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110 YEARS OF PCS









1914 PCS opens

19161st Commencement with 4 Graduates

1927 PCS rents 3 floors at 1860 Broadway

1956PCS purchases 7-story building at 132 West 60th Street



It was at The Rehearsal Club that the plight of New York's stage children came to the attention of PCS founders Jane Harris Hall and Jean Greer Robinson. At first shocked that the young

people flocking to the club's inexpensive cafeteria did not attend school, the women soon vowed to do something about it. Founded in 1914, the Professional Children's School's first classes were held in a rented room at The Rehearsal Club. An immediate success, the school enrolled over 100 students within its first year. Just two years later, the school held its first graduation at the Princess Theatre.

In 1927, PCS rented 3 floors at 1860 Broadway. In 1956, PCS purchased the building at 132 West 60th Street, paving the way for what would later become the Lincoln Square neighborhood. In 2004, PCS completed a \$9 million renovation and expansion that resulted in the Peter Glenville Theatre, the rooftop gymnasium, and many other features. In 2014, during the 100th Anniversary Celebration, the PCS home block of 60th Street was named "PCS Way".

Now, 110 years after the founding of Professional Children's School, PCS continues the mission established by Miss Hall and Mrs. Robinson to support, uplift, and celebrate young artists, athletes, and innovators. Thousands of alumni are part of this legacy, each with their own set of passions, goals, and pursuits that were supported in their time at PCS and beyond.







1960'S-1990'S

PCS student body grows to include musicians, actors, dancers and athletes

2004

PCS completes \$9 million renovation and expansion

2014

PCS' home block of 60th Street is named "PCS Way"

TODAY

PCS celebrates 110 Years

WORDS FROM **DR. JAMES DAWSON:**

"Be it via the lyricism of our musicians, the bold and graceful movements of our dancers, the evocative words of our actors, the gorgeous tonality of our vocalists, the endurance and stamina of our athletes, the brilliance of our entrepreneurs, the reach of our influencers, or the grand strategic minds of our young business people, PCS continues to make all things possible and, perhaps in contrast to that opening day in January 1914, today our work is bathed in perennial sunny skies, filled with the enduring and stunning energy of light and life, of hope and possibility, of a combination of the heart and mind that keeps us - still - always on the threshold of captivating and alluring dreams."



FROM THE OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT



A milestone celebration, this year marked the 110th Anniversary of Professional Children's School. The occasion of this anniversary is a testament to our mission established in January 1914, that no child should be left without educational options simply because of their dreams and aspirations. In 2024, Professional Children's School boasts a roster of thousands of alumni, each with their own story and legacy. We are proud to know that we continue to be a community of driven, passionate, creative people all these years later.

With deep gratitude, the Office of Institutional Advancement thanks the more than 300 supporters who made contributions to Professional Children's School this year. Our 110th Anniversary celebration brought forward one of our most successful fundraising years in recent history, and we express our most profound thanks to our brilliant Board of Trustees for their continued guidance, leadership, and resilience.

In the 2023-2024 school year, we challenged ourselves to both reflect on our history and also look to the future with new vision and renewed faith in Professional Children's School. The 2023-2024 Annual Report on Giving acknowledges the incredible support we have received from contributors near and far. The generous supporters listed herein are the pillars of our community, raising us to the greatest heights so that our students can reach their full potential.

In September 2023, 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 the fall of 2023, Dr. James Dawson continued his work on the Alumni Giveback campaign that started in June, receiving over \$100,000 in gifts from PCS alumni and a matching grant from a generous donor. The Alumni Giveback raised over \$200,000 for Financial Aid.

In November 2023, the entire PCS community came together for the 6th Annual Day of Giving. With the support of 162 donors, we raised over \$200,000 for Professional Children's School. We offer our special thanks to the Board of Trustees for their collective matching gift of \$85,000.

In December 2023, we held an intimate reception at the home of a PCS family, inviting Day of Giving supporters to share in our success and learn more about the future of PCS.

In April 2024, we officially celebrated the 110th Anniversary at the annual Spring Gala at Edison Ballroom. With 162 guests in attendance, we raised over \$362,000 through ticket sales and the reverse auction. This was one of our most successful Galas in PCS history, made all the more special by the presence and kind words of our PCS Legacy Award honoree and alumna, Christina Ricci '97.

In May 2024, the PCS Board Chair and alumna, Melanie Harris '91, hosted a reception at the School for Former PCS Trustees. This was a special evening of catching up with old friends, filled with sharing memories, a wonderful student performance, and Dr. Dawson's vision for the future of PCS.

Lastly, as the 2023-2024 school year came to a close, we bid farewell to 20 graduating members of the Class of 2024. We are immensely proud of this class for their tenacity, drive, and readiness to leap into the unknown. We know they will represent PCS with pride as they take their next steps in the world. Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

Together, we raised \$1.86 million for Professional Children's School between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024. 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.

Meghan Blakeman

Director of Community Engagement Interim Director of Institutional Advancement

FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



One cannot help but notice a recurring, resounding, and reinforcing theme throughout this year's Annual Report: we celebrated - and continue to celebrate - PCS's 110th Anniversary of its opening day on January 6, 1914. Throughout this report, there are reminders of that marker but, even more important, this report is filled with affirmation of a mission and a sense of purpose that remains essentially the same despite the passage of over a century of time in the face of a changing world. That, in and of itself, is a rare achievement for any organization and it speaks to the value and relevance of a mission established by two women at the beginning of the 20th century which resonates still in the 21st century. We teach and we embrace the remarkable young people entrusted to us: we celebrate their minds and their hearts, their passions and their foci be it dance, music, acting, athletics, business, or social media - and we do so with a firm commitment to the duality of their needs and the certainty of their chosen field of interest, study, or profession. I dare say there are not

many things in this world that prove so resolute, and which retain their same premise and execution 110 years after their incarnation.

It is that consistency and care which prompts the profoundly appreciated generosity and continued nurturing of our many donors and friends and, on behalf of all of us at PCS, I am eternally grateful for the huge outpouring of support that we receive each year - and certainly during this past year. Despite the ravages of COVID, followed by the dreadful impact of the writers and actors strikes, despite the downturn in enrollment as a result, despite the loss of jobs and training academies, our young people persevered - and so did we. We stand ready in this period of renewal to continue the support and the affirmation which have defined us for all these years, and which are fused into every fiber of our being. Our future remains bright and promising due to the extraordinary support of all our donors, from our very generous Board of Trustees to our parents and alums, our students, friends, and the numerous foundations that have never abandoned the dreams and dream makers that are at the very heart of who we are. We celebrate our remarkable and dedicated faculty, staff, and administrators who care so deeply and work so diligently to stay true to our mission and to ensure the care and nurturing of our truly special students.

We continue to stress the whole child, as our Mental Health Initiative Grant so clearly embraced; our community understands the need to support our students and their families as was evident in the extraordinary support that our 110th Anniversary Gala garnered, celebrating alumna Christina Ricci, and further evidenced in our capacity to overshoot our ambitious reverse auction goal for the Dr. James Dawson Financial Aid Fund. Our remarkable alumni community beat the challenge of a \$100,000 matching grant with previously unseen levels of generosity and care. Our Trustee giving was, as always, superb and our parents were incredibly generous.

We are indeed filled with hope and a sense of renewal following upon a few tough years for the arts and for young artists, for any professional young person hoping to realize a dream. Through your generosity and care, however, we are indeed in a good place, growing back, building strongly, reinforcing daily the call to support the young people entrusted to us and, even after 110 years, reminding us that we still believe in that place called hope.

Thank you all for all you do and continue to do to keep our mission and purpose alive and well. Your support is that beacon of light piercing the darkness and providing a pathway forward – even 110 years after our founding – ensuring that PCS remains on course toward continued success.

Dr. James Dawson Head of School

FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The start of the 2024-2025 school year is an important 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 under the leadership of Head of School Dr. James Dawson, as well as our culture of collaboration and acceptance of all, that helps make PCS such a special place.

While we are still building back the school from the devastating Covid years, we have many milestones to celebrate and be grateful for. Last year we celebrated the school's 110 year anniversary with the most successful gala in many years. The gala raised over \$350,000, well

surpassing our goals. Behind our trustees, current parents were the largest donor constituency. We are profoundly grateful for all of the support we received and we have high expectations for future events. Speaking of future events, this year we will celebrate James Dawson's 30th anniversary as Head of School. Dr. Dawson's steadfast leadership is remarkable in the independent school universe and something that I know our community is incredibly proud of and grateful for. Through our many challenges of the past several years, Dr. Dawson has continued to lead our community with integrity, transparent communication and passion. His commitment to the overall wellbeing of our student population sets the tone for all members of the faculty, the administration, the board of trustees and the community as a whole. We are profoundly grateful for his leadership and look forward to celebrating his 30th anniversary year together.

The year ahead continues to be about renewing our commitment to the students who need and thrive at PCS. We are focused on continuing to build enrollment, enriching student lives with our continued commitment to our students mental health, and allowing our students to pursue their passions while gaining an outstanding education in an important bricks and mortar school experience. We believe that the social and emotional development of our students is as important as their traditional studies. We do not underestimate the importance of students being in the classroom with other students who are passionate about their professional or preprofessional endeavors. This like-mindedness, or commonality, is what binds this community

together and allows us the freedom to express differing points of view on various matters. Because when all is said and done we are one community with room for everyone.

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. 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.

Melanie Harris '91

Chair, Board of Trustees

PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT 2023-2024JULY 1, 2023—JUNE 30, 2024

\$1,859,098
TOTAL GIVING
TO PCS

GIVING TO PCS BY INITIATIVE

FUND FOR PROFESSIONAL

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL (Unrestricted) \$328,024

FINANCIAL AID FUNDS \$761,208

Includes Gifts to: PCS Financial Aid Fund, Dr. James Dawson Fund for Financial Aid, Carol Kleban Financial Aid Fund, Virginia B. Toulmin Scholarship Fund

SPECIAL EVENTS \$257,756

OTHER RESTRICTED GIFTS______\$512,110



IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

GIVING TO PCS BY CONSTITUENCIES

TRUSTEES \$458,688

\$287,367 **PARENTS**

ALUMNI \$155,905

PARENTS OF ALUMNI \$155,905

FACULTY AND STAFF \$6,753



\$1,445,895

AWARDED THROUGH ALL FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

\$115,500

AWARDED THROUGH THE VIRGINIA B. TOULMIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Virginia B Foulmin

44% OF PCS STUDENTS RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID



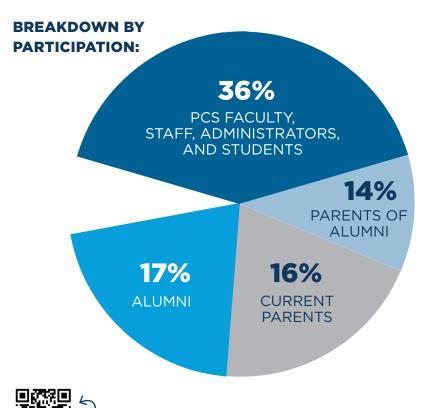
PCS DAY OF GIVING



PCS DAY OF GIVING 11.2.23 We are so grateful to the entire PCS Community for joining us in celebration of our 6th Annual Day of Giving on November 2, 2023. Together, we raised \$200,924 for Professional Children's School.







WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL TO OUR GENEROUS BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR COLLECTIVELY OFFERING A MATCHING GIFT OF \$85,000!

TO MAKE A DONATION ONLINE, PLEASE SCAN HERE

ALUMNI CORNER DANIA NAUHOLNYK



As we commemorated our 110th anniversary, the importance of the participation of our Alumni in donating to our Annual Fund and our Campaign became increasingly evident in shaping the future of PCS while honoring our storied past. Our Alumni continued to play a crucial role in enhancing educational programs, supporting scholarships, and fostering community engagement, ensuring that current and future PCS students benefit from learning in an environment that fosters creative interests and talents. Now as we look ahead, we are excited to prepare for Dr. Dawson's 30th year at PCS, a milestone that reflects his unwavering commitment to our students and our mission. His leadership has left an indelible mark on our community, inspiring generations of students and faculty alike. Together, these celebrations not only pay tribute to our history but also set the stage for continued growth and innovation at PCS.

More than ever, our Alumni serve an important role in making a difference at PCS. They understand the role of our institution in ensuring that our artists, athletes, and musicians can bring light and hope into this world with their many talents and strong intellect. Development is a collaborative effort, and our success as an institution in raising funds can be directly connected to our work with the Alumni Community. We know very well that the participation of our Alumni is essential for a plethora of reasons.

Time is of great value to all of us and I am so appreciative to those who came back to PCS and gave of their time to lead a workshop, conduct a class, or speak with some of our students. Giving one's time is just as important as giving financially. My goal continues to be to find more opportunities for our experienced Alumni to share their wisdom, their expertise and their insight with our younger alumni and students. What thrills me the most is the fact that there is greater interest on behalf of our Community to create mechanisms to support our students by connecting with them, serving as mentors, and participating on alumni panels. They look to our previous students for guidance and reassurance that the paths they take will be well worth it. As our Alumni know, questioning the decisions one makes as an actor, a dancer, an athlete, or a musician is commonplace. Role models allow us to see our potential and to find ways to accomplish our goals. In turn, these relationships foster meaningful connections to PCS.

We appreciate all who have embraced their responsibility to leave an indelible mark on our school and on the children who pass through our doors. They, along with our teachers, our students, and our staff, are the foundation of PCS. The constant message one hears from our Alumni is that we played an important role in their lives in the formative years and without the flexibility and sense of community which we offer, they would not have been able to pursue their passions and dreams. For many, Professional Children's School has served as a springboard to success and I remind our Alumni not to forget about those experiences that bond them to this amazing place. I hope that those memories will inspire this Community 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 private school education. We can see that every dollar counts.

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

Dania Mauho Cryk
Respectfully,
Dania Nauholnyk
Alumni Liaison

PCS ALUMNI GIVEBACK

In June of 2023, PCS launched the Alumni Giveback, a campaign for alumni to come together and ensure the PCS legacy through philanthropic gifts. Alumni spanning from the 1960's to the 2010's came together with generous gifts to the school, inspiring a generous supporter to offer a matching gift of \$100,000.

The Alumni Giveback supported the launch of the 110th Anniversary celebration, raising more than \$200,000 for Professional Children's School. We are profoundly grateful to the alumni who continue to support PCS and the rising generation of artists, athletes, and innovators.

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.



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110TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY GALA WAS OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL IN YEARS!

On April 17, 2024, we celebrated 110 years of Professional Children's School at Edison Ballroom with our annual Spring Gala. We are profoundly grateful to our supporters for helping us make this year's event special and memorable.

Ticket sales and contributions from the Gala directly benefited the Financial Aid Fund. All gifts made to the Reverse Auction directly benefited the Dr. James Dawson Fund for Financial Aid.

We were pleased to return to the beautiful Edison Ballroom, where the evening began with a cocktail reception and passed hors d'oeuvres.

The reception was followed by a stunning dinner and the Reverse Auction facilitated by Dr. James Dawson. The evening concluded with the presentation of the PCS Legacy Award to alumna Christina Ricci '97, followed by memorable performances from PCS students.

162
Attendees

\$362,527

Total Raised for Financial Aid at PCS

including...

\$123,654

Reverse Auction











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

HONORARY CHAIRS

Melanie Harris '91 and Rob Fraiman **Moses Singer** Erin and Brendan Scanlon Sidley Austin LLP

HONORARY VICE CHAIRS

Anonymous Alyssa Grikscheit and Mauricio Barberi Diane Kenney Simone and Fehmi Zeko

EXECUTIVE HOST COMMITTEE

Amanda and Ritam Bhalla The Bommer Family Donald and Susan Brant Kristin and John Clark Ernest and Kay Frank Isaac and Kiran Greaney Eleena Melamed '96 Jason Weinberg and Merritt Johnson

HOST COMMITTEE

Jesse and Anne Ausubel David R. Bixler '71 Marian Brown and John Glassie Darrell and Amy Crate '89 Brian and Jenny Hogan Sonja Kostich '90 Dr. Jennifer London and Dr. Joshua Socolow Robert and Sharon Musiker Peter Pileski Sonya and Darren Schroeder Denise Jackson Sutherland '69













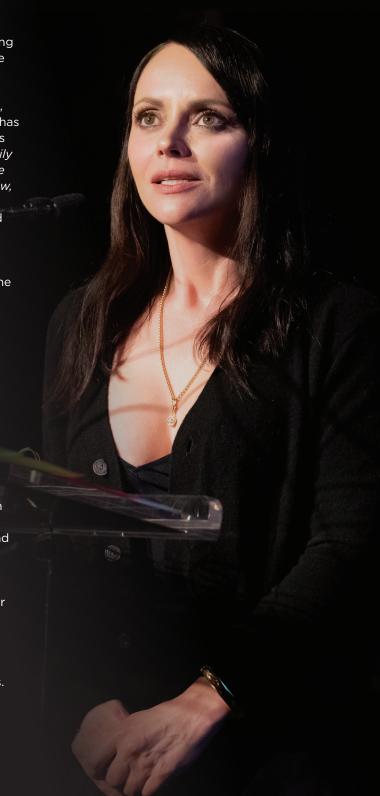
LEGACY AWARD HONOREE

CHRISTINA RICCI '97

Christina Ricci '97 attended Professional Children's School while pursuing her acting career. Ricci's film career began when she was just nine years old, acting alongside Cher and Winona Ryder in Mermaids. In 1995, shortly after the success of her film, Casper, Ricci enrolled in PCS. Her career has spanned decades, appearing in such films as The Addams Family, The Addams Family Values, Now and Then, The Ice Storm, The Opposite of Sex, Buffalo 66, Sleepy Hollow, Monster, and others. Most recently, her television credits include Wednesday and her Emmy and Golden-Globe nominated performance in Yellowjackets. Ricci also starred in the Amazon original series Z: The Beginning of Everything, for which she also served as a producer and The Lizzie Borden Chronicles, for which earned her a 2016 SAG Award® nomination. Ricci has also appeared in multiple Broadway and Off-Broadway productions.

Ricci boasts an impressive array of accolades, having been nominated for prestigious awards at the Golden Globe, Emmy, Screen Actors Guild, Satellite, and Critic's Choice Award ceremonies.

As the 2024 Legacy Award recipient, Ricci joins the list of past honorees which includes Jack Antonoff, Jason Fuchs, Barrett Doss, Anthony Roth Costanzo, and many others. Ricci is a prime example of how Professional Children's School aims to serve young, career-minded artists, athletes, and innovators in balancing their academic studies as they pursue their dreams. PCS alumni are distinguished actors, dancers, musicians, athletes, and entrepreneurs, many of whom have legendary status in their respective fields.



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Students at Professional Children's School represent the drive, passion, and curiosity that comprise our mission. PCS students are change makers, innovators, and creative forces both inside and outside of the classroom. We are proud of the community of students and the incredible ways they have connected to each other. In the 2023-2024 school year, we were especially impressed by the number of events, community activities, and student engagement opportunities that took place.







BOAT CRUISE

On September 7, 2023, 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 October 27, 2023, 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 Blue Team for taking home first place!



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

American Sign Language Club

Art Club

Arts Space

Basketball Club

Chinese Culture Club

Craft Club

Creative Writing

Debate Club

Entrepreneur Club

Filmmaking Club

Gender & Sexuality Alliance

Medical Club

Music Production Club

The PCS Professional (Literary Magazine)

Racial Affinity Group

Senior Mural Club

Student Association

Ukrainian Pysanka Design & Drawing

Together We Rise

Zumba

Yoga, Stretch and Meditation Club

Yearbook

ALL SCHOOL NIGHT

On March 8, 2024, 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.

CONCERTS

It is no secret that PCS boasts an array of talented student musicians. Dr. Laura Inman directs incredible concerts throughout the year, showcasing a variety of classical, popular, and original music. Be it the Fall Concert, the Holiday Assembly, the Spring Concert, or another showcase, music fills the halls and hearts of PCS.

FIELD TRIPS

New York City is our playground, and PCS teachers maximize student learning through engaging field trips to many of our city's renowned institutions. PCS students attended Broadway shows, arts and science museums and exhibits, bakeries and local businesses, parks, and more.



















MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Professional Children's School has always considered the mental health and well-being of our students to be a top priority. In the years since COVID-19, we have seen the devastating impact of isolation, screen overload and challenges in navigating a world at a social distance.

In Spring 2023, an anonymous donor offered the first grant for the new Mental Health Initiative. This remarkable gift of \$500,000 aims to support PCS students as they navigate the unique challenges they face as young people and as young artists and athletes.

THE GRANT FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE SUPPORTS VARIOUS WELLNESS EFFORTS. SOME EFFORTS INCLUDE:

- Additional support for student mental health needs
- Resource sharing for parents, students, and community members
- Professional development and training opportunities for faculty and staff
- Speaker Series with leading experts in wellness fields

HEALTH AND WELLNESS DAY

On February 28, 2024, PCS hosted Health and Wellness Day. This event offered a series of workshops focused on skincare, mental health, meditation, exercise, and other wellness activities. Alumni returned to the school to facilitate workshops, and Dr. Marc Brackett facilitated three separate conversations with students, faculty, and parents within the community. Brackett is the founding director of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, professor in the Child Study Center at Yale, and author of the best-selling book, *Permission to Feel*, which has been translated into 25 languages.

















GRADE 6/7

Donovan Bazemore Havana Fredrickson Zachary Golinger Mia Johns Yoojun (Curtis) Lee Kai Lin George Socolow Polina Soukhopalova Renze (Daniel) Sun William Teeter

GRADE 8

Elle Campagna Ava Kulmer Kai-Jin Kwek-Rupp Olive Omelchenko Kye Richardson Shaoyang (Shawn) Song Taige Wang Brie Zimmer





to the PCS Alumni Community.



Anabella Asimos
Josephine Béatrice Bommer
Morene Dexter
Ines Gout
Asa Kittay
Roman Lattanzio
Milena Manocchia
Jonathan McCray Jr
Kcaysha Medas - King
Hugo Mestres
Libby Nebres
Sophia Orenstein
Julia Ortiz
Nicolas Otero Estrada
Will Shapiro

Jun Shimada



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

*The graduates this year have enrolled in the colleges in bold.

University of Alabama

American Musical & Dramatic Academy

American University

American University of Paris

Amherst College

University of Arizona

Berklee College of Music

Brandeis University

Bucknell University

University of California - Berkeley

University of Chicago

University of Cincinnati

University of Colorado

Columbia University

Columbia University - University of Tel Aviv

University of Connecticut

Cornell University

Drew University

Emory University

Fordham University (2)

George Washington University

Georgia State University

Hamilton College

Harvard University (2)

Indiana University (2)

The Juilliard School

University of Kansas

University of Kentucky

Louisiana State University

Manhattan School of Music

Marymount Manhattan College (3)

University of Michigan

Montclair State University

New York University (2)

North Carolina A & T State University

Ohio State University

University of Oklahoma

Pace University

University of Pennsylvania

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GIVING AT PROFESSIONAL CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, GUARDIANS, ALUMNI, TRUSTEES, FOUNDATIONS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND FRIENDS

THANK YOU

We are profoundly grateful for the culture of philanthropy at Professional
Children's School. We offer our deepest thanks to the many parents,
grandparents, guardians, alumni, trustees, foundations, faculty, staff, and friends
who contribute charitable gifts to PCS each year. PCS makes every effort to keep
tuition affordable while providing an impactful and rigorous academic program to our students. The funds
raised, both restricted and unrestricted, help to bridge the gap between tuition income and the cost of a
PCS education. With these gifts, PCS can offer financial aid, invest in innovative technology, and support our
professional community in meaningful ways. Thank you to everyone who gave in the 2023-2024 school year.

TOTAL GIVING TO PROFESSIONAL CHILDREN'S SCHOOL CONTRIBUTED BETWEEN JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS (\$50,000 AND ABOVE)

Anonymous (3) Goldman Sachs Philanthropy Fund

Bank of America Charitable Gift Fund Ester Kirjner

David R. Bixler '71 Vanguard Charitable

The Bommer Family Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation

Melanie Harris '91 and Rob Fraiman

DIRECTORS CIRCLE (\$25,000 - \$49,999)

Anonymous (2) Marci Klein and Scott Murphy

Donald and Susan Brant Robert and Sharon Musiker

Calvin Klein Family Foundation Erin and Brendan Scanlon

Ernest and Kay Frank Sonya and Darren Schroeder

Alyssa Grikscheit and Mauricio Barberi

Isaac and Kiran Greaney

STAR CIRCLE (\$15,000 - \$24,999)

Jewish Communal Fund Jason Weinberg and Merritt Johnson

Diane Kenney Simone and Fehmi Zeko

Sidley Austin LLP

Denise Jackson Sutherland '69

DIAMOND CIRCLE (\$10,000 - \$14,999)

Anonymous

Benjamin Arnow '93 and Leslie Hibbard Arnow '94

Jesse and Anne Ausubel Michele and Tim Barakett Amanda and Ritam Bhalla

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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.

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.

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

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(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.

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

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(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

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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.

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.

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(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.

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(established in 2013)

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

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(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 MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

(established in 2023)

In 2023, an anonymous grant launched the Mental Health Initiative, a new set of priorities for supporting the well-being and health of PCS students in a post-Covid world. This fund supports access to mental health care for students, engages parents and community members at events, provides training and professional development for faculty and staff, and brings in speakers and experts in the wellness field.

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(established in 1992)

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(established in 2009)

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(established in 2015)

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(established in 2014)

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