COLUMBIA COLLEGE
YOUNG LEADERS COUNCIL

FISCAL YEAR 2019
ANNUAL REPORT
Thank you for making Fiscal Year 2019* another record-breaking year for the Young Leaders Council.

Fiscal Year 2019 marked impressive growth for the YLC as we welcomed 29 new council members and one new board member. We are happy to report that we surpassed our recruitment goals and represented a council of 105 young professionals and philanthropists.

Our collective giving for Fiscal Year 2019 to the Columbia College Fund totaled over $451,400, which accounts for 29 percent of recent alumni giving. This represents an astounding 34 percent increase in dollars raised over last fiscal year. Your generosity has had a profound impact on current students, providing essential support for the College’s most immediate issues.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to the 30 new members we welcomed in Fiscal Year 2019 and to our loyal members that continue to support our collective success year after year. As we build on our momentum from Fiscal Year 2019 and continue to grow, we are excited to see where our efforts will take us. Fiscal Year 2020 is off to a strong start. As of December, we have already welcomed five new board members and 30 council members.

We are deeply grateful to represent such a strong group of young alumni as we approach the 100th anniversary of the Core Curriculum.

Thank you for all you do for the Young Leaders Council and Columbia College.

With Gratitude,

Kevin Galligan CC’05, YLC Board Co-Chair

Thomas Meister CC’09, YLC Board Co-Chair

*Columbia’s fiscal year runs from July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019.
The Young Leaders Council hosted seven events in Fiscal Year 2019 with four in New York and three in California.

A highlight on the West Coast was our Lunch with Wanda M. Holland Greene CC’89, TC’91, University Trustee, which was hosted in collaboration with the Columbia College Fund Development Council and Alumnae Legacy Circle.

On the East Coast we hosted Drinks and Conversations with Alisa Amarosa Wood CC’01, BUS’08, Founding Co-Chair and YLC Board Member and Partner at Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. (KKR).

In FY19 we increased opportunities for social networking events and happy hours for our members. A special thank you to YLC board member, Andrew Heinrich CC’13, who hosted a dinner at Bar Boulud in New York City and YLC board member, Sumana Rao CC’08, who hosted a Holiday Happy Hour in the Bay Area.
The Young Leaders Council grew to 105 members at the close of FY19. This 40 percent increase from FY18 is a direct result of the hard work by the Alumni Office and the Young Leaders Council Board of Directors to increase membership and educate additional recent alumni about the council. We continue to cultivate relationships with a member goal of 135 in FY20.
The Young Leaders Council raised $451,400 in FY19. This figure represents roughly 29 percent of the $1.57 million total recent alumni dollars raised in FY19.

As the group continues to grow on both coasts, we anticipate this number to increase. None of this success would be possible without the support of Columbia College Young Leaders Council donors and staff. We are thrilled with our results in FY19 and are excited for the future.
OUR IMPACT

WHERE COLUMBIA COLLEGE FUND DOLLARS GO

55% FINANCIAL AID
30% STUDENT SERVICES
14% CORE CURRICULUM
1% STIPENDS FOR INTERNSHIPS

SUPPORT FOR FINANCIAL AID
- average financial aid package: $52K
- 50% of students receive financial aid

SUPPORT FOR STUDENT LIFE
- panel discussions for first generation college students
- Columbia Mentoring Initiative receptions
- off-campus leadership retreats

SUPPORT FOR THE CORE
- field trips to New York City cultural institutions
- helps maintain small class sizes
- brings keynote speakers

SUPPORT FOR INTERNSHIPS
- sponsors students for Columbia Experience Overseas
- career assessments
- educational resources for students

“Your support allowed me to travel to Israel to work in an Immunology Lab at The Weizmann Institute of Science. During this summer experience, I learned first-hand the value of collaboration in research, adapted to living and working abroad and significantly advanced my skills in biological research. I started my sophomore year with a clearer and more focused direction for my studies and was able to apply a new skill-set to my immunology research at the Columbia Center for Translational Immunology.”

- Elisha (Eli) Pinker CC’21
**THE COUNCIL**

*as of June 30, 2019*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Kevin Galligan ’05 **Co-Chair**  
Thomas Meister ’09 **Co-Chair**  
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**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Zila Acosta-Grimes ’11  
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Tommy Enright ’03  
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Sarah Gitlin ’13  
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Thomas Gorman ’04  
Brian Grimes ’11  
Halle Reum Hammond ’06  
Laura Heller ’01  
Keith Hernandez ’07  
Sonia Hirdaramani ’02  
Maya Ho ’18  
Adria Hou ’02  
Oleg Ilichev ’04  
Janice Mok Ince ’01  
Ian Jay ’05  
Mallory Jensen ’05  
Christopher Jones ’07  
Arvind Kadaba ’07  
David Kang ’15  
Arjun Kapoor ’09  
Venkat Kausik ’13  
Jon Kehnner ’00  
John Kenney ’13  
Michelle Klein ’02  
Kristin Kramer ’09  
Kara Kuperberg ’18  
Emily Lavine ’18  
Kevin Lawi ’00  
Stephanie Lung ’04  
David Matteini ’01  
Alexander Meshel ’18  
Rob Meyerhoff ’06  
David Morgan ’12  
Dan Moss ’03  
Nathania Nisonson ’03  
Susan Phan ’12  
Preston Pohl ’09  
Meredith Milstein Polivy ’09  
Azhar Quader ’02  
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Carter Reum ’03  
Brett Robbins ’09  
Nathan Rosin ’18  
Adam Rozenwojg ’06  
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Olivia Santoro ’13  
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David Seidman ’06  
Dan Shapiro ’07  
Tao Tan ’07  
Michelle Tan ’16  
Brandon Thompson ’12  
Paul Tietz ’08  
David Toledano ’05  
Jonathan Truppman ’07  
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* For a full list of current members and to see upcoming events, go to [college.columbia.edu/alumni/ylc](http://college.columbia.edu/alumni/ylc).