



COLUMBIA COLLEGE

PARENT
LEADERSHIP
COUNCIL

2022-23

ANNUAL
REPORT

A LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Dear Parent Leadership Council families,

Thank you for generously supporting Columbia College as members of the Parent Leadership Council (PLC). **Your dedication has helped the College keep our commitment to offering the best undergraduate experience possible for our students.**

I'm grateful that I had the opportunity to connect with so many members of this remarkable group through events like the Welcome Reception for New Parents, PLC Bi-Annual Meetings and the John Jay Awards Dinner (which honored two members of the parent community, Anna Brockway CC'92, P: CC'26 and Raymond Yu CC'89, SEAS'90, P: CC'21, CC'23, CC'25). In the pages of the **2022–23 Parent Leadership Council Annual Report**, you will read about these highlights and many more. I hope you join me in taking pride in the achievements of this dedicated cohort of parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer special thanks to **Estelle Choe and Paul Kim CC'87, P: CC'22, CC'25** and **Robyn L. Field and Anthony O'Carroll P: CC'21, CC'23** for their incredible efforts as PLC Co-chairs. I am deeply grateful for their leadership and advocacy for Columbia College.

Thank you again for your investment in the College and the impact you have on student lives through your support.

Respect,

Josef Sorett
Dean of Columbia College
Vice President for Undergraduate Education
Professor of Religion & African American and
African Diaspora Studies



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS

To the families of our Parent Leadership Council,

We remain as grateful as ever for your membership in the Parent Leadership Council and for your enduring commitment to Columbia College. The highlights of this past year would not have been possible without you, and we feel fortunate to have you as a part of our community.

Fiscal Year 2022–23 was another year of remarkable successes. **PLC members contributed \$9.08 million in support of the College, including \$3.73 million for the Columbia College Fund which encompasses the Parents Fund.** Your gifts bolster our exceptional financial aid program, internship support, the Core Curriculum, student life initiatives and so much more. The campus experience continues to be a rewarding one for your children, our students, because of your generous support.

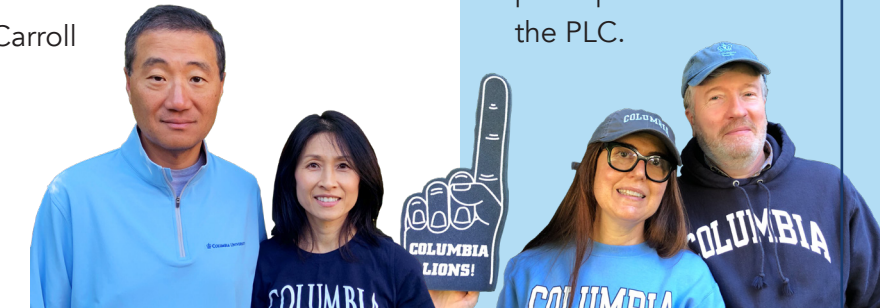
Please enjoy the 2022–23 Parent Leadership Council Annual Report that pays tribute to your remarkable contributions in giving, engagement and leadership.

Gratefully,

Estelle Choe and Paul Kim CC'87, P: CC'22, CC'25

Robyn L. Field and Anthony O'Carroll
P: CC'21, CC'23

Co-chairs,
Parent Leadership Council



After serving as PLC Co-chairs for three years, **Robyn Field and Anthony O'Carroll P: CC'21, CC'23** will be stepping down in the 2024 Fiscal Year. Their tireless efforts have supported Columbia College and the Parent Leadership Council. Over the past several years, Robyn and Anthony have hosted numerous PLC meetings, happy hours and welcome receptions for new Columbia students. **We would like to extend our deepest appreciation** for their commitment and look forward to their continued participation in the PLC.

2022-23 COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS



NEW UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

In July 2023, Nemat “Minouche” Shafik became the 20th president of Columbia University, making her the first female president in the University’s history. President Shafik is a leading economist whose remarkable career has focused on public policy and academia. Her most recent book, *What We Owe Each Other: A New Social Construct*, challenges institutions and individuals to rethink how we can better support each other.

PLC member Lisa L. Carnoy CC’89, P: CC’26 served as committee chair of the Presidential Search Committee.



DEAN SORETT’S FIRST YEAR

This year was Josef Sorett’s first as dean of Columbia College. Dean Sorett joined the Columbia faculty in 2009 as a professor in the departments of Religion and African American & African Diaspora Studies. He connected with Columbia College alumni at events throughout the country, including Boston, Miami, San Francisco and Los Angeles. His second book, *Black is a Church: Christianity and the Contours of (African) American Life* was published in March 2023.



CORE KNOWLEDGE BOOK SERIES LAUNCHES

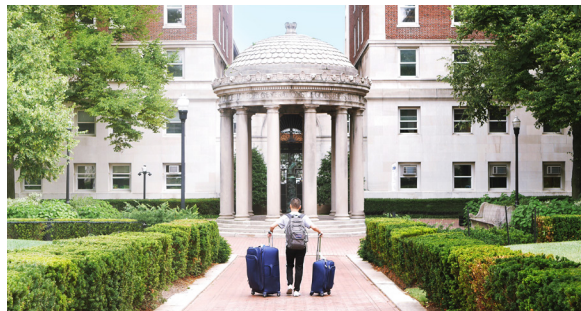
Inspired by the Core Curriculum, the **Core Knowledge Book Series** aims to deliver the intellectual energy and creative thinking of the Core’s classes to a wider audience. The series, published by Columbia University Press, acts as a companion to Core courses and is written by faculty from Columbia College and other institutions.

In February, the College hosted more than 100 students, alumni and faculty in Low Library to hear a discussion with professors **Elisabeth Ladenson, Gareth Williams and Philip Kitcher**, moderated by **Dean Josef Sorett**.



EXPANSION OF FINANCIAL AID

During the 2022–23 academic year, Columbia College rolled out several **financial aid enhancements**. Families with typical assets and incomes below \$66,000 are no longer expected to contribute to the cost of their student’s education. In addition, students from families with typical assets and incomes up to \$150,000 attend Columbia tuition-free. The College also introduced \$2,000 start-up grants, which are awarded to low-income, first-year students to ease their transition to college.



CLASS OF 2027

Columbia College and The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science selected the incoming **Class of 2027** from the third-largest-ever applicant pool. 2,246 students were accepted from 57,129 applicants, making this year’s overall admission rate 3.9 percent — the second lowest in admissions history. The Class of 2027 hails from all 50 states and 101 countries, highlighting Columbia’s ever-expanding global reputation. Approximately half of admitted students were offered need-based financial aid.



TRANSFORMATION OF URIS HALL

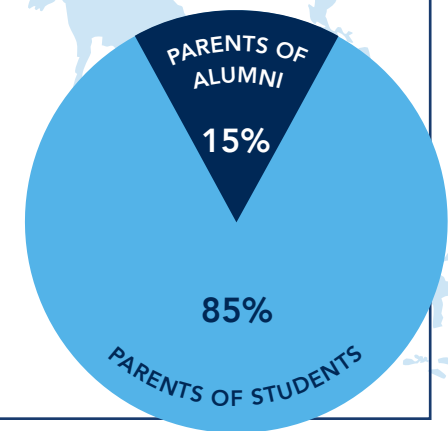
As part of the ever-improving Morningside campus, Uris Hall will transform into a central meeting place with flexible classrooms and gathering spaces. This exciting intellectual hub will draw together students and faculty — promoting innovation and community, and amplifying the public impact of teaching, learning and research.

2022-23 MEMBERSHIP

The Parent Leadership Council is a global network of Columbia College supporters from **17 states and 11 countries**. The College is grateful to these **158 families** for their extraordinary generosity and commitment to fostering community at the College. During the 2022-23 period, **57 new families** joined the PLC.



Parents of Columbia College students and alumni make up the PLC and have a remarkable impact on our students' lives.



2022-23 SPECIAL EVENTS

Throughout the year, members of the Parent Leadership Council have access to curated events and programs enabling them to more deeply engage with Columbia College and one another.



August 27, 2022
Welcome Reception for New Parents

The Skyline Dining Room at Faculty House — New York, NY

Speaker:
- Josef Sorett, *Dean of Columbia College*



October 20, 2022
Fall PLC Happy Hour

Arts and Crafts Beer Parlor — New York, NY

Hosts:
PLC Co-chairs
- Estelle Choe and Paul Kim CC'87, P: CC'22, CC'25
- Robyn L. Field and Anthony O'Carroll P: CC'21, CC'23



October 21, 2022
Fall PLC Meeting

Alfred Lerner Hall, Columbia University — New York, NY

Panelists:
- Stefanie F. Katz-Rothman CC'88, P: CC'26
- Cristen Scully Kromm, *Dean of Undergraduate Student Life*
- Matthew Patashnick, *Associate Dean for Student & Family Support*
- Lila Davachi, *Professor, Department of Psychology*

Speakers:
- Josef Sorett, *Dean of Columbia College*
- Anthony O'Carroll and Robyn Field P: CC'21, CC'23, *PLC Co-chairs*



March 1, 2023
John Jay Awards Dinner

Cipriani 42nd Street — New York, NY

Honores:
- **PLC Member** Anna Brockway CC'92, P: CC'26
- Alicia D. Guevara CC'94, BUS'14
- Ashish K. Jha CC'92
- Victor Lopez-Balboa CC'82, P: CC'14, CC'19
- **PLC Member** Raymond Yu CC'89, SEAS'90, P: CC'21, CC'23, CC'25



April 14, 2023
Spring PLC Meeting

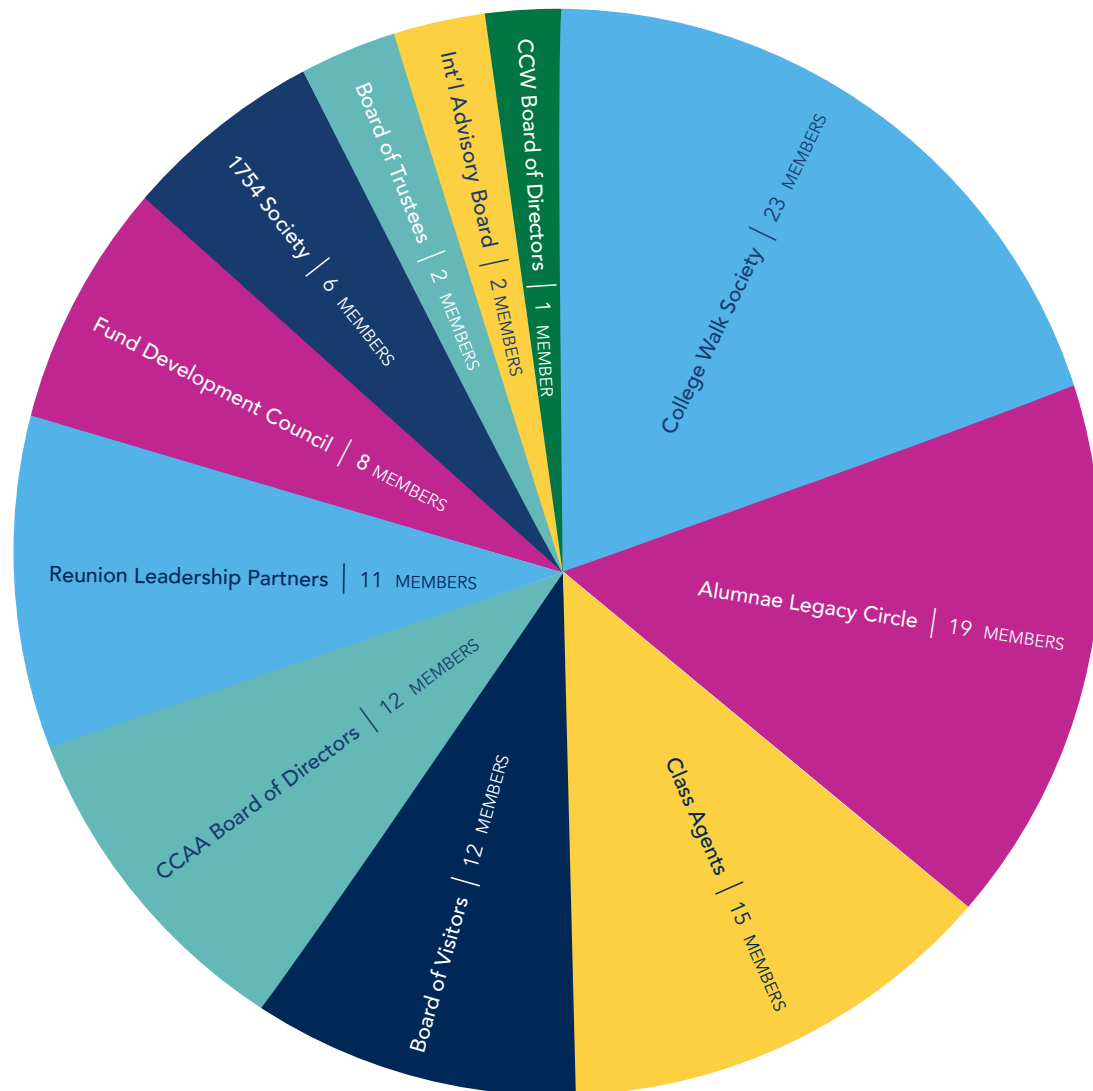
Hosted Virtually

Introduction by:
- Paul Kim CC'87, P: CC'22, CC'25, *PLC Co-chair*

Speakers:
- Josef Sorett, *Dean of Columbia College*
- Amy E. Hungerford, *Executive Vice President for Arts and Sciences and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences*

2022-23 PARENT LEADERS

The commitment of the Parent Leadership Council is unmatched. Members serve the Columbia community through their time, expertise, and generous support.

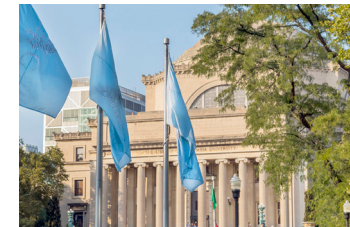


2022-23 AREAS OF SUPPORT

SUPPORT OF THE COLUMBIA COLLEGE FUND

Members of the Parent Leadership Council generously gave **\$9.08 million** to the College during Fiscal Year 2022–23, providing vital support for students and the faculty who teach them. Most PLC families directed their support to the College’s annual fund, contributing **\$3.73 million**. Gifts to the Parents Fund are part of the annual fund, and they provide current-use dollars that are able to be spent in the year they are raised. Gifts support the College’s priorities — including the Core Curriculum, financial aid, internships and student life.

TOP AREAS OF SUPPORT



Parents Fund
\$1.95M



Financial Aid
\$905k



Core Curriculum
\$177k

SUPPORT BEYOND THE COLLEGE FUND

PLC members gave an additional **\$5.35 million** to other areas of Columbia College by supporting various funds, including **\$2.41 million** to endowed scholarship funds. Endowed funds provide Columbia with a reliable source of income in perpetuity. They are invested and the accumulated appreciation and income is used to fund an annual distribution. Combined with the College Fund, this support helps the College meet the needs of students each year.

COLLEGE WALK SOCIETY

The College Walk Society (CWS) is a leadership giving society for alumni, parents and friends who make a meaningful contribution in support of financial aid at the College. Members are the College's most generous and loyal financial aid donors who share the belief that the opportunity to pursue knowledge should not be constrained by a student's background or ability to pay.

So far, the College has welcomed over 100 donors, including the following members of the PLC.

- Shari R. and Gary A. Brooks P: CC'24, CC'26
Shari and Gary Brooks Family Scholarship
- Jodie K. and Andrew A. Fink CC'91, LAW'94, P: CC'24
Fink Family Scholarship Fund
- Jeff A. Fuisz and Lexi S. Diamond CC'91, P: CC'26
Diamond Family Scholarship Fund
- Maral and Sarkis Jebejian CC'91, LAW'94, P: CC'26
Sarkis Jebejian Scholarship
- Nancy and Kobi Karp P: CC'25
Kobi Karp Architecture Scholarship Fund
- Robin-Hwajin Y. Kim P: CC'23
Robin-Hwajin Yoon Kim Scholarship
- Omar Kodmani CC'89, P: CC'23, CC'26 and Lina Kodmani BC'94, P: CC'23, CC'26
Kod Scholarship
- Jae Myoung and Daniel H. Lee P: CC'26
Daniel and Jamie Jae Myoung Lee Scholarship Fund
- Nadir and Sobia A. Shaikh P: CC'23, CC'26
Sobia and Nadir Shaikh Scholarship Fund

- Margaret Sung and Michael J. Schmidtberger CC'82, LAW'85, P: CC'24
Schmidtberger/Sung Family Scholarship
- Sandy Wang CC'92, P: CC'24 and Christopher J. McGowan CC'92, P: CC'24
Walter H. Wang Scholarship Fund
- Sylvia N. Westphal P: CC'23 and Christoph Heiner Westphal CC'90, P: CC'23
Westphal Family Scholarship Fund

The CWS was launched in 2021 as part of the College's Financial Aid Initiative. This campaign has brought in nearly \$330 million towards its goal of raising \$500 million by 2027.

1754 SOCIETY

The 1754 Society is a giving society for alumni, parents and friends who have made plans for the University through trust, estate or other future gifts. Membership includes special recognition and access to unique speakers and experiences. Currently, **eight members of the Parent Leadership Council are in the 1754 Society.**

- Lisa L. Carnoy CC'89, P: CC'26 and David A. Carnoy SOA'92, P: CC'26
- Myra and Edward Chen P: CC'22, CC'26
- Estelle Choe and Paul Kim CC'87, P: CC'22, CC'25
- Beth L. and Scott R. Yagoda CC'86, LAW'92, P: CC'20, CC'25

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Meet fellow Parent Leadership Council members who share your commitment to the work of the College.

Jennifer Anglade Dahlberg CC'93, P: CC'23 is a writer based in Stockholm, Sweden. Her first novel, *Uptown and Down*, was published by Penguin/NAL in 2005. She spent the next decade researching and writing her second novel, *Lagging Indicators*, which was released independently in 2018. Her most recent novel, *Summer in Nornö*, was translated into Swedish and published in 2021 by Norstedts Förlag.

She is married to Christian Dahlberg and they have two children (daughter, Yasmine CC'23 and son, James Penn'27). As a dedicated Columbia College alumna and parent, Jennifer is a member of the Parent Leadership Council, the Alumnae Legacy Circle and the International Advisory Board.



Lexi S. Diamond CC'91, P: CC'26 began her legal career as a litigator at Kaye Scholer and went on to work in the public sector as an assistant corporation counsel for the City of New York. She is currently a commercial real estate investor.

As a proud parent of Oliver Fuisz CC'26, Lexi is part of the Parent Leadership Council as well as a member of the College Walk Society and Alumnae Legacy Circle. She serves on the Columbia College Alumni Association Board of Directors and Columbia College Women Board of Directors, and is a past Reunion Committee chair and member. She was presented the 2021 President's Cup for service in her reunion year. In 2022, Lexi and her husband, Jeff A. Fuisz, established the Diamond Family Scholarship Fund.

2022-23 PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS

Columbia College is proud to recognize the following members of the Parent Leadership Council for their generosity and dedication to the College.

CO-CHAIRS

Estelle Choe and Paul Kim CC'87, P: CC'22, CC'25
Robyn Field and Anthony O'Carroll P: CC'21, CC'23

CHAIRS EMERITI

Raymond H. Yu CC'89, SEAS'90, P: CC'21, CC'23, CC'25 and Amy H. Yu TC'07, TC'12, P: CC'21, CC'23, CC'25

DEAN'S CIRCLE MEMBERS

Elizabeth Albert and Howard M. Kleinman CC'84, P: CC'18, CC'22
Rula L. and Omar M. Asali BUS'01, P: CC'18, CC'20
Edward D. Baker III P: CC'20
Samara Bernot Meshel CC'92, P: CC'18, CC'23 and Adam R. Meshel CC'92, LAW'95, P: CC'18, CC'23
Sumita Bhattacharya BUS'95, P: CC'25 and Monish Kumar SIPA'95, P: CC'25
Brian C. Birtwistle and Julie D. Bornstein P: CC'25
Gregg E. and Anna E. Brockway CC'92, P: CC'26
Shari R. and Gary A. Brooks P: CC'24, CC'26
Janine Brown and Alexander J. Simmons Jr. P: CC'22

Lisa L. Carnoy CC'89, P: CC'26 and David A. Carnoy SOA'92, P: CC'26

Liru Z. and James C. Chang P: CC'26

Monique L. Cusson and Constantine M. Dakolias SEAS'89, P: CC'23

Christian Dahlberg and Jennifer Anglade Dahlberg CC'93, P: CC'23

Yu Dang and Ming Weng P: CC'25

Carla De Landri and Florindo Volpacchio GSAS'84, P: CC'20

Grace and James H. Dignan CC'91, P: CC'26

Michael Du and Rena Huang P: CC'24

Min Fan and Xinzhi Zhang P: CC'24

Jodie K. and Andrew A. Fink CC'91, LAW'94, P: CC'24

Michael Fu and Shirley Ying P: CC'23, CC'26

Jeff A. Fuisz and Lexi S. Diamond CC'91, P: CC'26

Julie Ge and Kequan Liu P: CC'24

Bradley J. and Michelle J. Goldberg CC'91, P: CC'25

Eric S. Goldstein CC'80, P: CC'15, CC'18, CC'25 and Tamar B. Goldstein BC'87, P: CC'15, CC'18, CC'25

Kimberley Hatchett and Tracy V. Maitland CC'82, P: CC'24

Roberto Hoornweg and Katleen Van Roost
P: CC'26

Melonee A. and Russell C. Horowitz CC'88,
P: CC'26

Shuang Hou and Shengang Yuan P: CC'24

Wen-Lian C. Hu and Wei-Dong Jin BUS'98,
P: CC'26

Shu-Chen Huang and Stanley S. Ko BUS'99,
P: CC'23, CC'25

Maral and Sarkis Jebejian CC'91, LAW'94,
P: CC'26

George Jiang and Hua Tang P: CC'19

Michael G. Kaiser and Michelle Estilo Kaiser
CC'87, PH'92, VPS'97, P: CC'20, CC'25

Robyn A. Kampf and John V. Vincenti CC'90,
P: CC'26

Kristine Kennedy CC'91, LAW'94, P: CC'24,
CC'25

Borah and Sang Kim CC'92, P: CC'25, CC'26

Robin-Hwajin Y. Kim P: CC'23

Sungwan Kim and Hosun Yoon P: CC'23

Omar Kodmani CC'89, P: CC'23, CC'26
and Lina Kodmani BC'94, P: CC'23, CC'26

Joshua M. Kraft P: CC'22

Christine L. Ku and Arthur D. Kim CC'95,
P: CC'23

Patricia L. Labrada CC'91, P: CC'23 and
Michael A. Camacho CC'91, P: CC'23

Jae Myoung and Daniel H. Lee P: CC'26

Grace and Nicholas P. Leone CC'88, P: CC'19,
CC'22, CC'24

Jian Li and Zhifeng Yang P: CC'23

John Manning and Yahphen Y. Chang CC'87,
P: CC'24

Victoria F. and James C. Maroulis CC'88,
P: CC'21, CC'26

Moe Moe and Soe Naing P: CC'22

Syed Ali R. Naqvi and Amna Tirmizi Naqvi
P: CC'21, CC'23

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Hua Qiao and Haitao Zhai SIPA'00, P: CC'25

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David I. Robbins and Joyce Chang CC'86,
P: CC'24

Shyanne and Kurt W. Roeloffs Jr. CC'84,
P: CC'25

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CC'25

Corinne and Robert P. Rooney CC'89,
P: CC'23

Barbara M. and Michael S. Satow CC'88,
P: CC'17, CC'26

Lisa Beth F. and Adam J. Savitz P: CC'23

Valerie and Theodore U. Schweitzer CC'91,
LAW'94, P: CC'24

Nadir and Sobia A. Shaikh P: CC'23, CC'26

Jill and Mark Shinderman P: CC'25

Catherine J. and Thomas J. Strong P: CC'24

Margaret Sung and Michael J. Schmidtberger
CC'82, LAW'85, P: CC'24

Thomas L. and Mila H. Tuttle CC'96, SIPA'05,
P: CC'26

Munish and Ekta Varma P: CC'25

Harjeet K. and Manmeet Viridi P: CC'24

Sandy Wang CC'92, P: CC'24 and Christopher
J. McGowan CC'92, P: CC'24

Yu Qiao Wei and Yong An Xu P: CC'17

Deborah W. and Jacob N. Wohlstadter
P: CC'25, CC'26

Sherri P. Wolf CC'90, P: CC'21, CC'24
and Douglas R. Wolf CC'88, P: CC'21, CC'24

Beth L. and Scott R. Yagoda CC'86, LAW'92,
P: CC'20, CC'25

Lisa G. and John J. Ying P: CC'23

Chris and Kevin Yoon P: CC'26

Weifang Zhou and Mei Xue P: CC'24

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MEMBERS

Fatma Al Mazrouie and Ali Bin Tamim
P: CC'22

Gael and Emile Bacha P: CC'16, CC'20, CC'22

Dayna Bandman and Andrew A. Schmeltz
CC'93, P: CC'24

Holly and Albert Baril P: CC'25

Gail and Joseph Barry P: CC'87, CC'89

David Bezhuashvili and Tea Tcheishvili
P: CC'24, CC'26

Lauren D. and Keith M. Breslauer P: CC'21,
CC'23

Patricia Brett CC'87, P: CC'18, CC'21, CC'26
and James Brett CC'84, BUS'90, P: CC'18,
CC'21, CC'26

Alice Chen and Yanan Wang P: CC'21, CC'24

Myra and Edward Chen P: CC'22, CC'26

Kyoo Wan Cho and Sook Hyun Han P: CC'20

Kathy and Thomas Chong SEAS'92, P: CC'26

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Karl A. Cole-Frieman CC'92, LAW'97, P: CC'25
and Wanda Cole-Frieman BC'94, P: CC'25

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Andrea Everett and Jaime Mercado CC'89,
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Yongchun Lang and Ping Wu P: CC'23

Xia Lin and Hong Bo Qi P: CC'25

Claudia E. and Raymund J. Llauro P: CC'23

Qun Lu and Meijuan Wu P: CC'24

Yi Lu and Jianguo Qian P: CC'20

Ellen V. and Matthew P. Masseur P: CC'23

Chengwei Meng and Wenjie Ning P: CC'21

Ritu Metzger CC'94, P: CC'26 and Alex S.
Metzger CC'94, P: CC'26

Orly Mishan CC'94, P: CC'26 and Timothy W.
Crawford GSAS'96, GSAS'01, P: CC'26

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P: CC'24

Lidong Ni and Angel Zheng P: CC'25

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Naxin J. Paik SEAS'91, SEAS'96, P: CC'24 and
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Juliet C. Park CC'93, VPS'99, P: CC'25 and
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GSAS'88, LAW'90, P: CC'25

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Rini Banerjee Ratan P: CC'26

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CC'87, P: CC'26

Elizabeth A. and Seth D. Rosen BUS'98, P: CC'21

James A. Rothman and Stefanie F. Katz-
Rothman CC'88, P: CC'26

Vikram Sahai and Rashmi Sinha P: CC'24

Linda V. and Vincent R. Saladini CC'80, VPS'84,
P: CC'25

Tina and Karim Samii CC'85, P: CC'26

Celine P. and Dan Shimizu P: CC'25

Cathy Shu and Edmond Chi Man Ng SEAS'96,
P: CC'23, CC'26

Sharon E. Silver LAW'95, P: CC'25 and
LeRoy Elazar Rabbani VPS'84, P: CC'25

Cathryn E. and Matthew J. Sodl CC'88, P: CC'26

Martha N. and Peter C. Stabler P: CC'22

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CC'25

Regine E. and James C. Stone CC'90, BUS'96,
P: CC'25

Jennifer C. and Douglas Swanson Teasdale
CC'89, P: CC'26

Karen B. and Greg Torborg CC'90, P: CC'22

Matthew E. Tropp and Julie A. Levy CC'91,
P: CC'21, CC'25

Stacey V. and Nicholas Tsapatsaris P: CC'22

Jennifer Wei and Andrew P. Bell LAW'92,
P: CC'26

Jenny and Liren Wei P: CC'23

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