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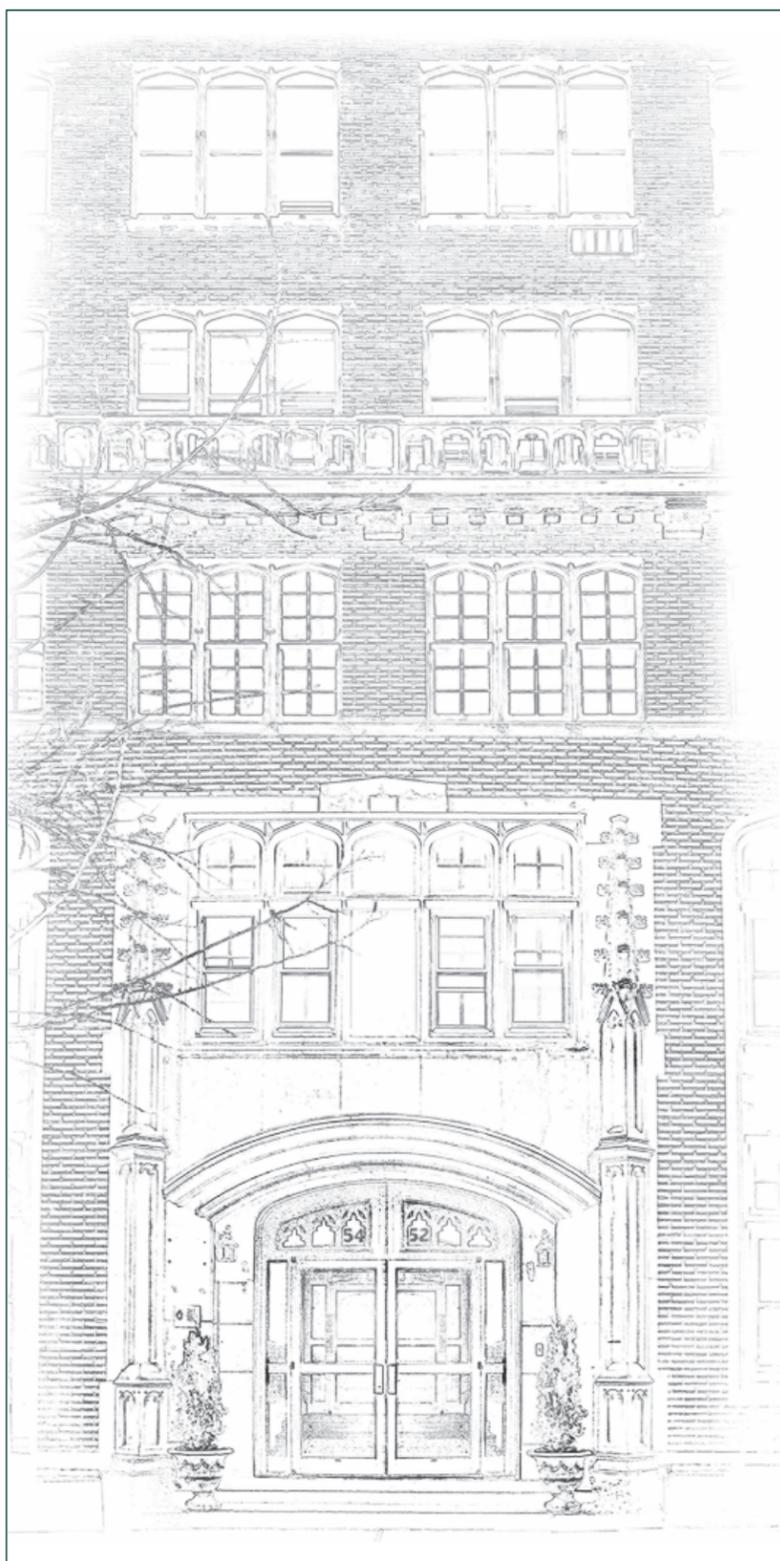
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AWARD PRESENTATION
RECEPTION & COCKTAILS
GRAND BALLROOM
6:00 PM

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.



TONIGHT IS A TRIBUTE TO THE FINE EDUCATION PROVIDED BY FINCH.

This evening we honor four remarkable Finch graduates in recognition of their diverse achievements in a wide range of fields. It is also our pleasure to welcome back a distinguished Finch College Professor and author, and receive Dr. Gail O'Connor Mellow, President of LaGuardia Community College, Long Island City, New York

We are delighted to gain momentum in 2016 thanks to the continuing financial support of the Louis Stern family, in memory of the late Freya Moskowitz Stern. Our thanks are also extended to the wonderful "Friends of Finch" for their on-going contributions to FCAAFT and for their participation in our year-long events. We remain ever-grateful as well to many of our alumnae who, aside from their monetary donations, continue to give so generously of themselves. From personal dinner parties, to hosting local events, they are creating awareness of our efforts, among friends and community, while increasing revenue for the organization. Their dedication and out-reach has also inspired more and more alumnae to rekindle their relationship with this special group.

We take particular pleasure in the continuing academic progress of our Scholarship recipients who are presently attending universities throughout the country such as Columbia, Smith, 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. Our greatest pride is seeing many of our scholars graduate, with honors, continuing with graduate studies, prestigious internships and positions worthy of their education.

As we celebrate our 22nd year we remain galvanized to expand our efforts and out-reach, on every level, while enjoying the blessing of our camaraderie and growing friendships.

Thank you for celebrating with us.

Onward!

Ceil

Ceil Ainsworth, Co-Chair

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Liz Colin, Co-Chair

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DR. JANICE S. LIEBERMAN



In her last year of teaching psychology at Finch, 1974-75, which sadly coincided with the last year of Finch, Janice said that seniors came to her expressing doubts and concerns about the future.

“The Feminist Movement dictated at the time that women needed a profession outside the home. Finch women were worried about how to be wives, mothers and career women at the same time. Their role models had been mothers who did not work, but stayed home and took care of family and the household,” said Janice, psychologist/psychoanalyst, who taught at Finch from 1971-75.

“Gender roles were changing. Men were no longer the only breadwinners. Women were taking on jobs and competing with men, which often meant competing with husbands. Couples had to decide who was going to share the care of home and children. A lot of marriages broke up. Women were afraid to assert themselves in the work place, to get good jobs.”

Immediately after her teaching ended at Finch, Janice opened her private consulting practice in New York, which she still maintains. She had grown up in Queens, attended Wellesley for a year but missed New York and transferred to Barnard, where she received a degree in psychology in 1962 and later earned her Ph.D. in 1968 from the NYU Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. She has authored books and many clinical papers and is on the faculty at the Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research in New York.

“Some of my patients I saw when they were younger and I was younger and now we’re all older and can still communicate,” she said. “They range from 25 to 80 years old. Some have modest jobs and others have so much. People are in so much motion today. Those with money are going from one spot to another, taking vacations, moving between two homes or more.

“Some think they can solve depression by diets and changing their bodies. They have products injected into their bodies, like Botox. All that takes money.”

In her paper, “Some Reflections on Greed and Envy In the Recent Age of Affluence,” Janice writes:

“Despite considerable advances women have made in the world at large, some of my young women patients seem to be in particular difficulty. Over-gratification and prolonged dependency on their parents has resulted in their limited acquisition of basic skills for functioning independently: Cooking, furnishing a home, purchasing clothing, paying bills. We have a generation of young women who hire lactation specialists to help them to nurse, specialists to plan weddings, wrap gifts, set tables, choose colors for rooms, personal shoppers to choose a wardrobe and create their ‘style’ and personal assistants to do it all.

“Spas have multiplied as this generation demands constant soothing and massage of every part of their bodies as a way of coping with poor anxiety tolerance, the end result of early gratification and neglect. Coupled with the expectation that they have successful careers and gorgeous homes is the social expectation that they look perfect and have perfect bodies, requiring hours at the gym and rigorous dieting, further reducing their energy.”

Janice has two married sons and four grandsons. Her older son, Mark Spencer Lieberman, lives in New York and is founder/producer of the Artists Den, which presents musical events with popular artists in public spaces, including museums, art galleries, libraries, etc. Her younger son, Evan Scott Lieberman, is professor of political science at MIT and does research projects on economics, education and AIDS in South Africa, Kenya and Tanzania.

Do her sons ever ask for her advice

“No,” she said, with a laugh.



Janice with daughters in law Amy Lieberman and Bronwyn Spira



Janice with sons

DALE ANNE BOURJAILY



Dale Anne Bourjaily and her son, Benjamin van der Pol, on way to church for her marriage in June, 2014, to Robert Meijer.

From her home in Bloemendaal, a resort town on the North Sea, The Netherlands, Dale Anne has instigated non-profit projects that stretch across the world to help people live a better life through clean technology.

Natural Capital Ventures, which she founded in 2005 in Bloemendaal, regularly receives 300-400 requests which have to be narrowed down to two or three.

“We put deals together that make good business sense and create a clean, healthy climate,” she said. “You can do a lot by investing wisely to make the world a better place.”

Her leadership has raised millions for start-up companies around the globe that use less energy and create less waste. She has a huge network of colleagues that offers good advice on projects to pursue.

“For instance, in West Africa, women were working in the cotton fields, picking and seeding cotton but leaving their babies at home, alone, because they didn’t want them to get sick from the pesticides,” she said. “So we developed a new way to grow cotton without pesticides and mothers could take their babies to work.”

Dale Anne’s Amalia Venture Fund, a seed fund for Syrian and minority refugee businesses, has a stated purpose that could relate to Natural Capital Ventures in general:

“It is a seed fund aimed mainly at investing in refugee entrepreneurs with the passion, drive and focus needed for success. It helps them launch business ideas and alleviates dependency while earning a return. We are a group of working professionals, entrepreneurs and industry experts and investors who have a common goal in mind, to create value in the world through business endeavors and to create wealth as a byproduct.

“We are not just investors, we are partners to our start-ups. We were and still are entrepreneurs ourselves. We invest because we believe that investing in refugee entrepreneurs will have a positive social impact as much as a sound financial investment.”

The Amazonia Fund helps protect the rain forests of Brazil from those who want to cut them down, said Dale Anne.

“Plants can be identified that can be used to develop medicines. There is a lot more value in a forest than wood.”

Another major passion of Dale Anne’s is Nuestros Paquenos Hermanos (Our Little Brothers and Sisters), which helps nearly 4,000 neglected, ill and abandoned children in Latin America and the Caribbean. It provides homes, schools, hospitals and recreational facilities in nine countries. Children with exceptional ability are brought to the United States to learn and study and return home to assume leadership roles. Dale Anne is board chairman in Europe of NPH.

She was attending Finch from 1968 to 1970 when Dale Anne met her first husband, Adriaan von der Pol. She left Finch and was married in Holland. Adriaan had a chair on the Amsterdam stock and options exchanges. He died in 2004. She has four children and two grandchildren and is now married to Robert Meijer, who serves on boards of pension funds and major companies.

Dale Anne was born in Westport, CT., and grew up New York and New Jersey. She comes from a family of distinguished educators, writers and journalists. One of her brothers, the late Vance Bourjaily, was a well-known novelist and journalist, and her father, the late Monte Bourjaily, was editor of United Features Syndicate. Dale Anne’s mother, the late Norma Sparlin, was a concert pianist, who performed at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center.

“I turned the pages for her,” said Dale Anne.

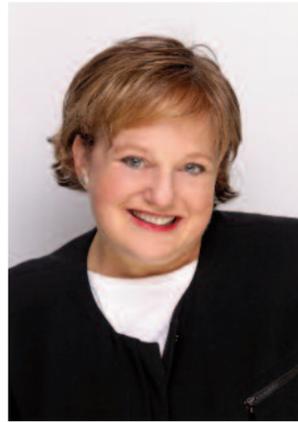
Her Cosgrave Award brings the chance for a reunion with her Finch roommate, Marcy Syms, 1999 Cosgrave honoree.

“Dale Anne has created an inventive and internationally focused career that remains at the cutting edge of micro lending and the Green Movement,” said Marcy.



Left to right first row daughter Danielle, daughter Marie, granddaughter Demi, grandson Abel, husband Robert, daughter Nadine, fiancé

PEGGY FLAXMAN MILLHEISER



In 1975, their senior year at Finch, Peggy and Julie Vasques (Horns, Cosgrave 2012) were just getting back to the college after a late concert, when they saw a crowd of dorm students standing outside in their night clothes. A water main had burst on Park Avenue, sending water gushing down to the college.

“Things were flying everywhere,” said Peggy. “Julie and I raced up to our rooms to change from street clothes to night clothes (to disguise their late arrival). My sister had just moved to New York and lived on 83rd Street. We walked up there for breakfast.

“The flooding was devastating, especially for the art museum. To raise needed money, Finch decided to sell some apartment buildings it owned but residents living there didn’t want to move. The college told us we could have pizza parties in the lobbies and make all the noise we wanted, thinking it would make the residents want to move out. That didn’t work.

“One of the buildings was being used for a movie, ‘Three Days of the Condor,’ starring Robert Redford. It rained a lot in the movie so they had to install pipes and hoses on the roof to create rain. They hoped that would get the renters out, but that didn’t work either.

“College records were soaked (from the flood), so to dry them, clotheslines were stretched across the auditorium and files hung up with clothespins. And the kitchens had to close so the Carlyle Hotel provided our meals. They weren’t fancy but we were accommodated very well. Every day at Finch was a new adventure.”

Peggy, a fourth generation Texan and resident of Dallas, where she was born and raised, read about Finch College in a brochure. It told about art history courses which she wanted. She arrived at Finch in 1972 and graduated in 1975 with a Bachelor’s of Fine Arts degree. She met her husband, Dave, in her senior year. They were married two years later and stayed another seven years in New York, where Dave was working. He had a business offer in Dallas so they moved, settled down and raised a daughter and son there.

When her children were in elementary school, Peggy learned there was no creative writing course and no summer reading course. This bothered her so she created the courses herself.

“They were for kindergarten through sixth grade,” she said. “The kids had to read five books over the summer in different categories. When they returned to school they wrote and illustrated their own stories. The best ones were put in the library so others could read them and the authors then took their stories home to keep.

“It was a public school with a wonderful woman principal who allowed us to be creative,” said Peggy. “We also had outdoor education for kids at a popular summer camp where they could learn about nature and biology and stay overnight. Teachers stayed with them.”

Peggy’s humanitarian efforts stretched further in the 1980s when many Russian immigrants were coming to the states and needed places to stay. Peggy and her family offered their home.

“We went to the airport three times to meet them but missed each time,” she said. “They arrived at our door in a Mercedes Benz. The mother was wearing a snakeskin suit, had flowing red hair and had on tons of jewelry and make-up. All we had known was what we had read in the World Book, that Russians were so poor.”

Peggy and her family looked after the Russian family for two years. They remain good friends. The Russians have moved into a home nearby, they now all speak English and the husband, an electrical engineer, has a successful business.

Highly successful in her own right, Peggy is in her 17th year as a top sales agent with a Dallas real estate firm. She and Dave are a team for the firm, which is in demand as “Dallas is expanding so rapidly,” she said.

All fluent in Spanish, the Millheisers took temporary leave of Dallas from 1996 to 1999 to live in Santiago, Chile, where Dave pursued a business opportunity.

“We lived in the foothills of the Andes Mountains,” said Peggy. “It was beautiful.”



Anne and husband Dave

RITA CASTORA O’HARE



Rita - Senior Practicum



Left to right: Pierson, Rita, Pete, Peter III, Chinel, Robin, Kendal, Pippa, and Peter IV(front center)

Rita exudes a “joie de vivre” when talking about her days at Finch (1966-70), her classes, professors and her subsequent teaching career. Her 34 years of teaching Spanish in New Jersey high schools earned her the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

“You have to be creative to engage kids 13 to 17 years old,” she said. “You have to keep current about what’s going. In class we would discuss, in Spanish, bands and lead singers, clothing trends and cars and mechanics—the boys loved that. We’d go to the food lab and make quacamole. The answering machine had just come in so students could call me and I would report back to them. I also had them make videos of their homes, pretend to be real estate agents trying to sell their home and we would watch the videos in class.

“Teaching was exhausting but fulfilling and I loved it. Former students still get in touch with me through e-mail and Facebook.”

Rita’s teaching mentors at Finch included Dr. Rosa Clough and Dr. Katherine J. Hampares (Cosgrave 2014). Dr. Clough, Italian professor, invited students’ family members to class, where she served tea and pastries while students recited excerpts from Dante’s “The Divine Comedy”. Rita says Dr. Hampares inspired her to become an outstanding Spanish teacher. She read Dr. Hampares’s textbooks like a Bible.

“Her love of learning made Rita a unique student,” says Dr. Hampares. “She did not study in order to pass tests and receive good grades. She studied to become a cultured, knowledgeable person who integrated her education as part of her persona, thus making her a lifetime learner!”

Rita spent her junior year at the University of Valencia, on Spain’s Mediterranean coast. She lived with a family and became proficient in Spanish, ready to return to Dr. Hampares’s senior seminar at Finch.

“I arrived in Spain with 13 pieces of luggage and left with six,” she said. “I left clothes over there. So much more was needed at Finch—skirts, pants and you had to have white gloves to go to the opera. But it was a wonderful time. So special. I was devastated when Finch closed. The location was wonderful and the college was small and friendly and the faculty were fabulous.

“Dr. Hampares’s senior seminar was rigorous, interesting and had a long syllabus. With only four in the class, preparedness and readiness were absolutes. No hiding or slacking off possible!”

In her senior year, Rita was recognized as the outstanding student in Modern Languages, the subject of her B.A. degree. She went on to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching from New Jersey City University. Languages have been integral to her life. She learned Italian at home from her grandmother but Sunday dinners brought friends and family of many backgrounds together. Her teaching awards included an \$8,000-gift to spend on her students. She bought theater tickets to “Man of La Mancha,” poetry books, posters and made restaurant reservations.

Soon after the beginning of her freshman year at Finch, Rita met her husband, Peter O’Hare, at a mixer at Columbia University. They danced ‘til midnight, when Rita suddenly realized she had to get back to her dorm. At the second mixer she saw Peter again and they have been together virtually ever since. This year marks their 44th wedding anniversary.

They live in Paramus, N.J., not far from Hackensack, where Rita was born and grew up. She and Peter, a retired school superintendent, have two children and three grandchildren. Their son, Dr. Peter O’Hare, a urologist who specializes in the care of women, is married to a doctor and they have three children. A daughter, Robin O’Hare, is an art therapist and yoga instructor in Brooklyn. She majored in visual art in college.

“I asked her what was she going to do with a degree in that,” said Rita. “She told me: ‘Everything you look at is a visual art.’”



Rita with daughter and husband, Peter.

SUSAN RUBENSTEIN REED



To recover from the tough blows of a divorce, while fighting breast cancer, Susan had the support of her family, sought the healing advice of a nun with the Sisters of St. Joseph, trained for a 100-mile bike ride for AIDS and started her own business: Baking fortune cookies.

She still visits with Sister Ann Alderman, rides her bike and bakes thousands of fortune cookies for multiple events. To make the cookies, she first had to hire a chef and find a kitchen.

"I interviewed pastry chefs in New York City and Philadelphia," she said. "I found Jeannie, who taught me how to make a giant French butter cookie, design a template for it and fold it with the fortune inside. We found a kitchen I could rent on a boat at the New York Waterway Ferry Terminal. I live in Rochester, N.Y., so I got up at 2 a.m. every Wednesday to drive to the boat docked at Weehawken, N.J. Would get there by 9 or 10 a.m., work with Jeannie all day, drive all night to get home by 7 a.m., get my youngest child, who had been with a babysitter, off to school, and then go to bed."

Customers create their own fortunes for the cookies. Susan has been baking them about eight years, but much closer to home. Her customers have included MTV, Comedy Central, Time Warner Cable, baby showers, weddings, corporate give-a-ways. She has hired totally deaf and hearing impaired assistants to help her bake and package her products.

"They are so bright and talented and wonderful to work with," she said. Her website: www.sweetfortunecookies.com.

Susan attended Finch from 1967-69, graduating with a B.A. in psychology. As a young girl growing up in New York she would go to Central Park and enjoy long visits with her grandmother, who lived nearby. She developed a special fondness and empathy for the elderly.

At Glassboro State College, now Rowan University of New Jersey, she served as Director of Gerontology and established the Residential Educational Seminar for Older Americans. She brought adults from a 9-county area, who had not had a college experience, to the campus to live temporarily and attend classes with the younger students. It benefitted both old and young.

With grant funding, she designed a Pre-Retirement Symposium to help executives of major corporations in southern New Jersey educate their employees on retirement planning. And she developed an Aging in the Family program, directed toward children of aging parents, the Sandwich Generation, who must become caregivers for their parents while caring for their own children. It became a model training program for caregivers throughout New York State.

While pursuing her projects, Susan reared three children and is now a grandmother. Her son, Jonathan Reed, 44, is an attorney; daughter, Courtney Horwitz, 40, does financing for real estate developments, and her youngest, Alexis Reed, 28, is in medical school.

Developing art programs for young children was another passion of Susan's. After settling with her family in Rochester, she got involved with the Memorial Art Gallery at the University of Rochester. She wanted to make art more hands-on to get children interested. She selected colorful "kid-friendly" paintings and formed a company

to produce and distribute wooden jigsaw puzzles related to the art. She talked the gallery director and trustees into providing a room where children could explore and create to their hearts' content, painting their own still lifes or arranging abstract shapes on a magnetized wall.

"If children could not run through the halls or touch the art, I believed we should create a space where they could explore art on their own terms," she said. "If we could put a (jigsaw) painting before a child and then allow him (or her) to take it apart, put it together or even create their own masterpiece, they would be able to explore their own interests.

"As an educator I believed it was my job to help create a museum environment that welcomed kids instead of pushing them away."

Today, 30 years later, the museum art space Susan pleaded for is still filled with children thriving with their creative freedom.



Laureen Reed, Courtney Horwitz holding Ava Horwitz, Alexis Reed, Gal Barbut, Jonathan Reed
Sitting on floor - Lawrence Horwitz holding Dylan Reed

DR. GAIL O. MELLOW



Dr. Gail O. Mellow has served as President of LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City, Queens since 2000. A member of the City University of New York (CUNY) system, LaGuardia is a nationally recognized leader among community colleges for achieving boundary-breaking success educating underserved students.

An expert on the history, development and future of the American community college,

Dr. Mellow co-authored *Minding the Dream: The Process and Practice of the American Community College* (Rowman &

Littlefield, 2nd ed. 2014) and the new book *Taking College Teaching Seriously: Pedagogy Matters!* (Stylus, 2015). She is

frequently sought as a commentator on the changing landscape of higher education, strategies for improving the nation's graduation

rate and the important role community colleges play in growing America's middle class and strengthening the economy. She has

been quoted in a range of publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Bloomberg BusinessWeek* and has appeared

on national radio and television broadcasts on NPR, MSNBC and PBS.

Dr. Mellow received an A.A. from Jamestown Community College, a B.A. from SUNY Albany, where she graduated Phi Beta

Kappa, and her M.A. and Ph. D. in Social Psychology from George Washington University.

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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 Negriss
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 Sheerin

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

*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
Foundation Trust, established 2001

2016 – COSGRAVE AWARDS JOURNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

FINCH COLLEGE ALUMNI SUPPORT TODAY'S COLLEGE STUDENTS THROUGH SEVERAL PROGRAMS:

THE \$5000 FINCH COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO DESERVING COMMUNITY COLLEGE WOMEN, OVER AGE 22, WHO ARE TRANSFERRING TO A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE. FOUR ARE AWARDED ANNUALLY AS **THE FREYA MOSKOWITZ STERN SCHOLARSHIP**, GENEROUSLY NAMED IN HONOR OF OUR GRADUATE. IN ADDITION, FOUR OR FIVE ARE AWARDED ANNUALLY, VARYING IF AN ALUMNA DONATES A SCHOLARSHIP AND DEPENDING UPON THE ORGANIZATION'S FUNDING. THE STUDENT RECEIVES **\$2500** UPON TRANSFERRING TO A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE AND AN ADDITIONAL **\$2500** DURING HER LAST SEMESTER. WE WANT TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THESE HARD WORKING WOMEN TO RECEIVE THEIR BACHELOR'S DEGREE. A PANEL OF COLLEGE PROFESSORS, **DR. TRICIA LIN, DR. CECILIA MACHESKI AND DR. MARY RADDOCK** REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS AND MAKE THE DECISIONS.

THE FREYA MOSKOWITZ STERN SCHOLARSHIP, NAMED IN HONOR OF THE LATE FINCH GRADUATE, WAS INITIATED IN 2015 WITH A GENEROUS DONATION BY HER FAMILY. IT ASSURES FOUR FORTUNATE YOUNG WOMEN WILL RECEIVE **\$5000** EACH TO COMPLETE HER FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE. IN ADDITION, FREYA'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, **EVAN STERN** DONATED **\$10,000** TO MAKE POSSIBLE AN ADDITIONAL TWO, OR A TOTAL OF SIX **FREYA MOSKOWITZ STERN SCHOLARSHIPS** IN 2016.

INDIVIDUAL FINCH COLLEGE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS, ARE GENEROUSLY DONATED ANNUALLY BY ALUMNI AND FRIENDS, OFTEN IN HONOR OF A SPECIAL OCCASION OR A GRADUATE. WE KNOW HOW A COLLEGE EDUCATION IS SUCH A PLUS IN LIFE; A SCHOLARSHIP IS OFTEN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAKING COLLEGE POSSIBLE OR NOT. ALUMNI MAY DONATE A FULL SCHOLARSHIP OF **\$5000** OR, ONE YEAR AT **\$2500**. **DR. KATHERINE HAMPARES**, SPANISH PROFESSOR AT FINCH COLLEGE, AGAIN DONATED A SCHOLARSHIP IN 2015.

DR. MARGARET MAXWELL SCHOLARSHIP, AWARDED ANNUALLY TO HONOR OUR BELOVED HISTORY PROFESSOR, IS FULLY FUNDED BY THE FINCH COLLEGE ALUMNI FOUNDATION TO HONOR A STUDENT WHO HAS OVERCOME ADVERSITY IN LIFE AND HAS GONE ON TO SUCCEED.

THE BIRCH WATHEN LENOX SCHOOL-FINCH SCHOLARSHIP ANNUALLY PROVIDES PARTIAL TUITION TO A STUDENT AT THIS TWELVE-YEAR SCHOOL. THE SELECTION OF THE RECIPIENT IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOOL'S FACULTY AND IS FULLY FUNDED BY THE **BIRCH WATHEN LENOX SCHOOL**. **JESSICA COSGRAVE** ALSO FOUNDED THE **LENOX SCHOOL**.

INTRODUCING NINE OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMEN WHO RECEIVED THE 2015 FINCH COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

THE FREYA MOSKOWITZ STERN SCHOLARSHIP, NAMED IN HONOR OF FINCH COLLEGE GRADUATE, IS AWARDED TO FOUR DESERVING WOMEN:



EMILY JUNE MATTSO BARNES

Rowan College at Gloucester County to Rowan University

Emily's goal is to receive a degree in chemical engineering with a dream of working with The Boeing Company in Philadelphia. As her Phi Theta Kappa Advisor (the world's largest and most prestigious community college honor society), wrote in a letter of recommendation, "academically, Emily is multi-talented, no academic subject presenting an

obstacle she cannot overcome. She is challenged by demanding subjects and excellent professors, and through her focused dedication and self-discipline she ranks among the top 10 most successful students I have had the privilege to work with in my 37 year career". Emily has served as a peer tutor to fellow students in math, biology and chemistry. She believes that throughout history, women such as Marie Curie, Sally Ride, and Amelia Earhart chose not to allow conforms of their society to decide their professions. Emily will study Chemical Engineering at Rowan College.



VANESSA CARDONA

Raritan Valley Community College to George Washington University

Vanessa became a part-time student at Raritan Valley Community College in 2011, while working full-time as a pharmacy technician. She quickly found that balancing life, school, and work is challenging. To balance the intensity of a full time job and studies, Vanessa was introduced to Spartan Races, an obstacle course race of various distances. There are three

main races offered multiple times a year: the sprint, the super, and the beast. She overcame many triumphs and cried many tears; overcame self-doubt and fulfilled one of her biggest goals of the year.

It has taken four long but rewarding years to earn an Associate of Science Degree in Chemistry. She has been a Galileo Scholar and regularly named to The Dean's List. Now transferred to George Washington University, she will take a forensic chemistry program and hopes to work for the US Government.



ELLEN LUCINDA MUTTER

Rockland County Community College to Amherst College

After attending Manhattan School of Music, Ellen was a professional violinist travelling all over the world in concert. In 2013 she developed nerve damage and lost sensitivity in her fingers, ending her career. When she entered Rockland Community College, she discovered that mathematics proved to be an abstraction; it provided a counterpart to the tactile aspect of the music Emily had missed.

Ellen has taken eight honors classes, with a 4.00 average, and was accepted to participate in the Chancellor's Education Pipeline Biomedical Research Program at Stony Brook University. She studied abroad at the University of Cambridge Summer Shakespeare School; The Sam Draper Cambridge University Scholarship assisted with travel and tuition.

As President of RCC's Gay-Straight Alliance, Ellen brought this club into the spotlight of activity: two NYC-based published authors of LGBTQ-themed literature; also a workshop and performance on transgender identity.

As she enters Amherst College, Ellen now plans a double major in literature and mathematics, eventually to go on to PhD in math.

**HYO JUNG SHIN**

Queensborough Community College to Queens College

Originally a business major, when Hyo Jung attended The Nichols Award Ceremony she realized how biology and chemistry both transfer our lives. Intrigued, she switched majors and landed a summer internship with NYC Department of Environmental Protection. Participating in several college research projects in which she had to present and defend her findings, she learned the skills of presentation, cooperation with others and patience. This led to summer studies by The National Science Foundation at The University of CT. She especially enjoyed tutoring her peers and helping others to understand biology. Hyo Jung is President of the QCC Chemistry Club and active in PTK Honor Society.

Hyo Jung's two major goals are to conduct research in biology and to teach. She plans to pursue a PhD combining both biology and chemistry.

THE DR. MARGARET MAXWELL SCHOLARSHIP awarded to one who has overcome great diversity:

**NAJLAA BOURAS**

Kingsborough Community College to Smith College

Najlaa was born in Tountan, Northern Morocco, where women are covered and considered second class citizens. As a female child, she was sent off to live with her grandmother on a farm, where they believed she would at least provide menial labor. Although illiterate, her grandmother pushed her to attend primary school. She was then returned to her parents to work in a clothing factory to provide family food. Najlaa never lost her love of learning and knew an education would be the only way out. She entered a competition sponsored by The US Department of State of a three-month leadership training course and was chosen, one of eight in the entire country. At the end she decided to overstay her visa in The United States and take her chances as an undocumented resident. After being homeless for three months, she found a job in a fast food restaurant. To overcome language difficulties and to learn English, she read everything possible. After years of perseverance, she managed to apply for asylum to become a legal resident and was treated for post traumatic stress disorder. As soon as she was a legal resident, she enrolled at Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, the best decision in her life, she says.

She excelled at Kingsborough. She has a passion to help immigrants, low-income women and underprivileged children, and joined CUNY Corps, which matches students with non-profit organization internships; a member of Sisters United; PTK Honorary Society and represented Kingsborough at the Salzburg Global Seminar.

At Kingsborough she transformed from a scared 18 year old to an independent, knowledgeable adult who now had the tools to create this change. Perseverance at Smith College will enhance her education and her want to continue civic engagement.

THE DR. KATHRYN HAMPARES SCHOLARSHIP, donated by Finch Spanish Professor:

**AMANDA ENGLISH**

Herkimer County Community College to Utica College

As the 36-year-old mother of two teenagers, working full time at Bank of America, Amanda, is our first scholarship recipient to study online at both the community college and college level. After 14 years, the Bank was moving and suddenly Amanda realized she was not prepared for a career. As a single parent, she needed the income, and also realized the importance of a college education to succeed. Online education proved to be the solution. When she had to choose a mentor from the faculty, she suddenly realized she had never met any of them in person, so she chose the professor who scared her the most!

Criminal justice had always been an interest, especially cybersecurity; Amanda wants to get those child pornographers away from the Internet. Amanda made Dean's List with a 3.9 average and was invited to join PTK Honor Society. At graduation she proudly received her diploma wearing two Honors Cords. She now attends Utica College to earn a bachelor's degree in Cybersecurity.

And along with all this, Amanda continues to volunteer with children's sports and their other interests; she received The Presidents Award for volunteer hours and in her spare time enjoys kickboxing.

THE FINCH COLLEGE ALUMNI AWARD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS:**CHU PAING**

LaGuardia Community College to Queens College

After graduating from high school in Myanmar, Chu tutored students in English. Her life changed when she received the coveted US Diversity Lottery, which provides candidates of underprivileged countries a permanent visa in any US city. Chu chose New York.

Growing up in Myanmar and having studied in Thailand, she had a particular interest in the diversity of Asian languages, especially in the very diverse New York City. In Introduction to Language, a required course for her major, Teaching English to Speakers of Another Language, she began to explore the interweaving of language and culture. For an assignment to create a program for a specific group of students, she studied the demographics and history of education and proposed a totally new program for an underserved region of Myanmar.

Chu was chosen to become a member of select The Presidents Society, an ambassador program to develop the tools and experience to compete with elite four-year college graduates when they enter the workforce. As she blossomed, she was selected to represent LaGuardia Community College at meetings with donors, elected officials and SUNY senior leadership.

She visualizes herself teaching Linguistics at a college level one day, after she receives her bachelor's and PhD from Queens College.

**CHEYENNE TALLAS SANDY**

LaGuardia Community College to Queens College

Tallas, as she is known, attended public school until fourth grade and then became home self-tutored. Her mother had returned to work and Tallas was responsible for younger siblings. For ninth grade, she entered Sudbury School, an alternate school, on a partial scholarship. When she felt she had learned all she could there, and knowing they did not

provide diplomas, she moved out and became totally self-supporting at 17. A Sudbury teacher introduced to her a contact in Japan and Tallas spent time in Russia teaching at an orphanage and interacted with children in need of speech therapy. This sparked her interest in Speech Pathology and Linguistics as a career. Returning to the USA and working as a dietary aide in a nursing home, Tallas was exposed to the many opportunities available in Speech Therapy. She would like to work with emerging bilinguals, autistic children and those who have suffered brain injuries.

With a 4.0 average at LaGuardia Community College she will enter The Honors Program at Queens College after a summer internship at East River Child Development Center. When enrolled, she hopes to spend a semester at Japan Kobe University or Osaka Jogakuin. And after receiving her degree, she will teach in Japan with the JET Program. And return to earn her Masters, in Speech Pathology. Tallas' goal is to teach in the US or abroad and travel independently each summer; perhaps volunteering in schools, shelters or orphanages to share her teaching speech pathology skills around the world.



SANJA RADENOVIC

Borough of Manhattan Community College to Baruch College
Sanja grew up in what was Yugoslavia, now known as Slovenia. As her stepmother deserted the family, Sanja and her sister were relieved because of abuse, however, both suddenly had to care for two younger siblings, plus the home. Schooling was set aside. As her youngest brother entered preschool, Sanja returned to school herself, working at a restaurant weekends to earn money. She was twenty years old when she decided to move to The United States, the land of opportunity, without a friend, a home or any money. Her determination to succeed has helped her survive as she found a job and ultimately The Borough of Manhattan Community College. She is a member of Sisterhood Society and PTK Honor Society. Now at age 32, with her strong work ethic, she sees the many dreams and opportunities becoming a reality. For the last several years, she has worked as a paralegal in a law office, and also managed their financial accounts. She enters Baruch College Zicklin School of Business, with the goal of a law degree.

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO BIRCH WATHEN LENOX SCHOOL STUDENT



IRINI LIVANOS, a seventh grade student at the school, was honored at their annual Scholarship Tea commemorating the bond established by Jessica Cosgrave when she founded both The Lenox School and Finch College. Irini is honored for both her scholastic success and display of leadership within the school community, including her service endeavors outside of school. She especially likes science and math, both important in the school's emphasis on STEM studies. Another great love is horses—in her spare time, Irini volunteers for Amaryllis Farm, and this fall she raised over a thousand dollars for their equine rescue program that saves racehorses and other animals scheduled for the slaughterhouse. Irini gave a special presentation at a Middle School Assembly and then sponsored a “dress down day” to raise funds for Amaryllis Farms. The Finch College Alumnae Award for Women in Leadership is given annually and is fully funded by the school in recognition of this special relationship between Finch College and The Birch Wathen Lenox School.

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 writes:

Finally, I am reaching the first "finish line" of my career. I am about to graduate as a civil engineer in May from the Grove School of Engineering at CCNY. Our official graduation is June 3, and First Lady Michelle Obama is our commencement speaker. (How exciting is that!!!) I can't say that the journey was easy. There were a lot of ups and downs, but that's what makes it so very gratifying. I am grateful to all of you who believed in me and supported me every step of the way.

As they say, "hard work pays off." This spring I received and accepted an offer to begin my professional career with STV Incorporated after graduation. STV is a leading, award-winning firm offering engineering, architectural, planning, environmental, and construction management services. It is a 100 years-plus company. STV consistently ranks among the country's top 25 firms in education, corrections, highways, bridges, rail and mass transit throughout the United States and in Canada. This offer comes with a variety of wonderful benefits, among which is the opportunity for me to begin graduate studies, six months after beginning employment. STV pays full tuition! Thus, the plan is to take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity and within three years, I will be eligible to receive my Professional Engineering License (PE).



LISA FREDSELL writes:

I continue my work as the Clinical Director for October Road, Inc. in Asheville, North Carolina. I supervise "Assertive Community Treatment Teams" that serve clients with SPMI, particularly Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, and Bipolar Disorder. The individuals who meet criteria for our "Hospital without Walls" service suffer from functional impairments, resulting from their mental illness and/or substance abuse issues. Clients we serve struggle with frequent and high utilization of emergency services, mobile crisis, and inpatient hospitalizations. They are typically struggling with evictions, homelessness, and involvement in the criminal justice system. It is truly a profession involving the heart. Our teams work tirelessly to assist these individuals in making positive change from the ground floor up and start at the basics. I couldn't imagine doing anything else!

I am working towards my full LCAS license and for now am an LACAS-A. Life at October Road, Inc. is exciting- we continue to grow and increase our roots in North Carolina as a quality, ethical, and personal centered treatment provider. I love working here!

On a personal note, life is good! We are enjoying living in the Asheville area, and the life that comes with it. Our son is getting married on 5/28/16, and we are looking forward to that event!



DANIELLE JABLONSKI writes:

For the last two years, I served both as the operations manager and marketing manager at a boutique tech company in New York City. At the start of 2016, I spent two months in Thailand and Australia, and since returning to New York, I decided that it's time to make a big change and finally start working in a more creative field that I have been contemplating for a long time. This May, I transitioned to a part-time role at my tech company, so that I can begin classes in film production, a career which will allow me to combine my creative energy with my technical and organizational skills. I believe film and television are such important mediums for influencing people and society, and I want to contribute to that endeavor.

I am beginning film classes at BRIC (leading cultural center in Brooklyn) and at DCTV. Most recently, I connected to the New York Women in Film and Television. I am very excited about all the possibilities.



DR. SYBILLE NGO NYECK writes:

More recently, I edited a special journal issue on Gender, Women, and Government Outsourcing in Comparative Perspective (Wagadu: A Transnational Journal of Gender and Women's Studies). I also edited a book called Public Procurement Reform and Governance in Africa (Palsgrave-Macmillan 2016). The book is scheduled to be out by May. In addition, I was awarded a 2-year research grant for a project entitled Religious Entrepreneurship in the Age of Sexual Rights in Arica: An Inquiry into the Dynamics of Resilient Innovation and Competition in Kenya.

Following this year's Commencement at Clarkson University (where I serve on the faculty as Assistant Professor of Political Science), I am hoping to travel to Kenya.

FYI: Dr. Tricia Lin, one of the three official judges to select our annual roster of Finch Scholars (and selected Sybille years ago) recently shared a special news item with Finch Scholarship Chair, Lois Ziegler. "Incidentally, my Honors College/Women's Studies class (at Southern Connecticut State University) which I co-teach this semester is reading AFRICAN WOMEN WRITING RESISTANCE right now, which has one of Sybille Ngo Nyeck's essay included, and it was one of the 12 essays assigned for this week's discussion (plus a good chunk from Alice Walker's THE TEMPLE OF MY FAMILIAR).



YESHEY PELZOM writes:

It was only recently that I was talking with my husband about how far we have come and that we were so fortunate to have received support from the Finch College Alumni Association Foundation Trust when we needed it the most.

I would say my family is achieving our goals. We came here (Georgia) in hopes of affording education for the three of us (my husband, my son, and myself). I graduated Magna Cum Laude from Agnes Scott College and went to King's College London where I completed my Master's Degree in Medieval English Literature, specializing in Sex, Gender, and Culture. I could not afford to pursue a Ph.D. because I wanted my husband to return to school, too. He enrolled himself in Georgia Perimeter College here in Georgia (equivalent of LaGuardia Community College) when I was in the last semester at Agnes Scott, but he was only able to take a class or two in the evening while he continued his full time job. When I returned from London, I found a job so that he could go to pharmacy school, full time. He graduated in May 2015 and is now a licensed pharmacist.

As for myself, I am working with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) as a Resettlement Manager in the Atlanta office. While it is very rewarding work, serving newly arriving/arrived refugees, I am very interested in writing and have begun to work on a book. I am also hopeful that I can resume my studies to earn a Ph.D. I want to devote more time to studies and writing. However, for the moment, my husband and I are working diligently to "wean off some of our compounding pharmacy school loans."

Be sure to give my warmest regards to all, especially President Mellow and Professor Cecilia. My student life at LaGuardia was the best; I miss those days.



PHURKIMA SHERPA

Currently, I am in Fort Sam Houston, in San Antonio, Texas. I just completed 11 weeks of a 16 week Army training period - field training and tests. My college background in forensic sciences at Hunter College easily categorized me as a health specialist. I will not be working in an ER or lab. In the US Army, "health specialist equals combat medic." My unit has been training to care for infantry soldiers at the front line, control bleeding, give medications, maintain airway, give saline water, etc. I am learning to assist casualties in a war zone. I am now EMT Certified. (My unit completed the course in 6-7 weeks. In the "civilian world," the same course takes 12-24 months.) I will be posted in Hawaii and then deployed within the next year. I know there are many dangers, but I am very excited about this new adventure and proud to serve. My Army graduation ceremony is June 18, 2016.

LA Luncheon Benefits Finch Scholarship Fund

By Alba Farber Francesca

I hadn't anticipated that hosting a luncheon to benefit the Finch Scholarship Fund would be such an uplifting experience. The idea of grass roots fundraising appeals to me so I contacted Finch alumnae in Los Angeles. Cathy Cohn Marshall, (Finch Class of 1970), was the only other graduate who could attend. My goal of 14 women made the fundraising amount worthwhile so I reached out to women in my life. I described the gathering as a networking/fundraiser event. I would provide lunch and each woman's fifty dollar donation would go to the Finch Scholarship Fund to assist women completing their bachelor's degree. Invitees responded enthusiastically and Finch alumnae, Linda Purl and Georganne Heller, who couldn't attend, sent contributions. Three other friends who couldn't be with us also sent contributions because they liked the idea of helping women achieve their educational goals. I was touched when a male neighbor of mine made a contribution as well. This generosity exemplifies that any of us can help other women achieve their educational goals and the pleasure we received cannot be overstated.

I hosted the gathering in my home rather than in a restaurant because it would be more relaxed. Women arrived at 12:30pm and mixed. We then served ourselves lemon chicken, stuffed mushrooms, spears of cherry tomatoes and mozzarella balls, lentil and couscous salad and an arugula, walnut and apricot salad. While we ate we went around the table and each woman told about what she is currently working on and what she is trying to achieve. This last information is important because this is where the networking comes in. Other women generously offered suggestions and contacts. We were varied in our professions; a blog editor and published writer, an actors' manager and acting coach, a real estate agent, a philanthropist, a published book writer, several actresses, a stop-motion animator in film who just had her latest work included in the Louvre permanent collection, a jeweler, a documentary filmmaker, a television and film producer, a stage director, an architect, and I'm a producer and textile artist. Every woman was pleased to be included in this accomplished group but until we began speaking about ourselves, most didn't realize that she warranted being included. We ranged in age from thirties to seventies, and all of us are still working. We were energized spending this time together, and we recently had a follow-up, potluck Sunday brunch in another woman's garden.

Our Finch Fundraiser brought these women together and new friendships began. We will continue to help each other achieve our personal goals, just as we did for other women with our \$1,000 Finch Scholarship contribution. Women helping women achieve our dreams is extremely rewarding.



LA Luncheon Alba Farber Francesca (far left) and Cathy Cohn Marshall (far right) with LA Finch Fundraising Luncheon Group.

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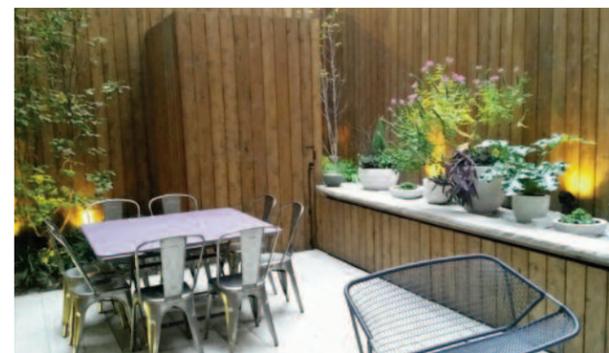
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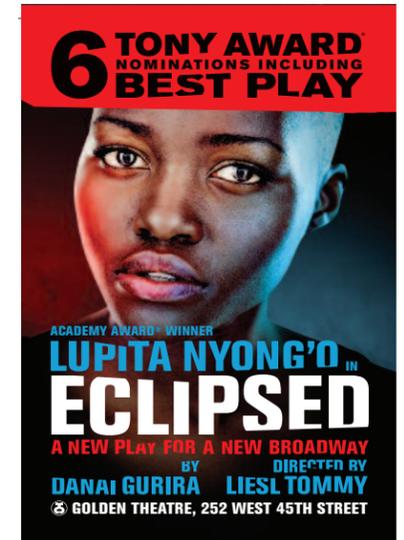
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Join the Fall Finch Tour to Hawaii



Aloha, Finch Alumnae!

A Finch tour to Honolulu from October 31-November 6, 2016 is in the planning stage. Finch alumnae, friends of Finch members, and spouses/companions are welcome.

Tours may include:

Shangri-La, the private retreat of American tobacco heiress, art collector, and philanthropist Doris Duke. The home, near Diamond Head, houses an impressive collection of Islamist art. Lunch to follow at the tranquil Honolulu Museum of Art Café.

Manoa Heritage Center, an historic site with the remains of an agricultural temple, including a Tudor-style home built by a missionary family and native Hawaiian gardens.

Lyon Arboretum, a 200-acre botanical garden, nestled deep in Manoa Valley, featuring an extensive tropical plant collection.

Iolani Palace, the only official royal palace in the United States, where you can learn about Hawaii's royal heritage.

Garden Tour of 3 private homes in lush Nuuanu Valley. Lunch to follow at the Oahu Country Club with spectacular views of downtown Honolulu.

Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial, with a moving historical documentary preceding a short boat ride to the memorial.

Bishop Museum, the Hawaii State Museum of Natural and Cultural History with the world's largest collection of Polynesian cultural artifacts. Lunch to follow at the Pacific Club, founded in the 1800s.

Hanauma Bay, formed within a volcanic cone, and the **Nuuanu Pali**, with panoramic views of the sheer Koolau cliffs and windward coast. Lunch at Waialae Country Club, site of the Sony Open golf tournament.

Oceanside Hawaiian Dinner at the Outrigger Canoe Club, and cocktails and dinner at the Halekulani Hotel, one of the premier resorts on Waikiki Beach.

Accommodations

Guests will be staying at the recently remodeled (New Otani) Kaimana Beach Hotel, approximately 15 minutes from bustling Waikiki. Preview the room gallery at www.kaimana.com. Call toll-free at 1-800-356-8264 and indicate "Finch Alumni" for special rates in four different categories. Hotel group rates are effective until October 1, 2016, but rooms are based on space availability.

Ground Tour

The estimate for ground tour costs (ie, transportation to sites, admission tickets, guides, and most meals) will range from \$2500 to \$3750 per person, exclusive of air and hotel. Final ground costs will be determined based on the number of participants. Also, a minimum donation of \$100 to the Finch College Alumni Association Foundation Trust is requested.

If you have interest or any questions, please contact Susan Mau Soong, Finch Class of 1971, at jlsoong@aol.com, by **May 25**.



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