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AWARD PRESENTATION  
RECEPTION & COCKTAILS  
GRAND BALLROOM  
6:00 PM

DINNER  
DINING ROOM  
FOURTH FLOOR  
8:00 PM

THE COSMOPOLITAN CLUB  
122 EAST 66TH STREET  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10065

## FINCH FACADE



This image was created by Margaret Stein Nakamura (class of '72 and recipient of a Jessica Cosgrave Award in 2007) as an homage to the Finch building at 52-54 East Seventy-Eighth Street. She created the image using a combination of photographs, drawings and computer graphics.



## ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF OUR FINCH HERITAGE AND GOALS . . .

We are proud to recognize the achievements of five Finch graduates who have had and who continue to pursue fulfilling careers in real estate, theatre, publishing, photography and art.

It is also our pleasure to welcome back Joann Catrino Rosenstrach who was part of the Finch administration through 1971, and would subsequently embark on a career in law in which she remains very active. We are proud as well to welcome guest speaker, Sidonia Dalby, from Smith where several of our Finch Scholars have graduated, thanks to her special guidance.

We take great pleasure in the continuing academic progress of our Scholarship recipients who are presently attending universities throughout the country such as Columbia, Smith College, the University of Pennsylvania, GW in Wash DC, Ohio State, Utica College, Hunter College, Rowan Univ., and the Grove School of Engineering, to name a few. We are so proud of their achievement and commitment to mentor upcoming scholars.

We are delighted to move forward with ambitious goals in 2017 thanks to the continuing financial support of the Louis Stern family, in memory of the late Freya Moskowitz Stern.

We are also very grateful to the ever-growing community of "Friends of Finch" for their on-going contributions to FCAACT and for their participation in our many activities.

Know, too, that the organization owes its most significant thanks to the dedication, talent, and professional input of its volunteers.

As we embark on our 23rd year, we are inspired to expand our efforts and out-reach while growing our Finch community with great old and new friendships.

Thank you for your participation,

*Ceil*

Ceil Ainsworth

*Liz*

Elizabeth Colin

Co-Chairs

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## JOANN CATRINO ROSENSTRACH - FACULTY HONOREE



Joann remembers her time at Finch as “an experience not a job”. From 1965 to 1971 she held several titles including Assistant Director of Admissions and Educational Director of FISP. “I remember being in an incredibly beautiful, sophisticated environment.” She enjoyed “all those haute cuisine lunches with staff and students.” In her role as Assistant Director of Admissions she recruited students from outside of New York City. “I was always proud to visit schools throughout the country to represent such a unique institution. A private school on the Upper East Side spoke for itself.” As Educational Director of FISP, Joann led small groups of what she calls, “sophisticated cosmopolitan young women” on study trips abroad to Spain and Italy. “I was amazed that I was actually paid to do it. We spent most of our time in renowned museums.”

For the small town girl from western Pennsylvania, “being in New York City in the sixties was life altering. You could not shut out the world.” Joann was hired to teach a secretarial course and work in Dr. Roland DeMarco’s office. “The business program then simply recognized that for most entry level jobs in the early sixties, a young woman should have some secretarial skills. Never was it thought to be demeaning.” Over a period of just a few years she saw expectations for young women change dramatically. “The biggest movement was the feminist movement. It made you look at everything and examine things you had not thought about. It was a pass to be ambitious. Before it was wonderful to get married. Suddenly someone was saying be ambitious for yourself.”

Joann was 49 when she embarked on a career in law. Her practice is based in Mamaroneck, NY. “I have specialized in real estate law for the past 31 years. I still find it interesting and challenging. It is anything but a rubber stamp. No two clients are the same. No two deals are the same. It’s always new and fresh.” She relishes the way it connects her to her community. In fact many of her clients are now the children of her older clients.

Joann credits her “wonderful husband” of 48 years, Ivan Rosenstrach, for helping to overcome the difficulties of balancing work and family life. Her biggest accomplishment, she says, is her children, two daughters and one son. All three went to college on tennis scholarships. She notes that her daughters were the beneficiaries of Title IX, which opened doors to girls in sports. Jenny, who writes a popular blog called “Dinner: A Love Story,” went to Yale and Lynn, who has followed in her mom’s footsteps as a college admissions counselor, went to Amherst.

The whole family is mad for sports, especially tennis. “Tennis has always played a major role in our lives. Playing tennis, driving to tennis tournaments, watching college tennis matches have all built wonderful shared memories.” Now Joann is taking on a new challenge, “I’m trying to learn paddle tennis!”

Joann and her husband are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren. “Our children all live in the greater metropolitan area, which is as good as it gets.



*Husband Ivan, Daughters - Jenny & Lynn and grandchildren*

## JUDY KENDALL LEVINE



*L to R: Ira Bradley Levine, Diana Gittleman Levine, Ross Stewart Levine, Judy Kendall Levine, Jonathan Alexander Levine, Annie Spitz Levine*

two, young sons. Judy formed a Pediatric Support Committee of her friends. The first “Light up a Life” was a philanthropic event at the former FAO Schwarz. It included parents and children as well as guest celebrities. “I’m proud to say” Judy states, “The Founder’s Committee” was formed as a tribute to those who started an event that continues to light up children’s lives. The anniversary was further honored by a parade featuring the Knickerbocker Grey’s. And so, twenty-five years after it began, our 2016 “Light Up a Life” event was attended by over 1000 guests and raised nearly \$500,000!

Judy is a member of the National Executive Committee of Brandeis University. “Emerman Hall was donated by my father’s family in 1948”, she states.

A 4th generation legacy of prominent developers and investors, has offered Judy unique knowledge and expertise in the business of real estate. Recognized as an industry expert for negotiating optimal terms for her clients, Judy has sustained an impeccable record for receiving 100% approval for for sellers and buyers alike, garnering referral and repeat business from loyal, appreciative clients. “Finding the right home for someone is a privilege and a responsibility that I have always taken very seriously” she states. “My clients become long-lasting friends.”

After graduating from Finch, Judy attended courses at The New York School of Interior Design. Upon completion, she was referred to the very active office of one of New York’s top interior designers (where she happily found another Finch graduate!). The clients included Barbara Walters, Johnny Carson and Anne Klein. After a few years, Judy started her own firm, and named it Felicity Tattersall. “I just thought it was a great name for a designer!”, she said, “kind of classy and funny”. As her firm and client base expanded, Judy became a frequent designer for the Kips Bay Decorator’s Show House. Today, Judy combines both interior design and real estate. She has lectured on the interactive nature between real estate and design.

Working within the Mayor’s Office of Film, Theatre & Broadcasting (MOFTB) and the Mayor’s Office of Media & Entertainment (MOME), Judy has used her knowledge of the high-end, current real estate market, to offer the perfect venue for a location combined with the opportunity for charitable giving.

Judy is the proud mother of two incredible sons, Jonathan and Ross, two beautiful, lovely daughters in law and two “unbelievably faaaaabulous!!!!” grandbabies – a boy and a girl. Ross is a producer of music videos as well as film production. His credits include videos for Bruno Mars and Beyonce. Jonathan is a director and writer. He has directed 7 feature films. His recent film starring Goldie Hawn and Amy Schumer will be released May 12th.

Judy Kendall Levine is equally passionate about her three business interests: philanthropy, real estate and interior design.

She has been a member of over 20 philanthropic committees and served on several prestigious Boards of Directors throughout the years, but she says the following are perhaps the most meaningful:

Judy’s awareness of formal philanthropy began when she was in her early 20’s, when the Junior Division of the Anti-Defamation League approached her, requesting that she become the Publicity Director for their annual fundraiser, The Candlelight Ball. The prior year Judy had “the best summer job ever” with a public relations firm that represented many of the most famous entertainers. With the firm’s assistance, she was able to convince Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme to donate their talents for the festive evening. That year’s Candlelight Ball was recognized as having the largest attendance and the most significant financial contribution of any comparable event.

When Judy became the Executive Director of Donor Affairs for the Department of Pediatrics at New York Presbyterian Hospital – Weill Cornell Medical Center, she was married and had



*Judy Kendall Levine - bride  
Judith Lamstein Charney - maid of honor*

## GINGER RUNES KIERNAN NAJAR



Ginger Runes Kiernan Najjar attended Finch from 1956 to 1960. “The memories that bring a smile to my face,” she says, “are those from the cafeteria, wandering from table to table recapping the weekend’s activities with friends.” Ginger graduated with a B.A. degree in psychology, but later decided that psychology was not for her.

Books have always a big part of Ginger’s life. She is the daughter of a Romanian-born scholar. “I grew up surrounded by books and was always fond of reading.” In the late 1990s, she came up with an interesting idea: sell books about movies in movie theaters. “As movies had won the hearts and souls, I decided to try and marry the two. Through a family attorney, we called Sony cold and pitched them the idea of a kiosk in their lobby that would sell only books about movies. The concept, Reel Books, was wonderful and for me it was cathartic. I found a way to bring more books into the lives of New Yorkers.” Actors volunteered to spend Saturday mornings reading to children seated in a circle on the floor. Even Vanessa Redgrave stopped by to read one day. “After a few years our lease ran out and that was that.”

Today, Ginger is the sole proprietor and publisher of Philosophical Library, a publishing company founded 76 years ago by her father, philosopher, author and editor Dagobert D. Runes. It is a small publishing company with a mighty roster of 22 Nobel Prize winners, like George Bernard Shaw, Jean-Paul Sartre and Marie Curie as well as some of the world’s most iconic thinkers including Albert Einstein, Charles Darwin, and Simone de Beauvoir.

“Philosophical Library and its involvement with some of the world’s greatest minds was everything to my father. In maintaining the viability of Philosophical Library I absolutely felt like I was keeping his legacy alive. I also felt connected to my past, which as many of you would probably agree gets harder with time.”

Ginger also spreads her love of books by volunteering at the Goddard Riverside Community Center on the Upper West Side. “We host a book fair every year that you should all visit.”

Ginger has three sons and five grandchildren. Last summer she lost her beloved husband, Avi. “He was an Olympic Dad,” she says, “a great cook, and very much missed by our family.”



*Ginger and husband, Avi*



*Joshua ( Joshy ) Kiernan, Josef ( Joey ) Najjar, Ginger, Nathaniel ( Paddy ) Kiernan and grandchildren, Isabelle Kiernan, Ari Kiernan, Vivian Najjar, Zachary Kiernan, Georgina Kiernan*

## NANCY ELLISON ROLLNICK



*Nancy Ellison and Bill Rollnick*

Nancy Ellison Rollnick is a second-generation Finch alum. “My mother went to Finch to study the piano when it was a finishing school. She dreamed of being a concert pianist. Her dreams transferred to me, and to my dream of being an artist.”

Nancy grew up in Hollywood, but coming to New York was a dream come true. “I always wanted to be in New York. For someone from Southern California, New York City held culture in the palm of its hands - offering up art, music, and theater beyond what I had known in Los Angeles.”

Nancy studied painting and art history at Finch and credits teachers like realist painter Leon Kroll for giving her the tools to become an artist. “For a small school, Finch had the distinction of hiring some very sophisticated teachers who - like me - wanted to be in New York,” she says. “When I won the Leon Kroll award for painting my last year at Finch, I honestly felt for the first time that my seriousness of purpose was being recognized as well.”

Her classes in anatomy and live drawing helped to launch her on the path to a stellar career as an acclaimed celebrity portraitist and photojournalist. She has photographed cultural icons from Harrison Ford to Barbie. Her work has appeared in *Life*, *Vogue* and *Vanity Fair*. Her 14 books contain stunning images of American Ballet Theater, The Metropolitan Opera and Martha’s Vineyard.

In many cases the stories behind her photos are every bit as incredible as the images themselves. There was the time when she cut through the jungles of Belize with Harrison Ford (machete in hand) while being tracked by a jaguar. Then there was moment she says she “danced an impromptu mating dance with headhunters in the jungles of Borneo.” Or the day she ran into the Galveston Bay in her “favorite cashmere sweat pants to get the only photo taken of Jack Nicholson sitting on a ladder in the middle of the bay, wearing a blue blazer and grey flannel slacks, becoming a laughing stock in the process. (I looked like a stork trying to take off).”

Nancy’s portraits are a who’s who of our times: Mick Jagger, Beverly Sills, George Bush, Simon Wiesenthal, and Boris Yeltsin, whom she describes as the vainest man she’s ever photographed. She says she has to love, at least for the moment the subject she is photographing. Her favorite photos? Without hesitation she says those are the ones she took giving birth to her daughter after 20 hours of labor! Nancy calls them her first selfies.

Nancy stepped out from behind the camera to make her mark on Broadway as producer of “The Country Girl,” “Thurgood” and the revival of “Inherit the Wind,” for which she received a Tony nomination.

Nancy and her husband, Bill Rollnick, whom she has described as “a loveable wacko from Cleveland,” teamed up to create a program called “America’s Voices” on behalf of the White House for the Expo 2000 World’s Fair in Germany. They’ve also lent their support to the Red Cross. Nancy has been to some of the poorest areas of Madagascar with the Red Cross delivering measles vaccine and anti-malarial mosquito netting. She and Bill co-chaired the International Red Cross Ball at Mar-a-Lago for 3 years in a row.

The girl who grew up in Hollywood, dreamed of going to NY, now lives in Palm Beach, but she is never far from those lessons from Finch.

“I think-even in this world of 140 character tweets - that cultural sophistication, the love of beauty, and a little talent, one can still find the world at one’s doorstep.”



*Oliver Duncan, Hillary Ellison(Duncan), Wilha Duncan, Nancy Ellison,Bill Rollnick, (Mike Jagger Photo Bombing), McKay Duncan*



*Nancy's Mother, Wilhelmina Winerich Harrell*

## DOROTHY PETERSEIL TANANBAUM



*L to R: Son, Tanner Tananbaum; Daughter, Zoe Bernstein; Dorothy Peterseil Tananbaum; Daughter, JoeBeth Avecassis; Husband, Andrew Tananbaum*

Since graduating with a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts in 1973, Dorothy has devoted much of her life to art and philanthropy. For 14 years she was one of two principals of the Vanderwoude Tananbaum Gallery in Manhattan, which specialized in 20th Century American drawings, paintings and sculpture.

The daughter of holocaust survivors who immigrated to the United States in 1949, Dorothy has worked tirelessly for Jewish philanthropic causes for more than a quarter of a century. "I grew up as the daughter of holocaust survivors. My mother was in Birkenau. She took all her children to Birkenau when they were the age when she was when she entered the concentration camp."

Through her philanthropic efforts on behalf of many Jewish organizations, Dorothy is determined to make sure the holocaust will not be forgotten. She is currently a board member of Facing History and Ourselves, an organization that trains teachers around the world how to look at the consequences of discrimination, racism and anti-Semitism using the Holocaust as a case study. Students are taught to understand what it means to be an "upstander" rather than a "bystander."

Dorothy has three children and two grandchildren. She and her husband, Andrew, live in the New York apartment building where, Ira Levin, the famed author of "Rosemary's Baby" once lived. A few years ago, her mother moved into the very apartment that was once home to the eccentric novelist. Dorothy says the Pink Panther style bachelor pad had to be transformed into a much more suitable space for her now 93 year-old mom.

Dorothy Peterseil Tananbaum found her years at Finch to be transformative. It was her first exposure to a single sex education. "It was a very positive experience," she says. "I got comfortable with it very quickly. Between the comfort level, being in New York City and the diversity of the school--there were women from all over the world--it was my first eye opener of what the world looked like. Living in the dorm was terrific."

Dorothy was also transformed by the school's amazing fine arts program. She relished being able to study with "outstanding professors like Diane Kelder and Marshall Mount." She has fond memories of working in the Finch College Museum under the tutelage of Elayne Varian the innovative director of the contemporary wing of the museum. "Here was this woman who looked like she came out of Greenwich and she was the most cutting edge."



## TONI TUCKER



*Back row: Mac Randell, David Randell, Jr., Toni Tucker, Will Randell  
Front Row: Harry Randell, Freddy Randell*

to radio stations. Working for the governor was demanding but fun.”

Next to her children, perhaps there is nothing that Toni likes more than dogs, “They are my spiritual teachers,” she says. Her photographs of dogs have appeared in numerous books, magazines, greeting cards and calendars including *The American Kennel Club Gazette*, *The Bichon Frise Reporter*.

As for the secret to getting good photographs of dogs, she recommends, “Patience and no owners present.”

Toni is actively involved in the world of show dogs. “I have bred both Toy Poodles and Bichons however it is not my favorite thing as I hate to give away little souls I have come to love,” Toni says.

She is particularly fond of Bichons. “They have an unmistakable joyous energy, trusting and friendly spirit - and they are the cutest creatures on the planet,” she says.

Her Bichon, Porter, was the number one Bichon in the country for three years, including Best in Breed at Westminster three times. Faren, her Toy Poodle, was the number one Toy Poodle in the country for two years.

Knowing how much, dogs have meant to her life, Toni was instrumental in setting up the pet partners program, connecting therapy pets with sick children at Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital at New York Presbyterian. “All of my passions came together. . .I love children. . .I love my dogs. The children love and look forward to visits. We even made up ‘baseball’ cards for the dogs and left them if the child was unavailable. All ages relate to visits from dogs.”

Toni splits her time between New York City and the Berkshires. Her current endeavor reflects her love of country life. She is the co-founder and publisher of *Berkshire Style*, an online magazine dedicated to being the ultimate guide to the Berkshires. “When I moved up there I didn’t know where to go,” she says. “It’s basically a resource. It’s kind of what I wanted when I moved up there.” “I think the Berkshires are absolutely beautiful and a treasure that not that many people have discovered. The only thing it doesn’t have is the ocean.”

Toni has five grandchildren including twins. “They are all boys. No girls.” When she looked at her daughter-in-law after the twins were born to see if there was a chance she might try again for a girl, she says, the look that came back pretty much said forget about it.

Toni Tucker graduated in with an Associate Arts degree in 1963, but she knew that she was not done with her education. So 17 years later, the mom of two, followed up her Finch degree with a BA from Marymount. “My kids loved that,” she says. “We were all doing homework at the same time.” Toni graduated with honors.

After a year of study at the International Center of Photography from 1982 to 1983, she never looked back. She has been a prolific photographer for over forty years. She’s also a writer, designer and has a background in journalism. She worked for New York’s Ch. 5 news, as a writer, news editor and field producer. Working in the fast paced newsroom was intense. “I would work five days, come home and collapse. It was a huge rush. Your adrenalin’s running. Then, it’s over and you start all over again. I loved it.”

She experienced similar feelings as press officer for Senator Gary Hart and Governor Mario Cuomo. “I did radio for Mario Cuomo. I traveled with him, and sent it out



*Barbara Randell, Dane Bartlett, Toni Tucker*

## SIDONIA “SID” DALBY - GUEST SPEAKER



*Sid , Rescue Dogs and Millie*

Sidonia “Sid” Dalby is Associate Director of Admission and Ada Comstock advisor at Smith College in Northampton MA. The scholars program, which dates back to 1975, enables women of non-traditional college age to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree at a realistic pace either part time or full time. Sidonia says, “Adas range in age from 24-66 and their lives are transformed at Smith. They have opportunities to study with gifted faculty members who believe that their “real world” experience enriches their classrooms. I always tell our students that their educational journey is a marathon not a sprint and that it's never too late to complete their degrees.”

In her 36 years at Smith, Sidonia has read many of the applications of the more than 2200 women have graduated from the Program. She considers her job the best on campus and is very grateful to have been the only staff member twice awarded the Elizabeth Wyandt Gavel Award for outstanding service to students. She says, “It is an honor to work with our students, who sacrifice so much to get a great education. So many have been hungry for so long to be challenged intellectually and to find the right educational experiences that fits. It's a privilege to watch students blossom and grow in competence and confidence.”

In addition to her work at Smith, Sid loves to write and co-authored *The Transfer Student’s Guide to Changing Colleges*, *The International Students Guide to Going to College in America* and *Panicked Parents Guide to College Admission*. She has also written articles for professional journals and popular press including a poignant piece for the *Boston Sunday Globe* about her mother and mother-in-law who turned 100 during the 100th anniversary year of Mother’s Day. She is currently working on a very different kind of book but doesn’t want to jinx it by talking about it!

Sidonia and her husband, Fred, have 2 daughters who live in California and 25 (!!!) nieces and nephews. Their empty nest stays lively thanks to their rescue dog, Millie. When she is not reading applications, she loves to read, swim, knit and garden and practice yoga. She is very grateful for the support the Finch Foundation has offered her students. “Not everybody realizes how very hard it is for women to return to school and share their time, energy and money with families and Smith. It's so nice for the students to know somebody believes in them and is willing to invest in their futures.”



*Sid with daughters and husband Fred.*

## 23RD ANNUAL JESSICA COSGRAVE LIFETIME AWARD HONOREES

### 1995

Mark Piel  
Nancy Azara  
Dr. Ronny Cohen  
Joannie Plevritis Danielides  
Marjorie Schlesinger Deane\*  
Henrietta Rothblatt Santo  
Rita Thompson

### 1996

Dr. Margaret Maxwell\*  
Suzanne Ludey Bayley\*  
Martha Goodyear Mason  
Frances Gable Villere

### 1997

Mary Beth Baker Busby  
Susan Grace Galassi  
Eileen Bluestone Sherman  
Frances Fish Tompkins

### 1998

Dr. Marshall Mount  
Felice Forer Axelrod  
Catherine Robertson Claiborne  
Kathleen McFadden Guzman  
Gene Kincheloe Ritchie  
Christa C. Mayer Thurman Sala  
Lois Moran Ziegler

### 1999

Franchelle Stewart Dorn  
Francine LeFrak Friedberg  
Catharine Cline Hamilton  
Marcy Syms Merns  
Mary Kim Sull  
Mary McDowell Webb

### 2000

Betty Low  
Dr. Carol Garnett Abraham\*  
Alba Farber Francesca  
Doris Buttry Haire  
Laura Rollins Hockaday  
Dr. Barbara Sbilis Katsos  
Diana Gale Zwirn DeMarco

### 2001

Dr. Sara Arthur  
Elba Vargas-Colbert  
Elaine Friedman  
Thelma Wigoder Frye  
Nohra Haime  
Suzanne Pleshette\*  
Marianna Pelligrini Sottosanti\*

### 2002

Dr. Ardelle Odone Striker\*  
Ceil Gavin Ainsworth  
Mosette Glaser Broderick  
Margaret Stewart Hedberg  
Jennifer M. Lee-DeLaurentis  
Van Negris  
Natalie Skeet

### 2003

The Hon. Gertrud Sinzheimer Mainzer\*  
Audrey Schlang Diamond  
Helene Weisberg Rudnick Horwitz\*  
Diana O'Rourke Jacoby  
Tennie Bernstein Leonard  
Wilma Polakova Wiesenmaier

### 2004

Robert Diffenderfer\*  
Darcie Denkert  
Marianne Carey Edwards  
Hijoo Limb  
Anastasia Tsamisis Moss  
Margaret Ann Craig Robinson

### 2005

Dr. Carol A. Hawkes  
Freear Pollard Barnwell  
Ruth Eriksen Barto\*  
Sandra Haas Berler  
Susan L. Davis  
Suzanne Stern Salomon

### 2006

Dr. Jane Miller Ross  
Julia Berwick  
Paula DiBenedetto Caravelli  
Melanie Rose Cohen  
Barbara Ziet Glickman\*  
Sally Kraftmeyer Hallows

### 2007

Dr. Charles Bahn  
Pamela Dammann Adams  
Shea Gordon Festoff  
Margaret Stein Nakamura  
Susan Embree Parker  
Virginia Wattiker Gildea

### 2008

Dr. Cynthia Wolk Nachmani  
Patricia Flicker Addiss  
Hon. Maria DiGiovanna  
Audrey Greene  
Joyce Nounou Reuben  
Yvonne Hammond Roome

### 2009

Helen Mead Platt  
Phyllis Gregory Heard  
Susan Wright Hight  
Susan Stover Hill  
Emilie- Mary Puzio  
Dr. Joanne Brecher Rosenberg

### 2010

Dr. Jeanne Chenault Porter  
Stephanie Brody-Lederman  
Lady Hilary Winant Glidewell  
Antoinette Walker Hamner  
Ann M. Holmes  
Barbara Richards Pitney

### 2011

Barbara Robinson Buckland  
Denise Mularoni Decker  
Nina DiGiovanna LaBruna  
Laura Stober Larsen  
Marjorie R. Schulman

### 2012

Priscilla Cole Perkins  
Missy Allen  
Cheryl Young Deknatel  
Julie Vasques Horns  
Magda Stark Katz  
Barbara O'Hare

### 2013

Dr. Jacqueline Stuchin-Paprin  
Sandy Rowley Colt  
Martha Coyle\*  
Jane Crawford  
Marilyn Gelber  
Georganne Aldrich Heller

### 2014

Dr. Katherine J. Hampares  
Maria Schorsch Bacinich  
Wesley Cullen Davidson  
Dale Danson Winston

### 2015

Dr. Diane Kelder  
Nanette Lampl Avery  
Donna Miller Casey  
Susan Mau Soong  
Jamie Leaming Watson

### 2016

Dr. Janice Lieberman  
Dale Anne Bourjaily  
Peggy Flaxman Millheiser  
Rita Castora O'Hare  
Susan Rubenstein Reed  
\*Deceased

REMEMBERING  
*Margaret Wright Maxwell*



SEPTEMBER 13, 1913 – APRIL 17, 2007

Time at Finch: 1953-1975

Beloved professor; mentor; friend, adviser  
of the Finch College Alumnae Association (reborn), 1993  
and the inspiration behind the Jessica Cosgrave Lifetime Achievement  
Awards, initiated 1995 and the Finch College Alumnae Association Founda-  
tion Trust, established 2001

## INTRODUCING FIVE OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMEN WHO RECEIVED THE 2016 FINCH COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

TWO YEARS AGO, THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FREYA MOSKOWITZ STERN SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDED AN ADDITIONAL \$2500 AWARD TO THE STUDENT AS SHE ENTERS HER FOURTH YEAR, ASSURING SHE RECEIVES A BACHELOR'S DEGREE.



### **VANESSA CARDONA**

Vanessa graduates with a B.S. in chemistry from George Washington University, Washington DC. She received the Freya Moskowitz Stern Scholarship and transferred from Raritan Valley CC, NY. A member of Alpha Chi Sigma professional chemistry fraternity and Sigma Alpha Lambda national leadership and honors society, she has been accepted into a dual B.S/M.S. program in Forensic Sciences.



### **AMANDA ENGLISH**

Amanda English, Dr. Katherine Hampares Scholarship recipient, is the very first Finch Scholar to take all four years on line at both Herkimer County CC and Utica College, NY. Major: Cyber Security with a concentration in Cyber Crime and Fraud Investigation. Amanda is a single mother, raising two children, and caring for a sick family. And Amanda graduates with honors!



### **CHUMAY PAING**

Chu May Paing graduates with honors from Queen College, after transferring from LaGuardia CC, NY. She received the Finch College Foundation Scholarship, has been linguistics major, and plans to teach English to Speakers of Other Languages at a College level. Chu has been awarded a fellowship from the University of Colorado, Boulder for a PHD program in Linguistics.



### **LEAH SHIN**

Leah Shin, recipient of The Freya Moskowitz Stern Scholarship, from Queensborough CC, NY and has successfully graduated as a chemistry major with honors at Queens College to receive a B.S. In September Leah will enter Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio to study to become a Physician's Assistant.



### **SANJA RADENOVIC**

Sanja Radenovic arrived in the US not speaking English or knowing anyone. Realizing that education is the solution to all, Sanja entered Borough of Manhattan CC, NY, received The Finch College Foundation Scholarship to transfer to Baruch College, NY. At The Zicklin School of Business, Baruch College, Sanja is successfully pursuing her BBA in Accountancy. Now 32 years old, this fall Sanja will transfer to the Baruch graduate school to study an Intergrated BBA/MS Program.

***Congratulations to all!***

**RECIPIENTS OF THE FINCH COLLEGE FOUNDATION AND  
THE FREYA MOSKOWITZ STERN SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED \$2500 TO TRANSFER TO A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE.**



**NAA ODARTSOE TSOTSOE BRUCE**

Essex County CC to New Jersey City University, NJ

Growing up in Ghana, Naa's empathy for others was developed by the love always shown by her family. She volunteered with The Red Cross. Believing her father's early death was caused by a lack of medical facilities sparked her interest in nursing. At New Jersey City University she is pursuing pre-med as major with a minor in chemistry. Her goal is to be a registered anesthetic nurse. She graduated from Essex County Community College with a double Associates Degree in general science and the vigorous nursing program. Naa received the prestigious Health Research Services Administration Nursing Grant at The Department of Nursing at New Jersey City University. The baccalaureate program couples with a nursing residency at Jersey City Medical Center. How clear that with continued dedication to her studies, Naa will achieve her dreams.



**YUELI CHEN**

Queensborough CC to Stony Brook University, NY

**Freya Moskowitz Stern Scholarship**

Yueli's insatiable curiosity in the understanding of science motivated her to follow research, determining the deposit of mercury in aquatic life. In 2015 she was awarded a summer internship at the Materials Engineering Department of Boise State University and in 2016, the Chemistry Department of Boston University. She has tutored fellow Chemistry, Math and Physics students, organized drives for the PTK club collecting food, clothing and books for the NY Food Bank. She volunteered in her local church and is listed in Who's Who of Junior Colleges. Yueli is studying chemical engineering at Stony Brook University, preparing for a career in science.



**Angee Lizeth Gonzalez-Bonilla**

Essex County CC to Montclair State University, NJ

**MR. & MRS. EVAN STERN SCHOLARSHIP**

When Angee arrived in the US from Columbia and Costa Rica at age 18, she did not speak English; hence she worked as a housekeeper and home health aid. Gaining confidence, she enrolled at a Florida community college. With her then boyfriend, now husband, Angee took a one-way flight to Shanghai. Exploring China, Taiwan, Myanmar, India and Thailand, they were offered a volunteer position teaching English at an orphanage in Mongolia. This powerful experience brought great fulfillment. Heading back to the United States, she enrolled at Essex County Community College in pursuit of a teaching degree. She has been a volunteer at an afterschool program, tutoring Spanish and geography. She established The Future Teachers Club, was a member of PTK Honorary Society and was selected as a Pearson Scholar, based upon civic engagement and academic excellence. She was nominated by the college faculty to be one of two students for the All-New Jersey Academic Team. She has obtained a substitute teaching license, will work in Newark as she earns a BA in Teacher Certification. Approaching her 30th birthday, Angee also sees a Master Degree in the future.



**BARBARA GRISE**

Borough of Manhattan CC to Smith College, MA

**FREYA MOSKOWITZ STERN SCHOLARSHIP**

As soon as she graduated from high school at age 17, Barbara fled her abusive, unstable family and worked intermittently for ten years. She was a nanny, farmed, worked in construction, property

caretaking and learned Spanish living with people in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Mexico and French in France and Morocco. She earned money in places with strong economies and spent it backpacking, bicycle touring and long distance walking where savings would last. In July 2013, while working as a scuba dive-master in Thailand, her mother wrote to say her grandfather had been diagnosed with prostate cancer. She returned to care for her grandparents. A psychoanalyst in Brooklyn diagnosed her with PTSD, which helped tremendously. She hesitantly began to think of school again. Now, through reading and writing, she began to find herself, and the way she wanted to interact with the world. She maintained a 4.0 average; made Dean's List each semester was a member of PTK and was awarded the Gilman Scholarship to study in Quito, Ecuador. At Smith College Barbara is studying anthropology.



**CARMEN GUILLEN**

Westchester CC to Pace University, NY

Carmen arrived from Cuba, via Mexico, not speaking English. After enrolling in English As A Second Language, Carmen started working at a law firm, and remained there five years. With an additional part time job in retail, Carmen was able to purchase a car; what a feeling of achievement that she had earned it herself! So she enrolled in Westchester Community College where she received the

Kathryn W. Davis Scholarship, allowing her to study full time. She volunteered in a Veterans Home. As an accounting major, Carmen was elected President of The Accounting Club, giving her an opportunity to develop leadership and communication skills. She received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. And recently also received the Accounting Curriculum Award. She was selected to participate in The Student Leadership and Professional Development Program and The Workplace Culture Coaching Program. Now studying at Pace University, Carmen's goal is to become a CPA with one of the Big Four Accounting Firms.



**YI (JANE) JIANG**

Queensborough CC to Queens College, NY

**MR. & MRS. EVAN STERN SCHOLARSHIP**

Twenty seven year old Jane returned to school, not sure what her future would be. Majoring in liberal arts with a science concentration, she explored biology, anatomy and physiology, chemistry, physics and calculus. Mentored by her professor, she has learned patience and many failures before satisfactory results. Last summer she worked as an undergraduate researcher at a program at Vanderbilt University, working on bio hybrid solar cells. This summer she embraced a material science REU program at University of Pennsylvania. She presented research projects at many conferences. Was president of PTK and a CUNY Research Scholar. Is President of the local SACNAS, a national society of scientists dedicated to research. With a passion for research, after Queens College Jane plans to pursue a PhD degree in chemistry or physics and ultimately teach.



**EKATERINA (KATY) JONES**

Monroe CC to Clemson University, SC

Growing up in Siberia, Russia, Katy's parents never encouraged her to attend college, as her brother. Working as a housekeeper, she realized that education was the way out. Now she has had a second chance to study math and wants to prove science is for everyone. She has been a member of PTK, where she participated in Leopold Day Care, giving gifts to needy children at Christmas.

She was chosen to be a delegate of The Model United Nations, a very competitive program; after months of intense preparation, she went to New York City and her team won an Honorable Mention Delegation Award. Katy was a justice at MCC Student Government Association with responsibilities including going to different hearings as a student representative. To achieve her ultimate goal of being an actuary, Katy is studying math at Clemson University.

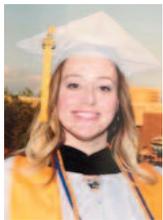


**TANYA MICHELE RITCHIE**

Borough of Manhattan CC to Smith College, MA

**DR. MARGARET MAXWELL SCHOLARSHIP**

A graduate of American Musical and Dramatic Academy, Tanya was a theatrical writer and performer for seventeen years; managed theater and arts programs; wrote radio programs, performed off Broadway and on television. Under her theater name Tanya O'Debra, she received The Village Voice Best of New York Award, Best of San Francisco Fringe Festival. She discovered that without a degree, it was often difficult to find work, and enrolled at Borough of Manhattan Community College, terrified, after not being in school for ten years. A vast change in her life came in 2014, driving to Boston at Thanksgiving; Tanya was suddenly critically injured in a car crash. With over twenty bone fractures, collapsed lung, lacerated liver, she was told she would never walk again. Many months of physical therapy ensued. At Borough of Manhattan CC, Tanya was a member of PTK, a finalist for the Presidential Award and Class Victorian. college education



**MARGURITE TARTAGLIO ROSANIA**

Rowan College at Gloucester County to Rowan University, NJ

**FREYA MOSKOWITZ STERN SCHOLARSHIP**

All her life, Margurite has dreamed of pursuing a career in law. This fall she transferred to Rowan University to receive her bachelor's degree and then Rutgers School of Law to finally become an attorney. She has studied pre-law at Rowan College at Gloucester County, a community college.

Life took an unexpected twist when, during her senior year of high school, she learned she was pregnant. She tried college at that time, however; the responsibility of her son came first. Obtaining employment as an executive assistant in one of the most prestigious Philadelphia law firms, she surrounded herself with law. Today, fast forward twenty years later, her son is entering college and Margurite is finally studying law full time.

At Rowan College of Gloucester County, she maintained a GPA of 4.0 the entire time while working full time in the law firm. She was VP Membership for PTK Honorary Society, and recipient of the coveted President's Award for A.S. Pre Law Option. Her professor states "She never ceases to amaze me with her enthusiasm, motivation, determination to succeed and leadership ability."



**NAOMI ANTOINETTE SHIBUYA**

Westchester CC to SUNY Cobleskill, NY

When growing up, Naomi was underestimated academically. Thought to be a slow learner, she just worked harder in her own determined way. She learned that everyone has unlimited potential, if it can be channeled through the correct outlet. After graduating from high school, she was accepted into The Next Generation Academy Program, a leadership-training program where participants learn and teach character development across the county and abroad. Two months in Botswana, Africa was a life-altering experience, overcoming personal obstacles such as speaking in public. Despite holding two jobs while at Westchester Community College, she maintained a GPA above 3.9, was on the President's List, a member of PTK and volunteered weekly with a local youth group. Now at SUNY Cobleskill, one of the most diverse agricultural programs in the United States, Naomi is studying Agricultural Business Management and Animal Science; the development of sustainable agricultural practice to help further human understanding of the disease-fighting properties to save lives of millions of people.



**AMEY SHUE**

LaGuardia CC to New York University Steinhardt School, NY

**JONATHAN STERN SCHOLARSHIP**

As a nationally certified, licensed and insured massage therapist, Amey has funded her college education through private practice. Working full time, she has an interest in the role nutrition plays in the prevention and treatment of chronic disease, and in biodiversity farming. She has managed health food stores, volunteered at Co-ops and community gardens. Returning to school as an adult has had its challenges. She received an A+ this past exam in Organic Chemistry II. Her research won first place for her honor's biology research poster project. She has been peer advisor for biology majors. During the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Amey volunteered to support first responders. She participated in Women In STEM panel discussion hosted by Elsevier Scholarship Foundation. As academics have progressed, they have increasingly become Amey's priority. Although flexible hours are an advantage, being self-supporting, she is determined to complete her bachelor's degree at New York University Steinhardt School.



**JIAHUI ZHENG**

LaGuardia CC to Baruch College, NY

**FREYA MOSKOWITZ STERN SCHOLARSHIP**

In 2013 Jiahui and her family moved to New York, settling with her aunt. As a child, she was fortunate to have access to the non-profit Chinatown Manpower Project, which improves language proficiency of children to learn English. This experience urged Jiahui to obtain a better education to prepare for a financial career in a nonprofit organization. She is determined to make a difference in her community. Non-profit organizations have to face trade-offs. Advanced knowledge in business and economics can resolve much of this. She ran for the Student Government Association and won a spot; she self-nominated as Executive Treasurer and proved data-driven analysis can succeed. To prepare, she has earned an essentially perfect GPA, taking the most challenging courses. Her professor writes she has embraced the spirit of challenging herself to achieve personal growth. Currently employed as an intern at American Stock Transfer and Trust, she enthusiastically attends Baruch College.

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*Father Joseph, Mother Jana, Sister Ava, recipient Clara*

**CLARA KREUTZIGER**

Outstanding seventh grader Clara Kreutziger was awarded the 2016 Finch College/Birch Wathen Lenox Scholarship. Besides being an excellent student, Clara is a member of both the House Committee and Student Council, participates in fencing, volleyball, basketball, and track and field, and is a member of The Green Thumb Club that tends to all of the plants in BWL. She also studies Japanese in addition to French and her other core courses. Like previous scholarship recipients, Clara was chosen for her leadership skills and commitment to academic excellence.

Clara's father, Joseph is Director of the Middle School; her sister Ava is also a student and, along with her mother Jana, the family has plans to visit Japan over Winter Break. The two girls will provide translation and show off their skills of Japanese.

The funding and selection of the award recipient is strictly at the discretion of The Birch Wathen Lenox School, a twelve-year school also founded by Jessica Cosgrave.

## ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

*Finch Scholars continue to distinguish themselves in the workplace all over the world.  
Here's just a "sampling."*



### ZINEB BOUIZY

Currently an engineering specialist at STV Inc., in New York City, Zineb loves being in the workforce. Her skills have already earned her the trust to design some major structures. She raved about her "awesome mentor" at the Company who is nurturing her talents. At the moment, Zineb's busy work schedule also includes preparation for the summer GRE exams. By Spring 2018, she plans to be even busier while continuing her work for STV Inc., while pursuing a graduate degree in civil engineering.



### LISA FREDSELL

Lisa continues to thrive in her position as Clinical Director at October Road, Inc., in Asheville, North Carolina. Under Lisa's guidance, October Road provides individualized services to those battling mental health and substance abuse disorders. Lisa reports that (happily) "job, family, and life are keeping her hopping!"



### DANIELLE JABLONSKI

Danielle has always been our "resident world traveler," and we just heard from her as she was exploring southern Spain. Danielle is part of the team that produced the first media and entertainment convention for LGBTQ women in March. The convention brought over 2,000 LGBTQ women and allies to Las Vegas from 43 countries and 41 U.S. states to celebrate LGBTQ representation in television, film and online. The event featured actresses, filmmakers, producers, writers, academics, journalists and many others for panels around the state of representation now, in the past, and how to improve it moving forward. Following the success of the convention, planning for 2018 is already underway.



### MAKI KATO

Maki presently works as a social researcher at a think-tank in Tokyo. Her research focuses on education and human resource development. She spent a month in Vientiane last summer to develop a new proposal for the Japan-Lao PDR Joint Development Cooperation Plan. She wrote, "It's always very nice to hear from the Finch Foundation."



### DERYA LANE

In December, Derya graduated from University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor in Philosophy. She graduated Summa Cum Laude, was named to the Dean's List, and received the Linda Bowen Santoro Award ("presented annually to a graduating student who displayed unusual motivation and dedication in the pursuit of an undergraduate degree"). In January, she moved to California where her husband just began his career at PayPal. (He graduated from Penn last year, as well). Right now, Derya is studying for the LSAT, hoping to take the test in June to then apply to law schools this fall. She is looking at schools on both coasts. In July, she will be attending the Fordham Pre Law Institute, a month-long program that helps students prepare for the first year of law school (e.g. legal research and writing, exposure to various topics in law, etc). In August, the young couple will travel to Germany to visit family and then go on to France. When Derya returns in September, she will start working as a paralegal or at a court to gain some work experience before starting law school in 2018.



**DR. SYBILLE NGO NYECK**

S.N. holds the distinction of being our very first Finch Scholar to earn her Ph.D (in political science from UCLA) several years ago. It is exciting that her own published work is now studied in college classrooms. S.N. presents at symposiums around the world.



**YESHEY PELZOM**

Yeshey just received her acceptance to a Ph.D. program in English literature and will start this fall. She wrote us, "It is a wonderful feeling and I am grateful to everyone who has been a part of my journey. I am going to study 19th century British literature and will focus on women authorship and readership; I specifically have the Bronte sisters in mind. I will be attending Georgia State University.



**MARIANA RIVERA**

A Smith College 2016 graduate, Mariana began her career path at her alma mater as an assistant to the college's Vice President of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity and the Title IX Coordinator & Equity Officer. This department's work supports Smith College, the School of Social Work, the Campus School, as well as all faculty, staff, and students. This coming fall 2017, she will attend University of Massachusetts - Amherst and pursue her Master's Degree: Higher Education Concentration while working full time at Smith. She feels tremendously grateful to the members of the FINCH College Alumni Association Foundation Trust for their generosity and commitment to empowering women. Marianna believes the unique opportunities of the FINCH scholarship and the Ada Comstock program at Smith College highlighted, validated and authenticated her experiences, and allowed her to fulfill her lifelong desire to attain her undergraduate degree. In her own words, "The opportunity was simply priceless."



**PHURKIMA SHERPA**

One year ago, our Hunter college graduate decided that she would apply her undergraduate degree in forensics to a health related field for the US Military. Last June, in Texas, Phurkima completed her basic training with "flying colors." Now, she is a proud member of the United States Army, stationed at the Schofield Barracks in Oahu, Hawaii.

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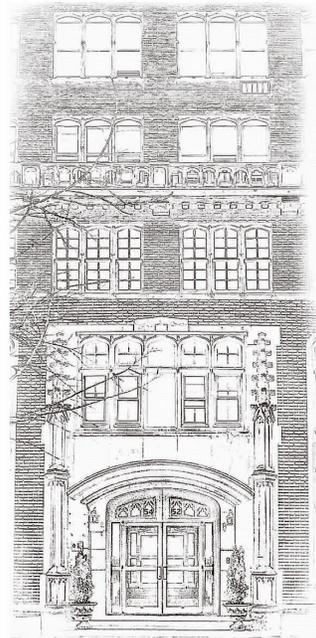


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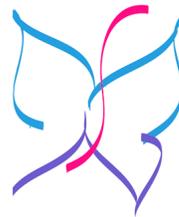
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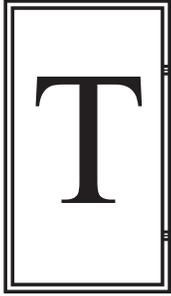
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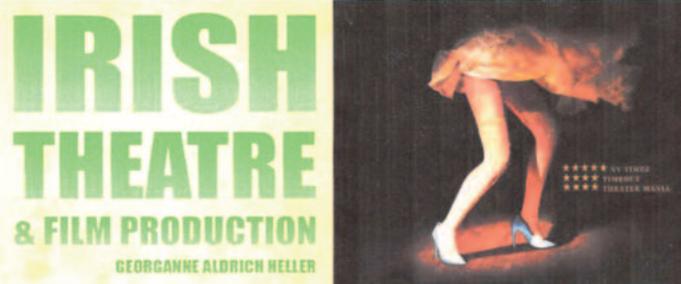
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