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# Finch Alumnae Support Worthy Causes With Their Time and Talent

Finch alumnae have always been interesting, active, involved and global! We delight in sharing with you news of some of our members' volunteer and community service activities in art, science, social services, education and the environment that are helping to create and shape a better world.

#### Dale Anne Bourjaily Haarlem, The Netherlands

Dale Anne is on the board of WereldOuders, an organization that supports orphanages in Latin America and the Caribbean, run by NPHI (Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos International), the charity that directly provides care for more than 3,000 homeless children and their communities in nine countries through various outreach programs. It also runs schools at all the sites, as well as a children's hospital in Haiti. What makes it unique is that the children live with their sponsors and stay until they have learned a trade and can function as independent adults. The young people who do go on to college stay in student housing near the campus that is also part of the organization.

Dale Anne reports that all of the children give back, and approximately half of the



Cheryl Young Deknatel

housing is run by former orphans who have been university educated. All of the children perform community service for one year after they graduate from high school. The organization is currently looking for Spanish-speaking volunteers with a paramedical background, especially physical therapy.

Dale Anne also works in impact investing and is looking for co-financing for a



Jane Moss with her Golden Doodle, "Dipsy", at New York's Baker Rehab

project to extract water from gypsum deposits in arid areas where water is scarce.

#### Cheryl Young Deknatel Essex, Connecticut

Cheryl is a proud board member of **Mount Saint John** Family, Education & Treatment Services For Boys, a Connecticut organization located in Deep River. The organization is committed to

#### 18th Annual Jessica Cosgrave Awards Celebration

Circle your calendars for the Tuesday, May 22, presentation of the Awards at the Cosmopolitan Club, 122 East 66th Street, New York City. Festivities will kick off with a reception from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Awards to one staff member and five Finch graduates will be presented at 7 p.m., followed by dinner at 8 p.m. Several exciting cultural and social events are in the works for the May 18 weekend. They will be listed in the forthcoming Cosgrave invitations, which will include costs for the reception, dinner and accompanying events. Proceeds from the Cosgrave Awards benefit the Finch College Alumnae Association Foundation. For questions, call Virginia Wattiker Sheerin at her office: 212-605-5560 or Ceil Gavin Ainsworth at home: 212-288-5653.



Susie Salomon

providing the most effective treatment environment for at-risk boys and young men between the ages of 13 to 18 so that they may be returned to society empowered and with self-confidence.

With an average length of stay of 6 to 12 months, these young men come to Mount Saint John for treatment of learning, emotional, and behavioral problems, as well as problems with alcohol and drug addiction and abuse, neglect and dependency issues, and to satisfy probation and parole requirements in the state.

#### Onolee Coffey duPont Essex, Connecticut

Onolee became an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) in the early 1980s. Although she did not enter the field actively after training, in 1985 she became interested in doing volunteer work in a medical environment. That year, she started working at Middlesex Hospital on the maternity floor. She loved her work but found in the months ahead there was less and less contact with the babies because the new moms were becoming more engaged and interactive with their babies during their hospital stay. Once she tried the surgical unit, that was it! For the rest of the 1980s and into the 1990s her duties essentially involved public relations, such as: helping with charts and scheduling future surgeries, working in the patient and family waiting area to offer coffee, and answering as many questions as she could.



Onolee duPont

In 2004, a beautiful new surgery department offered her a bigger and busier role – the hospital now had phones that enabled Onolee to communicate with all of the different areas of the surgery protocol, including admitting patients, attending to the family members who visited pre-op patients, helping to calm nerves during wait times for surgeries, and assisting doctors and nurses with post-surgery information.

Onolee's job involves much walking throughout the hospital. She tells us that the work is very satisfying, especially when she is able to help soothe the fears and anxiety of family members waiting for their loved ones to emerge from surgery, to be discharged from the hospital, and/or escorted to their rooms as in-patients.

#### Jane Moss New York, New York

Jane volunteers with her Golden Doodle, "Dipsy", at New York's Baker Rehab at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center where they participate twice weekly in the "Paws for Patients" program, working exclusively with rehabilitating patients.

She is also on the Committee for the April 25, 2012, fundraiser, New York Bag Ladies Luncheon for the **Lupus Foundation in New York**, which this year is honoring Mary E. Belle, President/Licensing, The Jones Group, and Matilda R. Cuomo, former first lady

of New York State; Founder & Chair, Mentoring USA/Author.

#### Marla Schneider Perkel Wellfleet, Massachusetts

In addition to being members and major contributors to the Provincetown Art **Association** and the Wellfleet and Truro Libraries. Marla Perkel (Finch Class of 1958) and her attorney husband, Bertram, also contribute to The Massachusetts Audubon Society. In addition, Marla works once a week at the Membership Desk of Wellfleet Sanctuary. In her spare time, she is leader of a women's poker group and the book club at Nauset Newcomers, an organization of four local Cape Cod towns. Most recently, Bertram Perkel was Chairman of Provincetown Theatre of which they are both members. He is currently on the five-member Truro Zoning Board.

#### Suzanne ("Susie") Salomon Rowayton, Connecticut

Susie is on the board of **Creative Connections**, an international cultural exchange organization which brings together children from all over the world through the arts by teaching awareness, understanding, and appreciation of other cultures to young people around the world.

She is also part of a small preservation group for Farm Creek, a Long Island Sound estuary that plays a key role in rescuing various forms of marine life from area developers, and is chairman of a committee that runs a gallery located in the New Canaan, CT Library, and which curates ongoing exhibitions. Susie is also on a committee whose goal it is to be able to use the historic Silvermine Tavern in Norwalk as an interdisciplinary artists' residency program that is international in scope.

Article: Wendy Glickstein

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#### New Networking Group for Finch Career Women

Do you want to connect with other Finch professionals? Are you interested in joining a networking group? Whether you work in the arts, education, medicine, publishing, real estate, banking, financial services or any other field, networking is one of the most powerful ways to share information, meet new people and prospects, and discuss problems and perspectives.

Finch alumnae have achieved distinction in so many areas — as artists, lawyers, doctors, nurses, teachers, writers, publishers, gallery owners, etc. — that a network devoted to career issues is a natural outgrowth of our social, charitable, and community activities. What better way to discuss your ideas than among friends and peers who share a common educational background!

Online sites such as Facebook and LinkedIn do not offer the advantages of having a network. While these sites do let alumnae stay in contact, a formal network would give you the opportunity to meet with other members and discuss career matters in a more personal setting. It is our goal to set up networking groups by regions across the country.

If you are interested in a network for Finch career women, please contact us via our website at www.finchcollege.org. or email Cheryl Deknatel at cheryl.deknatel@snet.net.

# 2012 Honorees: Jessica Finch Cosgrave Would Be Proud

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Six women, to be honored at the 18th annual Cosgrave Lifetime Achievement Awards May 22 at the Cosmopolitan Club, are each resourceful, focused but multi-talented.

Priscilla Cole Perkins, a former Finch staff member, had several prominent roles at Finch from 1968 to 1975. She was an associate in the admissions office and later registrar and director of financial aid. From 1968-69 she was student adviser for the Finch Intercontinental Study Plan, assisting Barbara Robinson Buckland, then FISP director and a Cosgrave honoree last year. A native New Yorker, Priscilla remained in the city for many years after her marriage in 1976, volunteering for church, social welfare and cultural causes before moving with her husband to Terrell, N.C. in 1999.

The Cosgrave alumnae honorees are: Missy Allen, Cheryl Young Deknatel, Julie Vasques Horns, Magda Stark Katz and Barbara O'Hare.

All members of the Class of 1970, Cheryl, Missy and Magda entered Finch in 1966 and continued for four years.

Cheryl's first marriage, to a Dutchman, took her to the Netherlands where she lived, gave birth to three children and worked 23 years before returning home with her second husband, also a native of Holland. She and Jan live in Essex, CT. A veteran of the world of banking and financial services, Cheryl has been with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney for 10 years. She is a past treasurer and president of the Finch College Alumnae Association and a board member of its foundation

While working at Harvard University, Missy met French explorer (the late) Michel Peissel. She left her comfortable environment to follow Peissel to the little-known kingdom of Zanskar in Kashmir, India; to row across Russia by boat to Istanbul, to explore remote Tibetan mountain villages. Missy and Michel were married and had two children before she returned permanently to Cambridge, MA., after a 10-year hiatus. Divorced and single, Missy is a legend on the Harvard campus. At 29 years old, she was the youngest person to direct the admissions

office for all the university's graduate schools with 4,000 annual applications. She now manages centers for Boston's Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Magda began her life overseas. Born in Hungary she escaped with her parents, both Holocaust survivors, during the Hungarian Revolution. They had nothing when they landed in New York and immediately were sent to refugee barracks at Camp Kilmer in New Jersey. She loves Manhattan, where she resides today with her husband, Bob. Enthralled with the theater as a child, Magda still relishes its thrill and glamour. She takes a video camera to cabarets and stage doors, getting photographs and interviews for the online publication, Times Square Chronicles, which features her "Interviews With Magda". A full-time job takes her to cities across the country, exploring assets for transferring executives and their families.

Travel is also a part of daily life for Julie, who lives in Ohio and is on the road five days a week commuting to the Toledo Zoo and nearby Bittersweet Farms, an 80-acre day-time and residential site for adults with autism. Julie is a sought-after grant writer whose skills and expertise have generated millions of dollars for the Toledo Zoo, Bittersweet Farms and other non-profit causes. She founded her company, Development Consulting, Ltd., in 1984 and has continued to operate it full-time on her own. A native of Chicago, Julie grew up in Sandusky, Ohio.

Barbara was already a seasoned career girl when she enrolled in Finch at 17 years old. She had been modeling professionally for a year. She continued modeling at Finch, while on scholarship and earning a degree in Fine Arts. Barbara has worked 25 years, seven days a week, for a real estate company with offices near her home in Woodstock, N.Y.

Experimenting with watercolors in recent years, she has excelled at it, has regular exhibitions and often paints their houses as a gift for clients who are buying or selling.

Article: Laura Hockaday

### **Class Notes**

#### **40**s

**Anita Valldejuli McGowa**n of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida is 88 years young!

#### **50**s

Nancy Azara exhibited her paintings and sculptures at the GAGA Art Gallery, Garnerville, NY last year. This year, her paintings and sculptures will be on display at the André Zane Gallery in Chelsea, and at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey.

After attending The University of Michigan and Barnard, **Marilyn Rippie Blausten** graduated from Finch College in 1957 with a B.A. Shortly thereafter, Marilyn moved to London, where she lived for 41 years, and had two sons. Studying at The University of the U.K., Marilyn qualified as a psychologist with Bachelor of Science degree and as an N.L.P. ("neuro-longuotz programmer.") In 2004 she returned to the States to live in Sarasota, Florida.

**Louise G. Collins** reports she is enjoying life in Palm Beach, Florida.

Martha Coyle continues to study languages, does charity work, and enjoys attending opera.

Stella Jebb de Rosnay, class of 1950, now living in Paris, would like to get in touch with classmates Catherine Butler and Midge (whose last name she does not recall.) Any ideas? Email her at: stella@derosnay.com.

Mary (Penny) Potter Garten is married with children and is a grandmother. She taught preschool and currently volunteers with rescue dogs.

**Grayce Troiano Kindle**, 82, of Seminole, Florida, graduated from Finch in 1950 with a major in radio and television. She and her late husband were major trophy hunters of leopards, water buffalo, lions, and grizzly bears.

**Barbara Kenton Miller**, a former librarian/ archivist for The Council on Foreign Relations, is now a consultant to that organization.

Marjorie Farb Weinstein has worked as Editor-VP Legal Research Center, Inc., VP of Apex Plastic Fabrics Co. Inc, a volunteer and teacher in Special Education.

#### **60**s

Former New Yorker **Suzanne Wood Bodine**, an actress working in film and theatre, now lives in Santa Barbara, CA and works in Los Angeles.

**Susan Cole** of Palm Beach, Florida, a former real estate broker, built a horse training facility where she trains horses. Susan, an avid dressage rider and fox hunter, was also co-founder and President of the Saratoga Driving Association.

Laura Rollins Hockaday, recipient of the Jessica Cosgrave Award of Achievement in 2000, has been chosen as one of three Kansas City women to be honored April 17 (2012) at the fifth annual "Women Who've Changed the Heart of the City" event. It is the annual fundraiser for City Union Mission, a long-time Kansas City agency which shelters, feeds and offers medical care for thousands of homeless citizens. The statement from City Union Mission reads: "During her 38-year tenure at The Kansas City Star, Ms. Hockaday used her pen as an essential tool to bring diversity to its pages, celebrating the good work being done by African Americans and Hispanics for the community."

Long a successful artist, **Stephanie Brody-Lederman** will have two of her poems published this spring in the literary magazine *St. Petersburg Press*.

Roxanne Frechie Lipton, past President of the Women's Department of the South Palm Beach Jewish Federation who started the Jewish Women's Foundation 10 years ago, is the first Kipnis Wilson honoree of The United Jewish Federation.

**Sofia Mannos Lopez** married Ed Lopez in a Delaware beach wedding last August.

Marjorie (Cookie) Reade Michel Luke married Robert Christian Luke at 11:00a.m. on 11/11/11 in Troy, Idaho!

Frances Gable Villere and husband, George, of New Orleans have three children and seven grandchildren. The couple is excited about their upcoming trip to Australia and New Zealand.

#### **70**s

Alba Francesca, a celebrated quilter, is participating in an all-media exhibition, "Celebrating Women's Work" at the Pen and Brush, Inc., an organization in New York dedicated to women in the visual, literary and performing arts since 1894.

After graduating from Finch in 1970, **Barbara Schlissel Jacobs** did modeling and was featured in magazines. In 1973 she graduated from The Fashion Institute. Barbara designed girls' sportswear for several years before starting her own children's handknit business, "Allie Bird Inc.", which she later sold.

**Diana O'Rourke Jacoby** and **Ronny Cohen** combined their artistic talents in an art exhibit at Philip Colleck Ltd., Diana and husband Mark's beautiful antiques gallery in New York.

After doing lots of volunteer work with many organizations, **Julie Bidenharn Crosswell** of Houston recently received her Master's Degree in Social Work as a licensed master social worker, with a focus on children and the family.

**Mimi Muray Levitt** manages reservation and guest relations for her family's The Alta Lodge in Utah.

Cathy Cohn Marshall reports via Facebook that she recently moved from Manhattan to Los Angeles to be with her daughter, a Columbia graduate and writer for TV. Cathy has just finished her first novel and is working with an editor to have it published. She would enjoy meeting Finch women.

Catherine Lockhart Mills received a B.A. at Finch, then a Masters in Social Work, Administration of Criminal Justice from Howard University. After a few years as a social worker in New York and Washington, DC, Catherine returned to the Virgin Islands where she now lives. This education has contributed to her career working in youth services. In 1987 she was nominated as Deputy and then Commissioner of Human Services. And in 1997 she became the Deputy Program Director of Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin

Islands High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program. She is a proud mother of a daughter, and is married to Attorney Don C. Mills.

**Linda Purl**, currently appearing in the television programs *True Blood* and *Homeland*, will showcase her singing talents in a new production entitled *New York Nights* on September 30 and October 1 at Feinstein's.

Sandra Strasser Frey Tytel is a trustee of the North Shore-LIJ Health System, President of the Cold Spring Harbor Board of Directors, and President of Medshare Regional Council. She retired from practicing law in 1986, and lives in Mill Neck. New York.

#### Class?

**Helene Bellofatto** has lived in England for more than 40 years and frequently visits the Dolomites with her Venetianborn husband.

Article: Lois Moran Ziegler

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Claire Crisona Cascella in New York City
Ina Harbolick Callery of Finch College faculty in DeWitt, New York
Barbara Kroner Gretel in Vero Beach, Florida
Alix Elaine Labouchere Stuart King in London
Nancy Kurzman of Finch College Administration, in New York City
Christina Dolan Lakin reports that Linda Moore Holmes
passed away.

Dr. Iris Mueller in New York City
Ellen Quinlan in New York City
Jane Todd Soper of Easton, Maryland
Ann Koeppel Tannen of Morristown, NJ, received a Masters in
Education at Columbia '68, most recently a realtor
Joann Greenspan Weber in New York City

#### **Tribute to a Lasting Finch Friendship**

Alix Labouchere Stuart King, Class of 1961 at Finch College, died of cancer Oct. 3, 2011. While at Finch, she and Barbara Richards Pitney, Class of 1960, developed a loyal and lasting friendship that spanned miles and sometimes years of separation. When Alix died, Barbara flew to London for her funeral.

In 1968, Alix married an Englishman, John Stuart King, by whom she had three children. When Finch Alumnae traveled to London several years ago, Alix was among the gracious hosts, entertaining guests in her home and giving the opening night cocktail party.

Barbara wrote the following tribute in memory of her dear friend, Alix.

Alix was born in May 1940 in New York in the first months of WWII, to Charles and Edwynna Labouchere. She grew up in Connecticut, Paris, and New York with her brother, Dick, and subsequently helped bring up her step-siblings, Irene and Henri. Alix graduated in 1961 from Finch and from about 1963–65 she and I ran the Alumnae Office. The goal was to increase the membership, and that we did. The office/house on East 78 Street was gorgeous and had rooms available for alums. Our tenure ended when Alix and I both moved overseas: Alix to London and I to Lagos, Nigeria.

In April, 1968, Alix married a young man from Thirsk, England. We always kidded her about marrying a pig farmer. Thirsk was right outside of York. They had three delightful children: Kathleen, Anne-Marie and Charles, all born in Harrogate near Thirkleby, where they lived until, sadly, as happens these days, the glue didn't hold too well.

Alix and John divorced in 1974, and Alix was left to



bring up three children almost singlehandedly. She would return to the U.S. and see her Mom and the rest of us as her children were growing up. I always saw Alix as 65 percent European and 35 percent American.

Her home in London became a B&B for friends visiting from the U.S. and elsewhere. Alix and Finch colleague **Louise Benton** were best of friends. Certainly that revolving door saw a lot of Louise.

At the service for Alix I heard over and over expressions of love and respect for her

from her large family and circle of friends.

"Alix always had respect and time for whomsoever she was listening to. Do you know just how rare that attribute is? She made you think you were the only person around, listened to what you had to say, thought about it and came up with sensible answers or good arguments – almost always laced with a dose of her great and often pretty wicked – sense of humor!"

Alix came to see me in Africa and I often visited her in London. Whenever I rang or saw her it was like yesterday that we had last seen each other.

Alix was a true Finch Grad. She survived a sometimes difficult life but was always helping and giving joy to others. As her daughter, Kathleen, said:

"She was so brave and strong to the end and we children were at her bedside with her when she left us for a better place. We are so relieved that she is now at peace and that her suffering is no longer. She was the most amazing mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend to so many. I know she will be missed by all of us."

# **A Special Thanks to Our 2012 Finch Mentors**

It doesn't seem that long ago that I made my first phone call to Finch member **Julia Berwick**, to ask if she would participate in our new Finch Mentor/Student "Matching Program." With her usual grace and enthusiasm, Julia immediately reached out to "then" Finch scholarship recipient, Lisa Fredsall, at the University of Connecticut, who was majoring in Julia's distinguished field of social work. Since then, Lisa earned her degree, worked for the McCall Foundation in Torrington, and accrued over 2,500 clinical and 93 supervisory hours towards her LCSW.

Now, three years later, our Finch Mentoring Program is "off and running" for 2012. Our current roster of Finch Mentors includes Ceil Gavin Ainsworth, Sally Arthur, Robin Skoler Barofsky, Jill Waldheim Chamberlain, Shea Gordon Festoff, Susan Wright Hight, Susan Klein Lane and Vilma Polakova Wiesenmaier, all highly admired women in their chosen fields.

Of course, Ceil can boast a multitude of career success stories as a nationally acclaimed designer and manufacturer of girls' dresses for 32 years, but it is her incredible success story at Manhattan Media, where she currently serves as Associate Publisher that seemed to make her the right match for Finch scholarship recipient, Cathy Furlani Schmitz, who last spring graduated from Bard, ready to begin a career in publishing. As she pursues her dreams, Cathy could not find a better role model than Ceil.

Jill's "student match" is Klara Kang, whose interest in biology and fascination with fish biodiversity brought her to the Florida Institute of Technology. Klara's other passion is writing, and her work, "A Dream Realized" was published in F.I.T.'s student newspaper. A long-time resident of Vero Beach, Florida, and an accomplished and highly respected writer in the medical field, Jill seemed the "logical match!"

Likewise, Shea, a prominent artist, a passionate equestrienne and a staunch political and environmental activist who uses her art to "make a difference" in the world, seemed a terrific choice for our Yale undergrad, Danielle Jablonski, whose academic concentration includes environmental studies and political science. Danielle, an accomplished cellist, is also an avid sports enthusiast, who runs an LGBT rock climbing organization in NYC that "works with adults from all walks of life and homeless LGBT youth."

Who better than Dr. Sally Arthur (the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs at NYU until retiring in 2002) to mentor a current New York University undergrad? Our 2012 scholarship winner, Lillian Zepeda, reports that she had a very exciting first semester at NYU, studying Latino Media Production and Intro to Media Criticism. Second semester includes a course called Social Media Networking, but I dare say, Lillian already made a sensational *new friend!* 

Robin, a dedicated nurse for over 30 years and currently, a Hospice Nurse with the Visiting Nurse Association of Central New Jersey, will share her professional skills and years of nursing experience with Phurkima Sherpa, our Finch scholarship recipient who grew up in Nepal and now is concentrating on nursing and forensic science at Hunter University.

Susan (Hight) from Connecticut is matched with Bonnie Stas, a double major in Clinical Psychology and Communication Disorders at the University of Connecticut at Storrs. Susan, a Counseling Psychologist, who among her many clinical skills, "counsels 8-12 year olds, using art and meditation as enhancement to talk therapy" seemed like a wonderful choice for Bonnie's own career ambitions.

Meanwhile, our other accomplished Susan (Lane) from New Jersey has spent her adult life enriching the lives of thousands of youngsters by placing "volunteer readers" in inner-city classrooms and helping to provide thousands of free books to young readers in the Paterson public schools and Newark's Head Start Program. Certainly, she will have some great advice for our Finch scholarship recipient, Connie Alara Falconi, whose major is Early Education with a minor in Psychology at New Jersey City State University.

Of course, we all know Vilma as an astute international business woman, whose own exquisite "linen designs" offer beauty and tranquillity worldwide. When I learned that our Finch scholarship recipient, Annamaria Havrillova, at William Paterson University, hopes to create "a better and more sustainable world through the positive power of business," I knew Vilma would be a perfect mentor.

Our 2012 Mentors, an eclectic and talented group of women, represent the best of Finch; their service to our scholarship winners surely fulfills Mrs. Cosgrave's dictum to help women prepare for and excel in all avenues of the professional world.

Thank you all for sharing your time, talent and wisdom!

Eileen Bluestone Sherman

Each year our Foundation sponsors both the Finch Grant Program and the Finch Scholar Program. Our Finch Grant Program awards a cash stipend to a variety of extraordinary women, who previously earned a degree from a Community College and are currently enrolled in a four year, undergraduate degree program. In addition, our Foundation sponsors the Finch Scholar Program at the New York Women's Foundation. This grant, donated to NYWF, offers a paid internship to an outstanding undergraduate, whose career goal is to serve the not-for profit community. Mentors advise students from both programs.

I encourage everyone to be in touch with me if she would like to be a future mentor (816-283-8077). All it really takes is a friendly email or phone call to just one hard-working scholarship winner. We still have a few students who would love a mentor! As is true in everything in life, the trick is finding "just the right fit!"

#### Finch College Alumnae Association Membership 2012

If you haven't already done so, please mail your 2012 dues, which are \$50 annually and cover the calendar year. You can also choose to become a lifetime member for \$300. Your dues are tax deductible, since we are a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. Dues-paying members are entitled to receive a free copy of the just-issued Finch Directory.

The Directory has been mailed to all 2012 dues-paying members. The Directory is bringing back many happy memories and helping to reconnect long lost friends! Many Finch College alumnae, whom we have not heard from in years, have responded enthusiastically about the latest edition. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, just download the membership form on the website finchcollege.org and mail it in along with your dues.

A Directory update will be issued on a regular basis, so please notify the Finch College Alumnae Association of any change or correction of address, email address, name or anything else online via the Finch website finchcollege.org under information.

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Note cards with the image of Finch's gothic doors and beautiful beaux-arts facade are available for sale. The note cards, printed in sepia green ink on cream vellum stock, with matching #10 envelopes, are designed to be used alone or to accommodate a folded letter. Proceeds from the sale of these cards are donated to a fund in honor of the late Dr. Margaret Maxwell, a beloved Finch teacher and one of the founders of the Finch College Alumnae Association. A package of 10 cards with 10 envelopes costs \$25.00 at the Cosgrave Awards; \$30.00 if we mail it to you. To order the note cards, you may contact the artist and Finch alumna who created these note cards: Margaret Stein Nakamura at nakamuranyc@aol.com or complete this form and mail to the FCAAF.



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