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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Dear Members of our Alumni Community:

It is time to celebrate! The 142nd Annual Alumni Gala is coming up—Thursday, November 3. And for the first time in what seems like an eternity... we will be hosting an in-person gala! Also for the first time ever, we will also provide a virtual option to attend the gala. If you can't make it to NYC or aren't quite ready for an in-person event... you can still participate! However you choose to attend, get

ready to raise a glass to alumni accomplishment, City College successes, and 170 years of the alumni association. Please read our story (p.5) to learn more about our 2022 Townsend Harris Medalists, our Finley Award recipient, and other highlights of the event. RSVP today at [www.ccn্যালumni.org/gala142](http://www.ccn্যালumni.org/gala142).

In this issue of the Alumnus magazine, we present several stories on the Association itself—a new President (p.11), a celebration of Alumni Service (p.4), and a remarkably busy Spring with several affiliate celebrations and events (p.10). In addition to providing support for students and young alumni, the Alumni Association calls alumni together to celebrate our shared history and love of CCNY. I know our members understand and appreciate the Alumni Association for all it has done these past 170 years... it has been and continues to be an invaluable partner to the College. And we couldn't do what we do without you! Membership is critical to our continued success. If you haven't already, please renew your annual membership—see the remittance envelope included in this magazine or visit [www.ccn্যালumni.org](http://www.ccn্যালumni.org).

We also present in this issue a sampling of updates from across the College (p.16-19) and our regular occurring student perspective series (p.15). And there are several tributes and alumni musings peppered throughout... however, one thing I don't see in this issue is a story from you! I encourage you to share your stories with us! What does/did CCNY mean to you? What amazing story do you have about your time on campus? Your story may be featured in a future issue. Send your CCNY memory to [alumnus@ccnyalumni.org](mailto:alumnus@ccnyalumni.org), subject: Alumnus magazine story submission. We look forward to hearing your CCNY story!

Wishing you a very healthy, and joyful transition to Fall. I look forward to seeing many of you on November 3rd.

— David Covington

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## FIFTEEN STUDENTS COMMISSIONED BY ROTC

By Allen Rothman '68 with input from Ed Feige '66, Andy Neroulis '66, and Stephen Poulos '68.



On June 7th, the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) commissioning ceremony for 15 Second Lieutenants, plus two who will complete the program over the summer, was held in Great Hall. This was the first in-person commissioning ceremony since 2019. The ROTC program is officially a CUNY program offered to students in its 25 colleges and is headquartered at CCNY. Twelve of the colleges have students who are currently enrolled in ROTC. The graduates represented eight colleges in the City University and hailed from nine different countries, reflecting the diversity inherent in the University and the ROTC program. Four graduates were from CCNY.

ROTC prepares future leaders for both civilian and military careers and service to our nation through training and practical experience. The Army ROTC program began at CCNY in

1918 as one of the first such programs in the United States and was discontinued in 1972. Among its many notable graduates are GEN Colin Powell '58 (former Secretary of State), Arno Penzias '54 (Nobel Laureate in Physics), and Dr. Walter Orenstein '68 (former Director of the National Immunization Program at the CDC). The program was reinstated in 2013 and prepares students from the CUNY colleges for commissioning as Second Lieutenants in the Regular Army, the Army Reserve, and the Army National Guard. Since then, over 100 cadets have received their commissions.

Unlike prior to 1972 when commissions were granted, with few exceptions, in either the Infantry or the Corps of Engineers, newly-commissioned ROTC graduates choose their branch of service. This year's commissions ranged across twelve different branches as





diverse as Finance, Medical Service Corps, and Aviation. Eight of the new graduates will be entering Active Duty in the near future.

The ROTC Alumni Group is an affiliate of the CCNY Alumni Association and was started in 2008 to honor the memory of ROTC graduates who had been killed in service to the nation and to reconnect graduates with their alma mater. At the time there was no active constituency on campus. Now with the return of ROTC as a CUNY program, approximately 25% of the graduates are CCNY alumni. Others may join as affiliate members of the CCNY Alumni Association. We partner with the ROTC Department in several of its activities such as the annual Military Ball and the Army Ten-Miler in Washington, DC.



*Photos (top to bottom): Keynote speaker Major General Johnny K. Davis addressing the assembly.*

*Standing from left to right: Dr. Tony Liss, Provost, CCNY; Major General Johnny K. Davis; Richard Pusateri, retired Navy chaplain and Military and Veterans Services Manager, John Jay College; and Lieutenant Colonel LaShell Davis, Professor of Military Science, CUNY ROTC.*



*Major General Davis with the new Second Lieutenants and the CUNY ROTC staff.*

*The 15 Second Lieutenants swearing in.*



Born and raised in Manhattan, Allen Rothman was a biology major at CCNY, and was commissioned through ROTC in 1968. He served three years active duty, and 25+ in the Army Reserve, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Rothman is a retired actuary, currently adjunct faculty in the Computer Science Department of Brookdale Community College, and lives in Freehold, NJ. He co-founded the ROTC Alumni Group in 2008.

## A NEW TRADITION AS IN-PERSON AND ZOOM MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL MEETING

For the first time ever, the Alumni Association Annual Meeting was attended both in-person and via Zoom. The hybrid format welcomed in-person members with passed hors d'oeuvres and wine at the June 9th event. Fifty-six people participated via Zoom and 39 people attended in-person. The 170th Annual Meeting opened with welcome remarks by Executive Director David Covington and the introduction of guest speaker CCNY President Dr. Vincent Boudreau.



The 13th president gave a state of the college address about the financial security and stability of the college. Boudreau said it's the first time in the past decade where there's some "breathing room" thanks to the NYS Governor's office allocating more money for

faculty hires, between 12 and 15 lecturers and faculty. He also spoke about the ability to finally close the "cap gap" between the amount of financial aid given to students and the actual cost of tuition, usually a deficit of upwards of \$2,000 per student. The college has been covering the "cap gap" at a loss in the millions annually.

"That is huge for us. Financially we are in a better state than we have been in quite a long time," said Boudreau. "We are now in campaign mode. We are raising money to get the corpus of our foundation to one billion dollars." The plan is for investment earnings on that corpus to provide needed operational resources—the norm for many city colleges across the country but something City College has never done. It's a plan for the College's financial stability. That stability prompts a conversation with donors about investing in infrastructure rather than student financial scholarships.

"We are 175 years old. It feels like a really good time to double down. The only way it's going to work is by authentically telling the story that this is an institution that changes the lives of people," said Boudreau.

Outgoing Alumni Association President Gary Calnek introduced his team members, and spoke about the challenges of the unusual circumstances of COVID-19 during his three-

year tenure, but also the good fortune to have hired David Covington as executive director. He exhorted alumni to donate and said, "You will be hearing from me."

The 2022 Alumni Association Service Awards were first given out to a faculty member and an administrative staff member for going above and beyond the call of their formal duties:

Associate Professor and Chairperson, Dept. of History, Division of Humanities and the Arts, Anne Kornhauser received a Faculty Service Award for service to students.

Migen Prifti, director of Graduate Advising, Division of Humanities and the Arts, received an Administrative Staff Service Award for service to the College.

Additional Alumni Service Awards were given out, recognizing exemplary service to the Alumni Association and the College, to:

### **WARREN FISHBEIN '72**

Board member and former president, Washington, DC Chapter

### **EDWARD JACKSON '71**

Treasurer, Alumni Association Board of Directors

### **IRMA PAYNE-DOWNES '91**

CWE Alumni Affiliate Group

### **ROBERT WELNER '71**

Former board member, City College Fund and the Foundation for City College

Covington bid farewell to Calnek, thanking him for his dedication and tenacity, wise counsel and patient advice, and gave him a small gift from Tiffany's. Calnek went on to close the meeting, with a look back at the good fortune throughout his life, and an emotional thank you.

Thanks to everyone who attended the hybrid meeting, congratulations to the honorees and the new board members. Don't forget that tickets are now available to the 142nd Annual Alumni Gala on Thursday, November 3, 2022. The incoming Alumni Association President is Lawrence

Greengrass '73 (see page 11 for more about him).

Alumni Association Chapters are in Chicago, Houston, Northern New Jersey, Connecticut, Nevada, Southern and Northern California, West Palm Beach and Sarasota, and Washington, D.C.

Membership renewal is available online at [www.ccnialumni.org](http://www.ccnialumni.org).

## NEW SLATE TO LEAD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION THROUGH JUNE 2025

Class A Directors to serve for 3 years commencing July 1, 2022, ending June 30, 2025:

*Yolanda Escollies '65, '80*  
*Edgar Brown '72*  
*Thomasine Vaughn '76, '84MSE*

Class B Directors, or Officers of The Corporation, to serve 1 year commencing July 1, 2022, ending June 30, 2023:

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*Historian*  
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New members of the Nominating Committee to serve for 3 years commencing July 1, 2022, ending June 30, 2025:

*Gary Calnek '67*  
*Carol Kurth '80, '81ARCH*  
*Bruce Billig '70, '72MA, '75MSE*  
*David Greene '63*

Get ready to party in-person at the 142nd annual alumni gala! For the first time in two years, the gala will open its doors and welcome alumni and guests face to face. In addition, the association will provide a virtual attendance option for guests to conveniently tune in to the festivities. Townsend Harris medals and the Finley Award will be given out in-person. Alumni performances, special edition CCNY Alumni swag, and speeches by President Vince Boudreau and Alumni Association President Lawrence Greengrass will be some of the highlights of the night.

To register for the event, go to: [www.ccnialumni.org/gala142](http://www.ccnialumni.org/gala142)

## ACLU's Anthony D. Romero to Receive 2022 Finley Award

When New York born and bred Anthony D. Romero became executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) a week before September 11, 2001, he was already anticipating a different type of attack: on civil liberties in the name of protecting national security. After 9/11, Romero launched 'Keep America Safe and Free' to protect basic freedoms.



Romero, a Stanford Law School graduate of Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy and International Affairs, set up the National Security Project, which won legal victories on the Patriot Act, revealed reams of evidence of torture and abuse of detainees in US custody and won the first legal challenge to National Security Agency spying. Before Trump's election, the ACLU warned his policy proposals could bring a constitutional crisis. The ACLU won a stay on the Muslim Ban, blocked the asylum ban, and extended anti-discrimination protections to transgender employees.


Under Romero, the ACLU has expanded membership, budget and its range of work. More than 500,000 people have joined the ACLU's 'People Power' to push local governments to protect immigrants, and increase voting rights, voter education and turnout for civil liberties issues. In 2018, Romero oversaw re-enrollment of two million voters – the biggest increase in 50 years.

Romero is the first person in his family to graduate high school. His parents are from Puerto Rico. He has an honorary doctorate from CUNY School of Law.




## TOWNSEND HARRIS MEDALS TO GO TO SEVEN ALUMNI AT NOVEMBER'S GALA

### Stewart Kampel, BA '59




A graduate of City College's Baruch School of Business, where he edited "The Ticker" newspaper, Kampel earned an MA (Hons) from Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism. He worked part-time at "The New York Times" (NYT), and after a short stint in the army, he re-joined the NYT full-time. He worked on the cultural news, and foreign, financial and metropolitan desks. As a weekend editor in the 1970s, Kampel helped cover the fiscal crisis and the search for serial killer Son of Sam. For 20 years he was weekly NYT Long Island section editor. While at the Times, Kampel taught journalism at CCNY for 16 years—and did similar work at New York University for 15 years. Upon leaving the NYT, he was associate editor of the award-winning "Encyclopedia Judaica" (2007). Kampel continues writing—features, fiction and non-fiction—for "Hadassah Magazine."

### Leonard Susskind, BS Physics '62




Bronx-born Leonard Susskind, who learned plumbing from his father, intended to study engineering at CCNY but inspiring professors instilled in him a love of pure science. After graduation, he attended Cornell University for his PhD. Today, he is among the most influential physicists, and is the Felix Bloch Professor of Theoretical Physics at Stanford University. Susskind is regarded as one of the fathers of string theory. Susskind independently introduced the idea that particles could be states of excitation of a relativistic string, and was the first to conceptualize the string theory landscape. Susskind helped develop the now-accepted idea of quark confinement. His later work focused on black holes, demonstrated in one of his many popular books. He received the Nobel Committee's Oscar Klein Medal, the American Physical Society's J. J. Sakurai Prize for Theoretical Particle Physics, and the Pomeranchuk Prize for theoretical physics, among others.

### Dr Allen Taylor, BS Chemistry '67



Dr. Allen Taylor combines his expertise in chemistry, biochemistry, ophthalmology and nutrition to powerfully minimize age-related degenerative eye disease. Known as a brilliant teacher and organizer of interdisciplinary collaborations, he has published hundreds of papers. He's also lauded for his humanitarian work directing Scientific Training Encouraging Peace (STEP) graduate program. By pairing Israeli and Palestinian scientists and funding their MS or PhD degrees at Israeli universities, STEP builds peace and scientists. A champion for CCNY, Taylor has financially supported undergraduate scholarships. He is Professor of Nutrition, Ophthalmology, and Developmental, Molecular and Chemical Biology at Tufts University, and directs its Lab for Nutrition and Vision Research. He followed his CCNY degree with a PhD from Rutgers, and a postdoctoral fellowship at UC Berkeley. Early in his career, Taylor won the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation Award and Tufts' Robert M. Russell Scientific Achievement Award.

### C. Elaine Golding, '62, '65MSE



For Harlem-born C. Elaine Golding, psychology combined her personal interests and goals. She earned her BS in Psychology and Math, then an MA in Science, and an Advanced Certificate in School Psychology. During her school years, she saw children of color be convinced by unlicensed grade counselors that they'd not pass exams to enter specialized high schools. Years later, she was excited to encourage them. Equally vital was identifying talented African-American children. Giving back has been essential to Golding. With her twin sister, she is a Class A director of the Alumni Association. The twins set up the Golding-Donaldson Leadership in Education Scholarship in memory of Andrew G. Donaldson, and were founding benefactors of the Bronx Science/CCNY Honors Scholarship Project. Golding was a founding benefactor of the New Harlem Arts



Theatre, and both sisters were made Cultural Mothers of Harlem by the Mandala Soul Center Institute.

### **C. Ellen Golding, '62, '65MSE**



C. Ellen Golding's decade spent at CCNY gave her the privilege, in 1966, to be the first African-American Psychologist in Training in the NYC education system. Like her twin sister, she earned a BS in Psychology and Math, Master of Science, then Advanced Certificates in School Psychology in 1968. She's served nearly four decades as a clinician for under-served communities in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx. Born and raised in Harlem, her Positive Self-esteem Group Therapy brought joy back to those students who also hailed from Harlem. Her most rewarding work was re-evaluating students of color with misdiagnoses so they could join regular classes with support. Her volunteering included 25 years interviewing candidates for A Better Chance, Inc., recruiting high-achieving students of color for scholarships.

### **Dr. Henry W. Posamentier, BS Geology '70**



Two geological sub-disciplines, sequence stratigraphy and seismic geomorphology, were developed by Dr. Henry W. Posamentier. The Manhattan-born son of immigrant Austrian-Jews, Posamentier earned his MA and PhD at Syracuse University, with a Fulbright Fellowship supporting his PhD fieldwork on glaciation and climate for which records dated back only to the late 1800s. As a proxy for earlier climate history, Posamentier measured rings of trees on the treeline. He observed the widest rings—hence the mildest climate—after 1950, pointing to climate change. As Assistant Professor, Geology, at Rider University, he substantiated glacier advance-and-retreat as a proxy for climate change. In 1979, Posamentier joined Exxon where he used seismic profiles from the world's geological basins to develop now-widely used sequence stratigraphy. He then pioneered seismic geomorphology. Posamentier's awards include the Society for Sedimentary Geology's Pettijohn Medal and the Geological Society of London's William Smith Medal.

### **Francee Covington, BA Political Science & History '70**



Entering CCNY in '66, Francee Covington, of Brooklyn, felt lucky to be in the first group of the new Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge (SEEK) program for disadvantaged students. She had heard Martin Luther King's March on Washington speech first-hand. When students of color began lobbying for diversity in admissions, Covington was the only woman on the Committee of Ten working for Black and Puerto Rican communities. Various negotiations failed so they led 100 students to take over the South Campus. This ended peacefully in 17 days but without result. Riots then exploded across campuses, appalling the original protesters. CUNY trustees declared a controversial open admissions policy and, although that was never a committee goal, the '69 takeover started a chain reaction by which CUNY became America's most diverse university. Covington later earned an MA in Anthropology at the Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana. She is a television writer, producer and reporter. The Emmy-nominated Covington founded a video production company in 1987.



## TOWNSEND HARRIS AND SHIMODA, JAPAN EXHIBIT AT CITY COLLEGE ARCHIVES

BY SYDNEY VAN NORT AND LIN DAN ZHENG



The City College Archives and Special Collections Reading Room in the Morris R. Cohen Library is proud to present Respect and Honor: Townsend Harris and Shimoda, Japan. This exhibition is a collaboration between this division of the City College Libraries and the City College of New York Art Collection to share the deep-rooted relationship between City College and Shimoda, Japan. We invite the City College community and alumni to enjoy the curated exhibition currently on view until October 28th, 2022.

The first half of the exhibition focuses on the history of Townsend Harris, the founder of City College, and Shimoda, Japan. Townsend Harris was the first American ambassador in Japan. He landed in Shimoda, Japan in August 1856 and lived there until he departed for Edo (now Tokyo) in November 1857. The second half of the exhibition features twenty-nine gifts received from these delegations led by the Mayor of Shimoda City or the Chair of the Shimoda City Assembly. The exhibit highlights these annual visits from 1986 with the initial refurbishment of Harris' gravesite in Green-Wood Cemetery, which was resodded and enhanced with a stone lantern, through the most recent visit in 2019 of the Shimoda delegation to City College.

These gifts include charming mobiles, a variety of textiles, hanging scrolls and stunning ceramics by Noriyasu Tsuchiya.

The history of the relationship between Townsend Harris and Shimoda, Japan is provided by the exhibition curators, Professor Sydney Van Nort, City College Archivist and Special Collections Librarian. Information about the gifts presented by the Shimoda delegations is provided by co-curator Lin Dan Zheng, City College Art Collection Assistant.

For additional information about the life and career of Townsend Harris, please explore this online exhibit, The Japan Connection: The 150th Anniversary of Townsend Harris' Arrival in Japan:

<http://digital-archives.ccnycuny.edu/exhibits/harris>

## INFLUENTIAL ALUMNUS A CHAMPION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Intrigued by Samuel Untermyer's leadership of the American trade boycott of Nazi Germany, British historian Richard A. Hawkins has illuminated the life of the CCNY alum and high-profile lawyer in a new biography.

Published by Bloomsbury Press this year, "Progressive Politics in the Democratic Party: Samuel Untermyer and the Jewish Anti-Nazi Boycott Campaign" tells how remarkably Untermyer's views shifted and helped shift world views, too.

Untermyer read the Talmud fluently and, until his bar mitzvah in 1871, was to be a rabbi. Yet in 1872, he was accepted into the College of the City of New York's one-year introductory course which prepared students for college. He was an average student at CCNY unlike his high-achieving brother, Isaac, but later it was Samuel who was the master of cross-examination.

Born in 1858 in Lynchburg, Virginia, Untermyer cherished his German roots, and was conflicted when America fought Germany in World War I. Later he was among the first prominent Americans to vilify Nazi Germany. Later still, as a successful corporate lawyer, his conservative, anti-union views shifted: he

started to offend the business community by advocating liberal economic reforms. He came to champion human rights—not only for Jews but for trade unionists, Catholics and Freemasons, helping build the foundations of democratic perspectives today.

Book reviewer Stefan Manz, of Aston University, UK, hails Hawkins' book as "the first comprehensive biography of Samuel Untermyer... Readers will gain new insights into the development of liberal America in the first half of the twentieth century," writes Manz.

The Civil War disrupted Untermyer's early education but his CCNY studies filled the gaps, enabling him to follow Isaac into the then-Columbia College of Law. While a student, he clerked at his half-brother Randolph Guggenheimer's law firm, which was breaking the mold of elitist Anglo-Saxon Protestant lawyers who excluded people from other backgrounds. When Isaac and Samuel joined Randolph as partners in 1883, it became the second firm under the banner Guggenheimer & Untermyer after the brothers' parents' dry goods business.

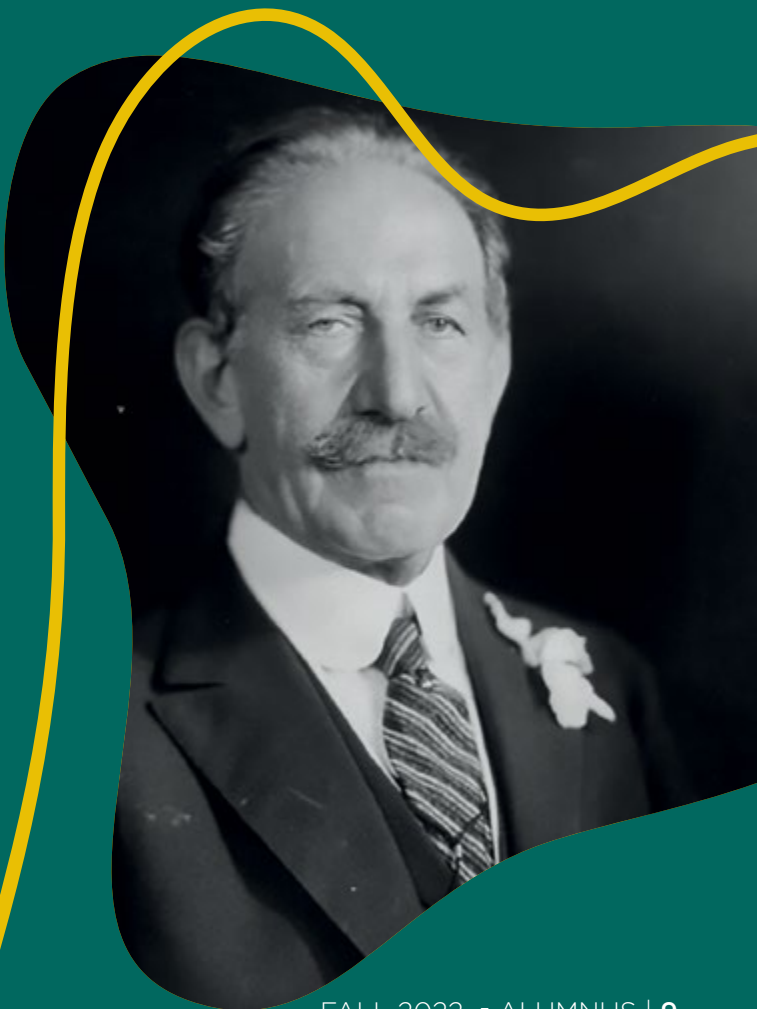
Isaac and Samuel refocused the firm from litigation to corporate law and moved from uptown to Wall Street where they were the only Jewish firm, and one which was to be an early adopter of corporate social responsibility. In 1894 when Samuel's college friend, Louis Marshall, joined the firm, the partners consented to Marshall continuing to work for groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Marshall fought anti-Semitism, too, and he and Samuel defended the Jewish community against notorious racist, Henry Ford.

Marshall was a founder of the American Jewish Committee in 1905 and was still active. In 1922, Untermyer helped found the American Jewish Congress and was its vice president until 1927. In these years, he also raised funds for Jewish settlement in Palestine.

A great self-publicist, Untermyer became a celebrity lawyer. His status was bolstered by his financial support for the owner of the New York Times. Beyond the firm's original German-American and Jewish-American clients, it won

clients such as William Rockefeller, W. R. Hearst, Encyclopedia Britannica, and even Albert Einstein. When Hitler rose to power in January, 1933, Untermyer was alarmed. In March, he spoke against the Nazi dictatorship and called for a trade boycott. He addressed the first conference of the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights, and soon became the League's honorary President, renaming it the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights—aka the Anti-Nazi League. In 1934 he shockingly predicted Hitler would murder Jews, en masse, if he could not rid Germany of its Jewish people any other way.

Untermyer's Anti-Nazi League and the Joint Boycott Council led America's boycott but attempts to unite them failed. Sadly, ill-health forced Untermyer to resign from the boycott campaign in early 1938. He died in 1940, knowing his boycott goals were unfulfilled.



### CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

An affiliate group is a special interest group within the Alumni Association membership. The groups are each governed by a voluntary Board of Directors with officers and conduct activities to benefit alumni and today's students. These affiliate groups and their activities tend to be focused in the tri-state area. Representing special concerns, interests and educational specialties, the Association currently consists of fifteen affiliate groups: Alumni Varsity Association, Architecture Alumni, Art Alumni, Asian Alumni, Black Alumni, Center of Worker Education Alumni, Communications Alumni Group (CAG), Education Alumni, Latino Alumni, Political Science Alumni, ROTC Alumni, Science Alumni, Young Professional Alumni, Business/Economics Alumni Society (BEAS) and Engineering School Alumni.

To enquire about joining an existing group or starting a new affiliate group, please contact [membership@ccnyalumni.org](mailto:membership@ccnyalumni.org).

Many of the 15 Alumni Affiliate Groups hosted celebrations, including the **Asian Alumni Award Ceremony and Luncheon** held at the celebrated Chinatown restaurant Hop Lee; and the **Engineering Alumni Annual Award Ceremony and Dinner** honoring Career Achievement Award Recipient Peter Delfyett, EE '81 held at the National Arts Club in Gramercy Park.

The **Annual Year-End Event for the Business Economics Alumni Association** was held at Four Five Six Lounge in Brooklyn, where scholarships were given out to students, a Faculty Service Award was given to Professor Yochanan Shachmurove, and an Alumni Service Award went to the affiliate's first Vice President Rosanlis Bido '18.

The **Communications Alumni Group 45th Annual Dinner** inducted into the Hall of Fame for 2022: Joel Strasser '61, Alma Kadragic '64, '66, Andy Soltis '69 and Joshua Brand '72, and posthumously to Bill Graham '51 and Gail Sicilia '63. The Media Legend Award Recipient was given to Professor Emerita & public relations executive Lynn Applebaum.

The **Alumni Varsity Association 54th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Reunion** inducted seven people into the Hall of Fame: Nicole Carroll '15 for women's soccer, Getachew Eshete '82 for men's track, Roger Gonzalez '11 for men's soccer, Anthony Lewis '15 for men's basketball, Dr. Robert Melworm '59 for men's fencing, Bertrand Oubida '15 for men's soccer and track, and Heather Ruger '14 for women's soccer. The NYC Legend Award was given to Ice Hockey in Harlem, the John Stark Humanitarian Award was given to Dee Dee Moseleski, and the Mark ASA Abbott Award went to Victor Franco '81

## ANNUAL PERCY SUTTON HARLEM 5K RUN AND THE HARLEM WALK HOSTED BY NYRR AS PART OF HARLEM WEEK 2022



TEAM CCNY – the City College of New York registered faculty, staff, and alumni – participated in the New York Road Runners (NYRR) annual Percy Sutton Harlem 5K Run and the Harlem Walk on August 13th, part of Harlem Week, an annual cultural celebration. Runners and walkers took to the streets to honor the late Percy Sutton who championed the New York Marathon as a five-borough race during his tenure as Manhattan Borough president in the 1970's.



## MEET THE INCOMING PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, LAWRENCE GREENGRASS '73



I am deeply honored to have been elected president of the Alumni Association, and am looking forward to continuing the work of the Association.

As stated in our mission statement, “The purpose of the Alumni Association of CCNY is to promote the general welfare of The City College of The City University of New York and its alumni, to establish beneficial relationships between The City College and its alumni, to advance the principles of public higher education without regard to race, creed, color or national origin, and to promote the ideals enunciated in The Ephebic Oath of the City College. With this mission in mind, The Alumni Association of CCNY seeks to

**ENGAGE** We generate and sustain meaningful connections among alumni, students, faculty and staff through our many networking events, award ceremonies, and activities.

**SUPPORT** We support current students through scholarships, mentoring and networking opportunities.

**PROMOTE** In all our endeavors, we promote The City College of New York and its interests.

My goal as President is to work with all the key stakeholders among the Alumni, and at the College to enhance the excellent work that the AA has done in its extraordinary existence which began in 1853.

As to my journey, like so many students and alumni, I am the first person in my family to attend college. CCNY provided me with an excellent education, which established the foundation for my career. All of us who attended the College have, in my view, a responsibility to give back, as so many did before us. The contributions of those who came before us enabled us to succeed. Now it's our turn. City College was ranked this past year as the # 1 "Best Value" among the top 250 U.S. schools. That is a tremendous achievement, one that we must all be proud of. But more than being proud, we must support the College and the Alumni Association so that future generations can continue to reap the benefits of their hard work. That is our shared obligation.

As to Gary, his leadership during the Pandemic is a model for best leadership practices. Always working for the betterment of the AA, and being transparent and inclusive, Gary always set the right tone. On a personal level, many years ago when I walked into my first AA Board meeting, not knowing anyone, an individual approached, held out his hand and said "Welcome, I'm Gary". I cannot sufficiently express my personal appreciation for his friendship and sage advice all these years.

- Larry Greengrass '73



### MEMBERS GO OUT TO THE BALLGAME

Alumni Association members went as a group to watch the Mets beat out the Yankees, 6-3, in a Subway Series Baseball Game event in July. The sold out Association event cost \$95, and ticket holders had access to the Jim Beam Club located behind home plate. A portion of the ticket price benefitted the Alumni Association.

## PETER MAGNANI'S WAY



When architect and urban planner Peter Magnani '60 died in 2021, he was remembered by former NYC Councilman Barry Grodenchik as “an indispensable force for the public good.” A year later, a corner of Jackson Heights, 81st Street and 34th Avenue, is now Peter Magnani Way.

“His efforts built many public works we take for granted today,” said Grodenchik at the June 2022 renaming ceremony to honor the Queens-born-and-bred architect who shaped his lifelong neighborhood, and earned the American Institute of Architects’ Public Architect Award in 2010. (See photo above right with wife Dorothy.) The renaming was led by former Councilman Danny Dromm and former judge Rudy Greco, and was attended by colleagues, family and friends including Bob Esnard '61, who met Magnani at CCNY. Together, they joined House Plan Brill '60 and Magnani became its ‘social chairman.’

“Peter wanted to be an architect but enrolled in civil engineering because CCNY didn’t have an architecture degree then,” said Esnard. “He switched to arts for the courses demanded by an architecture school.” He graduated with a BS in architecture and civil engineering.

Upon graduation Magnani enrolled in night classes at Columbia University but switched to full-time at Pratt Institute’s School of Architecture. He completed his degree at Pratt in 1965, but his life really changed when he met Dorothy Smith from Scotland. They married in 1966 and moved to Scotland where he went to work at progressive architectural firm Mackie, Ramsay and Taylor. The birth of their daughter Kirsten sent them back to the US in 1968. Magnani began his public sector career in the Bronx Office of City Planning. Later, he became its Director. In 1980, Magnani took up the same role for his home turf of Queens.

According to widow Dorothy, her husband’s way was to view projects through “the lens of community welfare and quality of life.” She said, “Fairness, equality and balance were his principles. Queens is home to more green spaces, beautiful libraries and public buildings ... thanks to his vision.”

Speaking at the renaming, Queens Councilman Shekar Krishnan said Magnani helped protect working-class communities from being displaced. “His life, his legacy, has not just literally and physically changed the landscape of Jackson Heights and Queens, it has left its mark on urban planning... and how we will think about our communities and city for generations to come,” said Krishnan. Magnani’s mixed-zoning plan protected Long Island City’s home owners and industry by enabling expansion of light industry and more one- and two-family homes. It preserved public use of Long Island City’s waterfront where it had fallen into disuse.

In 1986, Queens Borough President Claire Shulman asked Magnani to be her Deputy and over the next 16 years he shaped the new Queens Hospital Medical Center, Flushing’s Corona Park Pool and Rink, and Queens West’s nine-million-square-foot, mixed-use waterfront development.

## MASTER'S PROGRAMS PROVIDE PATHWAYS TO PHDS

BY SYD STEINHARDT

Students pursue master's degrees for any number of reasons: personal fulfillment, a curiosity about subjects that may not have interested them or of which they may not have been aware in earlier years, intellectual exploration, or job requirements. Some may want to go onto graduate study, either at the doctoral or professional level.

Whatever the reason, many may find the journey difficult. In recent years, City College has aimed to make that journey less onerous by providing pathways for students to proceed from a master's to a doctoral program. These efforts have yielded results; of those students who graduated with an MA or an MS degree between 2010 and 2017, 12 percent—or almost one in eight—went on to enroll in a PhD program by June 2021, according to Associate Provost Mary Ruth Strzeszewski.

Dean of Science Susan Perkins finds merit in providing such pathways. “Of those students I have met, the MS is important for them to build up their confidence and skills,” she said. “This time for them—to have access to doing real-world research—can make them more competitive with students who had more opportunities as undergraduates.”

Mentoring and advisement from senior faculty members are key components of ensuring students' success. Evan Azoulay became a member of the master's degree in translational medicine (MTM) program's first graduating class in 2016 with the encouragement of Professor Mitchell B. Schaffler, chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering. After a stint teaching STEM courses at a Mamaroneck, NY, high school, he was hired by Jeffrey S. Garanich, director of the MTM program, as a part-time biomedical engineer at the CCNY Makerspace before entering the PhD program in 2020.

Azpoulay credits his work as a master's student as helping him to define his career goals. “MTM teaches you to bring a product to market,” he said, noting that his end goal is to work in product research and development. “It teaches you the whole process from engineering to business strategies.”

With the help of mentors, augmented by scholarships programs, students in master's degree programs have flourished and have become vital members of the City College community. Among them is Carlos Aguasaco. A native of Colombia, Aguasaco came to New York in 1999 and began teaching at Harlem's now-closed Bread and Roses Integrated Arts High School in 2001.

Needing a master's degree to become a licensed teacher, he began his academic career as a non-matriculated student. With the aid and interest of Juan Carlos Mercado, dean of the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, he became an adjunct instructor, earning his MA in Spanish. Three years later, he applied for a PhD in Literature at Stony Brook University, which awarded him a W. Burghardt Turner Doctoral Fellowship to help defray his tuition costs.

Now a professor of Latin American Cultural Studies and chair of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies at CCNY, he remains grateful to those who saw something in him, as well as to the intellectual environment that helped him to thrive.

“CCNY has been a key to my success,” said Aguasaco. “It took me when other places didn't because I had no academic history in the US. It gave me opportunities and supported me. Opening up a place for yourself without personal connections is hard, but CCNY made my dreams come true.”



In the '90s Magnani worked to restore a green median on 34th Avenue between 69th Street and Junction Boulevard, Jackson Heights, now one of NYC's best open streets.

From 2002, as program director of Queens Borough Public Library, Magnani oversaw a triumph in library building including Hunters Point library. Magnani championed Steven Holl's 'Beacon of Light' design which harnessed sun, wind and rooftop plantings. As his lifetime friend Esnard said, "Peter lived life with grace, with kindness and with concern for his fellow man."



## CUNY CHANCELLOR COMMENTS ON BIDEN ADMINISTRATION STUDENT DEBT FORGIVENESS

The move to forgive student debt by President Joseph Biden's administration was applauded by CUNY Chancellor Matos Rodriguez. In a statement the Chancellor said, "We are pleased to start a new academic year with the good news announced by President Biden that the federal government will cancel \$10,000 in debt for millions of Americans who are paying back federal student loans and an additional \$10,000 for those who received federal Pell grants as low-income students. This is going to have a significant impact for a great many CUNY graduates and current students. Earning a degree should not mean spending years or decades repaying student loans. Governor Hochul acted on that principle this year, committing millions of dollars to extend state

tuition assistance for part-time students. It also led us to use federal stimulus funds last year to erase \$100 million in unpaid tuition and fees for more than 57,000 CUNY students. It was a decision aligned with our long commitment to affordability, which has allowed two-thirds of our New York resident undergraduates to attend tuition-free and three out of four to graduate debt-free — important factors in CUNY's strong record of promoting economic mobility for our students. We applaud President Biden's commitment to higher education and to policies that reduce student debt and help college graduates realize a quicker return on their investment that leads them up the economic ladder."



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## CORRECTION FROM LAST ISSUE

**Apologies for the following mistakes that appeared in the previous issue Spring/Summer 2022.**

**Page 2:** Dr. Anthony S. Fauci was born in Queens not Brooklyn as previously stated. **Page 6:** In 1939, part of western Ukraine, including Lviv, was occupied by and incorporated into Poland. The remainder of Ukraine was occupied by Russia. **Page 7:** While some Ukrainians fought to resist the Nazis and the Russians, others were aligned with them. **Page 11:** The last commencement held at Lewisohn Stadium was in 1973. **Page 23:** Halle Berry's name was misspelled.



## STUDENTS QUESTION MAYOR ADAMS' SUBWAY SAFETY PLAN

BY ANNISHA SINGH



“There’s only so much you can do. What if they don’t want to be helped?” Aliyah Ghany said. The Hunter College freshman rides the F train back and forth from her home in Queens to school. She feels bad for the homeless people in the subway but doesn’t know what to do. Sometimes she offers them money. She knows the problem has gotten worse.

In February Mayor Eric Adams said, “The days of turning a blind eye to this growing problem are over.” According to The Guardian, an estimated 2,400 people live unsheltered in the city, many turning to the subways at night. Adams wants to clean up the subways and make them safer for commuters. He also wants to help people who need assistance.

Adams has had the New York City Police Department (NYPD) assign more officers to the subway to enforce the rules. People are no longer allowed to sleep on the trains. In addition, Adams said the city will not tolerate sleeping on the platforms. When the train reaches the end of the line everyone must exit the train. The police now wake people up at the last stop, tell them they can’t stay there, and ask them if they need help.

According to City Limits, since February when the mayor launched his cleanup plan, teams have engaged with people about 150 times, and 22 have been taken to shelters. The mayor has also put high-ranking police chiefs in subway stations.

Clinicians, medical staff, and police officers are going in groups approaching the homeless, offering aid and other services. They propose alternatives like homeless shelters or a soup kitchen.

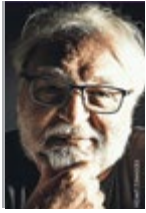
Many New Yorkers think the emphasis should be on mental health services. Sarahi Hernandez, a sophomore at The City College of New York (CCNY), said, “They need proper medical and mental care.”

Junior Trinity Lazaro, another City College student, feels the same way. “They need proper mental and physical health centers, as well as safe places to live, so they can rebuild their lives,” she said.

Joe Zapato rides the subway to and from his job at the Dollar General in Richmond Hill, Queens. His brother is a New York City subway motorman. Zapato agrees the city should help the homeless, “It’s great; with the funding New York gets they should help people in those situations,” he said.

While New Yorkers want change, they wonder how the mayor’s plans will work out. City College junior Ana Alvarez said, “Having more people to add to the already problematic MTA system doesn’t sound promising.” While junior Camila Santos said, “It sounds good and pretty on the outside, but I don’t think it’ll actually work... They’re only resorting to helping the homeless now as a result of danger on the subways.” She wants more action to be taken beyond shelters and soup kitchens. “There has to be permanent housing and a system that isn’t built against the homeless,” she said.

**DIVISION OF HUMANITIES & THE ARTS**



Professor of Film and Digital Media Andrzej Krakowski was recognized as an Outstanding Pole Abroad, one of Poland's most prestigious non-governmental awards. The world-famous director was given the honor by the Poland Now Foundation in recognition for his research in film history highlighting the Polish roots of the American film industry. The ceremony took place at the Consulate of the Republic of Poland in NY in June. "I'm very humbled by this honor. To the best of my knowledge, I will be the first board member residing abroad and definitely the first CUNY faculty member," said Krakowski. "I must admit that I find it amazing that the country that expelled me in 1968 now embraces me in such a warm way."



Lecturer, poet and novelist Pamela L. Laskin has been awarded a 2022 Freedom Through Literacy Award from Judith's Reading Room, a literacy nonprofit. Laskin was a 2022 Board Option Award winner for her work with Poetry Outreach and received a prize of \$200. Poetry Outreach sends CCNY MFA students into under-served communities in NYC to write and publish poetry.

**THE DIVISION OF SCIENCE**



Physicist and Associate Professor Pouyan Ghaemi and his research team are claiming significant progress in using quantum computers to study and predict

how the state of a large number of interacting quantum particles evolves over time. This was done by developing a quantum algorithm that they run on an IBM quantum computer. Entitled "Probing geometric excitations of fractional quantum Hall states on quantum computers," the study appeared in the journal of "Physical Review Letters" in July. "To the best of our knowledge, such particular quantum algorithm which can simulate how interacting quantum particles evolve over time has not been implemented before," said Ghaemi.

**THE GROVE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING**



Anil K. Agrawal, Herbert G. Kayser Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, is the 2021-2022 recipient of the American Society of Civil Engineer's (ASCE) Metropolitan Section Civil Engineer of the Year Award. Agrawal is recognized for his character, professional integrity, contribution to academia and years of outstanding service to ASCE and the civil engineering profession. He was the former chair of the ASCE SEI

Committee on Bridge Inspection, Rehabilitation and Monitoring as well as the former chair of the ASCE SEI Committee on Structural Control and Sensing. Agrawal also chairs the Engineering Mechanics Committee of the Metropolitan Section Chapter of ASCE. The award ceremony was held in June at Gotham Hall in Midtown Manhattan.

**THE BERNARD & ANNE SPITZER SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE**



Professor Zihao Zhang was named an early career fellow of the Dean's Equity and Inclusion Initiative (DEII) in August with 16 other early career faculty. They were the second cohort of this scholarly development program. Launched in Summer 2021, the cornerstone of the DEII is this cohort-based fellowship program supporting early career faculty in the academy who are significant contributors to the pursuit of equity and inclusion in/through the built environment. Zhang will participate in a two-year cohort, including two summer institutes and academic year-round professional development workshops. He'll be paired with a mentor from CCNY and an external mentor, too. "As a bilingual Asian landscape scholar teaching and researching in the U.S., where non-white faculty and non-western thinking are still somewhat foreign ideas for many, I find it comforting, refreshing, and exhilarating to connect with a network of amazingly

diverse scholars striving for a collective future for all,” said Professor Zhang.

### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



School of Education staff and professors welcomed alumni David C. Banks back to school. The NYC Dept. of Education Chancellor gave a talk, in the Great Hall of Shepard Hall, titled “My Vision for New York City Public Education.” He attended City College for part of the coursework needed for School Building Leader certification, and he completed the School District Leader advanced certificate program in 2020. “I had never taken a teaching course in my life prior to becoming a teacher,” said the Chancellor, who graduated from Rutgers University with a BA in political science. After college, he worked as a school safety officer, a teacher, and a lawyer before becoming an assistant principal.

### COLIN POWELL SCHOOL FOR CIVIC AND GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

The Teagle Foundation and the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership announced a new fellowship program for undergraduate students to provide the tools and hands-on experience they need to become the next generation of civic leaders in NYC. Through the New York City Leaders Fellowship, students will enroll in two liberal

arts courses to learn about local political systems ahead of beginning an internship program in public service in NYC. The courses will provide a comprehensive overview of the history and operations of NYC’s government public service ecosystem. After completing the liberal arts courses, the undergraduate students will pursue a fully-funded summer internship program in NYC government or non-governmental organizations. The Teagle Foundation will provide \$200,000 over 24 months to create and launch the New York City Leaders Fellowship.

This fellowship aims to expand the foundation’s efforts to promote civic life in NYC and enhance educational opportunities to students from low-income backgrounds under their Education for American Civic Life initiative. In its first year, the fellowship will award 10 fellowships to outstanding undergraduate students; it will support 20 students annually in subsequent years. The New York City Leaders Fellowship will be directed by Andrew Rich, Dean of the Colin Powell School, as well as Carlo Invernizzi Accetti, Professor of Political Science, and Maya Gutierrez, Director of the Colin Powell School’s Public Service Career Hub.

### DIVISION OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES AT THE CENTER FOR WORKER EDUCATION



The Ninth Americas Poetry Festival of New York 2022 takes place October 12, 13 and 14.

The deadline for submissions closed in late August. For more information: PoetryNY.com; Instagram @tapfny; Facebook.com/tapfny.

### CUNY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

CSOM partnered with the Apollo Theater, the American Composers Orchestra, the National Black Theatre, and the NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene in a public conversation, “Healing, Joy and Liberation: Mental Health and the Arts.” The event was live-streamed and on-demand at the historic theater. It explored the importance of self-care and how the arts can liberate and heal individually and collectively.

“By design, our medical school prioritizes all aspects of community health and never has that mission been more important than over the last two years,” said City College President Dr. Vincent Boudreau.

Speakers at the event were Noel Manyindo, MD, CSOM associate professor and Chair of the Department of Community Health & Social Medicine, Mara Schiavocampo, creator, co-host & producer of the “Run Tell This” podcast, Licensed Psychologist Dr. Shaakira Haywood Stewart and Dr. Sidney Hankerson, renowned community mental health expert and director of Mount Sinai Institute for Health Equity Research, L. Joy Williams, creator, host & producer of the “Sunday Civics” radio show and podcast, “America’s Psychologist” Dr. Jeff Gardere, and Interfaith Minister & Spiritual Life Coach Rev. Melissa Moorer-Nobles.

## CHANGES AFOOT AT CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES



Juan Mercado, dean of Interdisciplinary Studies at CUNY, at the behest of President Vince Boudreau, has been overseeing and relaunching Continuing and Professional Studies for almost a year. Their mission is to offer students the future of work. They are implementing the career paths that students are clamoring for: healthcare, environmental engineering, tech certifications, even liberal arts that include video editing and graphic illustration for books. “Alumnus” Editor Thea Klapwald chatted with Mercado about the changes. He encouraged alumni to take a look at the courses offered as they are about 90% online. “We offer a variety of classes on different subject areas: [www.cuny.edu/cps](http://www.cuny.edu/cps),” said Mercado. Alumni Association members get a 10 percent discount.

### What are the major changes recently implemented at CPS?

We are increasing the number of classes/training in different areas of the health professions. We are collaborating with Professor Angelo Lampousis in training to Build a Skilled Environmental Workforce in Economically Distressed Communities. In collaboration with Great Courses (<https://www.thegreatcourses.com/>) and QBS (<https://www.qbslearning.com/>), we are creating courses in Big Data and Python as a pilot. We are collaborating with the Rangel Initiative on a pilot training on Food, Water, Energy, and Transportation. We have been reorganizing the English Language Institute; this program has great potential especially now with the reopening of the University to foreign students, who may need to improve their language skills.

### Other significant changes include:

#### CISCO ACADEMY CERTIFICATE

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Ops Certification explores cyber trends, threats, staying safe in cyberspace, and protecting personal and company data. It also covers foundational knowledge and essential skills for all cybersecurity domains, including information security, systems security, network security, ethics and laws, and defense and mitigation techniques used to protect businesses.

#### CCNA NETWORKING CERTIFICATION

The Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) certification is one of Cisco’s most sought-after entry-level IT certifications. The CCNA exam tests the knowledge and skills that a network professional would need to possess to install, configure, and troubleshoot medium-sized networks. CCNA is a technical certification that Cisco offers for early-career networking professionals. It covers the following topics: network fundamentals, network access, Internet Protocol (IP) connectivity, IP services, security fundamentals, and automation and programmability. This course helps candidates prepare for this exam.

#### GOOGLE: IT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

The Google IT Support Certificate is a hands-on, online program designed to prepare beginner learners for entry-level jobs in IT support upon completion of the certificate. The program was developed by Google and covers the fundamentals of IT support, including troubleshooting, customer service, networking, operating systems, system administration, and



security. Classes will be held online via Google Classroom. Students will interact with a Google certified instructor as they navigate through the course modules and sections. Students will receive a google approved City College certificate upon successful completion of the program.

### **CREDENTIAL ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR/CASAC (PSYCHOLOGY DEPT, PROFESSOR ROBERT MELARA)**

The City College of New York's CASAC program is an OASAS-certified education training program: OASAS has approved ten courses as meeting the NY State education requirements for the addiction counselor-trainee credential. The program will satisfy the academic component for the New York State License in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling. It focuses on the psychopharmacological and physiological aspects of drugs, signs, symptoms and stages of alcoholism, individual and group counseling skills, the ethics of confidentiality, family treatment and multicultural issues. Also allowing students to be prepared for a career in substance abuse counseling or enhance their skills as social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, rehabilitation counselor, mental health counselor, substance abuse counselor, marriage and family therapist, or school counselor.

### **COMMUNITY SCIENTIST INSTITUTE (PROFESSOR KAREN HUBBARD)**

This six-week course delivered through the Continuing Education Program at CCNY is designed for individuals who are interested in developing community-relevant research. The course is specifically designed to engage community members in addressing the cancer burden in New York City. Cancer is the leading cause of premature death before the age of 65. As the onset and diagnosis of cancer continues to increase, we need more voices involved to develop new ways to reduce the cancer burden. Individuals are expected to attend in-person sessions on Saturdays and review the course material online for each module prior to the next class.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING COURSES (PROFESSOR JOHN FILOS)**

This program will be administered by CCNY's School of Continuing Studies and delivered in a virtual format by experts in environmental

engineering. The program will focus on the technologies and environmental challenges facing DEP and DEC, and course content will be developed such that it is approachable for the non-expert while useful for the experienced practitioner. The program is divided into four specialization tracks with an introductory core course, followed by a progression through two additional courses. Each course will consist of 15 weekly one-hour virtual meetings. The program began in September 2022 with the delivery of three courses: Activated Sludge Process, Measurement and Analysis at Water Resource Recovery Facilities, and Water Resource Recovery

### **PILLARS - HOME HEALTH AIDE AND GOOGLE IT COHORT**

The Home Health Aide program will be administered by CCNY's School of Continuing Studies and The Pillars organization. This approved NYSED training will take place via Zoom for three weeks (M-TH 10am-4pm) and a 16-hour in-person lab that takes place after the Zoom classes. Students will be able to help clients with daily personal tasks at home, manage the client's schedule and doctors' appointments among other tasks, follow the client's care plan and report on progress. The successful completion of the program leads to certification.

### **Are any of the changes a result of the Pandemic?**

Offering all classes online. It has benefited our classes as most (not all) run at full capacity or very close to the maximum enrollment. Students are using the Zoom help-desk to speak to staff members. Some of the classes have students enrolled from other states which we didn't have before.

### **Who are the new faces at the CPS and what do they bring to the program?**

I have been working with a fantastic group of people, very committed to the goals of CPS. We are in the process of hiring two new people. One of these positions will be an Associate Director of CPS and his/her role will be to run the daily operation as well to bring new ideas on programming, grant proposals, and work with the College Academic community in implementing new programs. The other one will be the Business Coordinator.

### NEW POSITIONS FOR ALUMNI

#### Irvington Schools Selects Francis Tolan for Pupil Personnel Services Position

**Francis Tolan, Educ. MSED '12** has been made assistant director of pupil personnel services for the Irvington Union Free School District. The Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kristopher Harrison announced the appointment and said Tolan impressed everyone with his deep knowledge and resourcefulness. "He values the importance of interpersonal connections and strong communication in establishing partnerships with students and their parents, colleagues and members of the school community," he said. "I...believe that he will have an immediate positive impact on the department and our students' experiences."

Tolan said he was drawn to Irvington for its high expectations, forward-thinking initiatives and accomplishments in the field of education. "Throughout the interview process, two aspects of Irvington's culture especially stood out to me: the importance of relationships and the collective desire to improve outcomes for students," he said.

Tolan recently served as interim acting assistant principal at One World Middle School in the Bronx, where he monitored the professional development series, oversaw the special education department and led day-to-day school operations.

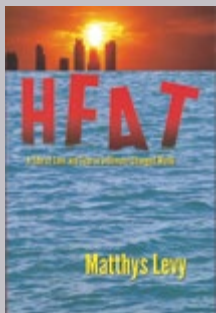
#### New York School for the Deaf Hires Santini for Superintendent

In a YouTube video online, President of the Board of Trustees for the New York School for the Deaf Alexis Kashar signed the announcement of their new Superintendent—**Dr. Joseph Santini, English Education MA '10**. Santini is an education leader with nearly two decades of experience with school organizations and leadership with an expertise in bilingual education. He comes to the position from the Clerc Center where he was director of instruction and equity. Signing his pleasure at accepting the position and joining the Fanwood community, he and Kashar ended the video signing "Love You."

#### Macfarlane Promoted to First Deputy Commissioner at DDC

**Eric Macfarlane, Civil Engineering BCE, '75**, has been named First Deputy Commissioner at the NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC). Macfarlane, who has been with the agency since 1996, was previously Deputy Commissioner for Infrastructure, where he was responsible for thousands of critical projects and helped implement important process improvements such as Joint Bidding. Macfarlane also holds an MA in civil engineering from Polytechnic Institute of NYU-Tandon School of Engineering. He is a NYS-licensed professional Engineer, a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and a member of the National Academy of Construction. In his new role, Macfarlane will have a high level of responsibility for the formulation of agency policy affecting all executive, managerial, professional, technical, and support staff.

### RECENTLY PUBLISHED



#### New Novel By Author Levy Highlights Personal Side of Climate Disaster

Structural engineer and Townsend Harris Medalist **Matthys P. Levy, CE '51**, has published a new book, "Heat," a novel about climate change and the disaster it poses to the residents of a retirement home in Miami who must flee untenable temps and rising tides. "Heat" is Levy's eighth book. He's the author of another novel, "Building Eden," as well as "Why the Wind Blows: A History of Weather and Global Warming," and co-written "Engineering the City: How Infrastructure Works," "Why Buildings Fall Down: Why Structures Fail," "Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Tsunamis: Projects and Principles for Beginning Geologists," and several others on Earthquakes. "Heat" is available at Amazon.com and other online retailers.

## BUSINESS NEWS

### Modest Clothing Company Shines on Tik Tok

Major clothing retailer Macy's shared a Tik Tok video of **Sherihan Moustafa**, **Econ BA '11**, CEO and founder of Urban Modesty clothing company, discussing her favorite item from the line. It was a "bold and body flattering dress" in a red print with tiers draped across the front and flared cuffs, perfect for a modest



individual or practicing Muslim. The clothing company specializes in evening wear, jumpsuits, maxi dresses, cardigans and dusters, as well as Salah prayer outfits. Moustafa was also featured in an article on the Parents.com website. The in-depth article interviews Moustafa, a mother of six. According to the story, she describes how her interest in fashion was stoked at City College and augmented at the Fashion Institute of Technology. The result, in 2013, was Urban Modesty with its tagline: "If you've got modesty, we've got you covered." The clothing can be purchased at Urbanmodesty.com, and at retailers in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and Staten Island, NY.

### Chemist Zingaro's Antitumor Compound Now Commercially Available

**Ralph A. Zingaro, '46**, Professor Emeritus, Department of Chemistry, Texas A&M University, and Townsend Harris medalist, has had his antitumor compound darinaparsin (known commercially as Darvias) approved by the Japanese equivalent of the FDA, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare regulatory agency. Solasia Pharma KK acquired the worldwide rights for the drug which is now commercially available in Japan. The approval paves the way for other markets. Darinaparsin, an organoarsenic compound with anticancer activity, is a novel mitochondrial-targeted agent being developed for the treatment of various hematologic and solid tumors. The anticancer effect it exerts is believed to induce cell cycle arrest and apoptosis. It has been granted orphan drug designation in the US and Europe as a treatment of peripheral T-cell lymphoma. T-cell lymphoma is a rare type of cancer that begins in the body's immune system, white blood cells called T cells. Zingaro and colleagues synthesized the compound more than 40 years ago in 1979.

## THE NYT STYLE MAGAZINE PROFILES TOWNSEND HARRIS MEDALISTS



(L to R photo Credit: Artist Faith Ringgold, '55 on the cover, and Filmmaker Radha Blank, '97 in the T magazine.)

The "New York Times Style Magazine" captured the working lives of 33 artists in an article called *The Artist's Way: 24 Hours in the Creative Life* in the April 21, 2022 issue. The visually stunning and complex story featured fine artist **Faith Ringgold** on one of its six cover choices. She was photographed at her studio in Englewood, NJ. Ringgold was the 2pm slot. According to the article, Ringgold says that she is currently on sabbatical. She says "it's been a time of reflection and listening rather than doing" since her husband died in 2020. Still, she hopes her "story can be an inspiration for all artists." Ringgold's work can be found in the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and The Museum of Modern Art.

Filmmaker **Radha Blank** was interviewed for the 9am slot. Blank is photographed for the article on a park bench in St. Nicholas Park in Harlem, northern Manhattan. Blank talks about being an artist by just sitting on a bench. She refers to the keen sense of observation necessary to see "stories unfold." Rather than "just being nosy," Blank thinks "this kind of observation leads to compassion and empathy." Blank wrote, directed and starred in the Sundance hit film on Netflix "The 40-year-old Version."

## HUMANITARIAN AWARD GIVEN TO ROBERT ADAMSKI



The New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA), honored **Robert Adamski, BCE '71**, with a Humanitarian Assistance Award at the virtual awards ceremony during its Annual Meeting. Given annually, the award recognizes outstanding leaders who demonstrate a strong commitment and direct action to humanitarian assistance efforts by promoting and creating opportunities in the water sector to overcome challenges, both locally and internationally. Adamski has been a member of NYWEA since 1981 and is recognized as a Life Member of the Water Environment Federation. Adamski served as chair of NYWEA's Humanitarian Assistance Committee, helped coordinate issues of "Clear Waters" magazine dedicated to the theme of Humanitarian Assistance, and, more recently, helped organize the Humanitarian Assistance Sessions at the annual meetings.

From 1992-2001, he held several leadership positions at NYC Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP), including serving as Deputy Commissioner of both the Bureau of Wastewater Treatment and Bureau of Design and Construction. After retiring from NYCDEP, he worked at civil engineering company Gannett Fleming for 10 years. Adamski is currently an Independent Consultant and provides expertise to vendors and consultants on various environmental matters.

Adamski's passion lies in his humanitarian work. He served on the Board of Directors for Water for People. While serving as a board member, he went to Guatemala and Malawi to help teach about living systems, a model used to train the local people how to maintain their own water systems. Adamski also was a representative to the United Nations for Water for People.

## Grammy Nod to SAC Audio Mixer Jon Rezin for Bridgerton Musical



Sonic Arts Center alum **Jon Rezin, BA '03**, recently won a 2022 Grammy Award for his work on "The Unofficial Bridgerton Musical" by Barlow & Bear. The award was for Best Musical Theater album. Rezin provided the audio mix as well as the audio mastering for the album. His work can be heard on numerous top-charting albums spanning the last decade including artists Santana, One Direction, John Legend, Carly Rae Jepsen, and Natalia Jimenez. As a first call vocal producer, he appeared on seven seasons of "American Idol," and provided the signature vocal sound for various major label and indie artists.

## US Masters Swimming Hall of Fame Inducts Jane Katz



**Jane Katz, '63**, is to be lauded by the Masters International Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honor Contributor this fall at a ceremony in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. U.S. Masters Swimming (USMS) inducts Katz, an AGUA Masters member, for her contribution over the decades as an administrator, educator and competitor. Much honored during her

lifetime, Katz has broken dozens of records, recorded hundreds of individual Top 10 times and been USMS All-American almost 40 times. Dedicated to the cause of the USMS, she served on the Sports Medicine and Science Committee for over a decade. According to an article on the USMS website, Katz said the honor was unexpected and humbling. "Over my lifetime, I gave generously of my time to USMS and other organizations because I knew my name recognition would bring in press, donations, and people," said Katz. Professor Katz has taught in the Health and Physical Education Dept. at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, for over 50 years, and is founder of Global Aquatics. She has written several books and produced videos about aquatics. She received the Distinguished Educator Award from CCNY in 2012, a Townsend Harris Award in 2000, and was the first female recipient of the Alumni Varsity Association Award in 1976. She was inducted into John Jay's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2012. She is credited with introducing synchronized swimming to the Olympic Games, as a member of the U.S. Synchronized Swimming Performance Team in Tokyo in 1964.



### Honors by Jewish Sports Heritage Association for NYT Sportswriter Eskenazi



Townsend Harris medalist **Gerald Eskenazi, '59**, is to be inducted into the Jewish Sports Heritage Association on April 23, 2023. The NY-based Jewish Sports Heritage Association is a not-for-profit education organization whose mission is to educate the public about the role Jewish men and

women have played, and continue to play, in the world of sports, an area of Jewish accomplishment often overlooked. Eskenazi's 47-year career as a sportswriter at "The New York Times," with over 8,000 bylines, will be honored at the event. He is also the author of 16 books, including "Gang Green" (Simon & Schuster, 2010) about the NY Jets and "A Sportswriter's Life: From the Desk of a New York Times Reporter Vol. 1" (University of Missouri, 2011).

### Community Board Member Haber Recognized for Service

Townsend Harris medalist **Bernard Haber, BCE '51**, is the longest serving member of a Community Board in NYC having been appointed to CB11, Queens when the Boards were established in 1969. During his civic career he chaired the Board for 30 years, and is involved in all municipal activities for his community in northeast Queens (pop. 120,000). He has been cited by New York City, New York State and the US Congress for his public service to his community and NYC. Simultaneously, Haber was the managing partner of the oldest and one of the largest transportation design firms, Hardesty & Hanover, NY, until his retirement. During his professional career, he was responsible for the design of major highways such as the Cross Bronx and Long Island Expressways, I80 NJ, and hundreds of major bridges throughout the country and overseas. He has been the recipient of many awards, including the CCNY Engineering Achievement Award, the NYS Liberty Award, as well as the Engineer of the Year Award by ASCE and ACED. He established the Bernard Haber Civil Engineering Scholarship providing tuition assistance for students at CCNY.

### REAL ESTATE BOARD OF NY HONORS JEFFREY LEVINE FOR LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT



Townsend Harris Medalist **Jeffrey Levine, BS '75**, has received the Harry B. Helmsley Distinguished New Yorker Award. Awarded by the Real Estate Board of NY (REBNY) to a member who has achieved exceptional accomplishment in the profession, and made invaluable contributions to New York's civic welfare.

Levine is founding principal and chairman of The Douglaston Cos., consisting of Douglaston Development, Levine Builders and Clinton Management. Since 1979, he has directed the construction or rehabilitation of thousands of residential units, including both affordable and luxury housing, student housing, hotels, senior living, health care facilities and millions of square feet of commercial retail, office and institutional spaces. Levine's most recent accomplishment is the development of the Williamsburg waterfront in Brooklyn.

He is a member of the REBNY Executive Committee and a founding member of both the New York State Association for Affordable Housing and the Kimmel Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating and promoting affordable housing and services for aged, disabled and other special-needs populations. He serves on the board of the Citizens Housing and Planning Council, the New York Housing Conference and the Queens Chamber of Commerce. He also sits on the advisory board of his alma mater Spitzer School of Architecture, as well as New York University's Real Estate Institute.

Among his notable awards is the Met Council's Builder of the Year Award in 2011 and, more recently, the Tree of Life humanitarian award from the Jewish National Fund where he is Chairman of the Board.

**KENNETH WEISSMAN, BA ECON. '58**, died on June 15, 2022. He was 86. His strongest passion was his belief in education for all. As a dear husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and mentor, he'd encourage everyone to set higher education as a priority. Weissman was principal of the Evening and Summer High Schools for all of New York City, including the NYC prison system. As a lifelong educator, he advocated that a HS diploma was essential to future success. In addition to academics, he advocated for a strong technical education - as he recognized necessary skills important to a functioning society include those taught in trade schools. Earlier in his career he was assistant principal at Manhattan Vocational Technical School in NYC, as well as principal at Alexander Hamilton Vocational Technical High School. He was a leader and innovator of high school programs that supported these skills, offered job opportunities through internships, after-school SAT prep, and enrichment programs focused on school trips to NYC's arts and cultural institutions. Weissman enjoyed his position as trustee of the NY Historical Institute, was a fellow of the NY Academy of Sciences, and as a board member of the Junior Academy of the NY Academy of Science in the 1970's. He was an avid reader on diverse subjects ranging from scientific, the natural world, and mathematics to manufacturing and economics. Weissman was a collector of unusual artifacts and enjoyed attending lectures to continually expand his knowledge. Weissman cared deeply for his family and friends. He is survived by his wife Adele Schofler Weissman (BA '62), who he met at Shepard Hall and was the love of his life, his three daughters, Carol Weissman Kurth (BS'80/BArch '81), Judith Ganes and Laura Rothschild, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

**LAWRENCE GRALLA, '51**, died on April 29, 2022. He was 91. Born in 1930 in the Bronx and raised in an apartment above his Polish immigrant family's bakery, Gralla graduated from Stuyvesant High School before attending City College, where he would meet his wife Yvette. They would be married for the rest of his life. As a student journalist, he covered the City College basketball team's national championship and scandalous fall from grace. His work at CCNY got him a job as a sports stringer for the New York Times. He eventually founded a news service of his own before forming a trade magazine company with his brother Milton. Later known as Gralla Publications, the brothers grew the publishing juggernaut to include 19 magazines, a trade-show division, and over 300 employees. The company turned millions in profit each year before being sold to the United Newspapers of London for \$44 million in 1983. Gralla stayed on as president for a time. A celebrated trade magazine pioneer, Gralla received the Government Israel Special Trade award in 1980 and the Townsend Harris medal from City College in 2002. A member of the Communications Alumni Hall of Fame, Gralla was awarded a doctorate in Humane Letters in 2007 and a Distinguished Partner in Education award in 2011. A preservationist and a philanthropist, Gralla and Yvette dedicated a significant portion of their good fortune to the conservation of the Adirondacks and Lake George over their seven decades together. They also established the Stuyvesant-CCNY Scholarship Project, offering students free tuition and generous stipends. The program later expanded into the New Era Scholarship, offering the same opportunities to students from other high schools. He also served as the president of their temple in White Plains, NY. Gralla is survived by Yvette, his daughters Adele and Heidi, and six grandchildren.



**LESTER HOEL, '57**, died on April 19, 2022 in San Francisco, California. He was 87. A lifelong academic and believer in the power of education, Hoel found his way out of a Great Depression-era Brooklyn tenement to become one of the world's leading experts on public transportation. Born in 1935 to Norwegian immigrants, Hoel attended Brooklyn Technical High School, City College, the Polytechnic Institute of New York, which later became New York University, and earned his PhD at UC Berkeley. Over the course of his distinguished career, Hoel taught and directed engineering and transportation departments at the University of Virginia, Carnegie Mellon University, and in Norway as part of a Fulbright Fellowship. He traveled the world to study the transportation systems of the largest cities. During his time in academia, Hoel penned hundreds of papers and co-authored textbooks used in undergraduate and graduate transportation engineering programs across the country. At age 54, he became the first professor at the University of Virginia to be named to the National Academy of Engineering. And he was elected as a distinguished member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a position filled by only 200 members of the 150,000-member organization. A dear friend of the author David McCullough, Hoel and the historian were known to duet - McCullough on the piano, Hoel on the violin. A lover of life, music, and baseball, Hoel authored a book of his own, "I'll Have to Remember That: Ten Ideas for Living." He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Unni, his daughters Julie, Sonja, and Lisa, and four grandchildren.



**LEO JOSEPH CANTOR, ME '67**, died on June 16, 2022. He was 99. A key figure in the construction of modern Richmond, VA, Cantor spent 33 years working for the city government there, rising to be commissioner of buildings. He supervised the construction of the city's present-day skyline and signature institutions, including Byrd Airport, Deepwater Terminal, Richmond City Hall, the Richmond Coliseum, the Federal Reserve Building, the Philip Morris USA Complex, and the James Center. His accomplishments had a wide-ranging impact and received national acknowledgement. He was a key figure in the drafting of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code in 1973 and oversaw the publication of the Building and Code Administrators Association's Model Code in 1975, which continues to serve as a building safety standards foundation for construction across the US, and the world over. In 1976, President Gerald Ford named Cantor to the charter board of the National Institute of Building Sciences. Raised in Brooklyn along with

four siblings by a single father, Cantor attended City College and received a degree in mechanical engineering before joining the U.S. Army and serving in Europe at the end of World War II. When he returned to the states, he pursued graduate studies at Virginia Tech. In Virginia, he met his wife Mary with whom he would be for the rest of his life. She founded and directed a pre-school, he worked as a structural engineer, dedicating his life to public safety. He is survived by Mary, their three children Eileen, Irvin, and Donna, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

**40s | ALFRED TRAVIS ZODDA, '40**, died on May 4, 2022 in Venice, Florida. He was 102. Born and raised in the Bronx, Zodda earned a Master's in romance languages at Fordham University after attending City College. He spent his career working in the healthcare products industry, rising to be vice president, chief operating officer, and president of a number of major firms, including the E.R. Squibb and Olin Corporation, the Damon Corporation, and Immunogenetics, Inc. He is survived by his son Alfred, his daughter Christie, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Jenny and his son Deni.

**ARTHUR MURRAY GOLDEN, ACCTG. '43**, died on April 30, 2022. He was 98. Born in Brooklyn in 1923, Golden was first cellist at the 1939 World's Fair, married his teenage sweetheart Eleanor in 1943, and served in the Army in World War II. After graduating City College, Golden worked as the CEO and CFO of a number of companies, including Gabriel Industries, Marx Toys, and CBS. Champions of civil rights, Golden and Eleanor worked with Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Eleanor predeceased him in 2017. He is survived by his daughters Abby and Barbara, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**IRWIN KALLMAN, '49**, died on May 3, 2022 in Greenwich, Connecticut. He was 94. Born in New York City in 1928, Kallman served in the U.S. Army as a reservist, attended City College, and

obtained an MA in business from the University of Michigan before earning a law degree from New York Law School. After beginning his career as a real estate tax attorney, Kallman went on to found a national real estate investment firm, Win Properties, Inc. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Judith, his daughter Patti, his son Jonathan, stepdaughter Deborah, stepson Robert, 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

**50s | DR. STUART M. LOSEN, '52**, died on May 27, 2022. He was 92. Born and raised in the Bronx, Losen was a proud graduate of Bronx Science and City College, where he met his wife Joyce of 70 years. During the Korean War, Losen served as a psychologist at the Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, helping returning American prisoners of war. In 1959,



he earned a PhD in psychology from the University of Buffalo before becoming among the earliest contributors of psychological services to Connecticut public schools. He spent many of his years in New Canaan public schools, and served as the president of the Connecticut Psychological Association. He also taught at Yale University, Southern Connecticut State College, and Fairfield University while maintaining a private practice. In retirement he taught comparative religion classes at the Lifetime Learning Institute of Norwalk Community College. He is

survived by Joyce, his daughter Laurie, his son Daniel, and four grandchildren.



**DIANE ADELE HOROWITZ DOWNEY, BS EDUC. '54**, died on April 24, 2022 in New Haven, Connecticut. She was 89. Born and raised in the Bronx, Downey was a proud graduate of NYC public schools and City College. Downey worked for the American Red Cross, the Journal of Neurosurgery and St. Luke's Roosevelt. She loved the Mets, the Grateful Dead, the New Yorker, the Sunday Review of Books, the London Review of Books, and the New Republic, when it was still read. She is survived by her children Hilary, Steven and Nancy, and six grandchildren.

**ALBERT J. CARDINALI, BA SOC. SCI. '55**, died on March 18, 2022 in Hutchinson Island, Florida. He was 87. Cardinali received his bachelor's from City College in 1955 before earning a bachelor's and master's in law from Columbia University and New York University, respectively. He served two years in the 2nd U.S. Army Missile Command before entering tax law, eventually becoming the chair of Thatcher, Profitt, & Wood's tax department until his retirement in 2004. He was the president of the Columbia University Alumni association, a leader in the Rye, New York Presbyterian Church, and a co-trustee of the Bank of New York/Mellon. He is survived by his children John and Raymond, stepsons Kenneth, Scott, and Jeffrey, and 13 grandchildren.

**RONALD SCHECHTER, '56**, died on April 2, 2022 in Fort Lee, New Jersey. He was 90. An Army veteran who grew up in the Bronx, Schechter graduated from Taft High School in Mount Eden and City College. For 50 years he worked as a commercial real estate broker in New Jersey. He is survived by his wife Florence, his daughter Nina, his son Jeffrey, and five grandchildren.

**AL ZIRKES, CHEM. BS '56**, died on January 10, 2022 in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. He was 86. He graduated from the Lower East Side's Seward Park High School before going to CCNY. He credited his dedication and work ethic throughout his career to his positive learning experience at CCNY. Zirkes worked in the fields of medical physics and radiation safety, spending time in the 1960's working on the Apollo 10, 11, and 12 moon missions. For 50 years he worked in the field, much of it for Tracerlab. He trained Cape Canaveral workers on radiation safety and helped analyze weapons tests. At the dawn of the nuclear age and human space travel, Zirkes was involved in the grand project at an intimate level. In his life, Zirkes traveled throughout Europe, South America, and to Israel. He loved playing bridge and walking 12 miles along the shore in Southern California. He is survived by his wife Shelly, his three children Arnold, Mona and Michelle, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**60s | DR. TREVA LOUISE PALMER MASULAITUS MS CHEM. '63**, died on Aug. 16, 2022. She was 83. Born in Ohio on a farm, Palmer received her BS Chem from Kent State University before moving to NY for her Masters degree at CCNY. She was awarded her PhD in biochemistry from NY Medical College in the Bronx in 1966. She worked for Pfizer as a research chemist and taught college at Jersey City State College. The chemistry was just

right when she met Tony Masualitus at a chemistry meeting at St. Peter's College, Jersey City. They married in 1978. Upon retiring, they moved to Maine where she created a certified Natural Wildlife Habitat in her garden, and managed the Eucharistic Ministry at her church in Bath. She is survived by her husband and Coco the cat.

**LAWRENCE SIMON, BA BUS. '65**, died in May 2022. A devoted alumnus to Baruch College, Simon was president of the Baruch College Fund, from 2008 to 2011, leading the fund through the 2008 economic crisis with vision and creativity. He served as a trustee for the fund from 2006 until his death. With his wife Sandra, he endowed the Sandra and Lawrence Simon Scholarship and named the Sandra and Lawrence Simon Conference Room. In 2007, he was awarded with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. He is survived by his wife Sandra.

**SELMA G. BERNSTEIN, BUS. '67**, died on May 4, 2022 on Long Island, New York. She was 93. Bernstein was one of the first women to graduate from Baruch Business School. With Raymond Bernstein, who predeceased her, she raised three children and were active members of the Port Washington community, including the Community Synagogue and Child Guidance. She is survived by her daughter Ellen, three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.



Physics Professor **ROBERT M. LEA** died June 1, 2022. He was 88. Lea joined CCNY after receiving his doctorate in physics from Yale, and doing research at Brookhaven National Lab. He retired from CCNY in 1992. He is survived by his wife Vickie, daughter Jennie, son-in-law Campbell Clegg, stepdaughter Sabina Curti, and two grandchildren.



**LEO KOPPELMAN, BS '50**, died on March 21, 2022 in Stony Brook, NY. He was 94. A conservationist and planner, Koppelman championed economic development and

environmentalism on Long Island for 40 years. He served as the executive director of the Nassau-Suffolk Regional Planning Board between 1965 and 2006, overseeing the preservation of tens of thousands of acres of farmland, open space, coastal wetlands, and underground water supply. He created Suffolk County's park system and helped preserve the Pine Barrens forest. A native of Astoria, Koppelman earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from City College in 1950 after serving in the Navy. He later received a Master's from the Pratt Institute and a PhD in public administration from NYU. He is survived by his wife Connie, his children Lesli, Claudia, Keith, and Laurel, and three grandchildren.

**SHELDON J. ELFENBEIN, '57**, died on July 28, 2022. He was 86. Born in the Bronx to Esther and Morris Elfenbein, he practiced family medicine in the Seaford community for over 53 years. He lived in Massapequa Park from 1969 with his family. For 25 years, Elfenbein served as chairman of Family



Practice at Massapequa General Hospital, and was a clinical professor at the NY College of Osteopathic Medicine. His enthusiasm and passion for medicine influenced many to follow in his footsteps. Elfenbein loved stories and wrote his memoirs. He was a committed walker, putting thousands of miles on his pedometer, receiving recognition from "Newsday" for the accomplishment of walking the equivalent of NY to California and back. He is survived by his wife Myrna of 63 years, his children Karen, Jeffrey and Julie, his daughter-in-law Kathy, son-in-law Allan, and six grandchildren.





**CHARLOTTE FRANK, BA '50**, died May 26, 2022 in Manhattan. She was 93. A 25-year veteran of the New York City school system, Frank played a key role in shaping the academic curriculum for millions of students. Beginning her career as a fourth grade teacher, Frank was the force behind significant changes to teachings for New York City students, including modernizing sex-ed programs, banning the instruction of creationism over evolution, launched programs for teachers to learn about racial prejudice in classroom settings, and called for the implementation of universal full-day kindergarten. Recruited in 1980 by then-schools Chancellor Frank J. Macchiarola to serve as director of curriculum and instruction, Frank was a singular figure within the Department of Education for nine years. In 1988, she joined publishing company McGraw Hill as a senior adviser for research and development, rising to senior vice president in 2002. She did not retire until 2018, at age 87. Frank also served on the NYS Board of Regents, overseeing the SUNY system and the state Education Department. She earned a bachelor's degree in business from City College in 1950, later serving on CCNY's alumni association board. In 1966, she received a master's from Hunter College, and in 2000, at age 71, she earned a doctorate in education from New York University. Born in the Bronx in 1929 to Jewish immigrants from Ukraine, Frank began teaching in 1963 at PS 62 in Parkchester, across the street from the auto glass shop where her father, Abraham, worked. Her mother, Rose, was a homemaker. Her first husband, Sidney Frank, died in 1988 after 38 years of marriage. Their children, Harley, Matthew, and Anne survive them. Frank remarried in 1989 to Marvin Leffler, who survives her along with Frank's stepchildren Bruce and Nancy, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



**HAROLD SCHERAGA, BS '41**, died on Aug. 1, 2022 in Ithaca, New York. He was 98. A pioneer of protein chemistry, Scheraga spent the better parts of seven decades shaping human understanding of protein structure and function. He played a major role in discovering the physical principles behind the behavior of proteins, constructing a foundation the field continues to build off of in the fields of chemistry, physics, and medical science. Even after his retirement in 1992, Scheraga continued to contribute to the field, publishing five papers as recently as 2018. Born in Brooklyn in October of 1921, Scheraga spent his early years in Monticello, New York, until his father's radio and musical instrument store was lost during the Great Depression. The family moved back to Brooklyn in the 1930s before Scheraga enrolled at City College, where he would earn a BS. He went to Duke University for his PhD and Harvard Medical School for a postdoctoral fellowship. In 1947, he was hired as a teacher at Cornell University to teach quantitative analysis and then undergraduate physical chemistry. Cornell, where his uncle once attended veterinary school, would become home to Scheraga and his family for decades to come. His wife of 76 years, Miriam, worked in the university library for 30 years, and their three children would go on to graduate from Cornell. From 1960 to 1967, Scheraga was the chair of the chemistry department, overseeing the institution's expansion into molecular biology and molecular science. During his tenure, Scheraga authored over 1,300 publications, and mentored hundreds of students and researchers. His work was honored with a Guggenheim fellowship and a Fulbright research scholarship. He was also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a member of the United States National Academy of Sciences, and the American Academy of Arts and Science. In 1957, Scheraga was awarded the Eli Lilly Award in biological chemistry, one of the field's top awards. In 1970, Scheraga was awarded the Townsend Harris Medal by City College's Alumni Association in honor of his outstanding postgraduate achievement. In 2018, CCNY honored him with a Doctor of Science, with President Vince Boudreau describing Scheraga "as someone from humble socioeconomic beginnings who came to City College when it was free—embodies CCNY's commitment to promoting social mobility for its students." His wife, Miriam, predeceased him in January. Scheraga is survived by his brother, David, his children Judith, Deborah, and Daniel, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



**WERNER REICH, ENGIN. '66**, died on July 8, 2022, at his home in Smithtown, NY. He was 94. Reich, a survivor of Auschwitz, was born in Berlin in 1927 to Elly and Wilhelm Reich. When the Nazi regime came into power, the Reich family left for Zagreb, Yugoslavia, but the Nazis invaded in 1941, and Reich went into hiding for two years. The Gestapo found him and he was eventually sent to Auschwitz, where he was one of the few survivors to encounter the infamous Dr. Josef Mengele. Upon liberation by US Army troops in 1945, Reich was 17, severely underweight and malnourished. After the war, he married Eva Schiff, in England, and they emigrated to the US in 1955. He went to school at City College, and got a job as an industrial engineer for major corporations. Known for magic tricks he learned at Auschwitz, his sense of humor, and his cooking, he believed people needed to be kinder to each other. Reich began his public speaking career at age 69, touring the world to discuss his experiences during the war. He gave a TEDxMidAtlantic talk about the magic of kindness. He co-wrote an autobiography "The Death Camp Magician" in 2015. He is predeceased by his wife (2016) and survived by sons David and Mikal, daughter-in-law Andrea, and four grandchildren.

## IN MEMORIAM

Nathan Douglas "Doug" Laster, EE '44

Theodore Yegerman, Business '49

Irving Gamza, Psych. '50

Norman Moskowitz, ME '50

John Anthony Tantillo, CE '50

Julius Mehrberg, '51

Gladys Bernstein, '52

Michael Manduca, Psych. '52

Edward C. Scheader, CE '52

Thomas Talaat Turqman, Soc. Sci. '52

Harvey Mendelson, CE '53

Robert Leon Seecof, '53

Ernst Kaufmann, Bus. Admin '54

Doris Koenig, Educ. '54

Marlowe Marcus, '54

Richard Onken, BA '54

Herbert Weinstein, CE '55

Dr. Fred Kurt Manasse, EE '56

Allan Eisenkraft, Psych. '57

Ernest Lightfoot Kohnke, Chem. '57

Admiral Robert A. Rosen, Acctg. '57

Arthur Tom, '57

Charles Joel Morfopoulos, CE '58

Wallace Shakun, ME '58

Murray Fruchter, EE '60

Sandra "Sandy" Katz, Educ. '61

Ethel Elkin, MEd '64

John Anthony Reade, Bio. '64

Robert Molinari, '65

Janice Zarowin, Psych. '66

Walter Robert Boon, Math '67

Jane Dale Feibish, Educ. '70

Mark Burkholz, '72

Hannah Kit Ellenbogen, Educ. '72

Irving Frederick Lefberg, Black Stud. '72

Dr. Jonathan Ravdin, Biomed. Engin. '72

Martin "Marty" Connolly, BEE '75

James David Fleshman, MA Sci. Educ. '94

Chad M. Christman, Music '12

CCNY Dept. of Math Professor Ralph Kopperman

Dr. Alan Katz

## CCNY & ALUMNI

Current events and clues found in this issue.

### ACROSS

4. Peter Magnani has a new street named for him in \_\_\_\_\_.

6. President Biden's administration will \_\_\_\_\_ unpaid student federal loans up to \$10,000.

8. Mayor Adams' subway \_\_\_\_\_ plan left students hopeful but skeptical.

11. Leonard \_\_\_\_\_ is regarded as one of the fathers of \_\_\_\_\_ theory.

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13. Macy's shared a Tik Tok video of Sherihan Moustafa, CEO and founder of Urban \_\_\_\_\_ clothing.

14. Fifteen students were \_\_\_\_\_ at the recent ROTC ceremony.

17. The 142nd Annual Alumni Gala is Thursday, Nov. 3 to honor \_\_\_\_\_ alumni.

21. Larry \_\_\_\_\_ is the new president of the Alumni Association for the next three years.

22. Filmmaker and Professor Andrzej Krakowski was recognized for being an Outstanding Pole Abroad by \_\_\_\_\_.

24. Dr. Henry W. Posamentier is a geologist whose work has helped put forth the case for \_\_\_\_\_ change.

25. Townsend Harris was the first American \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan in 1856.

28. Major General Johnny K. Davis was the \_\_\_\_\_ speaker for the ROTC commissioning ceremony.

29. Dr. Posamentier developed two \_\_\_\_\_ sub-disciplines.

30. Members of the Alumni Association participated in the NYRR's annual \_\_\_\_\_ Sutton Harlem 5K Run during \_\_\_\_\_ Walk.

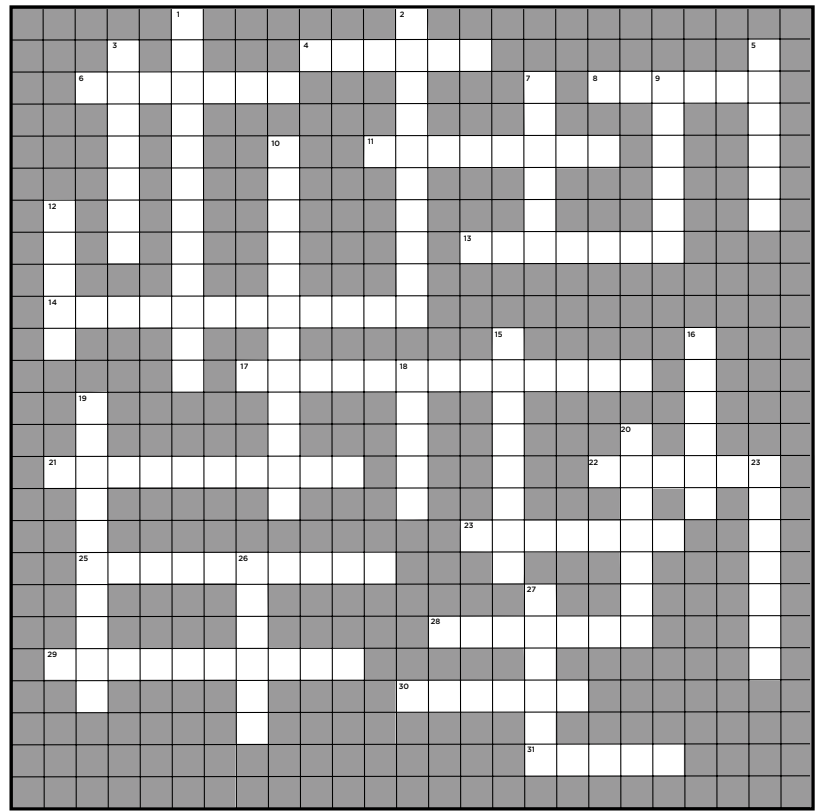
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31. The Golding \_\_\_\_\_, C. Elaine and C. Ellen, are psychologists.

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1. Dr. Allen Taylor is known for using his expertise to combat age-related \_\_\_\_\_ eye disease.

2. CPS \_\_\_\_\_ under the direction of CWE Dean Juan Mercado.



3. Samuel Untermyer was well-known for his \_\_\_\_\_ of Nazi Germany in America.

5. This year's annual meeting was a \_\_\_\_\_ event with people meeting in person and via Zoom.

7. A new exhibit about Townsend Harris and \_\_\_\_\_, Japan is on display at the library.

9. Anthony D. Romero is the executive director of the ACLU and the \_\_\_\_\_ Award recipient.

10. Master's programs are often \_\_\_\_\_ for academics pursuing PhDs.

15. The New York Times magazine featured artist Faith \_\_\_\_\_ on one of six covers in April.

16. Alumni Association members went to \_\_\_\_\_ Series Baseball Game event in July.

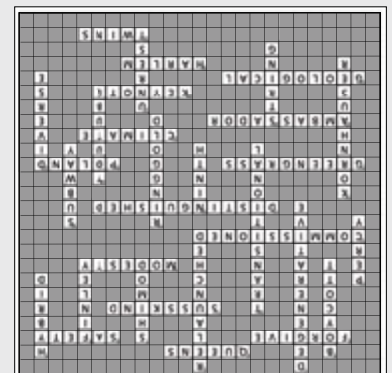
18. CWE's Americas Poetry Festival of New York in its \_\_\_\_\_ year.

19. An Alumni Association Service Award was given to Professor Anne \_\_\_\_\_.

20. The New York School for the Deaf announced its new Superintendent Dr. Joseph Santini via a \_\_\_\_\_ video.

23. Townsend Harris honorees are a \_\_\_\_\_ group of alumni.

27. Francee Covington took part in the \_\_\_\_\_ for social change on CCNY campus in 1969.





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