



COLUMBIA COLLEGE

PARENT
LEADERSHIP
COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT
2020–21





A NOTE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Parent Leadership Council families,

Thank you for generously supporting Columbia College. Your steadfast dedication underpinned the College's commitment to creating the best undergraduate experience possible for our students — especially throughout a worldwide pandemic. Reflected in the 2020-21 Parent Leadership Council Annual Report are highlights of an extraordinary year, and I hope you join me in taking pride in the remarkable achievements of this dedicated cohort of parents.

Fiscal Year 2020–21 was historic in many ways. Amid an ever-changing world, the enduring goals of a Columbia education — to build the next generation of innovators through critical inquiry — stood out more than ever. This spring, President Bollinger launched the **Columbia Student Support Initiative**, and in partnership with this endeavor, I announced the College's goal to raise \$500 million for financial aid by 2025. This ambitious campaign supports the College's longstanding tradition of meeting 100 percent of a student's demonstrated financial need. As parents, you understand first-hand how a transformative educational experience can change the life of an individual.

I would like to thank **Estelle Choe and Paul Kim CC'87, P: CC'22, CC'25** and **Robyn L. Field and Anthony D. O'Carroll P: CC'21, CC'23** for their incredible efforts during their first year as Parent Leadership Council co-chairs. With tenacity and resourcefulness, these parents led outreach to PLC families and hosted the majority of the group's virtual events. I am deeply grateful for their inspiring leadership, which not only strengthened connections between Columbia families but also led by example in lessons of resilience and determination.

Your generosity as parent leaders is greatly appreciated by the entire lion community. Thank you again for your investment in the College.

Roar, Lion(s), Roar,

James J. Valentini
Dean of Columbia College and
Vice President for Undergraduate Education

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS

Dear Parent Leadership Council families,

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to Columbia College.

The Parent Leadership Council collectively raised \$6.94 million in support of the College, including \$3.64 for the annual fund, which includes the Parents Fund, during Fiscal Year 2020–21. This is a remarkable feat during such an unprecedented time. The development efforts of this incredible group make a difference by strengthening the College's financial aid program, student life initiatives, Core Curriculum, internship and research support, and much more.

In addition to fundraising, we are especially proud of the engagement of PLC members. Living and operating in a virtual environment did not stop us from connecting, and the impressive participation in our virtual events demonstrated the strength of our community and the commitment of Columbia families. During Fiscal Year 2020–21, we warmly **welcomed 26 new families** to the PLC, and we look forward to getting to know these families as they navigate their Columbia journeys.

As we reflect on our first year as co-chairs, there are so many milestones we celebrated, despite the challenges of the pandemic and a year filled with so much upheaval. We are grateful to have shared these experiences with the support of the entire PLC, which now consists of 119 families.

Thank you again for supporting our students. Your steadfast commitment strengthened the undergraduate experience of our children and the entire student body.

Warm regards,

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



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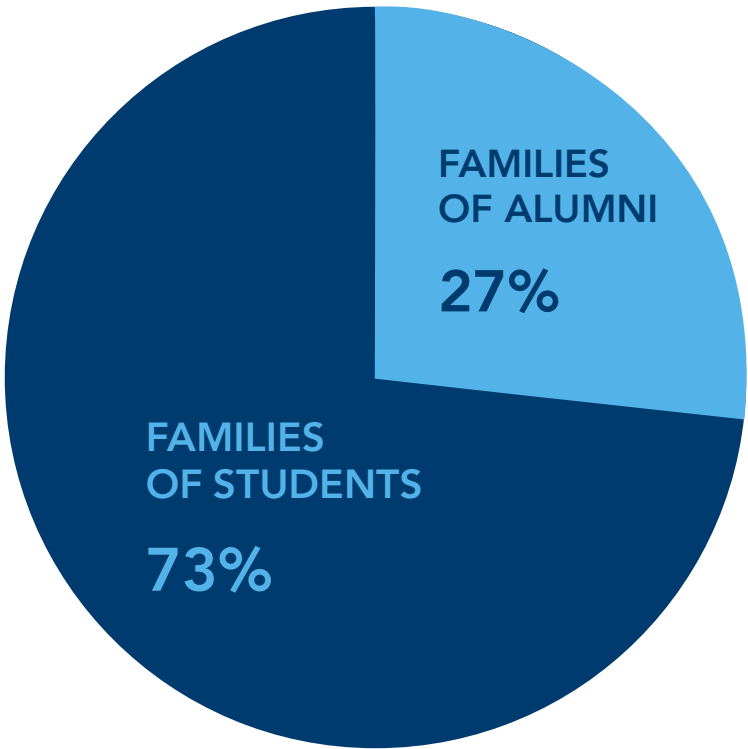
MEMBERSHIP

Spanning **15 states and 11 countries**, the Parent Leadership Council comprises the most committed parent donors from around the world. These 119 families are essential members of the Columbia College community.

The PLC welcomed 26 new families this year!

COLUMBIA COLLEGE PARENTS

The Parent Leadership Council is made up of parents of Columbia College students and alumni. These incredible families make a difference in the lives of students every day.



2020–21 EVENTS

This year Parent Leadership Council members were invited to partake in virtual events, giving them opportunities to engage with leaders at the College and strengthen their connections with one another. Special thanks to PLC Co-Chairs Estelle Choe and Paul Kim CC’87, P: CC’22, CC’25 & Robyn L. Field and Anthony D. O’Carroll P: CC’21, CC’23 for hosting these special gatherings.



October 23, 2020

Fall PLC Webinar

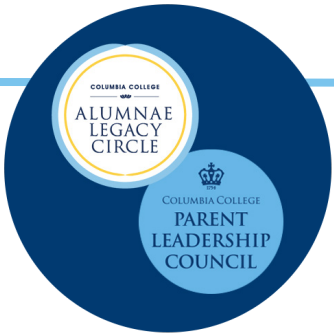
Speakers:
James J. Valentini, Dean of Columbia College and Vice President for Undergraduate Education
Cristen Scully Kromm, Dean of Undergraduate Student Life
Alex España, Associate Dean Berick Center for Student Advising
Matthew Patashnick, Associate Dean for Student and Family Support



October 24, 2020

East and West Coast Happy Hours

Hosts:
Estelle Choe and **Paul Kim** CC’87, P: CC’22, CC’25 (East)
Robyn L. Field and **Anthony D. O’Carroll** P: CC’21, CC’23 (West)



November 19, 2020

Alumnæ Legacy Circle and Parent Leadership Council Joint Event

Speaker:
Matthew Patashnick, Associate Dean for Student and Family Support, CC/SEAS
Host:
Nairi C. Balian CC’88, P: CC’16, CC’22, CC’23



March 15, 2021

First-Year Parent Meeting

Speaker:
Sue Jordan, Director of Family Outreach and Support, CC/SEAS
Hosts:
Edward Y. Paik SEAS’91, BUS’96, P: CC’24, SEAS’22 and **Naxin J. Paik** SEAS’91, SEAS’96 P: CC’24, SEAS’22



April 8, 2021

East and West Coast Happy Hours

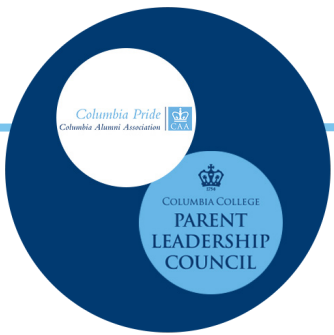
Hosts:
Estelle Choe and **Paul Kim** CC’87, P: CC’22, CC’25 (East)
Robyn L. Field and **Anthony D. O’Carroll** P: CC’21, CC’23 (West)



April 9, 2021

Spring PLC Webinar

Speakers:
James J. Valentini, Dean of Columbia College and Vice President for Undergraduate Education
Katie Day Benvenuto CC’03, BUS’12, Senior Executive Director for Development and Associate Dean for Columbia College Alumni and Development, Arts and Sciences, and Athletics
Matthew Patashnick, Associate Dean for Student and Family Support, CC/SEAS
Paul Kim CC’87, P: CC’22, CC’25
Michael Marino, Assistant Director, Columbia College Fund



May 17, 2021

PLC and Columbia College Pride Scholarship Meeting

Hosts:
Robyn L. Field and **Anthony D. O’Carroll** P: CC’21 CC’23
Speakers:
Carlos V. Cruz CC’88
Veronica P. Montanez CC’22
Vanessa Gonzalez-Siegel, Associate Director of Multicultural Affairs & LGBTQ Outreach, CC/SEAS Undergrad Student Life
Michael Marino, Assistant Director, Columbia College Fund

GIVING TO COLUMBIA COLLEGE

AREAS OF SUPPORT

Parent Leadership Council families enhance the undergraduate experience at Columbia College by investing in its most important priorities — including the Core Curriculum, financial aid, internships and student life.

The PLC gave a **remarkable \$6.94 million dollars to the College** during Fiscal Year 2020–21, making a difference in the lives of students and the faculty who teach them. Most PLC members directed their support to the **College’s annual fund, including the Parents Fund, helping raise \$3.64 million**. Gifts to the College’s annual fund are current-use, meaning that 100 percent of the money raised is spent in the year it is raised. See the top areas of support:

PARENTS FUND



\$2,390,000

Unrestricted funds that can be used where they are needed most

FINANCIAL AID



\$515,000

To provide support for need-blind admissions and full-need financial aid

CORE CURRICULUM



\$298,000

To strengthen Core programming

The PLC also gave an **additional \$3.3 million to other areas of Columbia College**, 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’s annual fund, this support helps the College meet the needs of students each year. See the top areas of support:

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS



\$585,000

To provide a permanent source of support for students

GLOBAL PROGRAMS



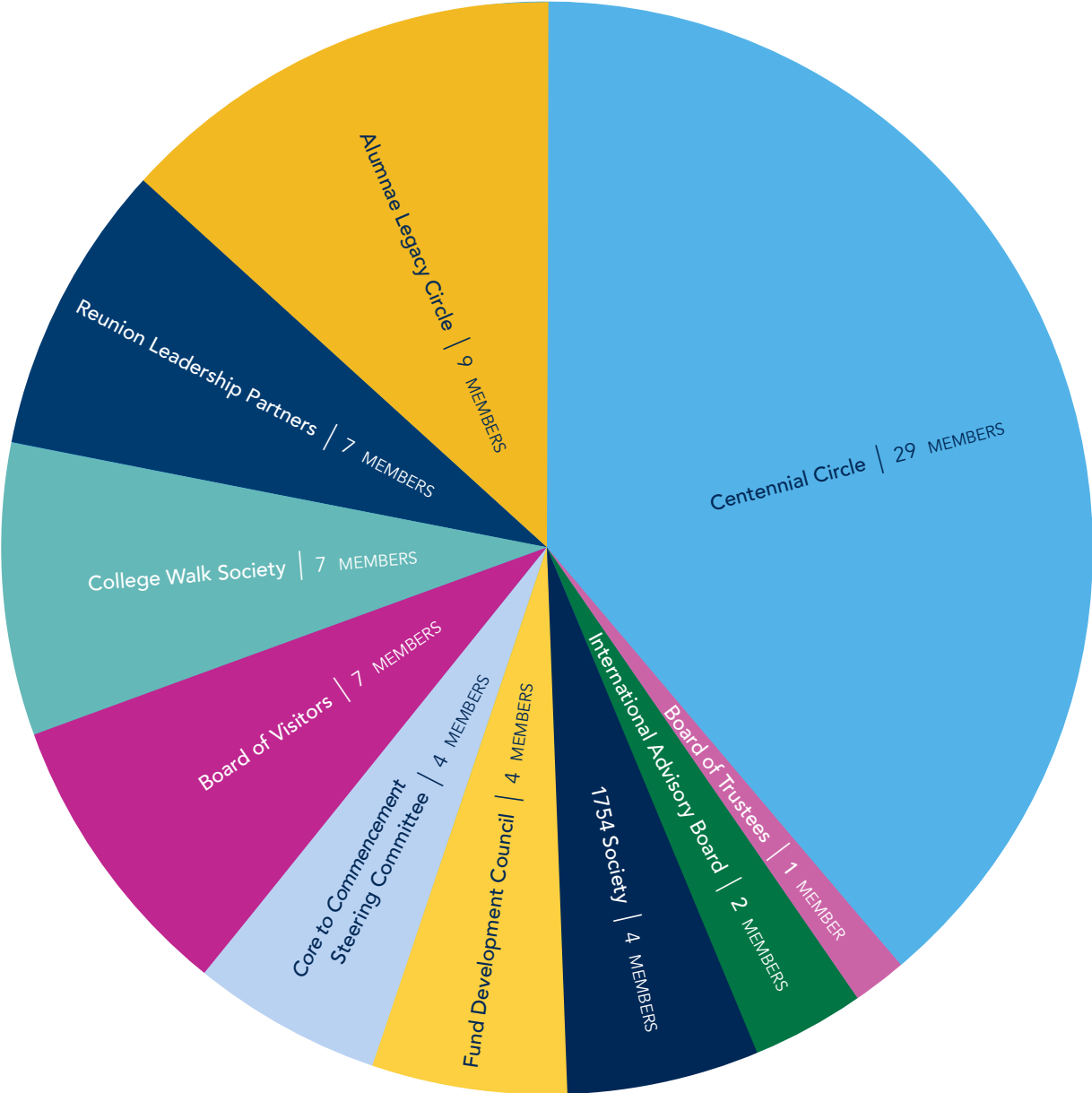
\$485,000

To provide opportunities for students to grow as global citizens

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LEADERSHIP AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE

Members of the PLC demonstrate leadership through their dedicated work and incredible generosity. They lend their support, time and expertise to serve the Columbia College community.



THANK YOU TO THE PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL CHAIRS EMERITI

Special thanks to Raymond Yu CC'89, SEAS'90, P: CC'21, CC'23, CC'25 and Ya-Ning, Amy, Hsu (許雅寧) TC'07, TC'12, P: CC'21, CC'23, CC'25 who served as chairs emeriti for the Parent Leadership Council during Fiscal Year 2020-21. They worked tirelessly to propel the PLC by engaging with parents from around the world and expanding the reach of this essential community. Amy and Raymond assisted with communications, met with new parents and helped develop creative ways of engaging the parent community.



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MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Members of the Parent Leadership Council are dedicated to ensuring that students are offered an unparalleled undergraduate experience at the College. Their continued support makes a difference in the lives of students and the faculty who teach them.

When my daughter was accepted to the College’s Class of 2024, she became a third generation Columbian in our family — 50 years after my father had earned his Ph.D. and 33 years after I graduated as a member of the first fully-coed class in 1987. I was so excited for my daughter to embark on her Columbia journey, despite an unusual and challenging start given the pandemic. Being part of the PLC allows me to make a contribution to Columbia student life and give back to a college I love, while also joining a wonderful community of engaged Columbia parents.

– Yahphen Y. Chang CC’87, P: CC’24



I believe in the value of learning and higher education, both of which create an invaluable spectrum of opportunities in a person’s life. I hope my support of the College as a member of the Parent Leadership Council helps students to thrive as mindful leaders and role models and also creates a ripple effect for them to contribute back to society.

– Robin-Hwajin Y. Kim P: CC’23



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PLC MEMBERS

CO-CHAIRS

Estelle Choe and Paul Kim CC’87, P: CC’22, CC’25
Robyn L. Field and Anthony D. O’Carroll P: CC’21, CC’23

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Raymond Yu CC’89, SEAS’90, P: CC’21, CC’23, CC’25 and Ya-Ning, Amy, Hsu (許雅寧) TC’07, TC’12, P: CC’21, CC’23, CC’25

DEAN’S CIRCLE

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
Jonathan D. Bram CC’87, P: CC’14, CC’17 and Susan S. Bram TC’87, P: CC’14, CC’17
Lauren D. and Keith M. Breslauer P: CC’21, CC’23
Shari R. and Gary A. Brooks P: CC’24
Yihua Chen and Tianyin Shi P: CC’21
Lynn L. Chen-Zhang and Charles C. Zhang P: CC’17, CC’20
Allen Chu and Mary A. Kuo CC’92, P: CC’20, CC’21, CC’25
Carla De Landri and Florindo Volpacchio GSAS’84, P: CC’20

Rebecca and Robert J. DeSantis P: CC’22
Alisa Drijanski and Emilio Romano P: CC’18, CC’22
Suning and Fenglei Fang P: CC’04
Jodie K. and Andrew A. Fink CC’91, LAW’94, P: CC’24
Phyllis M. and Hamen S. Fan P: CC’13
Shu-Chen Huang and Stanley S. Ko BUS’99, P: CC’23, CC’25
Margarita Inserni P: CC’16
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
Robin-Hwajin Y. Kim P: CC’23
Sungwan Kim and Hosun Yoon P: CC’23
Mary E. and Adam W. Kirsch P: CC’17
Carolyn U. and Joshua M. Kraft P: CC’22
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Jian Li and Zhifeng Yang P: CC’23
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Moe Moe and Soe Naing P: CC’22
Ann and Francis Neczypor P: CC’08
Maha A. and Sharif Omar P: CC’16
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P: CC'22

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P: CC'23, CC'25

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P: CC'24

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P: CC'11, CC'17

Radhieka S. and Prabhash Subasinghe
P: CC'22

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

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

Chiu Yam and Jun Zhai P: CC'21

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

Zhengtao Shi and Steve Zhang P: CC'24

Wei Zhang P: CC'22

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CC'93, P: CC'24

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P: CC'23

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

Yi Lu and Jianguo Qian P: CC'20

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

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Michelle S. and Michael J. Mauboussin
P: CC'22

Chengwei Meng and Wenjie Ning P: CC'21

Margaret R. and Lee A. Meyerson P: CC'20,
CC'24

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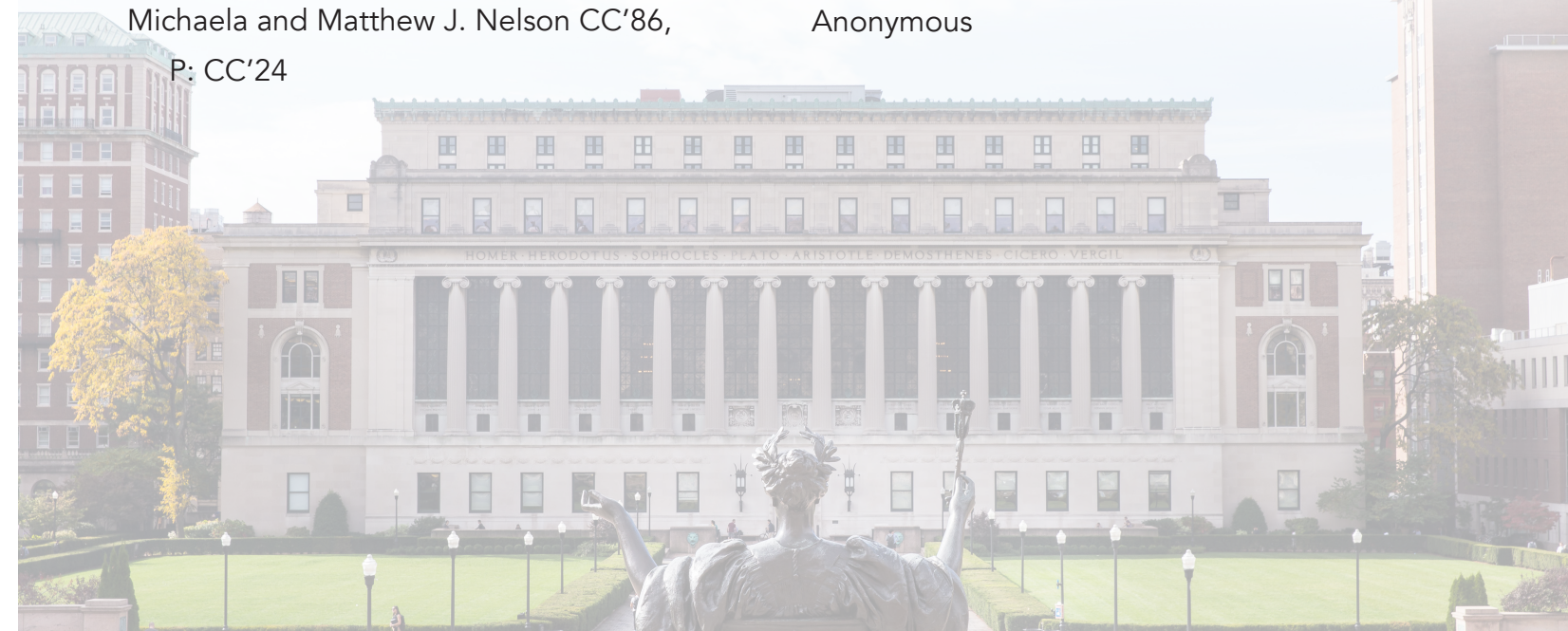
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P: CC'21, CC'25

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Ed X. Wu and Hongxia Liu GSAS'03

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