

COLUMBIA COLLEGE

PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019





A NOTE FROM THE DEAN



What makes Columbia College great is our people — our talented and diverse student body, our distinguished faculty, our successful and esteemed alumni and our committed parents and families — along with our imaginative and wide-ranging curriculum anchored in the Core.

At the College, our students are on a lifelong journey that is full of possibilities. We want our students to internalize the values they learn in the Core — of character, integrity, honor and respect — and to build upon them as critical thinkers, active and engaged citizens and responsible community members.

As a parent leader you help advance the mission of the College, and you help us achieve success in all that we do. Your dedication as a Parent Leadership Council member is an integral part of making our students' experiences even better. Through your active engagement, our students will truly have the greatest undergraduate experience in the world. Thank you for your partnership.

Roar, Lion(s), Roar!

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James J. Valentini

Dean of Columbia College and

Vice President for Undergraduate Education



PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

In partnership with Dean Valentini and other senior officials from the College, the Parents Fund hosted two successful Parent Leadership Council (PLC) meetings in 2018-2019.

In October, we welcomed Vice President for Campus Services Scott Wright for a facilities and building update and parent Q&A. We also hosted a panel on the Core Curriculum led by Dean James J. Valentini, which featured Chair of Art Humanities Noam Elcott, Dean of Academic Affairs Lisa Hollibaugh, and parent leader Lynn Chen-Zhang P: CC'17, CC'20. The panelists explored the history and future of the Core Curriculum and its impact on College students as we celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2019.

We were also happy to welcome many of your fellow PLC members to campus at our spring PLC meeting. We heard from Cristen Kromm, Dean of Undergraduate Student Life; Matthew Patashnick, Associate Dean for Student and Family Support; Stephanie King, Director of Student Wellness; and of course, Dean Valentini as they discussed the many opportunities available to our students, including the new initiative, Live Well | Learn Well.

If you would like to learn more about either meeting or the speakers, please contact us as ccparentsfund@columbia.edu.



Dear Parent Leadership Council Families,

Welcome to the new families who joined the Parent Leadership Council during the 2018-2019 year. We applaud your willingness to devote your time, talent, and resources in support of the College's efforts to offer exceptional student opportunities. To our returning PLC members, we look forward to coming together with you again to foster the close Columbia parent community that is so important to us all.

This past year, PLC members raised over \$3 million dollars towards Dean Valentini's priorities: the Core Curriculum, Student Life, internship support, and a financial aid program that is both need-blind and full-need. Thank you. It is an honor to work with parents like you as we support all of Columbia's students, including those that will follow in our children's footsteps.

As we close out another successful and rewarding year for the PLC, we look forward to setting our sights even higher in 2019-2020 to help Columbia College continue to provide a world-class education and rewarding experiences to its gifted and dedicated students.

Sincerely,

Audra & Eric Cohen P: CC'18, CC'21 Raymond Yu '89, SEAS'90 & Dr. Ya-Ning, Amy, Hsu TC'07, TC'12, P: CC'21 Co-Chairs, Parent Leadership Council



The PLC is comprised of 132 families representing 12 different countries and 85 different cities.



This past fiscal year, the PLC raised \$3,124,788 for the College.

PARENTS FUND \$2,057,050

SCHOLARSHIPS

\$136,479

THE ANNUAL FUND \$304,337

THE CORE \$325,428

OTHER AREAS OF NEED

FINANCIAL AID

\$16,351

\$285,143





The Margaret Milam Inserni Fund was established in honor of my mother after she passed away in 2013.

It was my sweet daughter, Leanna S. Lupin-Inserni CC'16, who first proposed the idea. Leanna and my mom had a special bond and unending love for reading and writing the English language.

Early on, Leanna knew she wanted to be an English teacher and has loved reading, writing and composing compelling poetry and is as passionately dedicated to education as my dear mother. Columbia College's curriculum further inspired Leanna's love of learning.

When my family considered creating a scholarship, Leanna suggested we honor her grandmother's passion by establishing the Margaret Milam Inserni fund.

When our daughter, Michelle, moved in freshman year, we had the chance to meet her dormitory friends. We were impressed and pleased with her confident and intelligent peers and the environment that she would experience for the next four years. Christine and I decided then and there to join the PLC to support Columbia and the exceptional education of its incredible students.

We are grateful to be a part of the Columbia community and have the chance to make a small contribution as PLC members. We encourage other parents to join this diverse PLC community and share in the experience of being a parent leader.

PLC STORIES



Christine and Kenneth Lee P: CC'22

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Parent Leadership Council Co-Chairs:

Audra and Eric Cohen P: '18, '21, Raymond Yu '89, SEAS'90 and Ya-Ning, Amy, Hsu TC'07, TC'12, P: '21

Dean's Circle Members:

Elizabeth Albert and Howard Kleinman '84, P: '18, '22

Rula and Omar Asali BUS'01, P: '18, '20

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Michele and Thomas Bass P: '18

Jeffrey Birnbaum and Gille Ann Rabbin P: '20

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Xiaoli Chen and Hongbin Peng P: '20

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

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Phyllis and Hamen Fan P: '13, BUS'15

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

Zeliana Charemi and Ioannis Frangos P: '19, SEAS'21

Annalize and Francois Gouws P: '19, '22

Janice and David Gu SEAS'86, P: '18

Jonathan Hecht and Laurel Mayer P: '21, '22

Alan Howard P: '19, '21

Robert and Catherine Hwang P: '22

Margarita Inserni P: '16

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Jeffrey Kateman '89, LAW'92 and Namyon Kim LAW'92, P: '19, '21

Delia and Bijan Khosrowshahi P: '16, '18

Mary and Adam Kirsch P: '17

Joshua and Carolyn Kraft P: '22

Nicholas '88 and Grace Leone P: '19, '22

Chun Liu and Wenjun Qiao P: '19, '22

Qing and Xiaosong Liu P: '19

James '88 and Victoria Maroulis P: '21

William and Stephanie Meury P: '21

Kally and Othon Mourkakos P: '17

Ann and Francis Neczypor P: '08

Maha and Sharif Omar P: '16

Hyun Park '84 and Catherine Park BC'84, P: '13, '17, '21

Janet Serle and Ira Malin '75, P: '11, '17

Jonas and Natasha Steinman '90, P: '21, SPS

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Beth and Scott Yagoda '86, LAW'92, P: '20

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Julie and Alexander Zaks P: '17, '19

Jack Zhai and Tina Yam P: '21

Yong Zhang P: '18

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Members:

Kimberly Amsden P: '20

Melanie and George Anagnos '80, P: '18, '22

Michael Argenziano '88, PS'92 and Maria Rodino '88, P: '18, '20

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Jurg Johner BUS'96 and Victoria Cruz Johner P: '22

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Farha Khan and Ilyas Munshi P: '19

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Yi Lu and Jianguo Qian P: '20

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Lee and Margaret Meyerson P: '20

Nicole and Allan Mutchnik P: '19

Syed and Amna Nagyi P: '21

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Arthur and Ilene Penn SPS'18, P: '20

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Nicholas and Stacey Tsapatsaris P: '22

Xiaoyin Wang and Ying Gao P: '22

Yanan Wang and Alice Chen P: '21

Yingli Wang and Jenny Zhang P: '22

Martin and Kari Waters P: '22

Joseph Wayland LAW'83 and Patricia Verrilli P: '20

Devin and Cindy Wenig P: '20

Brian and Kate Young P: SEAS'17, '21

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