



COLUMBIA COLLEGE

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ANNUAL REPORT

2021-22

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS

Dear Parent Leadership Council families,

Thank you for your membership in the Parent Leadership Council (PLC) and unwavering support of Columbia College. It makes a difference in the lives of all students at the College. To our returning members and the 30 new families who joined in 2021-22, we are happy to have you as part of this community.

During Fiscal Year 2021–22, the PLC collectively gave \$6.61 million in support of the College, including \$2.74 million for the annual fund, which includes the Parents Fund. Your generosity supports financial aid, internships, the Core Curriculum, student life and so much more. Parent leaders like you are vital to the growth and future of the College.

Our parent community was reinvigorated by spirited events this year, including Class Day and Commencement for the Class of 2022, special graduation celebrations on campus for the Classes of 2020 and 2021 and our first in-person PLC meeting since 2019. We grew stronger through these in-person events and other opportunities to connect.

We hope you enjoy the 2021–22 Parent Leadership Council Annual Report, which highlights the remarkable contributions of this group, including giving, engagement and leadership. **Thank you for your continued dedication and support for our students.**

Gratefully,

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



2021–22 COLUMBIA COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

CLASS OF 2026

Columbia had a fantastic admissions year, with an incredible number of applicants for the Class of 2026. With over sixty-thousand applications, the admission rate was 3.73 percent. The class hails from all 50 states and from 86 countries. Over half of the admitted students were offered need-based financial aid — clearly demonstrating how vital PLC donations are to students at the College.

- Columbia's **test-optional policy**, in place since June 2020, was extended through 2023–24.
- **116** in-person on-campus tours were offered in Fall 2021.



DEAN JOSEF SORETT

In May, President Lee C. Bollinger appointed **Josef Sorett** to serve as dean of Columbia College and vice president of undergraduate education. He is a professor of religion and African American and African diaspora studies, chair of the Department of Religion, and director of the Center on African-American Religion, Sexual Politics and Social Justice. He received his B.S. in health and exercise science from Oral Roberts University, his M.Div. in religion and literature from Boston University, and his Ph.D. in African American studies from Harvard University.

CORE TO COMMENCEMENT

June 30 marked the end of *Core to Commencement*, the College's first campaign devoted exclusively to students and the faculty who teach them. This remarkable endeavor **raised more than \$750 million dollars** for the Core Curriculum, need-based financial aid, faculty support, student experiences beyond the classroom and renovations for student-facing spaces across campus. Thank you for participating in the final year of this campaign. See the impact of the parent community:

Legacy Parents:	Non-Degree Parents:	Univ. Alumni Parents:
\$234,525,791	\$75,272,163	\$12,540,270
1,874 donors	9,003 donors	640 donors

A DECADE OF LEADERSHIP

The College celebrated **Dean James J. Valentini**, whose time as dean ended on June 30, with three special events throughout Spring 2022. 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.



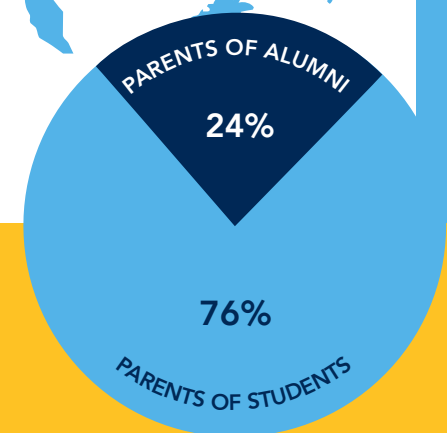
2021–22 MEMBERSHIP

Hailing from **17 states and 12 countries**, the Parent Leadership Council is a network of Columbia College supporters from around the world. These **134 families** demonstrate extraordinary generosity and commitment to fostering community at the College.



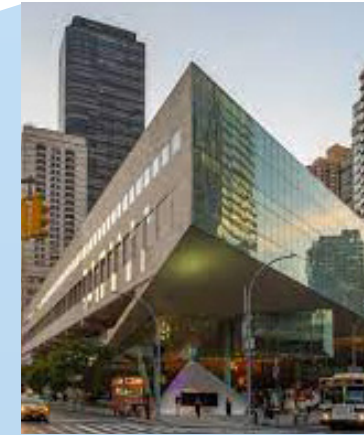
The PLC welcomed **30 new families this year!** These families represent five different countries and 10 states in the U.S.

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



2021–22 SPECIAL EVENTS

This year Parent Leadership Council members were able to return to in-person events and programs, enabling them to more deeply engage with Columbia College — and one another.



Oct. 15, 2021

Columbia College Parents Fund Meet-and-Greet

Columbia University

Mar. 9, 2022

Safety and Health Services Webinar

Presenters:

Matthew Patashnick, Associate Dean for Student and Family Support

Deidre M. Fuchs, Interim Vice President, Public Safety; Assistant Vice President, Investigations

Scott Wright, Vice President for Campus Services

Mar. 29, 2022

Dean's Scholarship Reception

Faculty House, Columbia University

Speakers included **Dean James J. Valentini, Michele A. Esposito CC'96**, who established the Esposito-Crandall Family Scholarship Fund, and **Ruth Dejene CC'24**, who received the Kyra Tirana Barry and David Barry Scholarship Fund.

Apr. 8, 2022

Spring PLC Meeting

Columbia Maison Francaise, Buell Hall, Columbia University

Hosts:

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

Apr. 24, 2022

2022 Columbia University Orchestra Concert

Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center

This was the CUO's fourth concert at Alice Tully Hall and the group's grand return after five years.

Apr. 27, 2022

A Decade of Leadership

Gotham Hall, New York City

More than 350 alumni, faculty, staff, students and parents gathered for this special event to celebrate the legacy of **Dean James J. Valentini**. He was presented the Alexander Hamilton Medal, the highest honor paid to a member of the Columbia College community.

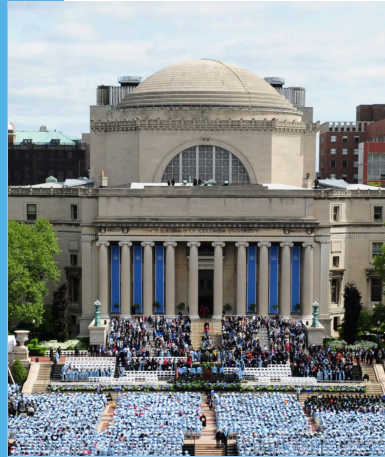
May 17, 2022

Class Day 2022

Speaker: **Tom Kitt CC'96**, Pulitzer Prize-, Tony-, Emmy- and Grammy-Award-winning composer for film, television, and the stage

Panelists: **James J. Valentini**, Dean of Columbia College, Vice President for Undergraduate Education; **Matthew Patashnick**, Associate Dean for Student and Family Support; **Andrew Plaa**, Dean of Advising; **Kavita Sharma**, Dean, Center for Career Education

2021-22 LEADERS



May 17, 2022

Commencement 2022

Honorary Degree Recipients:
Hillary Rodham Clinton,
Carla D. Hayden,
William Kentridge,
Yo-Yo Ma, James Stewart
Polshek, and Patti Smith

University Medal for Excellence:
Jodi M. Kantor CC'96

May 18, 2022

Columbia College Graduation Celebration for the Classes of 2020 and 2021

Speaker:
Rita Pietropinto-Kitt
CC'93, SOA'96

May 19, 2022

Columbia University Celebration for the Classes of 2020 and 2021

Award-winning composer, conductor, orchestrator, and musician **Tom Kitt** **CC'96** and actor, singer, and theatrical producer **Brandon Victor Dixon** **CC'07** performed Columbia's newest song, "Oh, Columbia."

Members of the Parent leadership Council are committed to Columbia College. They inspire others by lending their support, time and expertise to serve the Columbia community in countless ways.



2021–22 AREAS OF SUPPORT

The members of the Parent Leadership Council generously gave **\$6.61 million** to the College during Fiscal Year 2021–22, providing vital support for students and the faculty who teach them. PLC families enhance the undergraduate experience at Columbia College.

ANNUAL FUND SUPPORT

Many PLC families directed their support to the College’s annual fund, giving **\$2.74 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.

SUPPORT BEYOND THE ANNUAL FUND

The PLC members also gave an additional **\$3.87 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 annual fund, this support helps the College meet the needs of students each year.

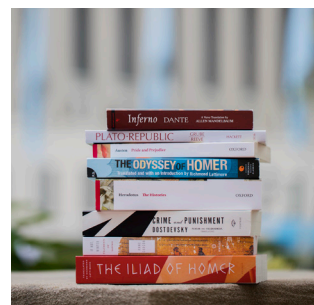
PARENTS FUND



\$1.54M

Unrestricted funds that can be used where they are needed most

CORE CURRICULUM



\$245k

To ensure we recruit and maintain the best faculty to teach the Core

FINANCIAL AID



\$502k

For need-blind admissions and full-need financial aid

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS



\$636k

To provide a permanent source of support for students

VALENTINI ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE COLUMBIA COLLEGE JOURNEY



\$578k

For experiences beyond the classroom

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 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
- Robin-Hwajin Y. Kim P: CC'23
Robin-Hwajin Yoon Kim Scholarship
- Omar Kodmani CC'89, P: CC'23, CC'26 and Lina Khouja BC'94,
P: CC'23, CC'26
Kod Scholarship
- Christopher J. McGowan CC'92, P: CC'24 and Sandy Wang CC'92, P: CC'24
Walter H. Wang Scholarship Fund

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.

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. **Six members of the PLC are in the 1754 Society.**

- George A. Anagnos CC'80, P: CC'18, CC'22
- Myra and Edward Chen P: CC'22, CC'26
- Estelle Choe and Paul Kim CC'87, P: CC'22, CC'25
- Scott R. Yagoda CC'86, LAW'92, P: CC'20, CC'25



2021–22 MEMBERS

Columbia College is proud to recognize the members of the Parent Leadership Council. Thank you for your 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

CO-CHAIRS EMERITI

Raymond Yu CC'89, SEAS'90, P: CC'21, CC'23, CC'25 and Ya-Ning, Amy, Hsu 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'23

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

Shari R. and Gary A. Brooks P: CC'24,
CC'26

Lynn L. Chen-Zhang and Charles C. Zhang
P: CC'17, CC'20

Yu Dang and Ming Weng P: CC'25

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

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

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

Julie Ge and Kequan Liu P: CC'24

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

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

Brett Humphreys and Samantha J. Merton
BUS'95, GSAS'00, P: CC'23

George Jiang and Hua Tang P: CC'19

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

Robin-Hwajin Y. Kim P: CC'23

Sungwan Kim and Hosun Yoon P: CC'23

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

Christine and Kenneth Lee P: CC'22

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

Jian Li and Zhifeng Yang P: CC'23

Moe Moe and Soe Naing P: CC'21

Ann and Francis Neczypor P: CC'08

Jenny and Tai H. Park CC'83, P: CC'25

Hua Qiao and Haitao Zhai SIPA'00, P: CC'25
Brooke K. and Richard A. Rapaport CC'69,
P: CC'22

Echo Ren and Jack Wang P: CC'24

Jaye T. and John A. Rogovin CC'83,
P: CC'23, CC'25

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

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

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

Zhengtao Shi and Steve Zhang P: CC'24

Jill A. and Mark Shinderman P: CC'25

Catherine J. and Thomas J. Strong 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

Chiu Yam and Jun Zhai P: CC'21

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

Wei Zhang P: CC'22

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MEMBERS

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

Melanie J. and George A. Anagnos CC'80,
P: CC'18, 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

Brian C. Birtwistle and Julie D. Bornstein
P: CC'25

Jonathan D. Bram CC'87, P: CC'14, CC'17
and Susan S. Bram TC'87, P: CC'14, CC'17

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

Janine Brown and Alexander J. Simmons Jr.
P: CC'22

Peter C. Canellos CC'64, LAW'67, P: CC'96

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

Thomas Chow CC'94, BUS'99, P: CC'24

Steven E. Coleman CC'83, P: CC'15, CC'20
and Laura B. Coleman BC'84, BUS'91,
P: CC'15, CC'20

Kara S. and Dean C. Conomikes P: CC'22

Rona L. and Ben Cosgrove CC'90, P: CC'22
Mary Lou and Robert F. Coviello CC'67,
BUS'68, P: CC'99

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

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

Frances M. and Patrick J. DeSouza CC'80,
P: CC'20, CC'23

Deborah and Scott P. DeVries P: CC'22

Hua Ding and George Wu P: CC'25

Alisa Drijanski and Emilio Romano P: CC'18,
CC'22

Yongbo Du and Ying Huang P: CC'24

Sabine Endrigkeit and Klaus Mergener
P: CC'24

Martin J. Erzinger

Min Fan and Xinzhi Zhang P: CC'24

Suning and Fenglei Fang P: CC'04

Mary L. Friedman GSAS'73, GSAS'76,
GSAS'77, P: CC'09

Antonia and James C. Gorton CC'84,
P: CC'19

Erika M. and Blake J. Grayson P: CC'22

Ali Gulcelik and Selin Gülçelik P: CC'25

Christine P. and Geoffrey Ho CC'83,
P: CC'17

Hongtao T. Hou and Sophie X. Wang
P: CC'25

William K. Hui and Jing Zhao P: CC'18,
CC'23

Nancy and Kobi Karp P: CC'25

Jeffrey L. Kateman CC'89, LAW'92,
P: CC'19, CC'21 and Nam Y. Kim LAW'92,
P: CC'19, CC'21

Mary E. and Adam W. Kirsch P: CC'17

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

Yongchun Lang and Ping Wu P: CC'23

Alison and Robert Lee CC'84, P: CC'22

Miyoung E. Lee and Neil P. Simpkins P: CC'21

Xia Lin and Hong Bo Qi P: CC'25

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

Qun Lu and Meijuan Wu P: CC'24

Yi Lu and Jianguo Qian P: CC'20

Karen A. Mahoney CC'88, P: CC'19 and
Dennis T. Mahoney SEAS'88, P: CC'19

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

Sylvia R. and Lawrence N. Margolies CC'58,
PS'62, P: CC'89

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

Doris and Paul C. McCormick CC'78, PS'82,
PH'00, P: CC'10, CC'14, CC'22

Chengwei Meng and Wenjie Ning P: CC'21

Stephanie P. and William J. Meury P: CC'21

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

Michaela and Matthew J. Nelson CC'86,
P: CC'24

Lidong Ni and Angel Zheng P: CC'25

Maha A. and Sharif Omar P: CC'16

John E. O'Toole Jr. and Kristin L. Walter
P: CC'25

Naxin J. Paik SEAS'91, SEAS'96, P: CC'24
and Edward Y. Paik SEAS'91, BUS'96,
P: CC'24

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

Haralambos Raftopoulos and Amelia E.
Prounis-Raftopoulos SIPA'87, P: CC'22,
CC'25

Tamara J. and James Ramenda P: CC'23

Robin K. Reingold and Jonathan Susman
CC'87, P: CC'26

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

Vikram Sahai and Rashmi Sinha P: CC'24

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

Celine P. and Dan Shimizu P: CC'25

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

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

Maria and George L. Staphos BUS'92,
P: CC'22, CC'25

Katharina M. and Gary A. Szakmary CC'72,
P: CC'04

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

Harjeet K. and Manmeet Viridi P: CC'24

Jenny C. and Liren Wei P: CC'23

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