



## COSGRAVE HONOREES: AN ILLUSTRIOUS GROUP



2018 Cosgrave Honorees (left to right) Jane de Moret Foster, Lois Chiles Gilder, Susan Saklad Warren, Wendy G. Glickstein, and Helena M. Consuegra, flanked by Cosgrave Co-chairs, Rita J. Thompson (on far left) and Alba F. Francesca (on far right)

On the evening of May 15, 2018, New York City was experiencing a torrential downpour.

However, inside the Cosmopolitan Club, where the 24th Annual Jessica Cosgrave Awards Ceremony was being celebrated, assembled guests exuded warmth and good cheer as they greeted each other and mingled enthusiastically. We are always eager to hear what our Cosgrave honorees have been doing! Below are highlights from the Award recipients' speeches.

### Lois Chiles

Enjoying an exciting career as a model and actress, Lois said that "in 2000, as roles for aging women dwindled, and after reading one too many bad scripts, I decided to change my life."

In 2001, Lois moved to Houston and started teaching film acting at the University of Houston.

In 2002, during a summer vacation in Maine, Lois met the love of her life, Richard Gilder, and they married in 2005. As Lois enthused, "Dick has expanded my life beyond sound stages and exotic locations. He has introduced me to his world of history, education, and philanthropy.

I have met fascinating people who are not movie stars or entertainers. I serve on two boards--The Yale School of Drama and the MD Anderson Cancer Center. And I paint. My life is full again and now the centerpiece is love."

### Helena Consuegra

After leaving Bogota, Colombia and arriving in America, Helena explained that "the intimate size of Finch made the adaptation smooth to a new culture, and world that was changing."

Helena, a psychology major, said she was also

learning much from her new friends.

"I learned art history by grilling other students for Dr Mount's survey course and by sneaking into Dr Nachmani's lectures in museums." Helena fondly recalled how she was "introduced to great writers by my roommate Mary Maude Bailey's passion for literature and how Eileen Bluestone and Libby Rosenzweig would "take over the piano and serenade us with Broadway and Barbra Streisand tunes." Helena reminded us "how lucky we were to get free tickets to the opera provided by an ex-alumna." Helena also expressed gratitude for the "many friendships formed during my Finch years, including the one with my very dear friend, Nohra Haime."

### Jane de Moret Foster

As Jane de Moret Foster stated, "Most writers like

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## SAVE THE DATES FOR FINCH EVENTS: 2018-2019

### Finch Salons (5:00-7:30 pm)

Thursday, October 11, 2018  
Thursday, April 11, 2019

### General Meetings (6:00-7:30 pm)

Wednesday, November 7, 2018  
Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Finch Salons and General Meetings will be held at the Birch Wathen Lenox School, 210 East 77th Street, New York City

### Cosgrave Weekend 2019

Friday, May 17 to Tuesday, May 21

(the Cosgrave Awards Evening)

Many exciting events are being planned for the weekend; details will be forthcoming

to write. They start early liking to write, but I was not that girl.” Jane revealed that she was in Paris in the summer of 2010 minding her own business when a young woman from Texas needed a mother figure in her life and attached herself to Jane. One day the young woman announced, “I wanna take a writin’ course.” Jane enthusiastically encouraged the woman, who then told Jane, “I’m not doin’ it ‘less you go, too.” Jane described how she “would have felt terrible to turn her down so I capitulated with the stipulation that I would not, under any circumstances, engage in homework.” Jane’s first novel was published less than three years later, when she was 65 years old. She “thought it would be my one and only tome,” but Jane continues to write.

### Wendy Glickstein

Describing herself as “by nature, an introvert,” Wendy Glickstein said she chose “a nomadic and peripatetic lifestyle when it came to careers.” Finding herself downsized in 2006, Wendy realized she needed to find a new career. Wendy found “an opportunity to become a Professional Organizer of peoples’ homes and possessions. My whole life, I had

been an organized person and suddenly here was a chance to create my own business while being paid to do what I excelled at and loved.”

When Wendy became a Lifetime Member of the Finch Alumni Association 10 years ago, she discovered “my ever-widening circle of friends included women whom I didn’t know at Finch because they graduated either before or after my time there. For me, it is a labor of love to be able to work and play with so many interesting, intelligent, and talented women.

I enjoy participating in the Association’s mission of providing financial assistance to worthy young women who are striving to attain their educational and personal goals, and I derive much satisfaction in paying it forward.”

### Susan Saklad Warren

Susan Saklad Warren described herself by saying “giving back has become both my and my darling daughter Debbie’s focus. This value was imbedded to me as a child and I, in turn, encouraged my daughters to give back. Now Debbie and my stellar son-

in-law Ken encourage their sons to give back—with small as well as substantial gestures.”

“For many decades I worked full-time,” Susan said. “And for the last several years I have devoted my energies to volunteering with adults and children and as an active nonprofit board member, officer, event chair, and fundraiser. I am especially proud to be a board member of Legal Information for Families Today, where enhanced family stability is provided by extending pro bono expertise to clients in need of family legal services.

“My daughter, Lisa, was intent on making a real difference in the lives of children and families who were challenged. Sadly, Lisa passed away from Hodgkin’s lymphoma and was unable to fulfill her dream. Our continuing her mission serves as a true legacy to Lisa.”

I am sure Jessica Cosgrave would have been very proud of our Cosgrave honorees and their illustrious achievements throughout their career changes.

Article: Agnes Birnbaum

## UPCOMING FINCH FALL 2018 EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 AT 7:00 PM**  
Linda Purl at Feinstein’s/54 Below, 254 West 54th St, New York, NY 10019

Finch alumna, Linda Purl, makes her Feinstein’s/54 Below debut in Big Band Romance with the All-Female Jazz Orchestra DIVA. The contribution is \$60 with \$15 tax deductible. In addition, the club has a \$25 minimum for food and drinks. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Please contact **Magda Katz** at **646.286.9808/magdakatz@gmail.com** ASAP to make a reservation.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 5:00 PM TO 7:30 PM**

Finch Salon at the Rooftop Social Hall at the Birch Wathen Lenox School, 210 East 77th St, New York, NY 10075

We continue our popular Finch Salon Series, graciously hosted by the Birch Wathen Lenox School, with an elegant cocktail party, followed by interviews of three guest stars. The fully tax-deductible contribution is \$35.00. Please contact **Eileen Sherman** at **816.305.5885/kcne@juno.com** or **Liz Colin** at **845.359.2203/chascolin@aol.com** to make a reservation.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 11:00 AM**

Stanley Kubrick Photographs Exhibit at Museum of the City of New York, 1220 Fifth Avenue & 103rd Street, New York, NY 10029

The one-hour private group tour of the Through a Different Lens: Stanley Kubrick Photographs includes more than 120 of this famed director’s photographs from the Museum’s Look magazine archive. The contribution is \$45, with \$10 tax deductible. Please contact **Joy Corrage** at **917.494.3574/jcorrage@yahoo.com** by October 1.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

ALV DESIGN, Jewelry for Contemporary Living, Reception & Sale at Central Park Place, 6th floor lounge, 301 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019 near the corner of 8th Avenue

Anna Lise Vogel, the jewelry designer, was born and raised in Northern Denmark, and is a friend of 2015 Cosgrave Honoree Susan Mau Soong. Finch alumnae who went on the Hawaii trip met Anna Lise and were so impressed by her designs that they suggested she come to New York. Her unique creations are inspired by the simplicity of Danish design and are sold at the Honolulu Museum of Art and through private showings. She is donating a portion of her sales to the Finch College Alumni Association Foundation Trust. Please contact **Magda Katz** at **646.286.9808/magdakatz@gmail.com** to let her know you are coming.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT 1:00 PM**

Brunch at the world-renowned Friars Club, 57 East 55 Street (between Madison and Park Avenues), New York, NY 10022

Enjoy a wonderful brunch at this exclusive members-only club for stars of stage, screen, and television. The contribution is \$50, which includes a donation to the FCAAFT. The brunch is limited to 16 people. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact **Magda Katz** at **646.286.9808/magdakatz@gmail.com** no later than October 16 to reserve a place.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 THROUGH WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

TEFAF at the Park Avenue Armory, 643 Park Avenue & 67th Street, New York, NY 10065

The third edition of the TEFAF New York Fall show runs from Saturday, October 27 through

Wednesday, October 31. Tour this arts and antique show at your own pace. The show highlights fine and decorative art from antiquity to 1920. The tax-deductible donation is \$40. To get your ticket, please contact **Ceil Ainsworth** at **212.288.5653/ceilains@aol.com** by October 16.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT 8:00 PM**  
Pretty Woman: The Musical, Nederlander Theatre, 208 West 41st Street (between Seventh and Eighth Avenues), New York, NY 10036

The musical is based on the hit 1990 film, Pretty Woman. This Cinderella-like tale tells the story of how a romantic relationship develops between an unlikely couple - a wealthy man and the escort he hires. Tony and Grammy winner Andy Karl stars as Edward and Samantha Barks is Vivian. The show runs 2 hours and 35 minutes with one intermission. Orchestra tickets are \$140, of which \$20 is tax deductible. Please reserve your ticket ASAP. Contact **Marjorie Schulman** at **917.612.9889/mrs1080@aol.com**.

We are also making arrangements for a pre-theatre dinner at Charlie Palmer at the Knick at 6 Times Square (42nd Street and Broadway), which is one block from the Nederlander Theatre. More information is to come.

Please be sure to contact the appropriate person to make a reservation. Then kindly make your check payable to the Finch College Alumni Association Foundation Trust and mail to:

**Finch College Alumni Association  
Foundation Trust  
954 Lexington Avenue, #183  
New York, NY 10021**

# FINCH SCHOLARS UPDATE: FALL 2018



Amy Shue

**Amy Shue** writes:

“I am very excited to be entering my last semester at New York University. I will graduate with a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Nutrition and Food Studies with a concentration in Dietetics. This February, I will be applying to Dietetics Internships (DIs) and Graduate School. After completing my DI, I will complete my Master’s in Public Health program and then write for the Registered Dietitian and Nutrition exam. I am currently volunteering at New York Presbyterian Hospital’s Milkshake program, where I make and deliver milkshakes to patients undergoing chemotherapy. I also volunteer for GrowNYC greenmarket. I assist customers with information, perform cooking demonstrations, and conduct transactions for the healthy access SNAP benefit program and EBT cardholders. I applied for a position to serve as a Public Policy Fellow,



Jiahui Zheng

supporting The Greater New York Dietetic association’s co-chairs. I continue to work weekends in my massage therapy practice. I am ever grateful to be a part of and have the Finch College Foundation network of support.”

**Jiahui Zheng** shares:

“I started a new summer internship at JP Morgan Chase as an internal auditor in June. One of my current audit projects is about retail claims in banking operations. Without any knowledge about how to perform internal auditing beforehand, I was thrown into a lot of meetings with stakeholders. But I encouraged myself to step out of my comfort zone by asking questions and actively engaging with stakeholders. I noticed how fast I was accumulating the correct business knowledge and learning the methodology and practice about the audit. I learned so

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## FINCH SCHOLARS AND ALUMNI MEET DURING COSGRAVE AWARD WEEKEND

Three Finch Scholars were honored at a reception at the home of **Ginger Runes Najar** during the Cosgrave Award Weekend in May. Finch college alumni and friends from out of town—**Alba Francesca** of Los Angeles and **Tina Thayer Harsch** of Rhode Island—enjoyed having the opportunity to meet these dynamic women and hear their personal success stories.

**Cristina Mihailescu**, who has now graduated from Columbia University, has an internship at the United Nations and in the fall will attend New York University Wagner School of Public Service, pursuing a Master in Public Administration degree. What a great role model for her 11-year-old daughter, who came along to meet the Finch College alumni.

Since meeting at Ginger’s reception, accounting students **Mariem Tolba** and **Jiahui (Jae) Zheng** have become good friends. Jae said she was looking forward to a summer internship at J.P. Morgan before returning to school for her final year.

The Finch College Foundation Scholarship enables women to transfer from a community college to a four-year college.

*Article: Lois Moran Ziegler*



Jiahui Zheng (left) and Mariem Tolba (right) at the Finch Scholars Reception

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# 2018

# INTRODUCING OUR NEW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Sixteen amazing women will be receiving scholarships to transfer to a four-year college. Thanks to our many generous scholarship donors, it is our pleasure to introduce to you these wonderful women.



**COURTNEY CAHOON**  
MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
TO THE COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT,  
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
*The Helena Consuegra  
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At 38 years of age, Courtney returned to college to receive a degree in Fine Arts, studying graphic arts, with a minor in Art History. She is a member of the community college honors society Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) and is a volunteer teacher's aide working with autistic students. Courtney wants to combine an interest and talent in art and to be engaged in a fulfilling career while contributing to her young family's support.



**HUILING CAI**  
LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE TO FORDHAM  
UNIVERSITY  
*The Freya Moskowitz  
Stern Scholarship*

Three years ago HuiLing arrived in the United States from the People's Republic of China and enrolled in the CUNY Language Immersion Program. While her relatives said a college education was not necessary, it was actually at the urging of her husband that she became motivated. Today, at LaGuardia Community College, she is an honors student studying accounting. Maintaining a 4.0 GPA, she is also a member of The President's Society and PTK. A professor's letter of recommendation describes her as "a brave, unique thinker who can always be relied upon to have great ideas and feedback."



**PAOLA CRUZ**  
LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE TO COLUMBIA  
UNIVERSITY  
*Laura Rollins Hockaday  
Scholarship*

Raised by her grandmother in the Philippines since age seven when her parents moved to the United States, Paola found escape in books. Five years ago, she moved to New York and enrolled at LaGuardia Community College, where she studied Journalism. She is editor of The Bridge school newspaper, and The Fiorello, the Honors newspaper. Work-

ing full time as a receptionist, Paola has maintained a 3.8 GPA and is a member of PTK. At Columbia University she will major in Comparative Literature and Society.



**ROSE FEIN**  
ROCKLAND COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE TO SMITH COLLEGE  
*Dr. Margaret Maxwell  
Scholarship - Finch College  
Alumni Foundation  
Scholarship*

Growing up in Kiryas Joel, an ultra orthodox community in upstate New York, Rose began to question her cookie cutter existence. She was the product of a dysfunctional family, with a mentally disturbed mother and father, and a brother who sexually abused her. At age 30, through Footsteps, an organization that assists the transition from an Orthodox Hasidic community, Rose was able to escape and obtain a divorce and she was awarded full custody of her four children. In order to enter Rockland Community College, Rose first had to earn a high school diploma as she had only attended an unaccredited school. She speaks fluent English, Spanish, Hebrew, and Yiddish. At Smith College she will study Psychology, with all four children alongside her!



**DOROTHY HELMKEN**  
WARREN COMMUNITY COLLEGE,  
NJ TO DREW UNIVERSITY  
*Freya Moskowitz Stern  
Scholarship*

Four years ago, Dorothy moved in with her partner who urged her to continue her education. While employed full time as a finance office manager, she enrolled at Warren Community College in Washington, New Jersey, where she is President of PTK, volunteers as a mentor, and is active in several college organizations. Dorothy will graduate with a 4.0 GPA. With enthusiasm and determination, her goal is to teach math and science to middle school children.



**BARBARA JAVORI**  
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO  
HUNTER COLLEGE  
*Laura Rollins Hockaday  
Scholarship*

Barbara calls herself "a multi-cultural child," as she has lived in many European countries, has

parents of various heritage, and she graduated from high school in Spain. She volunteered at the non-profit European Kids Association, in Benissa, Spain before moving to New York where she could not afford college. An on-line course in mythology awakened the slumbering academic in her. While working as a full-time nanny for two children, she has attended Borough of Manhattan Community College, maintained a 4.0 GPA, and is on the Dean's List. Barbara will enter Hunter College in the fall, majoring in English, with a goal of writing for a nonprofit organization.



**YULIIA KALYNCHUK**  
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO  
BARUCH COLLEGE  
*Finch College Alumni  
Foundation Scholarship*

Business and macroeconomics have been Yuliia's favorite courses. When she transfers to The Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College, her goal will be to become a financial manager. When her two children were born, she became intrigued with the right way to financial management and managing successful budgets. She has earned an "A" in every course taken. In addition to managing money, she has also learned how to organize her time. While Yuliia's husband is the breadwinner in the family, they work together as a team. She handles all of the family's finances and one of her priorities is saving for their daughters' college educations.



**KRISTINE KIM**  
BERGEN COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE TO UNIVERSITY  
OF PENNSYLVANIA  
*Georgetown University, or  
Rutgers University*

*Pamela Hamrick Huber  
Scholarship*

Kristine grew up in a hippie, free-spirited family that loved music and did not believe in education. Her father emigrated from Korea in his mid-20s and totally took on a bohemian lifestyle. Kristine wanted to defy the conventional route of attending college, replacing it with an empirical experience of the world. With four years of backpacking across the United States behind her, Kristine is now working as a paralegal while she attends evening classes. She says community college has saved her academic life. She looks forward to obtaining her Bachelor's degree, then law school and a career in national security and diplomacy. She has been accepted at the three colleges listed above.



**CANDIDA KNIGHT**  
KINGSBOROUGH  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE TO  
BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
*Joan Kaye Bick  
Scholarship*

While most girls her age in the Grenada village where she grew up were pregnant and dropping out of school, Candida organized a club to play netball. After moving to the United States, she worked as a housekeeper.

Candy was PTA President of her daughter's school, raising funds and helping parents. Her biggest push to get a college education was when her junior high school-age daughter was having trouble with homework and she was frustrated by her inability to help. Now an Honors student, a Presidential Scholar, a member of PTK and Student World Assembly, and Class Valedictorian, Candy, at age 40, is currently a first-time college student. Her goal is to obtain a degree in Education from Brooklyn College.



**DOMA LAMA**  
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO  
LEHMAN COLLEGE  
*Finch College Alumni  
Foundation Scholarship*

Doma was enrolled in a prestigious and challenging nursing program in Nepal when suddenly in 2014, due to family circumstances, she was unable to continue. Moving to New York, with a desire to finish her education and become a nurse, she found that, since none of her credits were transferable, she had to start all over again, working as a cashier at a 7-Eleven. Her nursing education at Borough of Manhattan Community College has provided new perspectives of nursing and, through volunteer opportunities, enabled her to work with organization leaders and other members of the community. This summer, she has had the opportunity to attend clinics at several local hospitals and has an internship at Bellevue Hospital. Her goal is to become a bedside nurse.



**MYOUNG MIN**  
BERGEN COUNTY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
TO RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, NJ  
*Finch College Alumni  
Foundation Scholarship*

Despite being orphaned at a young age, Min has always worked, most recently, in retail management. She takes honors classes and is a member of PTK at Bergen Community College. In addition,

as a mother, she has volunteered at her children's schools as President of The Parents' Association. Currently volunteering as a tutor to fellow students, Min wants to teach after earning her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Rutgers University.



**ALICE QIAN**  
RARITAN VALLEY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO  
RAMAPO COLLEGE, NJ  
*Lois Chiles and Richard  
Gilder Scholarship*

Originally interested in pharmaceutical sciences "for the usual Asian reasons," when Alice began to volunteer at Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, it opened her eyes to a whole new world. Through a Raritan Valley Community College Brazil Ecology Experience Abroad class, she trekked through Brazil. She now, volunteers with the US Fish & Wildlife Service. The ecology experience abroad changed her world, and she plans to earn a Master's degree—and pursue research in—the environment, ecology, and wildlife.



**ALICIA RAQUEL**  
QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE TO LEHMAN COLLEGE  
*Lois Chiles and Richard  
Gilder Scholarship*

As a child, Alicia loved to dance around the garden. Finishing high school, and not having the resources to attend college, she worked in restaurants in Oakland,

California, while having had personal health setbacks. Queensborough Community College has changed her life. In addition to being on the Dean's List, she received Rising Star in Dance and Muriel Mannings awards. She has choreographed and appeared in guest artist performances. Entering Montclair State College, a highly rigorous and technical program, she plans to earn a BFA in Dance.



**DAHLIA RODRIGUEZ**  
KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE TO SMITH COLLEGE  
*Freya Moskowitz Stern  
Scholarship*

When her mother was dying of cervical cancer, Dahlia was touched by the care provided by the nursing staff and decided to pursue a medical career. After a number of years working in doctors' offices, it was a nurse practitioner that took Dahlia under her wing and urged her to continue her education. During her second year at Kingsborough Community College, Dahlia broke her leg and

applied for the America Needs You Fellowship program, which provided a support system and network she had never before experienced. She was matched with a mentor to expand her network and support pursuing higher education. A single mother of two, she has a 4.0 GPA, is a member of PTK, and was a semi-finalist in The Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship program. As a volunteer, she provided nursing care to low-income families. With her two children in tow, Dahlia is transferring to Smith College to study nursing to become a Certified Family Nurse Practitioner.



**DIONNE WILLIAMS**  
HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE TO SMITH COLLEGE  
*Finch College Alumni  
Foundation Scholarship*

Thirty years ago when Dionne was last in a classroom, she became a teenage pregnancy statistic. In 1996, an opportunity arose for travel to the United States and she seized it, with the intention of providing a better life for her children, who, at 10, 7, and 3 years old, stayed behind in Jamaica with their grandmother. Attending Housatonic Community College, Dionne worked four days as a private duty aide and took three days off for school, was a member of PTK and the Student Senate, while actively volunteering at a neighborhood hospital and other organizations. At Smith College, she will major in Sociology and minor in Women and Gender Studies, along with a concentration in Community Engagement and Social Change. Dionne wants to become a Social Worker to help underserved women.



**INNA YEDZINOVICH**  
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO  
BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
*Freya Moskowitz Stern  
Scholarship*

Since childhood, Inna has been passionate about computers and information technology. At a time when the prospects of computer science as a discipline were still uncertain, software engineering was more of a hobby than a true profession. Today, all that has changed. Programming education and a college degree is a must for any aspiring software developer and/or any other IT professional, especially in New York City. Motivated to help other students with their studies, she is currently employed part-time as a Supplemental Instruction leader and Peer Mentor in the Computer Science department at Borough of Manhattan Community College. She is also an active member of the new Women in Technology and Entrepreneurship Initiative.

*Article: Lois Moran Ziegler*

# The 24th Annual Cosgrave Celebration

Photos by Hideaki and Margaret S. Nakamura



# at New York's Cosmopolitan Club

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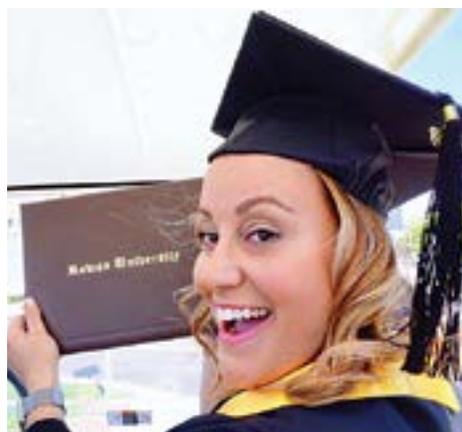
# Who's WHO?

1. Mr. Louis J. Stern, daughter Jennifer Stern Kaplan, and sister-in-law Mrs. Ruth Underberg
2. Rena Niculescu Crisp, Obbron's daughter and Alba's niece, Shola Farber, Alba Farber Francesca, Liz Glick Colin
3. Over 100 alumni, friends and family enjoying the cocktail reception preceding the 2018 Awards ceremony
4. Margaret S. Nakamura, Maria Sessa, Rita J. Thompson
5. Renée Pappas, Marcy Syms, and Felice Forer Axelrod
6. Virginia Wattiker S. Gildea, husband John Gildea, and Denise Mularoni Decker
7. Jane De Moret Foster and Thomas Flagg
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11. Wesley Cullen Davidson, Agnes Birnbaum, and Julia Berwick
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14. Vilma Polakova Wiesenmaier and Maria Sessa
15. Denise Mularoni Decker and husband, Tom Decker
16. Nancy Reilly Prentice and Sharon Schultz
17. Seth Honeywell and Peggy Tirschwell
18. Rita Castora O'Hare, her husband, Peter O'Hare, and Ron Ziegler (seated)
19. Lois Chiles Gilder with Gladstone Jones and Jennifer Adams
20. Phyllis Pawlovsky, Wendy G. Glickstein, and her sister, Harriet Fidlow
21. Helena M. Consuegra, Felice Forer Axelrod (standing), Nohra Haime (standing), Yehides Moskovits, Dr. Katherine Lynch, Jiahui Zheng, and Carmen Guillen
22. Michelle Brown Sibeud and husband, Jacques Sibeud
23. Seated, l to r: Renée Pappas, Rita J. Thompson, Wendy G. Glickstein, Phyllis Pawlovsky, and Harriet Fidlow; standing, Marjorie Schulman and Joy Correge
24. Francine LeFrak [Same Sky] and Felice Forer Axelrod
25. Barbara Filenbaum Piermont and Frances Fish Tompkins
26. Susan Saklad Warren, with daughter, Debra Caplan, her husband, Ken Caplan, and their son, Leo
27. Cosgrave greeters, Susan Embree Parker, Marjorie Schulman, and FCAAFT intern, Kirsten Flicker
28. At Susan Saklad Warren's table, Fore-ground: Ann M. Holmes and Susan L. Davis
29. Hideaki Nakamura, Margaret Stein Nakamura, Dr. Neal Sherman, Eileen Bluestone Sherman, Dr. Ronny Cohen, Mark Jacoby, and Diana O'Rourke Jacoby
30. Lois Chiles Gilder with husband, Richard Gilder
31. Cheryl Young Deknatel and husband, Jan Deknatel
32. Hedy Zankel, Pat Meehan, and Carol Barnes Ross

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much from my own manager in terms of thinking critically and developing professional skepticism. Another exciting thing about my internship is that I am expanding my professional network. I have met several senior and executive directors, who have been in the industry for over 30 years, as well as very experienced senior managers. I am able to take the initiative to invite them to coffee to chat and learn about their career paths. Meanwhile, I keep networking with fellow interns, working on our case study, which we will be presenting to all the senior executives at the end of July.

Another exciting piece of news is about my academics. I will be applying for a Master of Taxation at Baruch College in the fall of this year to



Margurite Rosania

fulfill my CPA requirement. I am looking forward to my new academic journey.”

**Margurite Rosania** writes:

“I graduated on May 8, 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Law & Justice Studies from Rowan University. After four long years of attending school full time and working full time, I finally achieved my life-long goal of becoming a college graduate. Thinking back on all the hard times, I can honestly say that it was all worth it. Dreams really do come true. I plan to attend Rutgers University in the Fall to obtain my Project Management certification. Not sure what else the future holds, but with my degree the possibilities are endless!”

Compiled by Aquella White, Scholar Correspondent

## FINCH SALON SERIES: SEASON 2

As they say in TV land, the show's been “picked up for another season!” Thanks to the generosity of our gracious hosts at the Birch Wathen Lenox School, our Finch Salon Series (that examines the extraordinary careers and unique experiences of Finch alumnae) is a smash hit.

If you haven't joined us in the past, you are in for a fabulous treat. Each event begins at 5 pm with an elegant cocktail party in the rooftop social hall at BWL. Old friends reunite; new friends are quickly made. At 6 pm, the “games begin,” when moderator **Eileen Bluestone Sherman** welcomes

all and introduces the guest stars of the evening. This fall, award-winning writer **Wesley Cullen Davidson**, UNICEF Holiday Card artist **Margaret Stein Nakamura**, and one of New York City's most respected social workers, **Julia Berwick**, take center stage. Yes, three very different careers, but the outstanding work of these three women shares a key and very timely component. Curious? Well, be sure to join us on October 11 for all the answers! (See the listing of Fall Events on page 2 for registration information.)

*Eileen Bluestone Sherman*

## Lost and Found

We all remember the joy of finding a lost item when we were young. The pleasure is even more pronounced when we are able to find a connection to a dear friend. This column will serve as a forum for Finch alumnae to reach out to each other in search of lost but not forgotten friends, classmates, and relationships.

Contact **Ginger Najar** with your requests: [212.873.6070/grn275@aol.com](mailto:212.873.6070/grn275@aol.com).

Missing: **Ann Davis**, Class of 1959, from Atherton, California

## NOMINATIONS WANTED FOR 2019 JESSICA COSGRAVE AWARDS

Wanted: nominations for the 2019 Jessica Cosgrave Lifetime Achievement Awards! It's not too early to nominate potential recipients you think are deserving of the honor. Please go to [www.finchcollege.org/newcosgrave.html](http://www.finchcollege.org/newcosgrave.html) for information on candidate qualifications and the nomination procedure.

# CLASS NOTES

## 50s

**Adelaide Perry Farah** has moved into New York City after living in Long Island. She is active at the Colony Club and partakes of the arts in New York City.

## 60s



Finch alums (left to right) Jenny Merriman, Evelyn Lorentzen Bell, and Wesley Cullen Davidson at the wedding of Evelyn's daughter

In June, Finch friends **Virginia Anderson Merriam** and **Wesley Cullen Davidson** attended the wedding of Evelyn Lorentzen Bell's actress-model daughter, Byrdie Bell, at the Beverly Hills Hotel, in Los Angeles, California.

**Marjorie Hirschhorn** has become a lifetime member of the Finch College Alumni Association Foundation Trust. President of the Hirschhorn Foundation, Marjorie, a New York City resident, is a collector of American Folk Art, particularly marquetry.

Besides book club and charities such as the Michael J. Fox Foundation, Marjorie would like to start a weekend "Dinner Club" with fellow Finch women.

**Megan Dees Friedman** has watched the price of her red brick firehouse in Queens, purchased in 1981 for \$115,000, escalate to an asking price of \$5.5 million this year. This three-story, 25-foot-wide Federal firehouse in Long Island City has been renovated and has a glass-walled addition. You can read about this firehouse, which formerly housed horse-drawn engines, in a May 16, 2018 The Wall Street Journal article by Josh Barbanell titled "A Queens Firehouse Goes From White Elephant to Cash Cow."

## 70s

**Heidi Sheinman** has her own business as a personal assistant. She is active in "God's Love We Deliver," that improves the health and well-being of men, women, and children living with serious illnesses by alleviating hunger and malnutrition."

**Linda Purl** has certainly been in the news this year. In September, she is performing with The Diva Jazz Orchestra in "Big Band Romance" at Feinstein's 54 Below Supper Club, New York City. On March 7, she attended the world premiere of "The Oath," a Sony Pictures Network drama, at Sony Pictures Studio in Los Angeles.

**Paula DiBenedetto Caravelli's** interior design firm is doing well. She has a business partner, Martha Angus, in California. Living in London, Paula and her husband are near one of their four sons, who is in the US State Department.

**Nanette Lampl Avery** has a new collection of 30 mystery and intrigue stories, *The Fortune Teller*. The book was hailed by reviewer N.C. Finn, who writes: "Avery knows how to hold her readers in a story and give them plenty to work with but still leaves those intriguing gaps that keep you returning and thinking long after you put the book down."

Congratulations to our newsletter editor, **Jill** *Compiled by Wesley Cullen Davidson*

**Waldheim Chamberlain**, whose daughter Lauren is getting married in October.

**James Karen**, husband of **Alba Francesca** was mentioned by George Clooney when the latter accepted his American Film Institute's Lifetime Achievement Award, 2018. Clooney said he knew Karen, who was an Instructor in the Drama Department at Finch, in the 1980s.

**Eileen Bluestone Sherman**, playwright and lyricist, who collaborates with her sister **Gail Bluestone**, composer, has a new single, "Stand Up Proud! An Anthem 4 Freedom." It was recorded by Broadway singer and actress Lillias White and can be heard on radio stations worldwide. It can also be downloaded at [www.cdbaby.com](http://www.cdbaby.com).

Currently, the Bluestone sisters are preparing for a presentation at the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall on November 19. Their music will share the stage with other colleagues' music from The Indie Collaborative, an international organization that fosters new and unique collaborations among independent musical artists.

Actress and filmmaker **Isabella Rossellini** has written a memoir about her life raising chickens on a Long Island farm, titled "My Chickens and I." This is not Isabella's first book. Wesley Cullen Davidson saw Isabella at the Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, Florida, where she presented snippets of the television show "Green Porno," about the sexual nature of insects, in which she starred.

## Condolences

Our condolences are sent to **Jacqueline Romps Hopkins** on the recent loss of her husband, Charles Fiori.

## Do You Recognize This Silver Dish With a Finch Emblem?

We were recently contacted by Greg Cole, who is in possession of a sterling silver dish, 4.5 x 2.3 inches, with a gold Finch College seal.

According to Mr Cole, the dish was made by the well-known silversmith Alfredo Sciarrotta (1907-85), born in Rossano, Calabria, who designed for clients in Newport, Rhode Island. Most of Sciarrotta's work was in sterling silver, but he did make a limited line of copper and brassware early in his career. This dish, according to Greg

Cole, is model #1 of many styles.

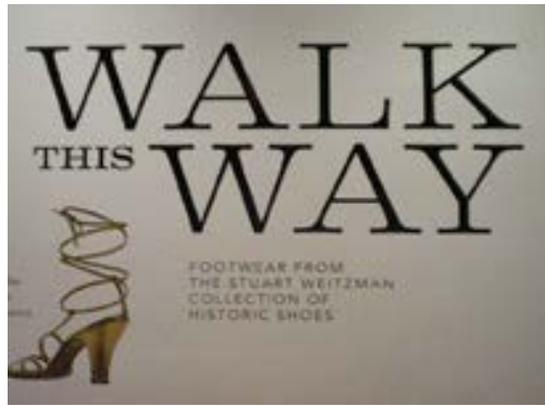
Sciarrotta's small line of hand-made sterling silver hollowware retailed at not only his shop in Newport, but also Shreve, Crump & Low; Gorham; and Bailey, Banks & Biddle. His designs are in several museum collections including the Smithsonian.

If anyone recognizes or has information about this dish, please contact Greg Cole at [gcole6222@gmail.com](mailto:gcole6222@gmail.com) (and let us know about it).



Gold Finch College emblem on a silver bowl

► **STUART WEITZMAN COLLECTION OF HISTORIC SHOES AT THE NY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**



► **FINCH SALON SERIES: COCKTAILS AND CONVERSATION**

Salon Series hosted by Birch Wathen Lenox



**KICKING OFF**

WITH A MIX OF EXCURSIONS,

*Who's who and what's*



► **THE BAND'S VISIT**

Tony Award Winning Musical



► **THE NEW MUSEUM**





► **HARLEM HISTORY WALKING TOUR**

Led by Docent, Joyce Gold



► **ANNUAL SCHOLAR RECEPTION AND COCKTAIL PARTY**

Hosted by Ginger Runes Kierman Najar at her home on Central Park West



# COSGRAVE 2018

RECEPTIONS, FINE DINING AND THEATRE

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► **ASIATE/NEW YORK YACHT CLUB**



Photos by Hideaki and Margaret S. Nakamura • Activities arranged and coordinated by Joy Corrage and Wendy Glickstein

*Thanks to **Wendy Glickstein and Joy Correge**, who coordinated and made arrangements for all of the events leading up to Cosgrave, we had five fun-filled days of diverse activity to enjoy:*

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1. Visit to **The New York Historical Society** featuring the Stuart Weitzman Collection of Historic Shoes. ❖ Left of "Walk this Way" L-R: Rita J. Thompson, Margaret Stein Nakamura, Micki Pollack, Audrey Greene, Francine Port, Marjorie G. Walker, and Frances Fish Tompkins next to Frederick Douglass statue. ❖ To the right, the iconic red boots, starring in Broadway's "Kinky Boots."

2. **Finch Salon Series** featuring **Ronny Cohen and Renée Pappas** ❖ (at the podium), delighting a group of 25 with behind-the-scenes stories about the fascinating worlds of art and music. ❖ Schmoozing over cocktails: L-R: Rita, Lois Moran Ziegler, moderator Eileen Bluestone Sherman, Dr. Laura Stober Larsen and BWL Dir. of Communications, Jessica Lichtenstein. ❖ Below: Frances and Susan Lebow Wexler, ❖ Laura & Lois. ❖ Beverly Abercrombie with Rita, Eileen, and Liz.

3. **The Band's Visit**: A group of 25 friends and alumni enjoyed Tony award winning show, preceded by delicious dinner at Trattoria Trecolori (not illustrated).

4. **The New Museum** on the Bowery in SOHO, is in "continual pursuit of showcasing contemporary living artists, worldwide". ❖ Photo L-R: Margaret S. and Hideaki Nakamura, Rita, Wendy G. Glickstein, Frances, and Liz.

5. **Harlem History Walking Tour** (a must-do for all living in and visiting NY). ❖ Clockwise from R: First gathering at the entrance to City College. L-R: alumni Nancy Freedman, Linda Pelzman, Rita, Joyce Gold (docent), Margaret, and Joy Correge. ❖ The Abyssinian Baptist Church, pictured in middle, receives over 1,000 guests and parishioners every Sunday! ❖ Londel (owner of the famous restaurant bearing his name) is flanked by Liz and Joy on his right, and Joyce, Linda, and Nancy on his left. ❖ Hamilton Grange mansion (top left).

6. **Annual Scholar Reception**: ❖ An attentive group of over 25 friends and alumni gathered at Ginger's home for a beautiful and cheerful reception, with piano accompaniment by Steven Silverstein. ❖ Finch scholar, Jiahui Zheng, presents lovely orchid plant to host Ginger, on her left, and ❖ to their left are scholars Mariem Tolba and Cristina Mihailescu. ❖ Below is Ceil Ainsworth with her daughter Susie Ainsworth. ❖ Neighboring photo: L-R: Wendy, Dr. Sally Arthur, Alba Francesca, Rena Niculescu Crisp, and Cristina.

7. A unique dining experience, with spectacular views of Central Park, was enjoyed at **ASIATE**. Access to the historic **New York Yacht Club** for a special evening of fine dining and libation was arranged by Virginia Wattiker Gildea, and enjoyed by all.

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