

THE PRINCETON CLUB OF CHICAGO

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PRINCETON CLUB OF CHICAGO Founded 1876

MISSION

The Princeton Club of Chicago exists to build and maintain among local alumni a high level of awareness of and involvement in activities related to Princeton University and its alumni, students, faculty and administration (the "Princeton Family"). Ongoing functions include: finding and encouraging qualified applicants to apply to Princeton and to matriculate if accepted; encouraging broad participation in Annual Giving and the Club Scholarship Fund; encouraging interaction, communication, and networking among the "Princeton Family" at the local level via a wide array of educational, cultural, community service, and Princeton-related entertainment programs; and enhancing local community knowledge of Princeton and of the successes of its "Family." The primary goal of the Princeton Club of Chicago is to create, strengthen, and expand relationships among Chicago-area alumni and the greater Princeton community

LOCATION

The Princeton Club of Chicago has no building. Meetings and events are held throughout the Chicago area, often downtown. The club has a website, <u>www.princetonclubofchicago.org</u>, which is an ideal way to join/manage your membership, sign up for events, see what's happening at the club, and find contact information for committee chairs in order to get more involved. The Club is volunteer-run but it has hired a local organization, Alumni Services, to handle administrative services, including mailings and assistance with event registration and membership, though we highly recommend visiting the website first. They can be reached at 847-256-5800.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all undergraduate and graduate alumni, students, parents, and surviving spouses of deceased alumni. Membership benefits include newsletters, advance notice and priority for special events, and discounts on tickets for most club activities. Visit the club web site to sign up or renew your membership (you can also call Alumni Services to register by phone or fax). Membership is complimentary for members of the most recent graduating class, but you must register.

ACTIVITIES

There are many ways to participate in the Club. Throughout the year the Club sponsors everything from sports outings to career networking, from social gatherings to talks by Princeton professors and alumni. Newsletters and bulletins, as well as the Club website, provide information on these. When you become a member, you will receive a new member packet detailing Club activities and committees. The packet includes a volunteer form; you can assist with annual giving, schools committee interviews, or planning events, among other activities. There are special interest groups such as Young Alumni, Graduate Alumni, Women's Network, and Parents. We also have a variety of volunteer opportunities within the Chicago community, which include our signature events focused on providing educational opportunity to Chicago high school students. Your participation is what keeps this Club vibrant, so please join us!

Princeton Club of Chicago 2020 Annual Report Presented on June 20, 2020

Presented on June 30, 2020

Remarks by Amy Beth Treciokas '87, President

My name is Amy Beth Treciokas and I serve as the President of the Princeton Club of Chicago. Welcome to the Princeton Club of Chicago Annual Report. In more normal times, we would have an Annual Dinner in the Spring, but this year has been an exception in many ways. This is the 144th year of our Club and we continue to grow stronger and more diverse with each passing year. We appreciate your dedication to our Club!

I would like to acknowledge Dr. Eddie Glaude, who was to have been our distinguished speaker for the evening on the occasion of our originally scheduled April 30, 2020 Annual dinner. We hope to hear Dr. Glaude speak this fall on "A New Princeton, A New America" on Oct. 29th via a Zoom call. With recent events, this has become an even more important and timely topic. I'd also like to thank our award recipients Ginny and Tom Neuckranz '70 and Janice Levy Block Chaddock '84 P22. We look forward to honoring them at an Oct 29th meeting and ceremony. I'd also like to offer a big welcome to the newly admitted class of 2024!

Next, I'd like to highlight some of this past year's accomplishments, acknowledge some of our fellow alumni, and, of course, take care of some Club business by announcing our new Directors.

The mission of the Princeton Club of Chicago consists of serving the University, strengthening and deepening the relationships we have with each other as Princeton alumni, and contributing to our local community. We would not be able to accomplish our mission if it were not for the tireless effort of our dedicated leadership team, consisting of 61 volunteers. I believe I can speak for all of the Leadership Group when I say it is an honor and a joy to serve! Thank you for your effort and contributions to our Princeton community.

Our Alumni Schools Committee (ASC) effort, where 212 vs. last year's 234 alumni volunteers managed to interview 100% of the 790 vs. last year's 1079 high school seniors from the Chicagoland area who applied to Princeton! To put this in perspective (which we do every year), if each interview takes 45 minutes and each interview write-up takes 30 minutes, that is over 988 hours, or put another way, 41 days. Thank you to all who volunteered and took part in this Princeton tradition. Thank you for your dedication, teamwork and selfless service. Special thanks to our ASC leaders, Christine O'Neill '06, John Kermath '80, Patricia Li '06, Rick Woldenberg '81, Emily Master '01, and Mike Manning '17. In a joint venture with our Alumni Schools Committee our Parents' Committee organizes our New Admit Reception for the Class of 2024. Thanks to Janice Levy Block Chaddock'84 P22, Jakee Miller Cohen P16 P22, and Gigi Johnson P19 P21, Christine O'Neill '06 from the ASC, and Peter Baugher '70 for hosting a very lively and engaging Zoom call on very short notice. 48 students were admitted this year from Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. As background, the University received 32,836 applications from across the world for admission to the Class of 2024 and offered admission to 1,823 students hailing from 64 different countries. Roughly 2/3 of those offered admittance will accept.

In Annual Giving for FY19, Chicago was over \$2.6 million of Princeton's raise in general funds this year with 59.4% of our Chicagoland alumni participating vs. the national average of 55.4%. Thank you to AG Chair Chris Yarbrough '96 and those volunteers that participated in reaching out to others for Princeton.

We had another record turnout this past summer for our Summer Picnic at Lakeshore Sport & Fitness, with nearly 200 alumni and guests signing up to attend. Often this is the first event that a Tiger new to Chicago experiences. Thank you to Peter Goldman '94 S93 for his continual generosity in acting as host, at his incomparable venue.

Thank you again to Carol Obertubbesing '73 for organizing our annual sold-out trip to Wrigley Field to cheer on the Cubs vs. the Cincinnati Reds.

In addition to our recurring annual events, we are blessed to have our Programs and Young Alumni Committee Chairs consisting of Charlene Huang Olson '88, Brigitte Anderson '02, Sheila Arora '08, and Irene Burke '16 respectively. This powerful group takes advantage of current programing opportunities to offer unique events for us to enjoy. Examples might be: A Young Alumni "Pop of Orange" Artist Talk by Sheila Arora '08, Young Alumni Virtual Happy Hour, Tiger 'Tails Happy Hour, Young Alumni Beethoven Night at the Symphony featuring Yo-Yo Ma h05, Dance performance of "I Guess You Solved the Question" choregraphed by Princeton faculty member Olivier Tarpanga, Peter Yawitz talking about his book "Flip flops and Microwaved Fish", Lunar New Year Dim Sum, Christia Mercer *89 on "How Medieval Women Changed the Course of Philosophy," Frank Lloyd Wright's World Heritage Sites with Phyllis Ellin '83, Eating Club Dinner and Wine Pairing with Matthew Sussman '09 at Table, Donkey and Stick, Wrestling Team reception at the Midlands, Young Alumni Holiday Party, and Renaissance Reveries in Painting and Print at the Union League Club, hosted by Sally Metzler-Dunea Ph.D. *97. Thank you to Charlene, Brigitte, Sheila, and Irene for keeping our social calendars full of opportunities to share and learn with each other.

Princeton Women's Network hosted "Adventures in Chocolate", in February, a favorite event of the year.

On June 23rd, Chicago's 15th Annual Princeton Prize in Race Relations award ceremony honoring Samira Rivera took place via a Zoom call. The PPRR recognizes local Chicagoland area high school students who have had a significant positive impact through volunteerism on race relations in their schools or communities. Edie Canter '80 and Michelle Silverthorn '04 have done a great job of finding great candidates and this evening is usually one of the PCC's major events of the year.

The Club's charitable efforts continue to grow. Through organizations such as Princeton AlumniCorps, Princeton Prize in Race Relations, Princeton in Chicago Schools, Princeton Internships in Civic Service and Princeton Club of Chicago Scholarship Fund, we continue to make a difference in our Chicagoland community in the field of education. We provide advice, acknowledgment, internships, and scholarships to Chicago high school and college students looking to take the next step in their educational and social development. Thank you to Virginia Midkiff '16, Whitney Spalding Spencer '07 Edie Canter '80, Michelle Silverthorn '04, Charlene Huang Olson '88, Yung Bong Lim '87, Bob Loveman '69, Bruce Rosenberg '69, and Gerald Skoning '64 for championing these efforts and continuing to make a difference in Chicagoland.

Now to voting... By electronic vote, the club members of the Princeton Club of Chicago approved the slate of new and existing Directors below: The biographies of the new directors can be found in your program, and they begin their terms on July 1.

New Directors for terms expiring in 2023:

Stephen Ban '84 Kezmen Clifton '12 Timothy Dondanville '13 Ronnie Raviv '95

Directors succeeding themselves for an additional term expiring 2023:

Robert Bernat '75 Irene Burke '16 Anna Huang '07 Maiky Iberkleid '15 Robert J. Khoury '90 Mike Laidlaw '94 Lisa Mullaney '99 Mary Newburn '97 Christine O'Neill '06 Marquis Parker '99 Ryan Ruskin '90 Cheryl Stevens '10 Lauren Coffey '11 Amy Beth Treciokas '87 Carl Yudell '75

For their tireless leadership, support, and Tiger enthusiasm, the Club wishes to thank our retiring Directors: Diana Bonaccorsi '08, Michael Guerrieri '74, Candace Jackson-Akiwumi '00, Patricia Li '08, Whitney Spalding Spencer '07, and Greg Wong '02. Thank you so much for your contributions to the Board, Princeton, and the Chicagoland Princeton Community!

Finally, thanks to all the members of the Nominating Committee for their thoughtful suggestions and support of our Board's nominating process: Janice Block '84, Brian Johnson '99, Robert J. Khoury '90, Michael Laidlaw '94, Charlene Huang Olson '88, Marv Pollack '73, Amy Beth Treciokas '87, and Greg Wong '02. Thank you to all those who contribute to our Club, making it one of the most vibrant Princeton Regional Clubs in the world.

To conclude, I would like to thank Brian Johnson'99, currently serving as Club Vice President. Thanks to Greg Wong '02 for being our Secretary. Thanks to Jason White '96 for continuing to act as our Club Treasurer. Thanks to Steve Avsec '06 for continuing as our PCC Technology VP. We seamlessly voted electronically again this year thanks to Nick Antoine '12. Thanks to Bob Bernat '75, Shirley Lee '13 and Al Chan '91 for keeping our membership numbers around 400 members. Thank you to Mike Laidlaw '94 for heading up Nominating and for being an all-around great guy and mentor. And last, but certainly not least, thanks to Peter Baugher '70 and Candace Jackson-Akiwumi '00 who lead our Awards Committee, a worthwhile and important choice each year!

The leadership group meets monthly at the beautiful offices of Kirkland and Ellis, thanks to Lisa Esayian '86's generosity. Thank you, Lisa!

A big thank you to our Annual Dinner Co-Chairs, Cheryl Stevens '10, Jess Gonzalez '95, and your team. I would also like to thank all the benefactors and patrons of the Club. I hope you agree with me that we have something pretty special here in Chicago ... your enthusiasm and generosity is vital to our Club's success!!!

My term as President began during this year of unprecedented change. I look forward to the coming year, and the return of in person events. Thank you for letting me serve as President of the Princeton Club of Chicago. It is one of the most fascinating, growth-inducing and rewarding experiences of my adult life. You are all such extraordinary people; it is an honor getting to know you better.

Thank you!

New Directors of the Princeton Club of Chicago Leadership Group

Term beginning July 1, 2020

Stephen Ban '84

Although Stephen's diploma states he graduated from Princeton with a degree in Economics, it might be more accurate to say he double-majored in the Nassoons and the Triangle Club. His career spanned 35 years in the investment management and marketing business, most recently at Nuveen.

Kezmen Clifton '12

Kezmen is an Executive Compensation and Employee Benefits attorney at Jones Day. She graduated from Princeton in 2012 with a degree in Sociology and certificates in American Studies and African-American Studies; she graduated from Harvard Law School in 2017. During her time at Princeton, Kezmen was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and Cottage Club. In her free time, she enjoys exploring the Chicago food scene and working her way through visiting all of Chicago's 77 neighborhoods.

Tim Dondanville '13

Tim is a real estate attorney at Mayer Brown. He graduated from Princeton in 2013, where he majored in history and was a four-year member of the varsity football team. He was a member of Cottage Club and wrote his senior thesis about John Redmond's political career in Ireland during the early 20th century. Tim graduated from Notre Dame Law School in 2016, where he was the president of the Student Bar Association.

Ronnie Raviv '95

Ronnie is currently COO of Vobal Technologies, LLC, a two-person commercial-maritime telecommunications company. Prior to that, he worked in medical devices, digital management consulting, transportation consulting and software, and was briefly an actor. He has an MBA from Northwestern's Kellogg business school. At Princeton Ronnie received his BSE in EMS (now known as ORFE), was a founding member of Quipfire!, the improv group, and performed in several plays at Theater Intime. Go Quad!

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Alumni Schools Committee (ASC)

Vice President - Christine O'Neill '06 S05

Many thanks to the 212 active volunteers (both undergraduate and graduate alumni of Princeton) who gave generously of their time to interview candidates throughout Chicagoland for Princeton's Class of 2024, who represent Princeton at local college fairs, and who welcome newly admitted students and their families to our local Princeton Community.

This work would not be possible without our dedicated, diligent regional chairs who organized the effort to interview each of the 790 students from Chicagoland applied to Princeton this year. Our regional chairs are:

- John Kermath '80 Northwest Suburbs
- Patricia Li '08 City of Chicago
- Rick Woldenberg '81 Northern Suburbs
- Emily Master '01 and Michael Manning '17 Western Suburbs
- Christine O'Neill '06 Urbana-Champaign/East Central Illinois/South Suburbs/Northwest Illinois

In addition to managing individual interviews, Northwest Suburbs chair John Kermath '80 coordinated a February interview "blitz" in Barrington where volunteers completed 29 interviews. Also in February, Western Suburbs chairs Emily Master '01 and Michael Manning '17 coordinated an interview "blitz" in Oak Brook where volunteers completed 52 interviews in one day, complete with a party for interviewers afterward!

The University sent admissions decisions in December (early action round) and at the end of March (regular decision round). The University admitted 1,823 students to the Class of 2024.

The University received 32,836 applications from across the world for admission to the Class of 2024. The University expects to enroll a freshman class of 1,296 students. According to the University's press release, the 1,823 admitted students this year hail from 64 countries; 51 percent are women and 49 percent are men; 61 percent self-identify as people of color, including biracial and multiracial students; 63 percent attend public schools; 17 percent will be the first in their families to attend college; 10 percent are children of alumni; 24 percent of admitted students expressed wanting to study engineering.

In addition to conducting interviews, ASC volunteers spread themselves among the region's many college fairs. In October 2019, volunteers represented Princeton at the Chicago Public Schools Highly Selective College Fair and the 100 Black Men of Chicago College Scholarship Fair.

After all of the interviews and college fairs, every April it is time to welcome newly admitted students to the local Princeton community. In April 2020, the Alumni Schools Committee, Parents Committee, and the Princeton Club of Chicago, hosted alumni, admitted students, and their families at the first ever Zoom Reception for Newly Admitted Students where we congratulated the admitted students and introduced them to each other, local alumni, and a panel of current undergraduate students who were virtually on hand to describe their Princeton experiences and answer questions.

Annual Giving Vice President - Chris Yarbrough '96

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Association of Black Princeton Alumni (ABPA) Nat Piggee '96

The ABPA/PCC had another strong year. Events included:

- Englewood STEM High School Panel on 2/20/2020
- New Year's Holiday Mixer with Chicago Black Alumni Coalition (Dartmouth, Harvard, Stanford, University of Chicago & Yale) on 1/15/2020
- Harriet Screening & Discussion on 11/4/2019
- THRIVE Conference at Princeton on 10/3/2019 (special shout out to PCC President Emerita Mary Newburn '97 for attending)
- UChicago Charter School College Fair on 10/1/2019
- Pre-THRIVE Mixer on 9/7/2019
- Diversity Discussion Group Dinners (1/31/2020, 1/12/2020, 12/7/2019, 11/3/2019, 10/20/2019, 9/8/2019, 8/11/2019 & 7/14/2019)

Careers and Networking Anna Huang '07 Robert J. Khoury '90

The Princeton Chicago Careers and Networking Group hosts panel discussions and informal networking events focused around specific industries and career topics. This past year we organized a variety of speaker events and networking sessions. President and CEO of World Tree, Wendy Burton, spoke to a group of alums about how she has grown this uniquely green company that supports farmers and positively impacts the environment worldwide. Princeton alums currently working in the healthcare sector as well as those interested in learning more about this area also came together for a healthcare professionals networking event.

We also held our 9th annual summer internship luncheon for current Princeton students, alumni and parents. All attendees shared their background and what they hoped to get out of the event, e.g., job opportunities, opportunity to mentor students. After everyone introduced themselves, we opened up the event to informal networking.

The spirit of all these events is openness, sharing and contribution. Events are generally well attended, with 30-40 alumni and students. Events are generally held on weekday evenings with light snacks and drinks provided. Past networking events included topics on academia, non-profits, finance, technology and entrepreneurship.

Special thanks this year to all the alums who helped organize and attend our events, especially Robert J. Khoury '90 for hosting our World Tree speaker event, George P. Apostolides '92 for hosting our healthcare professionals networking event and Brad Cohen P16 P21 for hosting our luncheon at his organization Aspiritech.

If you are interested in creatively supporting alumni in their networking skills and overall career management, please reach out to Chairs of Career Events Anna Huang '07 ajh@alumni.princeton.edu and Robert J. Khoury '90 robert_khoury@hotmail.com.

Communications Vice-President - Mary Newburn '97

Our Club's "Princeton-Chicago" online discussion group continues to grow and the group currently has 957 subscribers, up from 924 last year. This is a great way to keep abreast of the latest Club activities and stay in touch with local alumni. The Club e-mails announcements to members of the discussion group about upcoming events, and members of the list can send the group their own announcements and questions related to Princeton and/or life in Chicago. To sign up for this free e-mail group, go to tigernet.princeton.edu and click on "discussion groups." If you have any questions about the discussion group, contact list coordinator, Mary Newburn '97.

Princeton Club of Chicago - Technology

VP of Technology - Steve Avsec '06

The Princeton Club of Chicago website (<u>http://www.princetonclubofchicago.org</u>) had another successful year in 2019-2020 and continues to serve as a central hub connecting our membership. Events, news, donations, and membership additions, renewals, and changes are all available here; come check it out!

We continue to look for ways to enhance the user experience of our website; soon we will be rolling out a smoother checkout experience as well as some new and improved social media links.

Community Service

Lauren Coffey '11 & Haley White '12

For most of the Club's community service events, children are invited and welcome. If you are interested in helping at any of our events, or have ideas of activities in which the Club can become involved, let us know! Event updates and news are posted on our website, www.princetonclubofchicago.org.

Distinguished Service Awards Committee

Chairs – Peter V. Baugher '70 and Candace Jackson-Akiwumi '00

The productive efforts of the Awards Committee are evidenced in the quality of this year's Awards recipients. Thank you to our faithful nominators, and to Committee members Robert Murley '72, Carol Obertubbesing '73, Carl Yudell '75, Paul Dengel '76, Elizabeth Raymond '78, Jeffrey Sharp '80, Doug Schmidt '81, Michelle Saddler '82, Charlene Huang Olson '88. Nick Jachim '88, Ryan Ruskin '90, Chris Mallett '93, Michael Laidlaw '94, Marquis Parker '99, and Amy Beth Treciokas'87. Most of all, our thanks to Virginia and Thomas Neuckranz '70, and Janice Levy Block Chaddock '84, for their distinguished service to our community and to our university.

Ginny and Tom Neuckranz '70, John Fish '55 Distinguished Service to the Community Award

Tom Neuckranz '70 studied aeronautical engineering at Princeton and later went on to law school at Northwestern. Ginny majored in management at Simmons College in Boston. Ginny and Tom married in 1982 and raised three beautiful daughters, Kristin, Laura and Erika, in the Chicago suburb of Winnetka.

In 2004, after their daughter, Erika, lost her life to depression, Ginny and Tom founded Erika's Lighthouse with the passionate and dedicated help of many friends, families, and the local community who came together to turn loss into action. Today, Erika's Lighthouse: A Beacon of Hope for Adolescent Depression (www.erikaslighthouse.org) is a non-profit organization committed to educating teens about depression through curricula programs in middle school and high school communities at no cost to the schools. Using positive, helpful, hopeful messaging the mission of Erika's Lighthouse is to eliminate the stigma surrounding depression, empowering young people to take ownership of their mental health so they can obtain the medical help they need in order to live as happy a life as possible. ELH curricula programs are currently being used in over 425 schools in 39 states. In 2020 Erika's Lighthouse became one of the founding members of "Shine Light on Depression," a unique nationwide collaboration of organizations, including American School Health Association, Anthem, Inc., JetBlue Airways Corporation, and the National PTA.

Janice Levy Block Chaddock '84 P22, Arnold M. Berlin '46 Distinguished Service to Princeton Award

A dedicated member of our Princeton-Chicago community, Janice has served as co-chair of the Princeton Club of Chicago's Parents Committee since 2017, a member of the 2018 Tiger Ball Committee, and as a longstanding Alumni Schools Committee interviewer. Janice is VP of Class of '84 and volunteers her time to the Princeton Career Services office, mentoring undergraduate students and advising them in their post-graduate pursuits. Janice is also a member of the Princeton Club of Southwest Florida.

In Chicago Janice serves on the boards of the Respiratory Health Association and Aspiritech Corporation. She is a trustee of the Oxford University Center for Buddhist Studies in England and Bat Yam Temple of the Islands, is a member of the BIG ARTS Forum Steering Committee, and a member of the Boards of the League of Women Voters and the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida.

For 30 years, Janice practiced law in Chicago for several multinational law firms, for Microsoft Corporation, as well as for the global education company Kaplan Inc., where she retired after serving as their Chief Legal, Compliance & Human Resources Officer. Janice was a history major at Princeton. She earned her master's in journalism from Northwestern, and her law degree from Columbia. Janice is married to Ron Chaddock, and has three children: Frannie '22, Sara, and Alex.

Entrepreneurship

Ben Bornstein '92 & Brigitte Anderson '02

The Princeton Club of Chicago Entrepreneurship Committee focuses on entrepreneurial programming featuring Princeton Alumni. The Entrepreneurship Committee is dedicated to the advancement of entrepreneurship, promotion of innovation, and the ideals of leadership and learning. In addition to our own events, we work with the Princeton Entrepreneurship Council (PEC) to coordinate series such as Tiger Talks on the Road. We are passionate about creating and providing high-quality, relevant and thought-provoking programs and services. During 2019-20, several PCC Board members attended the PEC national conference in NYC and began to plan ideas for PCC. Ideas for the upcoming year include entrepreneurial activity in social impact and Fintech, as well as coordinating an event with Alumni Ventures Group and Nassau Street Ventures.

If you'd like to get more involved, please email Ben Bornstein (ben@arctaris.com) or Brigitte Anderson (brigitte@orangevista.com).

Families Committee

Lisa Mullaney '99 & Julia Schwartz '08

Our Family Events committee seeks to provide activities for Princeton area families with school-aged children. These activities are aimed to be low cost and to involve active participation with both parents and children-no babysitter required. In the past, we have worked at local charities, such as the Food Depository and had summer picnics. For more information or to provide suggestions, please contact Lisa Mullaney or Julia Schwartz.

Fund for Reunion, Inc (FFR) Bisexual Transgendered Gay and Lesbian Alumni (BTGALA) Brian C. Johnson '99

The Princeton Club of Chicago is always eager to promote programming by and for our LGBTQ alumni. If you have any suggestions, please email Club Vice President Brian Johnson at bcjp99@gmail.com

Graduate Alumni Committee Chair – John Balfe *90

Members of The Princeton Club of Chicago participated in numerous precepts and events led by the Princeton Graduate Alumni community. This includes the now traditional tour of the Chicago Architectural Biennial led by Sophie Cai *13, a tour of The Union League Club's historically important art collection led by Sally Metzler-Dunea *97, a lecture by Professor Christia Mercer *89 on how Medieval Women Thinkers Changed the Course of Western Philosophy, and hosting Research on the Road, bringing the research of three current Princeton graduate students to the PCC community.

Ivy Plus Rvan Ruskin '90 & Sheila Arora '05

The Princeton Club of Chicago has had another very active year of engagement with our Ivy and other peer schools. We kicked off the year with probably the largest Ivy Plus gathering to date: May 1 Ivy+ Spring Mixer at Old Crow Smokehouse with over 600 attendees. We followed that event with a summer Happy Hour at John Barleycorn in Wrigleyville with 500 attendees. In the fall, we co-hosted a Princeton-Harvard Football Watch Party on October 26 at Commonwealth Tavern. The Ivy Plus group then returned to the Old Crow Smokehouse on October 30 for a Halloween Party. The year ended with a Young Alumni Holiday Party on December 11 with Harvard at the Chicago Athletic Association. Our first event for 2020 was a joint event with the Wharton Club featuring author Peter Yawitz '80 on his new book, <u>Flip-Flops and Microwaved Fish: Navigating the Dos and Don'ts of Workplace Culture</u>. Next up was an event with the Stanford Club for a precept on leadership with Alyssa Rapp on March 10 at Gilt Bar. Many more Ivy Plus activities are planned for 2020! Special thanks to Irene Burke '16, Sheila Arora '05, Brigitte Anderson '02, and Charlene Huang Olson '88 who make all of these events possible.

Membership Bob Bernat '75 & Shirley Lee '13

Our Princeton Club of Chicago (PCC) is one of Princeton's largest and most vibrant alumni groups, with over 350 active alumni members! The PCC offers members an opportunity to get together and enjoy a wide range of benefits and opportunities including social and cultural events, community outreach, continuing education, career networking, and other special interest activities. This past year, our PCC members attended thought provoking precepts, dined at our "Eating Club" events, cheered at a Cubs and Princeton Football game, assisted Princeton in the extremely successful effort to interview the huge number of high school students applying for admission to the University from the area served by the PCC, took part in professionally-focused get-togethers, as well as socialized and connected with other Princeton alumni in our Chicagoland area both in person and virtually. In the upcoming year, we will continue to add to and expand on our successful programs and events. Regular membership is still only \$50 per year and includes priority registration and discounts for many events. More importantly, membership is vital to enable the PCC to continue its multitude of programming and philanthropic activities as the PCC is not financially supported by the University. For more information please go to our website at www.princetonclubofchicago.org. We look forward to seeing you at an event, program or volunteer opportunity.

Parents' Committee

Janice Levy Block Chaddock '84 P22, Jakee Miller Cohen P16 P22, & Gigi Johnson P19 P21

The mission of the Princeton Club of Chicago's Parents Committee is to provide a friendly welcome to newly admitted students and their parents, answer questions about the move to college, assist with our New Admits Reception in April, and host our Annual Summer Picnic in August. We aim to help start the integration of our newest members into the Princeton Family on the right foot.

The Parents' Committee provides a unique opportunity to expand active involvement in our Princeton family, and we are always looking for additional volunteers to help! In addition to the activities described above, the Committee makes welcome calls to parents in December/January and March/April to congratulate them and give updates about upcoming events in Chicago and on the Princeton campus. We describe Bridge Year, Outdoor Action, Community Action, first year Registration and Orientation, tips on moving to Princeton, First Year Family Weekend in October, and more.

The Princeton Internships in Civic Service (PICS) Yung Bong Lim'87 P23 & Bob Loveman '69

The Princeton Internships in Civic Service (PICS) program was started by the Class of 1969 to provide summer internships in the non-profit sector to Princeton students. Since 1996, over 1,500 undergraduates have held internships through PICS in multiple states and countries. In 2019, nine Chicago-area organizations hosted 10 interns. Members of the Princeton Club of Chicago individually sourced and funded some of these internships and also served as Alumni Partners to several students. The Club partially funded two of the internships and co-hosted two gatherings during the summer – an evening reception and a Cubs baseball game outing. For additional information about PICS, please visit pics.princeton.edu.

Princeton in Chicago Schools (PICS) Scholarship Committee Chair - Charlene Huang Olson '88

Since 1990, the Princeton Club of Chicago has had a partnership with Roosevelt High School in the Albany Park neighborhood of Chicago. Tutoring in the classroom continues thanks to the wonderful efforts of Bruce Rosenberg '69, although the "classroom" in the traditional sense turned into a remote experience for all CPS students in March due to the COVID-19 situation.

PICS marked ten years of awarding Princeton Club of Chicago PICS Scholarships to graduating seniors. Given this milestone and the changing nature of our Princeton student population, our Leadership Group had a thoughtful and robust discussion, after which we determined to direct our PICS funds to more directly support current Princeton students. We will continue funding our scholarship awards already presented to Roosevelt High School students who are currently pursuing undergraduate college degrees.

At a special ceremony for graduating seniors on June 12, 2019, the Princeton Club of Chicago presented two \$5000 scholarships and two \$1000 Special Recognition awards along with framed certificates and two books. This year, Bruce Rosenberg '69, our most dedicated volunteer in the calculus classroom, presented four students with certificates and two books at the graduation ceremony.

Since the first scholarships were awarded in 2010, our PICS program has awarded \$144,000, helping to make a 4-year college education accessible for 46 Roosevelt graduates. In 2019, \$5000 scholarships were awarded to Sharmin Chowdhury (University of Wisconsin) and Huda Fatima Ganatra (DePaul University). \$1000 Special Recognition Awards were presented to Tiara Ann Thomas (North Park University) and Latif Vaid (UIC).

We held a scholar/mentor dinner on June 26, 2019 which was a terrific opportunity to connect with the students and for them to reunite with each other. The gathering was held at Spacca Napoli. Mentors and scholars are encouraged to engage with each other throughout the year.

All of these activities, especially the scholarships, are a result of the generosity of our Chicagoland area alumni and parents. If you would like to support the program, please contact Bob Loveman '69 at <u>rloveman47@gmail.com</u>, Charlene Huang Olson '88 at <u>cholson@alumni.princeton.edu</u>, or Bruce Rosenberg '69 at <u>itsokdoit@aol.com</u>.

We would like to thank this past year's Scholarship Committee members and mentors: Edie Canter '80, Rico Cedro *84, Brian Ing '91, Donna Keller '82, Mike Laidlaw '94, Patricia Li '08, Yung Bong Lim '87, Bob Loveman '69, Kristine Mighion '86, Mary Newburn '97, Carol Obertubbesing '73, Charlene Huang Olson '88, Bruce Rosenberg '69, Ryan Ruskin '90, Lauren Coffey '11, Amy Treciokas '87, and Carl Yudell '75.

Many thanks also to Jason White '96, our Princeton Club of Chicago treasurer for making sure the scholarships were awarded and to Rebecca Deaton '91 and Brownson, Rehmus & Foxworth for hosting our annual application review session.

Princeton Prize in Race Relations Edie Canter '80 & Michelle Silverthorn '04

We are thrilled to report that we had a very successful year with the Princeton Prize in Race Relations. The Committee had an engaging discussion on the 25 superlative applications received this year, from all types of schools across Chicago. After much spirited debate, we awarded our 2020 Prize to Samira

Rivera for her activism work with the Chicago History Museum. We also awarded Certificates to Caleb Dunson, Hannah Rose Fraser, and Daniel Salgado-Alvarez for their incredible work on equity. Thanks to the dedication of our Committee members, Mayor Lori Lightfoot was scheduled to speak at our live ceremony this spring. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to shift our activities online. We will now be hosting a virtual Princeton Prize ceremony on June 23, 2020 to celebrate our winners. As always, we are looking for more volunteers for our Committee. If you are interested, contact Princeton Prize Co-Chairs Edie Canter '80 and Michelle Silverthorn '04.

Princeton Project 55 Public Interest Program

Virginia Midkiff '16, Project 55 Chicago Coordinator Whitney Spalding Spencer '07, PCC Project 55 Liaison

The Princeton Project 55 Fellowship Program, part of Princeton AlumniCorps, continues to offer unique placement and learning opportunities in Chicago for recent Princeton graduates. For the 2019-20 year, eight fellows were placed with various local public service organizations:

Jasmeene Burton '19	Illinois State Board of Education
Jessica Goehring '19	Great Lakes Academy
Rachel Gonzales '19	Carole Robertson Center
Alice Maiden '19	New Markets Support
Katherine McClain Fleming '19	Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
Madison Offstein '19	Sinai Institute
Miranda Perez '19	North Lawndale Employment Network
Téa Wilmer '19	Free Spirit Media

In addition to working with their public service organizations, fellows also attend regular seminars with fellows from partner public interest programs at Northwestern University and the University of Chicago, where they meet many of Chicago's public service leaders and visit some of the most respected nonprofit community organizations in the city. Fellows also have access to two assigned alumni mentors per fellow, as well as a pool of at-large mentors, and both fellows and mentors participate in a variety of public service and social events. All of this is made possible by a Project 55 Chicago Area Committee who recruits local partner organizations interested in hiring fellows; supports fellows in their transition to Chicago and their new positions; organizes social activities; matches fellows with mentors; and helps to organize seminars. Many thanks to the Committee members, including Rebecca Deaton '91, Kirsten Ekdahl Hull '99, Nathalie Lagerfeld '09, Ben Levenson '15, Alice Mar-Abe '18, Virginia Midkiff '16, Rebecca Knisley Peigh '15, Lindsay Wall '02, and Latalia White '13.

A big "thank you" also goes out to the alumni who have volunteered as mentors this year: Sherry Holland & Tom Allison '66, Vince Anderson '65, Megan Bowen '13, Michael Collins '11, Rebecca Deaton '91, Samantha DeKoven '94, Sharon Fairley '82, Peter Freeman '66, Andrew Hahm '17, Danielle Hamilton '07, Felix Huang '07, Kirsten Ekdahl Hull '99, Candace Jackson-Akiwumi '00, Andrew Kinaci '10, Nathalie Lagerfeld '09, Ben Levenson '15, Stacy McAuliffe '98, Kristen Molloy '08, Carol Obertubessing '73, Marquis Parker '99, Rebecca Knisley Peigh '15, Graham Peigh

'13, Ben Porter '98, Julia Schwartz '08, Kristen Smith '03, Whitney Spalding Spencer '07, Lindsay Wall '02, Haley White '12, and Latalia White '13.

Looking ahead to the 2020-21 fellowship year, we expect a new group of Princeton Project 55 fellows to be arriving in Chicago this summer to begin their jobs at a number of host organizations. To continue to support each year's new crop of fellows, we are always looking for additional volunteers. For more information or to get involved with Project 55 in Chicago as a committee member, host organization, mentor, or mentor at large, please contact Virginia Midkiff '16 at

<u>vmidkiff@newmarkets.org</u> or Whitney Spalding Spencer '07 at <u>wspaldingspencer@gmail.com</u>.

Programs Committee

VP Programs – Charlene Huang Olson '88, Brigitte Anderson '02, Sheila Arora '05

We wish to extend a special thank you to all members of our Tiger community who planned, hosted, and attended events. E-mails are sent several times a month from the Princeton Club of Chicago to make our community aware of events. In addition, events are posted to the Princeton-Chicago distribution list hosted on the University's Tigernet (Note: You must opt in to be on the latter distribution list). Events and photos from our events are also posted on our Princeton Club of Chicago Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/PrincetonClubOfChicago/</u>. Also, a key member of our team, Young Alumni Chair, Irene Burke '06 plans a number of Young Alumni-focused events. *Please see her Young Alumni Committee report for more information!*

Since our last Annual Dinner held April 25, 2019 featuring Lester Munson '62, former ESPN sportswriter and legal analyst, in conversation with Mary J. Newburn '97 and honoring Robert J. Khoury '90 and Edie Canter '80 (see Annual Dinner report for more details), the Princeton Club of Chicago will have hosted 58 events prior to our fiscal year end of June 30, 2020! A number of those were converted to a virtual format in light of COVID-19 health guidelines, a number were postponed – including our April 30, 2020 Annual Dinner featuring Professor Eddie S. Glaude, Jr. *97 and our April 1, 2020 event hosted by the Illinois Holocaust Museum featuring Pulitzer Prize winners Sheryl WuDunn *88 and Nicholas Kristof S*88. Due to the University's decision to move students to remote learning and cancellation of the remaining athletic season, we were also required to cancel the March 20, 2020 men's volleyball match vs. Loyola University.

We hosted a very special event on April 27, 2019. Roughly 75 alumni, some who flew in from various cities, gathered at the University Club to celebrate the 50th anniversary of coeducation at Princeton. The daylong conference featured keynote speaker Nancy Weiss Malkiel, a special conversation with Mimi Pivirotto Murley '76 and Bob Murley '72 with Rishi Jaitly '04, and interesting commentary from a distinguished group of alumni: Peter Baugher '70, Akira Bell '95 P23, Linda Blackburn '71 P95 k23, Carol Brown '75 S76 P18 and Lindsay Pomeroy '76 S75 P18, Edie Canter '80, Azza Cohen '16, Marsha Levy-Warren '73 P01 P05, Emily Liao Master '01, Destiny Ortega '12 S11 and Manuel Pérez '11 S12, Marv Pollack '73, Ryan Ruskin '90, Marjory Gengler Smith '73 P03, and Nancy Teaff '73 P08. Panels were moderated by Elizabeth Balthrop '01 and Candace Jackson-Akiwumi '00. Entertainment was led by Mary Cait Walthall '08 and Catherine Sharp '18! Special thanks to Carol Obertubbesing '73 for spearheading the event!

A number of our events were free of charge, including Career Networking events, the New Admit Reception, Princeton Prize in Race Relations Awards Ceremony, Summer Picnic, Summer Intern Luncheon, Inter-Ivy Happy Hours, and several precept-style gatherings. *Many thanks go to our*

Princeton Club of Chicago dues-paying members and generous hosts for making this possible!

Our line-up of events was varied and included cultural events, precepts with alumni presenters, monthly Princeton Diversity Discussions, career networking events, arts/cultural events, community service events, a Princeton Women's Network (PWN) gathering, "eating club" dinner gatherings, athletic events (including a Cubs game, and wrestling team gathering), and events in partnership with the Asian American Alumni Association of Princeton (A4P), the Association of Black Princeton Alumni (ABPA), and Ivy+.

We tasted cuisine from around the world, including dim sum at MingHin for our annual Lunar New Year celebration, Korean at HMart in the West Loop (including shopping pointers from Peggy and Yung Lim '87 P23), Mongolian cuisine in conjunction with a special photo travel presentation from Mongolia to Moscow with Lorraine '75 and Randy Barba '75, an "Eating Club" dinner and wine pairing with proprietor and sommelier Matthew Sussman '09, and celebrated Diwali with Indian food at India House. We attended performances, including a dance performance at the Arts Club sponsored by The Princeton Center for Architecture, Urbanism, and Infrastructure (CAUI) with Director Marshall Brown and Olivier Tarpaga, dance lecturer in the Lewis Center for the Arts and director of the Princeton African Music Ensemble; Frankenstein @ the Looking Glass Theater, and were treated to a special tour by Sandy Stuart '72 of his and wife Robin's private photography collection on exhibit at the Art Institute. We explored the art of Igor and Marina with many thanks to Sally Metzler Dunea *97, Director of the Art Collection at the Union League Club, and were treated to Sheila Arora 05's artistic talents with a special "Pop of Orange" showcase of work created during quarantine. We served our community together by participating in a family service event with the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Many, many thanks go to our entire alumni and parent community for participating in this past year's events and activities. Special thanks to our PCC officers, Committee Chairs, and alumni volunteers who hosted, led, and organized events: Brigitte Anderson '02, George P. Apostolides '92, Sheila Arora '05, John Balfe *90, Elizabeth Balthrop '01, Lorraine Barba '75, Randy Barba '75, Hannah Barbosa '98, Robin and Peter Baugher '70, Francesca Block '22, Janice Levy Block Chaddock '84 P22, Traci Burch '02, Irene Burke '16, Sophie Cai *13, Edie Canter '80, Alana Clark '19, Brad Cohen P16 P22, Daniella Cohen '22, Jakee Miller Cohen P16 P22, Azza Cohen '16, Arjun Dube '15, Phyllis Ellin '83, Lisa Esayian '86, Kate '92 and Marin Gjaja '91, Jen Goldman '93 S94 and Peter Goldman '94 S93, Jessica Gonzalez '95, Jonathan Haynes '20, Anna Huang '07, Gigi Johnson P19 P21, Rob Khoury '90, Jenny Korn '96, Shirley Lee '13, Patricia Li '08, Peggy and Yung Bong Lim '87 P23, Christia Mercer *89, Sally Metzler Dunea *97, Lisa Mullaney '99, Carol Obertubbesing '73, Nicole Silva Offutt '00, Charlene Huang Olson '88, Connor Olson '21, Christine O'Neill 06 S05, Nina Onyemeziem '22, Marquis Parker '99, Reggie Ponder '84, Steve Porter '04, Craig Robinson '83, Logan Roth '15, Ryan Ruskin '90, Saumit Sahi '13, Amy Saltzman '05, Harrison Snowden '22, Cheryl Stevens '10, Sandy Stuart '72, Matthew Sussman '09, Amy Beth Treciokas '87, Jason Tyler '93, and Peter Yawitz '80.

For details on our past and future programs, please visit our PCC website: http://www.princetonclubofchicago.org/events.html.

Princeton Women's Networking Group (PWN)

Chairs – Patricia Li '08 and Elizabeth Balthrop '01

Princeton Women's Network (PWN) gathers together alumnae in regional associations around the world. PWN members create communities through grassroots efforts and activities focused on shared interests and issues including social and professional networking; personal and professional development; mentoring of alumnae and students; cultural activities, social events, service projects and friendship.

In 2019-20, PWN hosted an evening of Adventures in Chocolate at Cocoa + Co, which brought a group of Tigers together at an interactive educational event to enjoy unusual flavor combinations and learn about the health benefits of chocolate.

We look forward to even more events in the next year, and are exploring virtual opportunities to connect. If you have any suggestions for potential events or volunteer opportunities, please contact Elizabeth at embalthrop@gmail.com or Patricia at psli@alumni.princeton.edu.

Scholarship Committee

Chair - Gerald D. Skoning '64

This year marks the 107th Anniversary of the Princeton Club of Chicago Scholarship Fund which was founded in 1912, as the first Princeton endowment of its kind in the nation. It is an important part of Princeton's financial aid program and continues to set a sterling example in assisting undergraduates with funding the cost of an outstanding education.

I am pleased to report that scholarships have been awarded this year by the University to outstanding undergraduates from the Chicago area. Hearty congratulations to these fine scholarship recipients for the 2019-2020 academic year:

NAME	CLASS	HIGH SCHOOL / HOMETOWN
Mr. Taylor Kass	2022	Chicago
Ms. Kimberly Lu	2022	Chicago
Mr. Austin Morales-Sanchez	2023	Schaumburg, Illinois
Mr. Cody Mui	2023	Schaumburg, Illinois
Ms. Monica Patino	2022	Chicago
Mr. Jellyxa Rogel	2023	Chicago

The Scholarship Fund's contributions are part of a broader effort to allow the most outstanding candidates to attend Princeton, whatever their circumstances. It also permits Princeton students to benefit from the economic, social and racial diversity so critical to the educational process. Princeton continues to offer admissions to undergraduates solely on the basis of merit. This is due to the continuing support of generous alums and friends of Princeton.

This year the University's undergraduate financial aid budget exceeds \$187 million which represents the 7.2 percent increase approved by the board. The average annual aid package for a member of the Class of 2023 is \$56,550, including a campus job of \$2050. Also, the average aid grant in 2019-20 covered 100 percent of tuition for undergraduates. As a result, 82 percent of Princeton students graduate debt-free (while nationally the average debt for college seniors is \$30,000).

The University reports that the market value of our Princeton Club of Chicago Scholarship fund was \$5,804,828 as of June 30, 2019.

Additionally, the University reports that the total payout to 2019-20 recipients of our scholarships was \$295,286. As a matter of policy, Princeton doesn't release information on the amount of the award for individual scholarship recipient, but the average per student would be close to \$50,000.

On behalf of the Princeton Club of Chicago Scholarship Fund, I would like to thank those who have contributed in the past for your support and to ask you (as well as those who have not contributed before), to give consideration to making a gift this year.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer – Jason White '96

The Princeton Club of Chicago attempts to operate on a breakeven basis each year, supported by dues (including extra support from our generous patrons and benefactors) and event fees. Thanks to our members and event planners, we host a variety of well attended events throughout the year, and we expect to end the current fiscal year in very solid financial shape once again.

Collection of membership dues and event fees are facilitated by the booking and online payment system through the Club's website. Members' dues support the website and event management platform, event mailings, administration of the Club's membership, and selected event subsidies. Each year, the Club also supports Princeton in Chicago Schools (PICS) Scholarship Fund, Princeton Project '55 (Alumni Corps), the Princeton Prize in Race Relations, and Princeton Internships in Civic Service summer interns.

The Club continues to actively raise funds for PICS and supports a number of students in our scholarship program. The Club applies 100% of PICS funds toward scholarships plus mentoring and tutoring support. PICS funds complement the direct participation by alumni in supporting activities at Roosevelt High School.

The PCC Treasury would like to thank Carl Yudell '75 for his continued support of tax filings on behalf of the Club!

Triangle Show Committee Marv Pollack '73

The Princeton Club of Chicago will again host the Princeton Triangle Club in 2021. The show will visit during the week of January 17, a little earlier than in the past due to the newly adopted university final exam schedule.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the organizing committee, please email Marv Pollack '73.

Young Alumni Committee Irene Burke '16

The Princeton Club of Chicago Young Alumni have enjoyed several events together over the past year. Young Alumni events are inclusive, affordable, and accessible via public transportation. I welcome any suggestions you may have for future events! Events held this past year include:

- Stand-up comedy at the House of Blues
- Trap Rabbit concert featuring Logan Roth and Arjun Dube (Class of '15) at Tricycle Chicago in Wicker Park
- Gallery walk in Pilsen and dinner at DeColores
- Holiday Party at the Game Room at the Chicago Athletic Association with the Harvard Club of Chicago
- Beethoven Chamber Program at Symphony Hall featuring Emanuel Ax, Leonidas Kavakos, and Yo-Yo Ma h05 (Princeton Honorary Degree '05) and dinner at Brightwok Kitchen

If you are interested in getting involved, please email Irene Burke at ireneburke310@gmail.com.

Elections/Nominating Committee Chair – Michael Laidlaw '94

According to the Princeton Club of Chicago by-laws, all members of the Leadership Group are elected Directors. Our Directors are elected by the PCC members to three year terms and can be re-nominated upon expiration of their term. The Club's Officers are elected by the Club's Directors.

By electronic vote, the club members of the Princeton Club of Chicago approved the slate of new and existing Directors below:

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For their tireless leadership, support, and Tiger enthusiasm, the Club wishes to thank our retiring Directors: Diana Bonaccorsi '08, Michael Guerrieri '74, Candace Jackson-Akiwumi '00, Patricia Li '08, Whitney Spalding Spencer '07, and Greg Wong '02. Thank you so much for your contributions to the Board, Princeton, and the Chicagoland Princeton Community!

Finally, thanks to all the members of the Nominating Committee for their thoughtful suggestions and support of our Board's nominating process: Janice Block '84, Brian Johnson '99, Robert J. Khoury '90, Michael Laidlaw '94, Charlene Huang Olson '88, Marv Pollack '73, Amy Beth Treciokas '87, and Greg Wong '02. Thank you to all those who contribute to our Club, making it one of the most vibrant Princeton Regional Clubs in the world.

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