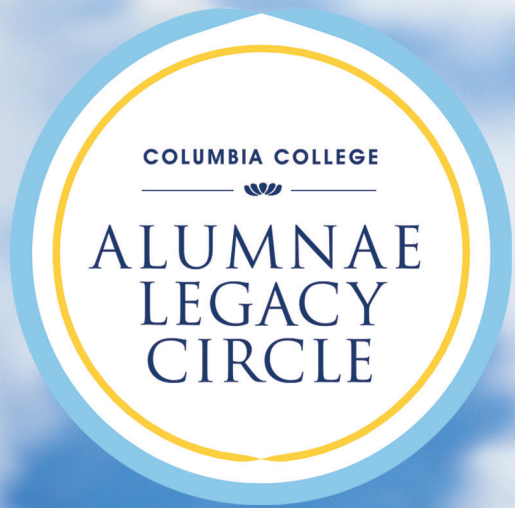


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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS


Dear Alumnae Legacy Circle members,

Thank you for your generous support of Columbia College and your commitment to this remarkable group of women. During our first year as co-chairs of the ALC, we saw so much excitement across the College and certainly among our dynamic and impressive members. We celebrated the 35th anniversary of the graduation of the College's first fully coeducational class, along with the 5th anniversary of the founding of the ALC. We are proud of this community and delighted to share this annual report with you. Please enjoy reflecting on 2021–22.

This year, the ALC welcomed 21 new members, which brought membership to 133. This total includes 11 alumnae who graduated in the last 10 years. **Together, we raised an incredible \$4.33 million for Columbia College, including \$1.89 million for the Columbia College Fund.** This generosity has made the ALC instrumental in the success of *Core to Commencement*, the College's campaign for students and the faculty who teach them. This incredible initiative ended in June 2022, raising more than \$750 million for financial aid, faculty support, the Core Curriculum and so much more.

Special thanks to Sarah Aibel CC'92, P: CC'23, CC'25, Germaine Choe CC'95 and Mary Vig CC'91, who served as vice chairs this year. Their enthusiastic support and impressive leadership have been an asset to the ALC.

Sincerely,

Kelley Buechel Badishkian
CC'98, BUS'08
Diana Greenwald CC'11
Co-chairs,
Alumnae Legacy Circle



THANK YOU TO MARY VIG CC'91

Mary Vig CC'91 stepped down from her role as vice chair of the Alumnae Legacy Circle after more than two years of dedicated service. Mary joined the ALC in 2017 and quickly engaged with fellow members. She and Sarah Aibel CC'92, P: CC'23, CC'25 were the ALC's first vice chairs and leaders on the West Coast, bolstering efforts there in a remarkable way.

During her tenure, Mary demonstrated a deep commitment to growing the ALC community — particularly membership on the West Coast. She continually found ways of creating community virtually and sought academically enriching opportunities for ALC members. Mary is a generous supporter of the Columbia College Fund, supporting a current-use scholarship, the Vig Family Scholarship.

We are so grateful to Mary for her leadership and commitment to Columbia College.



2021–22 SPECIAL EVENTS

Members of the Alumnae Legacy Circle have access to a curated selection of events and programs designed to foster community among members and other leaders at the College.



Dec. 8, 2021

An Intimate Conversation with Kelley Beuchel Badishkanian CC'98 and Germaine Choe CC'95

Moderated by Begumhan Kurdoglu CC'20

Feb. 3, 2022

A Virtual Conversation with Dean James J. Valentini

Moderated by Maya Ho CC'18 and Emily Lavine CC'18

Mar. 2, 2022

John Jay Awards Dinner, New York City

Celebrated the 2020 honorees including Wanda M. Holland Greene CC'89, TC'91, TC'21

Mar. 15, 2022

A Decade of Leadership, Los Angeles

Spring Place, Beverly Hills

Mar. 16, 2022

A Decade of Leadership, San Francisco

SHACK 15, Embarcadero

Mar. 29, 2022

2022 Dean's Scholarship Reception, New York City

Featured remarks from Michele Esposito CC'96

Apr. 27, 2022

A Decade of Leadership, New York City

Featured Alisa Amarosa Wood CC'01, BUS'08, Nairi C. Balian CC'88, Lisa L. Carnoy CC'89 and Kyra Tirana Barry CC'87, P: CC'17

Jun. 2, 2022

Los Angeles Members Happy Hour, Porta Via Beverly Hills

Hosted by Sarah Aibel CC'92, P: CC'23, CC'25

Jun. 12, 2022

A Celebration of Columbia College Women, New York City

Featured Jennifer Maxfield Ostfeld CC'99, JRN'00 at Trailblazing Women: Alumnae "Firsts"

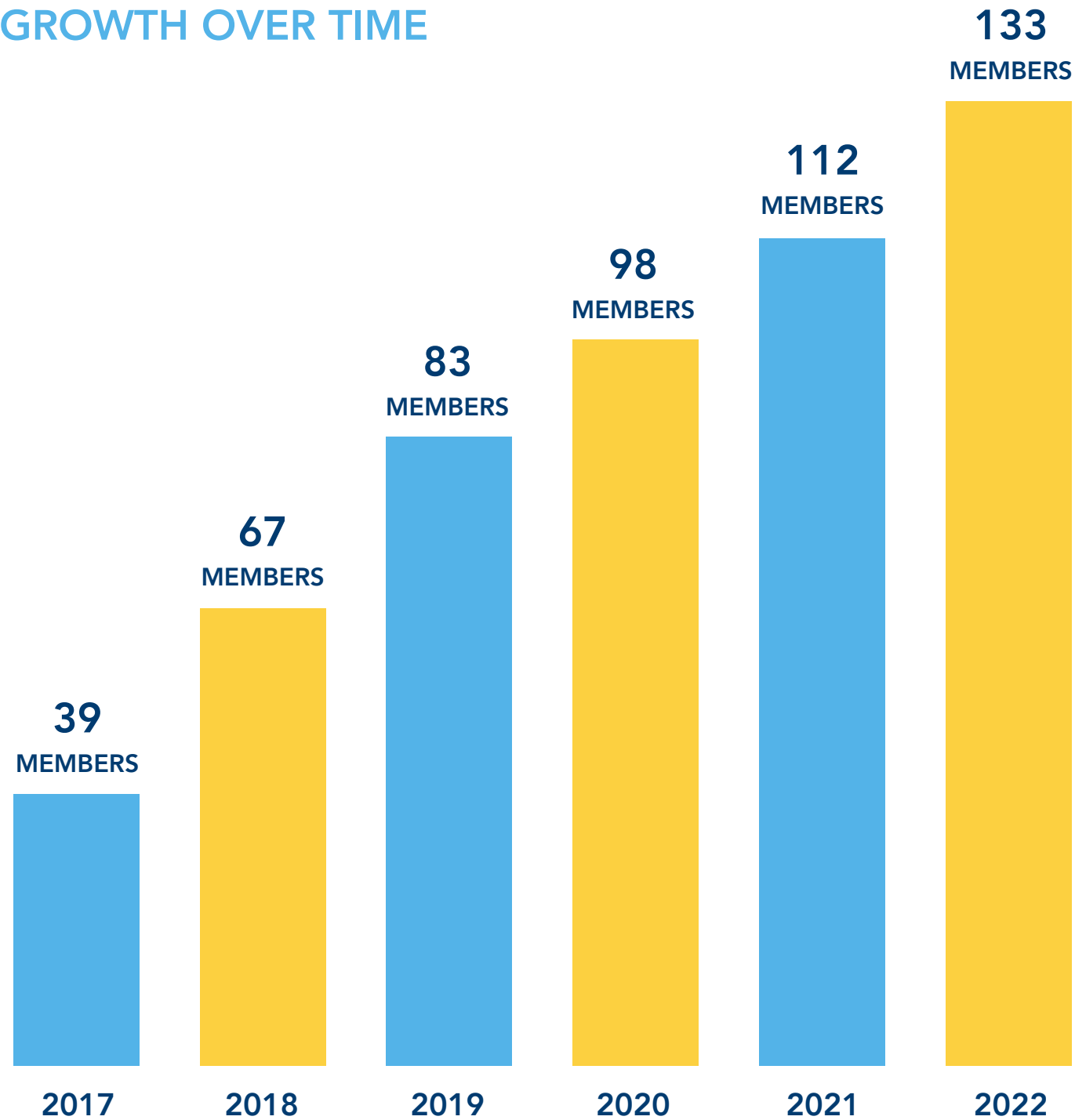
A DECADE OF LEADERSHIP

The College celebrated **Dean James J. Valentini** with three special events. These occasions brought together alumni, parents, faculty and staff to thank him for his service. The event at Gotham Hall raised more than \$16.3 million in his honor, including gifts for the Valentini Endowment Fund for the Columbia College Journey, which supports his commitment to holistic student development by funding experiences beyond the classroom.

2021-22 MEMBERSHIP

The Alumnae Legacy Circle is a vibrant and growing community of dedicated women. The ALC continues to welcome new alumnae, expanding membership to 133!

GROWTH OVER TIME



GLOBAL REACH

ALC members live in 19 states and 7 countries!



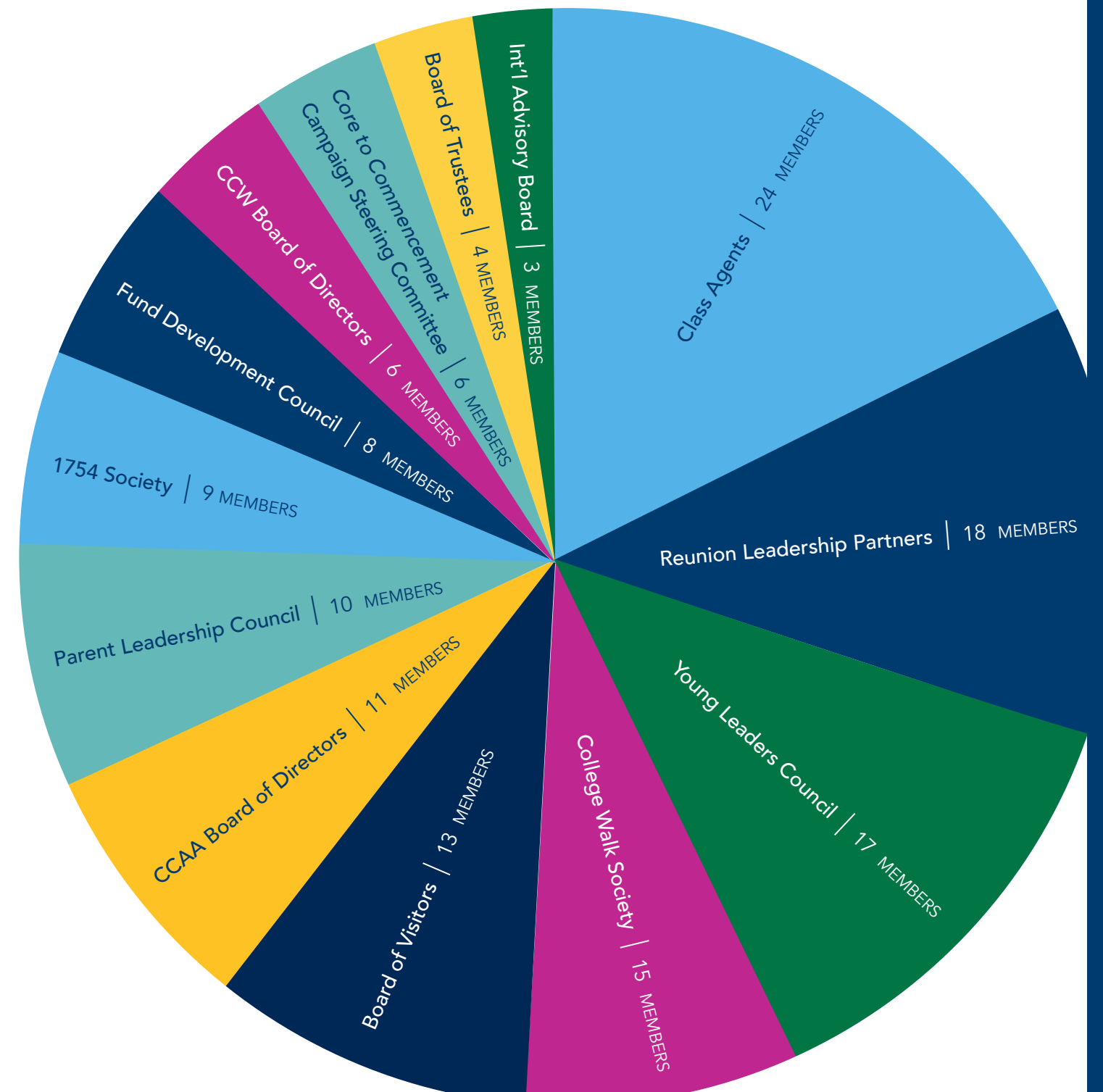
NEWEST MEMBERS

The ALC welcomed **21 new members** this year! Special thanks to these incredible alumnae for their generosity and contributions to this remarkable community.

- Allyson B. Baker CC'95 — Washington, DC
- Purvi S. Goor CC'97 — Los Angeles, CA
- Jennifer S. Hsia CC'06 — Atlanta, GA
- Alina R. Huo CC'96 — Hong Kong
- Erin Z. Hussein CC'92, LAW'95 — New York, NY
- Stefanie F. Katz-Rothman CC'88, P: CC'26 — New York, NY
- Katrina M. Kerkering CC'93 — Seattle, WA
- Penny W. Kline CC'91, LAW'97 — Brooklyn, NY
- Karen Lee CC'92 — Honolulu, HI
- Mary J. Leong CC'93 — Makati, Philippines
- Sarah Mernick CC'07 — Bronx, NY
- Heather Moylan Meyerdirk CC'06 — San Francisco, CA
- Ana G. O'Brien CC'93, LAW'96 — Beverly Hills, CA
- Mary O'Donnell Hulme CC'92, SIPA'95 — Slingerlands, NY
- Kathryn R. O'Donnell-Schlater CC'93 — Essex Fells, NJ
- Maya V. Pandit CC'17, PH'19 — New York, NY
- Sejal Patel Daswani CC'95, SIPA'96 — Los Altos, CA
- Christina F. Pullo Daloia CC'00 — Manhasset, NY
- Amanda Schoenberg CC'92, PS'97 — San Francisco, CA
- Michelle Yan CC'20 — New York, NY
- Anonymous CC'86

2021-22 ALUMNAE LEADERS

Alumnae Legacy Circle members are leaders at Columbia. In addition to their engagement and support through the ALC, they serve the Columbia community as members of boards, committees and giving societies.



NEWEST LEADERS

The following ALC members took on new leadership roles at Columbia this year, deepening their engagement and inspiring the alumni community.



BOARD OF VISITORS

Nairi C. Balian CC'88, P: CC'16, CC'22, CC'23 and **Alisa Amarosa Wood CC'01, BUS'08** were appointed to serve as chair and vice chair, respectively, and lead efforts to further the strategic objectives of Columbia College.



YOUNG LEADERS COUNCIL

Maya Ho CC'18 was appointed co-chair to lead efforts to cultivate young philanthropists and develop a pipeline of committed, engaged alumni at Columbia College.



COLUMBIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Michelle Estilo Kaiser CC'87, PH'92, VPS'97, P: CC'20 and **Mary Kuo CC'92, P: CC'20, CC'21, CC'24** were elected to lead this worldwide alumni organization and manage several very important initiatives, including the development of the next five-year strategic plan.



COLUMBIA COLLEGE FUND

Sherri P. Wolf CC'90, P: CC'21, CC'24 was appointed co-chair to work closely with the staff and volunteers to provide strategic advice and general oversight of the Columbia College Fund.

PRESIDENTS CUP

Dehua Chen CC'92 was presented the President's Cup during the Celebration of Dean Valentini: Breakfast and Farewell Address at Reunion 2022. The President's Cup is the highest recognition awarded by the Columbia College Alumni Association for service in a reunion year.

Dehua Chen CC'92 (center) pictured with Ted Schweitzer CC'91, LAW'94, P: CC'24 (L) and James J. Valentini (R).



2021–22 AREAS OF SUPPORT

SUPPORT OF THE COLUMBIA COLLEGE FUND

Members of the Alumnae Legacy Circle generously **contributed \$1.89 million to the Columbia College Fund during the 2021–22 Fiscal Year**. These gifts are current-use, meaning the full amount is immediately available to be spent. Donations to the Columbia College Fund can be unrestricted, so they can be used where they are needed most, or directed to the Core Curriculum, financial aid, internships or student life.

See the top areas of support:

UNRESTRICTED



\$865k

Supporting the immediate needs of students

FINANCIAL AID



\$815k

Supporting need-based financial aid for students

SUPPORT BEYOND THE COLLEGE FUND

ALC members **gave an additional \$2.44 million to other areas of Columbia College** by supporting various funds, including endowed 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.

VALENTINI ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE COLUMBIA COLLEGE JOURNEY



\$710k

Supporting opportunities beyond the classroom

ENDOWED FINANCIAL AID



\$410k

Supporting financial aid for students today and into the future

SUPPORT ACROSS COLUMBIA

ALC members demonstrated their commitment to Columbia by **giving \$1.56 million to other areas of the University**, supporting student success, faculty excellence and so much more.

COLUMBIA ATHLETICS

 **Columbia Business School**

 **COLUMBIA** | MAILMAN SCHOOL
OF PUBLIC HEALTH

 **COLUMBIA | SIPA**
School of International and Public Affairs

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF THE ARTS**

MULTI-YEAR COMMITMENTS

Multi-year commitments are leadership pledges that are paid over three to five years. They offer the College a promise of ongoing support and enable donors to invest in the future of the school. **Twenty-seven ALC members generously made new multi-year commitments to support the most vital needs of the College.**

1754 SOCIETY

The 1754 Society is a giving society for alumni, parents and friends who make plans for the University through trust, estate or other future gifts. Membership includes special recognition and access to unique speakers and experiences. Nine members of the ALC are in the 1754 Society.



Erin Z. Hussein CC'92, LAW'95 joined the ALC and the 1754 Society in 2022 by making the Columbia College Fund a part of her estate plans. She is the first ALC member to join with a planned gift, and she serves Columbia as a member of the Class Agents and a 1754 Society Ambassador. Erin also worked at Columbia College from 2017–19, managing the ALC in its first years.

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 more than 80 donors, including the following members of the ALC.

- Kelley B. Badishkanian CC'98, BUS'08
- Lydia C. Callaghan CC'92
- Germaine Choe CC'95
- Alexandra S. Diamond CC'91
- Mary Corley Dunn CC'98
- Cornelia L. Gallo CC'88
- Suzanne Greenstein Vogel CC'99
- Jennifer S. Hsia CC'06
- Katrina M. Kerkering CC'93
- Grace Lang CC'93
- Heather Moylan Meyerdirk CC'06
- Sejal Patel Daswani CC'95, SIPA'96
- Sandy Wang CC'92, P: CC'24
- Nina Zipser CC'94
- Anonymous CC'92

The CWS was launched in 2021 as part of the College's Financial Aid Initiative. So far, this campaign has brought in more than \$280 million towards its goal of raising \$500 million by 2025.

Jennifer S. Hsia CC'06 joined the ALC and the College Walk Society in 2021 with a gift to establish the Jennifer Hsia and Waqas Shaikh Family Scholarship, a current-use scholarship. Jennifer and her husband, Waqas Shaikh SEAS'07, chose to support financial aid because they believe every student should have the opportunity to experience all that Columbia has to offer. She is a member of the Class Agents and the Columbia College Alumni Association Board, where she serves as co-chair of the Student/Alumni Journey Committee. As the committee co-chair, she hopes to bring more alumni and students together. Her scholarship was awarded to Naira Altunkeser CC'25 during the 2021–22 academic year.



Sejal Patel Daswani CC'95, SIPA'96 joined the ALC and the College Walk Society in 2022 with a generous gift to establish the Daswani-Patel Family Scholarship Fund, an endowed scholarship. The fund will start benefiting College students during the 2022–23 academic year. Sejal feels a deep sense of gratitude for her experience at Columbia, where she met her husband, Mohit Daswani CC'95, and had opportunities to study and pursue uncharted career paths. Sejal and Mohit serve on the Fund

Development Council West and are working to build an active and closer knit alumni community in California.

2021–22 NAMED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Alumnae Legacy Circle members funded **36 current-use and endowed Named Scholarships** at Columbia College during the 2021–22 academic year. These scholarships provide critical support to students, enabling them to make the most of their Columbia experience. Meet three of the remarkable students who benefited from ALC support.

Coming from a low-income, first-generation, and immigrant-origin background, I would have never imagined being able to pursue my passions to the degree I have this year. With this funding, I not only have the opportunity to attend this school, but I also feel more comfortable knowing that I can focus on working hard to make my dreams come true instead of being held down because of my family's limited means. It's difficult to put into words how much this scholarship means to me as it has opened up doors here at Columbia that otherwise wouldn't be within reach. Thank you for helping create an academic environment I have been able to thrive in.

– **Victor Jandres Rivera CC'24**

Recipient of the Germaine & Michael Choe Scholarship Fund, established by Germaine Choe CC'95



I want to say thank you for the scholarship that you have provided me because Columbia has always been my dream school. However, as a low-income, first-generation college student, the financial aspect of attending a school like Columbia worried me. With your donation, you have allowed me not to be concerned about the financial cost of Columbia and gifted me the opportunity to enjoy my experience here to the fullest. I knew that college would have a heavy price tag and, with a single mother, I was aware that I'd need to take out loans. Your donation has allowed me not to have to do that. You've allowed me to be a student fully, and that's something that I'll forever be grateful for.

– **Kerelyn Rodriguez CC'25**

Recipient of the Daniel Vogel CC'00 and Suzanne Greenstein Vogel CC'99 Scholarship Fund, established by Suzanne Greenstein Vogel CC'99



Thank you so much for your support in my Columbia College journey. Your scholarship has helped me as a first-generation, low-income student because I am able to continue my passion for learning without any limitations. Your scholarship really helped us during this time, and we are beyond grateful for your assistance. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend and be successful in college. With your support, I am able to fulfill the first few steps in becoming a physician.

– **Lamiya Rahman CC'24**

Recipient of the Kate Kerkering and Alex Chen Scholarship Fund, established by Katrina M. Kerkering CC'93

2021–22 MEMBERS

Columbia College is proud to recognize the members of the Alumnae Legacy Circle. Thank you for your generosity and dedication to the College.

CO-CHAIRS

Kelley Buechel Badishkanian CC'98, BUS'08
Diana Greenwald CC'11

VICE CHAIRS

Sarah Aibel CC'92 P: CC'23, CC'25
Germaine Choe CC'95
Mary Vig CC'91

MEMBERS

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Jennifer Anglade Dahlberg CC'93, P: CC'23
Noa Arias CC'01
Maiken E. Baird CC'89
Allyson B. Baker CC'95
Nairi C. Balian CC'88
Olivia R. Barry CC'17
Samara Bernot Meshel CC'92, P: CC'18, CC'23
Francesca Bodini CC'06, BUS'09
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P: CC'25
Anna E. Brockway CC'92, P: CC'26
Lydia C. Callaghan CC'92
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Cindy Z. Michel CC'95
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Meredith Milstein Polivy CC'09, BUS'17
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Sumana Rao CC'08
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