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From left: Finch Grant Recipient Lorie Ames and her husband, Roger Ames; Finch Scholar Kashay Sanders, Dartmouth and Grant Recipient Judges Dr. Cecilia Macheski and Dr. Yi-Chun Tricia Lin.

Face to-Face with Grant and Scholar Winners

A rare opportunity to meet personally with Finch Foundation Grant Recipients and Finch Scholars occurred at a reception December 19, 2009, given by **Lois and Ron Ziegler** with co-hosts **Eileen and Neal Sherman** at the Zieglers' home on Park Avenue.

Those able to attend, in spite of a raging blizzard outside, were overwhelmed by the outstanding caliber of the honorees. Most were taking many hours of academic courses while managing homes and families.

And each was so grateful for her award.

The Finch College Alumnae Association Foundation provides awards annually in two distinct categories: **Finch Grant Recipients** are 2-year community college graduates, transferring on to a 4-year college to earn a bachelor's degree. **Finch Scholars** are undergraduates, selected for a salaried summer intern program at the New York Women's Foundation.

Each year, the Finch Foundation provides four grants and one scholar

award for \$2,000 each, totaling \$10,000. Judges, outstanding representatives of academia, select the Grant Recipients, while the NYWF chooses the Scholars.

Reception guests included two of the three current judges: **Dr. Yi-Chun Tricia Lin**, director and professor of the women's studies program at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, CT, and **Dr. Cecilia Macheski**, professor of English at LaGuardia Community College in

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HERE'S WHAT'S COOKING

The Finch Favorites cookbook has gone to press. We could not have accomplished this undertaking without the support of Finch alumnae, their friends, and family who contributed a total of 250 recipes. A special mailing will soon follow with the specifics about how to purchase one-or-more!-cookbooks.



Agnes Birnbaum, Finch Mentor, Eileen Bluestone Sherman, Mentor Founder, and Lois Moran Ziegler, Foundation President

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Queens, NY. **Dr. Mary Raddock**, unable to attend, teaches psychology and mathematics at Norwalk Community College in Connecticut.

Braving the elements to travel the longest distance for the reception was grant recipient **Lorie Ames**, accompanied by her husband, **Roger Ames**. With the help of her Finch Foundation grant, Lorie transferred in the fall of 2008 to the State University of New York at Geneseo, near her home in Perry, NY. She plans to graduate in the spring of 2011 with bachelor degrees in biology and adolescent education.

Finch leaders in the grant and scholar programs have included **Lois Moran Ziegler, Eileen Bluestone Sherman, Sally Arthur**, and **Susan Davis**. Since the grants were instigated in 2002, more than 30 women have received funds to continue studying for their bachelor degrees.

As board chairman of the Finch College Alumnae Foundation, Lois has overseen the allocation of grants and kept track of the recipients; Eileen created and oversees a mentoring program, placing grant and scholar winners with a Finch Alumna for

support and inspiration. Sally has assembled outstanding judges to determine the grant honorees and Susan was instrumental in establishing the Finch Scholar program while serving on the New York Women's Foundation board.

Finch Alumnae volunteering their time for the mentoring program include **Sally Arthur, Agnes Birnbaum, Jill Waldheim Chamberlain, Helena Consuegra, Susan Davis, Elizabeth Haire**, and

Eileen Sherman. Talatha Reeves of the NYWF also serves as a mentor.

Kashay Sanders and Jaclyn Duran, both Finch Scholars, attended the reception. Kashay, a junior at Dartmouth College, had returned from three months in Belize studying women's issues, such as self-esteem, peer pressure, dating, and community service. Jaclyn, named a Finch Scholar in 2004, the year she graduated from Columbia University, had recently applied for a Fulbright Scholarship to pursue graduate studies at the University of Haifa in Israel. At Columbia she majored in modern European history and minored in Middle Eastern languages and culture.

Finch Alumnae at the reception strongly agreed that the opportunity to mix and meet with grant and scholar winners was invaluable. It afforded a camaraderie and personal communication appreciated by all. And it was clear that the thousands of dollars raised annually from the Cosgrave Awards, other alumnae events, dues, and individual donations go to the best possible causes.

The 2009 Finch Foundation Grant Recipients and their respective 4-year colleges were: **Catherine Furlani**, Bard (New York); **Maki Kato**, Wellesley (Massachusetts); **Zainab Wasim Shafi** (Dr. Margaret Maxwell Award), William Paterson University (New Jersey); and **Suzanne Zwecker**, Rochester Institute of Technology (New York).



Marjorie Schulman (left), with Susan Davis, mentor for Finch Scholar Jaclyn Duran (far right).

A Letter from the Alumnae Association President

Dear Fellow Alumnae,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help and enthusiasm over the past three years of my Presidency.

When I agreed to take on the role of President, it was with a vision of a new structure utilizing a number of committees to better serve the activities of our growing organization.

I was confident that, with today's technology, alumnae in many parts of the country could become actively involved, even by computer and/or phone.

While the core group of workers is in the New York Tri-State area, we have had particularly wonderful response from local alumnae who organized a memorable Kansas City reunion. And now we have our upcoming Los Angeles reunion November 3-7 to look forward to.

In addition to these U.S. reunions, we also traveled to Portugal, thanks to a marvelous trip organized by Yvonne Roome.

Our fundraising efforts have produced phenomenal results. I would especially like to thank all of those who have chosen to become

Lifetime Members, and the very special group of Finch Alumnae who have joined the ranks of Ineamus Meliora with their most generous donations of \$500 or more.

Past President Eileen Sherman continues to shepherd the Finch Mentoring program, which matches Finch alumnae, as mentors, with our Finch Scholars. This program has been enthusiastically received and the first event held specifically for that group, in December, was a huge success.

The Program & Events Group has expanded the number of events, thanks to the efforts of Pat Addiss, Barbara Glickman, and Magda Katz.

Although the long-awaited and much-anticipated Finch Directory is not yet a fait accompli, I am certain it will become reality in 2010 under the guidance of Frances Tompkins.

The Finch Favorites recipe book will be available for purchase soon. We are grateful for the time and efforts of Ceil Ainsworth, Wendy Glickstein, and Virginia Sheerin on this project.

We also appreciate the assistance of Melanie Rose Cohen with our Web site, and I am looking forward to contributing to the site with the help

of Karen Warhol Thomas.

Special thanks goes to Lois Ziegler for her help both on the Web site and with all of the many other functions with which she is involved, including her role as chair of the Board of our Foundation.

We have underway several new internet-related projects, using Facebook, LinkedIn, and Classmates.com as platforms for finding and communicating with Finch Alumnae who are currently in the database, as well as reconnecting with those for whom we previously did not have information.

Many thanks, too, to Marjorie Schulman whose job as Treasurer has become even more significant with all of the wonderful changes we are experiencing, and to our wonderful Secretary, Audrey Greene.

I would also like to thank Susan Parker for coordinating this year's Cosgrave Awards.

Margaret Nakamura's beautiful re-creation of the Finch façade on our note cards will be reprised in "Finch Favorites." We are so grateful for Margaret's artistic talent and her donation of all proceeds from the sale of the note cards to the Scholarship Fund.

On behalf of the entire Finch community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Susan Davis for all of the time and pizzazz she brought to the Finch Newsletter, and to welcome our new Editorial Staff of Emilie Puzio, Joy Corregge, and Wendy Glickstein.

The names mentioned here are but a handful of the wonderful Finch women who have stood by my side, always willing to help during my time as President. Thanks to all!

Last, but not least, I would like to welcome our new President, JoAnn Kubat, who will be officially taking over my role at Cosgrave in May. I know she will have the ongoing support of all of the same terrific women who are always there to help ensure that we will continue to thrive.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Deknatel

Let There Be Music

On January 9, 2010, the Finch College Alumnae Association Foundation and the "Friends of Finch" gathered to celebrate fellow Finch graduate, Linda Purl, who wowed the sold-out crowd at New York's Metropolitan Room with her rendition of "I'll Be Seeing You" and other standards.

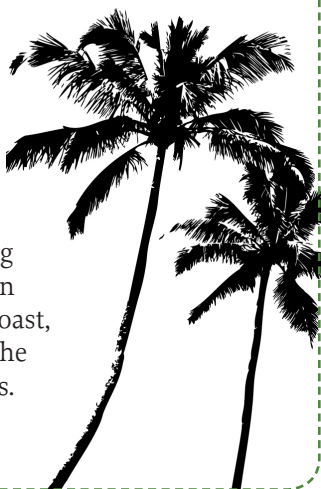
After the show, Linda graciously mixed and mingled with her Finch friends. Linda's TV actress career included the roles of "The Fonz's" girlfriend in *Happy Days* and as Andy Griffith's daughter in *Matlock*. Currently in this season's *The Office*, she also appears frequently on the Lifetime Channel in various dramatic roles.

As a child, Linda lived in Japan where she appeared on the stage in *The King and I*, mesmerizing the audiences with "I Whistle a Happy Tune." At her January performance, Linda amazed everyone by singing "Getting to Know You" in Japanese.

Finch alumnae are invited to attend a special performance on Monday, June 14 at 7:00 pm and meet Linda at the Metropolitan Room, 34 West 22 Street, in New York City. The \$55 charge includes 2 drinks and tip. *Please make checks payable to the Finch College Alumnae Association* and mail to Magda Katz, 345 East 52nd Street, Apt. 9D, New York, NY 10022.

Susan Davis... Notes from Palm Springs

After spending the past 30 years in New York City, I'm living in Palm Springs, California where I'm trying out the lifestyle and sunny weather. As a great advocate of public transportation, I never found it necessary to buy a car and now I've just purchased my first car – a convertible, of course! I'm continuing to work freelance for Cardozo School of Law – my employer for the past 15 years – where I was director of communications, and will look to see what other work projects I can find here. My daughter, Zoe Lukov, who graduated from Oberlin College two years ago, is living in New York and pursuing her interests in dance and Latin American politics and culture. I'm finding Palm Springs to be a welcoming and fun community and have been warned more than once about the sweltering summers. Therefore, I am happy to report that I have kept my house in Sag Harbor, NY and hope to spend the coming summer on the East Coast, enjoying the sea breezes.



Pat Flicker Addiss (second from left) with fellow Finch Alumnae in Kansas City, Shea Gordon Festoff, Eileen Bluestone Sherman, and Laura Hockaday.

K.C. Reunion with Pat Addiss

Finch Alum **Pat Addiss**, New York theater entrepreneur and Broadway producer, was in Kansas City in December, 2009, to witness a new production that may go to New York. It was a return trip to Missouri for Pat who was among Finch Alumnae traveling to Kansas City for a 3-day visit in the fall of 2008.

Her second trip was inspired by her friend, producer/director Jerry Goehring, who is joining Pat and actress/comedienne Rosie O'Donnell to co-produce *Babes in Arms* for Broadway in 2011. Jerry, known for his work with the deaf and for founding and directing theater companies across the United States, is a native of Wichita, KS.

He wanted to turn the classic movie, *A Christmas Story*, into *A Christmas Story, the Musical!* and chose the Kansas City Repertory Theatre to make it happen. Jerry plans to take the musical to Broadway in the near future and hopes for the support of Pat Addiss and a consortium of other producers.

While in Kansas City for the Rep production, Pat attended a luncheon reunion with Kansas City friends, including Finch Alumnae **Shea Gordon Festoff**, **Laura Hockaday**, and **Eileen Bluestone Sherman**. Pat brought her long-time friend and Kansas City hostess, Betty Nichols. Others included Gayle Maurin, Kansas City native living in New York, and Marilyn Strauss, a leading figure in the Kansas City arts community and founder of its Shakespeare-in-the Park program.

Pat is a veteran producer of Broadway shows including *Passing Strange*, *The 39 Steps*, *Spring Awakening*, *Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life*, and *Little Women*.

In her latest role, she is a lead producer for *Promises, Promises*, starring Kristin Chenoweth and Sean Hayes, to open April 25 (2010) at the Broadway Theatre.



The Finch College Alumnae Association Los Angeles Visit

We are looking forward to seeing you, your family, and friends during what promises to be an exciting and unique trip to sunny Los Angeles! Details will follow.

Warmest regards,

The Los Angeles Visit Planning Committee

Alba Francesca, Darcie Denkert, Denise Decker, Linda Purl, Gail Oppenheimer

Class Notes Spring 2010

40's

THELMA WIGODER FRYE, actress and author, received the following rave review: "Now there aren't too many working actresses around in their eighties, still less ones that can pick up and run with a brand-new role (and learn all the lines) in a week. But last Friday, the show went on (with the sudden inability of the booked actress) – with a word-perfect Thelma Ruby taking over. It was an amazing achievement – and amplified the story's touching portrait of the infirmities of old age but the support mechanism that can help a person overcome them in unexpected ways. Ruby offers living proof that the show can and must go on." *Many Roads to Paradise at Jermyn Street Theatre*. Review by Mark Shenton. *The Stage*

50's

NANCY AZARA's sculpture Leaf Altar for Nunzia, 1913-2004 along with other smaller selected works is on view in the upcoming exhibition *Waxed in Time: 4 Takes on Encaustics*, curated by Thalia Vrachopoulos at the Tenri Cultural Institute of New York.

Former teacher, **BARBARA FELDMAN DAHLMAN**, and husband, Jules, are enjoying retirement in the bucolic Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts.

ADELAIDE FARAH is Group Editorial Director of *Beauty Fashion* magazine and stays busy keeping up with industry news, and covering the beauty launches and retail events. She is on the Board of Trustees of The Church Club of New York and the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

SUZANNE STERN SALOMON, who continues to run the Curtis Gallery in New Canaan, CT, just joined the Board of Creative Connections, which brings children from all over the world together through the arts. Suzanne is also on a committee to preserve a wildlife habitat for sea birds and other wild life, including the red fox, on the CT coast. She traveled to Russia with her youngest son and his family and also visited Art Basil Miami with Ceil Gavin Ainsworth, Virginia Wittier Sheerin, and Cheryl Young Deknatel.

60's

MELANIE ROSE COHEN has opened Melanie's Confections, specializing in the re-creation of childhood dessert and snack experiences. Look in Grace's Market, NYC for sliders and many others. She describes her treats as yesterday's favorites all grown up.

With family, **DIANA ZWIRN DEMARCO** celebrated the 100th birthday of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Roland DeMarco on March 20, 2009. Diana and her husband are the proud grandparents of Benjamin, 4, and Samuel, 20 months. .. "gifts" to treasure. Having retired as a Personal Shopper at Tiffany & Co. in NYC where she resides, she has traveled many times to visit family in Perth, Australia. She sends greetings and good wishes to the Finch Alumnae. Diana and a core group came together in 1993 to organize the Finch Alumnae.

MAIDA POSNER HIRSCHKORN is a Personnel Consultant as Vice

President of Preston Associates where she has been for 18 years.

SUZI KALMUS moved from New York City to San Francisco in 1975 after the birth of first child, Justin Partier, and lived there until 2006. She is currently living in Thornton, Colorado with a partner.

MARJORIE "COOKIE" MICHEL is enjoying living out west in Troy, Idaho.

HOLLY WECHSLER SCHWARTZTOL lives in Miami, Florida with husband, Robert. Holly is a holistic psychologist in private practice and has written and published a novel called *Sherry and the Unseen World* (Universe, 2005). She has three grown children and two grandchildren.

SHERRY TAXMAN, who attended Finch from 1967-1969 before transferring to The New School, toured in 1980 the former Finch library and classrooms which have since been converted to pieds-a-terre. Since discovering the Finch Alumnae Association on Facebook, she has become a member and is looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.

SHARON QUEENEY WEINTZ, with Illustrated Properties, sells real estate from Delray Beach to Juniper, Florida. Over the years she has worked in public relations for major corporations including Oscar de la Renta, Monsanto, Revlon, and Elizabeth Arden.

70's

ROBIN SKOLER BAROFSKY lives in Manalapan, NJ and has been a hospice nurse with the Visiting Nurse Association of Central New Jersey for 30 years. Robin, who received her B.S. degree

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in nursing from NYU in 1977, has many fond memories of Finch College.

MERRY BRUNS travels constantly for both pleasure and work, running her business, Science Siks Communications. After working on the Obama campaign, she attended the inauguration.

CYNTHIA EDSTROM BYCE recently began courses in the Ph.D. program at the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore.

CAROLYN SCHREINER CALDER reports on Facebook: I graduated with the class of 1973 with a Bachelor of Science in Fine Arts (1969-1973). Some of my classmates were Jessica Morrissey, Antoinette Walker, Darcie Denkert, Cydna Stuart, and Eileen Bluestone (Sherman). My mother (Doris Moon Schreiner) is also a Finch graduate, Class of '42 with an associate's degree.

PAULA DIBENEDETTO CARAVELLI's interior design firm, Paula + Martha, LLC, has received much positive attention since a New York apartment she designed was recently featured on HGTV's Top Ten program. Also, the interior design magazine *Elle Decor* just published a nine-page spread of Paula's own apartment. On the personal front, son Greg just received his master's degree in Physics from Johns Hopkins University, and son Paul, who will graduate from Georgetown University, and is going on for his master's degree in Computer Science.

LIZ COLON's family's nonprofit organization, NY Brass Conference for Scholarships, plans to continue the

relationship with the Finch College Alumnae Association, by awarding scholarships to talented Music majors. The first joint venture had many Finch Alumnae in attendance. Stay tuned for yet another musical soiree!

SEUNG DUK KIM has been working in the contemporary art field since 1988, organizing various international exhibitions. She is now based in Paris, working for Le Consortium, Contemporary Art Center, in Dijon as International Project Director/Development in Asia. The Web site showcases the various exhibitions she organized (<http://www.leconsortium.com>). The most recent show, Yayoi Kusama, is traveling to the Sydney Museum of Contemporary Art and the Gagosian Gallery in NY. Her next project is a solo show of Lynda Benglis, who is scheduled to tour Europe.

LUCINDA (CINDY) COOKE MULLIN, wife of Woody Mullin for 33 years and the mother of a 22 year-old son, lives in Islip, New York.

JENNY LONG MURPHY lives in Bellaire, New York. She is mother of

three teenagers, is on several boards, and works part time at the Meredith Long Gallery.

KIM WALKER writes on LinkedIn that she was a member of the last graduating class in 1975. After 25 years in the direct mail business, Kim is Director of Direct Mail for Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, responsible for the planning, creation, implementation, and analysis of 30,000,000 pieces a year. Kim started in the catalog business with Philips-Van Heusen, devoted to men's shirts; she was previously with the Lighthouse International, as Director of Direct Mail Fundraising. She serves on the DMA Non-profit Federation Advisory Council and was President of the Direct Mail Fundraiser's Association. She is on the board of GallopNYC, which provides therapeutic riding in Brooklyn and is a member of the trophy committee of the National Horse Show. Kim lives in Brooklyn with her husband and son.

BARBARA JOYCE HUMMEL MARVIN-WAYNE is the writer of *Tales From Moonfire* and *Letters From Moonfire*. Her home is Los Angeles and she also maintains a ranch in Malibu.

In memoriam

We are saddened by the sudden passing of **LESLIE PARADISE COLLINS** in August 2009 from a heart attack.

Dr. ARDELLE ODONE STRIKER, Finch drama teacher who produced 50 plays at her (former) Blue Heron Arts Center, died December 3, 2009.

Welcome To The Finch Chat Room

Let's have your ideas, input, comments, memories of Finch, community involvement.....

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Finch Graduates Connect

Access Facebook and LinkedIn to read all about and find Finch graduates. And don't forget the Finch website FinchCollege.org



Honor for Emilie-Mary Puzio

Many Finch College classmates and other long-time friends of Emilie-Mary Puzio were present to see her honored Dec. 12, 2009, for her dedication to Boys' Towns of Italy, Inc. Several hundred guests attended the event, an elegant luncheon in the Cotillion Room of the Pierre Hotel.

Emilie, a 2009 Cosgrave honoree, was recognized by Boys' Towns as the "Ladies Auxiliary Woman of the Year". She donates hours of volunteer work while managing a full-time real estate career in Spring Lake, N.J. Emilie has served on the Boys' Towns board more than five years and her family has been dedicated to the organization for decades. With headquarters in Rome and New York, Boys' Towns was founded in 1945 by an Irish priest to give the orphans of World War II a life of love and support on the road to adulthood. Today it nurtures both boys and girls throughout the world.

Recognized with Emilie was Rita Cosby, an award-winning correspondent for the prime-time show, *Inside Edition*. Credited with breaking news interviews in the United States and abroad, she is an author and former anchor/senior correspondent for MSNBC-TV. Rita was honored at the luncheon as "2009 Journalist of the Year."

Brother J. Kevin Devlin, a member of Boys' Towns board of directors, introduced Emilie with the following words of warmth and gratitude:

"We are so grateful to our honoree, Emilie Puzio, who has been such an instrument for good and positive work at Boys' and Girls' Towns. As a member of the board, Emilie works to ensure that the work of Monsignor Carroll-Abbing (Boys' Towns founder) is kept fresh and alive by her energy, generosity of spirit and resourceful talents. We are most thankful for her insights, her ideas and creative talents."

Emilie's late father, Frank Puzio, was a pillar of support for Boys' Towns and she, her mother and brother all continue as major benefactors. Their involvement began as a way of giving back to others after Emilie adopted her baby daughter in Italy 35 years ago. At the luncheon, she asked her daughter, Amy Margherita Puzio Kennedy, now a wife and mother, to join her at the podium to share in her honor.



Emilie with her daughter, Amy, and mother, Emily

"It is God's grace that got me here today and God's grace that got me to Italy to pick up my daughter," said Emilie. In accepting her award she stated the philosophy of Boys' Towns and its founder:

"Every tear that is wiped from the eye of a child, let it shine like a star in the sky."

—Laura Hockaday

Make a Difference in 2010. Become a FINCH MENTOR.

It's easy and fun! From her own, unique life experience each Finch Alumnae member can be a friend and adviser to one of our outstanding Finch Grant Recipients and Scholars. All it takes is an occasional e-mail, phone call or hand-written note to an honoree to support her along her way to a bachelor's degree, graduate studies or professional career.

**For further details, contact Eileen Bluestone Sherman:
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Finch College Association Membership 2010

If you haven't already done so, please send in your 2010 dues. We are a volunteer group whose dues help cover our mailing and printing costs. You may pay \$50 annually or choose to become a lifetime member for \$300. Since we are a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, your dues, which cover the calendar year, are tax deductible.

Please send dues to:

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Thank you!

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Cosgrave Awards

Monday, May 17, 2010

**The Cosmopolitan Club,
New York City**

Invitations to follow with details on
exciting events for the May 14 weekend!
Come and celebrate with the outstanding
2010 Cosgrave Awardees:

Dr. Jeanne Chenault Porter
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