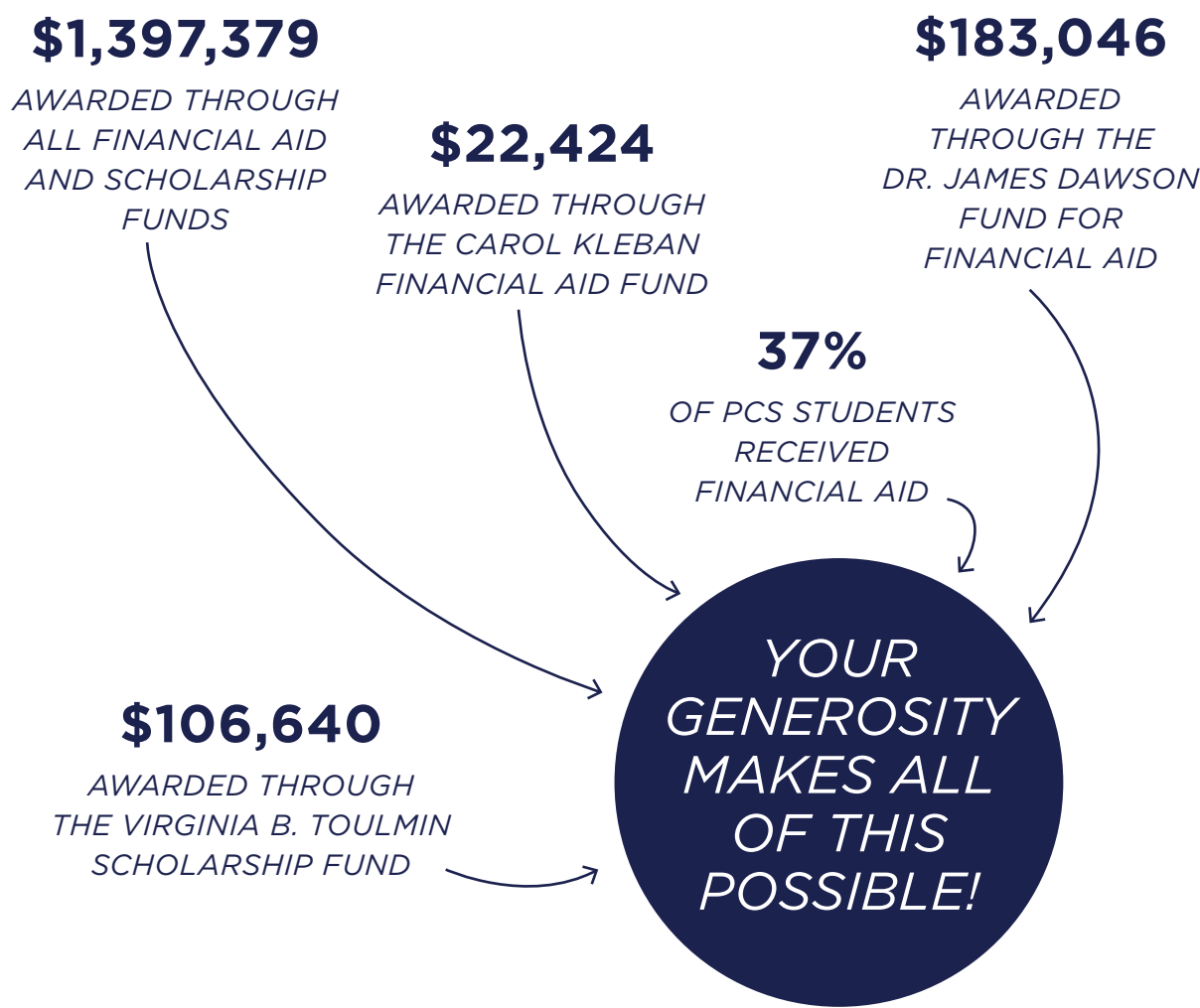
\$359,785	FUND FOR PROFESSIONAL CHILDREN’S SCHOOL <i>(Unrestricted)</i>
\$291,280	FINANCIAL AID FUNDS <i>Includes Gifts to: PCS Financial Aid Fund, Dr. James Dawson Fund for Financial Aid, Carol Kleban Financial Aid Fund, Virginia B. Toulmin Scholarship Fund</i>
\$194,960	SPECIAL EVENTS
\$1,315,847	OTHER RESTRICTED GIFTS



GIVING TO PCS BY CONSTITUENCIES

\$654,467	TRUSTEES
\$723,644	PARENTS
\$400,641	ALUMNI
\$722,929	PARENTS OF ALUMNI
\$9,656	FACULTY AND STAFF
\$436,865	FOUNDATIONS, CORPORATIONS, AND GRANTS

IMPACT
BY THE
NUMBERS



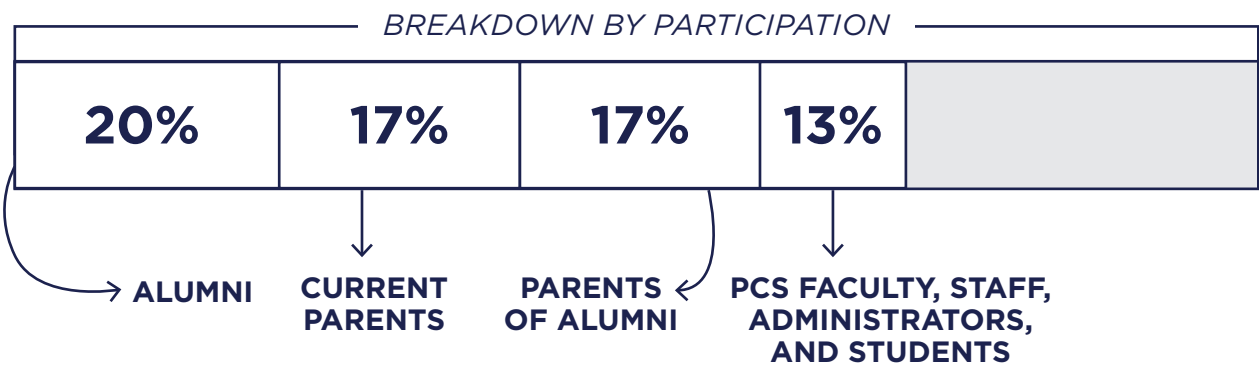
PCS DAY OF GIVING

We are so grateful to the entire PCS Community for joining us in celebration of our 5th Annual Day of Giving on November 3, 2022. Together, we raised over \$207,000 for the Fund for Professional Children's School.

*PCS DAY OF
GIVING 2022*

**\$207,249
RAISED**

**195+
SUPPORTERS**



WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL TO OUR GENEROUS BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR COLLECTIVELY OFFERING A MATCHING GIFT OF \$98,000! *THIS GIFT HAD AN INCREDIBLE IMPACT AND INSPIRED NEARLY 200 PEOPLE TO SUPPORT PCS.*



In addition to our fundraising efforts, PCS students took the Day of Giving to heart by giving back to our New York City community. Students prepared and donated over 590 sandwiches to Bowery Mission with personalized notes and messages for well wishes.

PCS ALUMNI GIVEBACK



We launched a new initiative this spring with the PCS Alumni Giveback. Starting in June 2023, the Alumni Giveback is an opportunity for PCS alumni to come together in support of Professional Children’s School. The Giveback raised \$12,495 by June 30, 2023, and this campaign will continue into the fall of 2023. A generous donor has offered to match the Alumni Giveback gifts up to \$100,000. This support will be vital as we prepare for our upcoming 110th Anniversary.

For 109 years, Professional Children’s School has been home to thousands of gifted artists, athletes, performers, and entrepreneurs. PCS has provided space for young people to create, to learn, and to challenge themselves with a rigorous academic education while they pursue their most sought-after dreams.

Our alumni have gone on to become renowned doctors, CEOs, lawyers, and educators. PCS alumni stand on the largest world stages, appear on silver screens, and have reached legendary status in the arts world. PCS alumni are scattered across the globe, each with their own impact and ambition, each with their own legacy. We are proud of the exceptional accomplishments of our former students, for both those who continued their early career pursuits and those who pivoted. It is all possible at PCS, and we thank our incredible alumni for passing the torch generation after generation.

SPRING GALA 2023

HONORARY CHAIRS

Sidley Austin LLP

HONORARY VICE CHAIRS

Melanie Harris '91
and Rob Fraiman
Erin and Brendan Scanlon

EXECUTIVE HOST COMMITTEE

The Asimos Family
Amanda and Ritam Bhalla
Donald and Susan Brant
Ernest and Kay Frank
Isaac and Kieran Greaney
Diane Kenney
Sonya and Darren Schroeder
Jason Weinberg
and Merritt Johnson

HOST COMMITTEE

Jesse and Anne Ausubel
David R. Bixler '71
Marian Brown
and John Glassie
Brian and Jenny Hogan
Sally Shreeves
and Norm Champ





THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED US “AT HOME” ON MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023!

This year’s Spring Gala looked a little different, and we were immensely proud to host our most cherished event right “at home” at PCS. It felt incredible to welcome 131 people to Professional Children’s School to celebrate our students and raise support for the Financial Aid Fund.

The Spring Gala included a cocktail reception with stunning hors d’oeuvres and small plates in our cafeteria and balcony, as well as a silent auction and student art gallery with wine and charcuterie in the library. The evening closed with presentations of the PCS Legacy Award to three distinguished alumni, followed by a powerful performance from PCS students. The theme for the evening was “Coming Home”, celebrating the family that is the PCS community.

With 131 attendees and more supporting from a distance, the Spring Gala raised \$178,460 for the PCS Financial Aid Fund.

We extend our thanks again to our generous Honorary Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Host Committees for their support.



LEGACY
AWARDS

THIS YEAR'S LEGACY AWARD HONOREES:





BARRETT DOSS '07

Barrett Doss stars opposite Justin Hartley in the Netflix holiday movie *The Noel Diary* and currently stars as a series regular on the ABC's *Shondaland* series '*Station 19*'. Barrett starred on Broadway in *Groundhog Day* in the lead female role of Rita. She appeared in the Broadway revival of *You Can't Take It With You* starring James Earl Jones and Rose Byrne. Barrett has been seen off-Broadway in *Burning at The New Group*, and off-off Broadway in *Strom Thurmond Is Not A Racist/Cleansed (The Brick)*, and *Orestes 2.0*. Her regional credits include *Comedy of Errors*, *The Real Thing*, and *Jamaica*. Barrett's previous television credits include a recurring role on the Netflix series *Kick* and episodes of *Girls*, *Bull*, *Time After Time*, *Person of Interest*, and *30 Rock*. Barrett holds a B.A. from NYU Gallatin School of Individualized Study.



THOMAS NICKELL '16

Inventive young composer, pianist, and Young Steinway Artist Thomas Nickell has already garnered recognition throughout Europe and the United States for his thoughtful explorations of various musical genres. As a pianist, Thomas has given many highly lauded public performances of important works by Liszt, Chopin, Cowell, Glass, Stockhausen, Schnittke, Messiaen, Roslavets, as well as the U.S. premiere of David Matthews' *Piano Concerto Op. 111* at Carnegie Hall. As a composer, Thomas specializes in contemporary classical and interdisciplinary music allowing his work to be heard in diverse settings from orchestral music to electronic and dance. Starting in 2021, Thomas joined the Oistrakh Symphony of Chicago as curator of the newly created *Avant Garden*. In collaboration with musician / composer and fellow PCS alum Fiona Stocks-Lyons '16, the duo is creating a new work for Joffrey Ballet with choreographer and PCS alum Christopher D'Ariano '16 that will premiere in Chicago in March 2023.



TERRENCE WILSON '94

Acclaimed by the *Baltimore Sun* as "one of the biggest pianistic talents to have emerged in this country in the last 25 years," Grammy-nominated pianist Terrence Wilson has appeared as a soloist with most of the major symphony orchestras in the United States. He has performed recitals at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the Verbier Festival in Switzerland, the Louvre in Paris, and Lincoln Center in New York City, among many other major venues. He has received numerous awards and prizes, including the SONY ES Award for Musical Excellence, an Avery Fisher Career Grant, and the Juilliard Petschek Award. He is a graduate of The Juilliard School, where he studied with Yoheved Kaplinsky. In March 2021, he was appointed to the piano faculty at Bard College Conservatory of Music.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our students are the heart of PCS and often inspire us with their tenacity, drive, creativity, and passion. Whether it be in the classroom, on stage, or in their professional pursuits, PCS students embrace curiosity as a driving force behind their decisions and ideas. Through a love of learning and collaborative efforts, our students have built a community of which to be proud.



BOAT CRUISE

On September 8, 2022, we welcomed all PCS families to the Annual Circle Line Boat Cruise to kick off the school year. This is one of our favorite traditions, and both new and returning students have the opportunity to gaze upon our city while enjoying dinner, dancing, and a DJ on the boat. We are especially thankful to our Board of Trustees for underwriting this event, ensuring that all families may join us at no cost.



FALL FESTIVAL

On September 30, 2022, PCS students took to the field at our annual Fall Festival. Through a series of team-based, friendly competitions at Riverside Park, our students, faculty, and staff enjoyed the outdoors and forged stronger bonds. Thanks to Mr. Kevin Casey for organizing such a fun event each year, and congratulations to the Green Team for taking home first place!



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



STUDENT CLUBS

The PCS student community often finds ways to celebrate their unique interests and experiences through inventive clubs, school spirit activities, and affinity groups. This year, the clubs at PCS were:

List of Clubs

- Arts & Crafts Club
- Arts Space
- Basketball Club
- Cooking Club
- Creative Writing
- Gaming Club
- Gender & Sexuality Alliance
- Literary Magazine
- Racial Affinity Group
- STEM
- Student Association
- Together We Rise
- Visual Art Club
- Yearbook



ALL SCHOOL NIGHT

On March 3, 2023, we hosted one of our favorite annual events: All School Night. Volunteer parents worked with our incredible kitchen staff to put together the most luxurious potluck dinner before students and faculty donned the stage with a wide range of performances. We have so much talent in the PCS community, and All School Night celebrates the gifts of our students and staff members alike.



GREASE

Congratulations to the cast of Grease! The Middle School students worked incredibly hard on this performance, bringing these classic characters and songs to life. Special shout out to Mr. Vincent Sagona and Dr. Laura Inman for their direction!

ROMEO & JULIET

Congratulations to the cast of Romeo & Juliet! The Advanced Drama class took on Shakespeare’s most romantic tragedy with poise and precision, capturing the beauty of the text and the devastating story with confidence and intensive character development. Great work to all involved!





DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

THE PCS COMMUNITY CONTINUED OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION THIS YEAR.

During the 2022-2023 school year, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, composed of PCS faculty and staff, met monthly to discuss ongoing projects and themes pertaining to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at PCS. In addition to these monthly meetings, the committee held two listening sessions with PCS students, empowering them to share their perspectives and voice concerns or bring ideas for improvement forward. Students were also invited to participate in the School's social justice group, **Together We Rise**, or to join **Racial Affinity Group**, a space for any student who identifies as a person of color. These two groups, along with the **Gender and Sexuality Alliance**, **Student Association**, and others, would share meaningful video and

oral presentations at school-wide Community Meetings in an effort to celebrate our diverse student population, support, and inform. Students, staff, and faculty would collaborate to celebrate various groups and cultures with Community Displays and signage around the school, as well as through email blasts and other social opportunities. The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly was a focal moment for our school community, spotlighting unique perspectives and sharing the rich history of the Black community.

In addition to student-centered events and outreach, our DEI efforts included an ongoing curricular review. In 2021-2022, faculty self-assessed using "Checking our Curriculum for Equity and Inclusion: A Questionnaire," and in 2022-2023, faculty utilized the goals previously set to self-evaluate progress on ensuring their



course curriculum more closely aligns with the values of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Additionally, a DEI Task Force was established amongst the DEI Committee with the goal of addressing infractions of the newly distributed “Inappropriate Language and Hate Speech Statement”. The statement was reviewed explicitly with students, and the task force was established to make recommendations to the Division Heads for enforcement, follow-up, and consequences, if needed.

The DEI Committee also emphasized the importance of proper training in the 2022-2023 school year. Along with various articles and publications, some book selections for faculty and staff included *So You Want to Talk About Race* (Ijeoma Oluo), and the summer reading selection “The Other Side of Harmony” chapter

from Austin Channing Brown’s book *I’m Still Here*. The highlight of this year’s DEI training was a partnership with Joan Edwards, who in addition to her independent work as a DEI practitioner, currently serves as the Director of Equity and Professional Collaboration for the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools (CAIS). Joan came to PCS to work with the entire adult community, collaborating with the DEI committee to offer specific training to match the needs of PCS. Joan facilitated two workshops, the first entitled “The Power of Language”, and the second “Navigating Fear”.

We are proud of the continued work of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and the many voices that contribute to building a safe, supportive environment at PCS.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVING UP

*CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
PCS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR.*

The Middle School students celebrated the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year with the traditional Moving Up Ceremony on Friday, June 9, 2023. It was a pleasure to invite families to join us in the Peter Glenville Theatre for the ceremony, with student speakers and performers, and meaningful words from PCS faculty and administrators. The ceremony was followed by a luncheon with families and a joyous farewell for the summer.

GRADE 6/7

Elle Campagna
Havana Frederickson
Laura Jin
Ava Kulmer
Kai-Jin Kwek-Rupp
Kye Richardson
Brooks Rosen
Shaoyang Song
Polina Soukhopalova
Taige Wang
Brie Zimmer

GRADE 8

Archer Bommer
Ruo-Chen (Belle) Chou
Callie Curtis
Lila Field
Ravin Gosset
Julian Knopf
Zhize (Alex) Liu
Dale Owens
Alexis Perkel
Azhy Robertson
Ela Sevilleia
Johnny Sullivan
Bailey Thomas
Belle Thomas



GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023

Congratulations to the PCS Class of 2023! We are so proud of and impressed by this graduating class. Their resilience, leadership, humor, and passion for their various professions has been evident throughout their time at our school. The Class of 2023 celebrated their Commencement at Merkin Hall on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, with moving speeches, remarkable performances, and a festive reception. We joyfully welcome each of them to the PCS Alumni Community.



CLASS OF 2023

Darius Anagnos
Charlotte Budzinsky
Chloé Ava Merzier-Bryan
Lula Campillo
Yat Fei Chan
Yiran (Sally) Deng
Lucy Everett
Kobi Frumer
Kevin Michael Gelles
Pramit Ghatak
Jack Gore
Elijah Horland

Rebecca Kaplan
Isabel Kauffmann
Lucas Menin
Will Mossek
Aaron Plouss
Kate Karen Stiene
Ning Tie
Samuel Voit
Sadie Weintraub
Fengming (Jeffrey) Zhang
Shunrui (Larry) Zhang
Shunzhe (Nemo) Zhang

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIORS!

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

University of Alabama	University of Massachusetts
American University of Paris (2)	University of Miami (2)
American University of Rome	University of Michigan
University of Arizona (2)	Michigan State University (3)
Arizona State University	University of Minnesota
University of the Arts	Muhlenberg College
Ball State University	New England Conservatory (3)
Bard College (2)	New York Institute of Technology
Baylor University	New York University (4)
Belmont University	Northwestern University
Berklee College of Music (2)	Oakland University
Brandeis University	Oberlin College
Brown University	Occidental College
University of California - Berkeley	Ohio University
University of California - Irvine	Ohio State University
University of California - Santa Barbara	University of Oklahoma
Catholic University	Pace University (2)
Chapman University	Parsons School of Design
Columbia University	Pennsylvania State University (2)
Columbia University School of Gen. Studies (3)	University of Pittsburgh
Cornell University	Point Park University
DePaul University (2)	University of Richmond
Duke University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Elon University	Roger Williams University
Fordham University (3)	Sarah Lawrence College
Franklin & Marshall College	Shenandoah University
George Washington University (2)	Skidmore College
Hamilton College	Southern Methodist University
Hampshire College	State University of New York (2)
Harvard University	Syracuse University (2)
Haverford College	Temple University (3)
University of Illinois – Chicago	Trinity College (Hartford)
Indiana University (2)	Trinity College (Dublin)
John Cabot University	Vassar College (2)
The Juilliard School (4)	University of Vermont
University of Loughsborough (UK)	Virginia Commonwealth University
Manhattan School of Music (6)	Webster University
Mannes School of Music	Williams College
Marymount Manhattan College	

ALUMNI CORNER

DANIA NAUHOLNYK



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, our Alumni Community continues to help pave the way for promising minds to access a strong and scholarly education, to pursue their passions and careers and to find inspiration from those who came before them. Your impact is profound, touching the lives of students, faculty, and staff alike, and fostering an environment where dreams are realized, and boundaries are surpassed. WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL!

We were inspired to see increased involvement on the part of our Alumni Community this year. You came back to visit in larger numbers, attended more events such as our Alumni Basketball Game and our Spring Gala, and increased your financial giving because you believe that we are making a difference. You understand the importance of our Institution not just for the individuals who are entrusted to us but for the larger community where

these individuals will thrive and create positive change as adults in a variety of workplaces.

Your generosity has transcended mere financial contributions – it has become a bridge connecting the past, present, and future of Professional Children's School. As we navigate challenges and seize opportunities, your belief in our mission and dedication to our growth serves as a reminder that we are united in purpose.

The constant message one hears from many of you is that we played an important role in your lives in the formative years and without the flexibility and sense of community which we offer, you would not have been able to pursue your passions and dreams. For many, Professional Children's School has served as a springboard to success and I remind you not to forget about those experiences that bond you to this amazing place. I hope that those memories will inspire you to give financially in the months and years to come, particularly as the world is changing and it is becoming more difficult to cover the costs of a private school education. We can see that every dollar counts.

Your actions remind us that the bonds formed within these walls are enduring, and they extend beyond time and distance. Your kindness renews our determination to create meaningful change and honor the legacy you've helped build.

So we move forward, building stronger partnerships with all of you with the goal of providing more opportunities for you to give back to the school whether that be monetarily or by sharing your expertise with our student body in other meaningful ways. Most importantly, we encourage

you to become our ambassadors and spread the word about the magic that happens on West 60th Street by recommending us to others.

I want to thank Dr. James Dawson, Chris Haley, and Meghan Blakeman for their support, collaboration, and patience. I look forward to what the next year holds.

With heartfelt appreciation and warm regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dania Nauholnyk". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'D' being particularly large and stylized.

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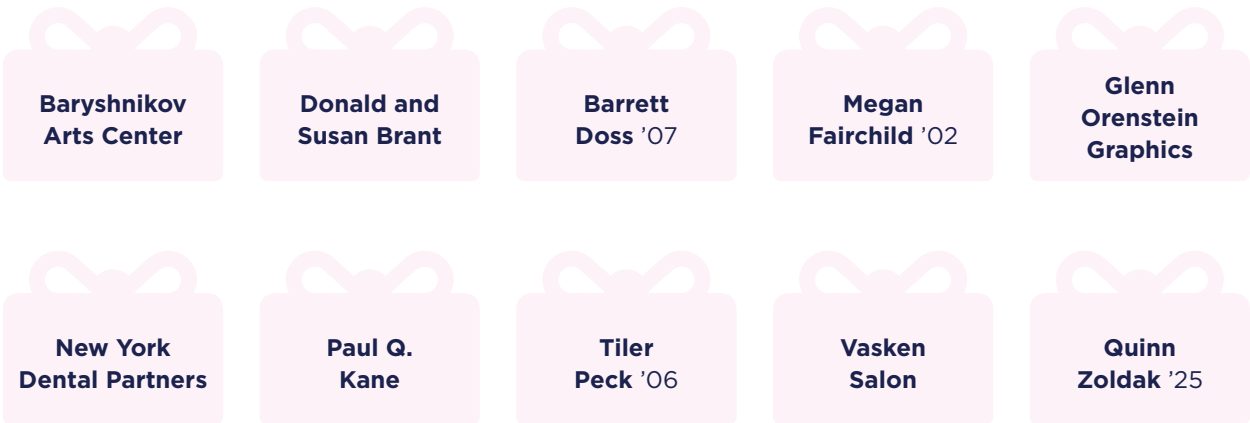
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Sir Cameron Macintosh established this endowed scholarship fund to honor his friend and colleague, producer/choreographer Bob Avian. The scholarship is awarded to a PCS student with an interest in the field of dance and is based on academic and artistic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

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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.

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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.

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

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