



**THE PRINCETON CLUB OF CHICAGO**  
**2017 ANNUAL REPORT**  
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## **PRINCETON CLUB OF CHICAGO**

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### ***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, [www.princetonclubofchicago.org](http://www.princetonclubofchicago.org), 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, 30-Something, Graduate Alumni, Women’s Network, and Parents. We also have a variety of volunteer opportunities within the Chicago community, to 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**

**2017 Annual Report**

Presented at the April 26, 2017 Annual Dinner

**Remarks by Robert J. Khoury '90, President**

Good evening, my name is Robert Khoury and I serve as the President of the Princeton Club of Chicago. Welcome to our Annual Dinner! It is always an extraordinary event for our Club and this year, our 141st, we have nearly 200 alums and guests present.

I'd like to welcome especially our University Trustees Emeriti (Arnie Berlin '46, Rishi Jaitly '04, Brian Johnson '99, Dennis Keller '63, John McCarter, Jr. '60, Bob Murley '72, and John Rogers, Jr. '80). What a privilege and honor to have 7 former University Trustees among us tonight! I also welcome our distinguished speaker Dean Emily Carter, our award recipients Jason Tyler '93 and Chris Olofson '92, and all alumni, parents, spouses, partners and guests. Thank you for being here tonight. Most especially, I'd like to welcome the newly admitted class of 2021 – please stand up and be acknowledged! We are sure glad you accepted our dinner invitation tonight.

We have a full and fun program this evening including our year's accomplishments, acknowledgements, and new Directors to announce.

The mission of the Princeton Club of Chicago is to serve our community, to serve the University and to serve our local alumni. To carry out our mission, we posted on PrincetonClubofChicago.org 48 events since our Annual Dinner on April 14 last year. These events are mostly made possible by the work of a dedicated leadership team, consisting of over 50 volunteers. They make it happen and they do an incredible job! I would like all members of our Leadership group to please stand for applause. Thank you. Our leadership group meets monthly at the offices of Kirkland and Ellis, thanks to Lisa Esayian '86's generosity. Thank you so much Lisa!

The Princeton Club of Chicago had another fantastic year!

Serving our community, once again we volunteered, mentored and ran a scholarship program for graduating students at Roosevelt High School, we assisted with Chicago Scholars in essay writing labs, and we funded scholarships for current Princeton students who qualify for financial aid for the 107th year. We mentored a number of P55 fellows who work in local non-profits and, in coordination with Princeton Internships in Civic Service, we sponsored current Princeton students and provided them with stipends to work in Chicago nonprofits during the summer. I would like to specifically acknowledge the following for their efforts this year in community service (hold your applause till the end): Sandra Bruno '04, Edie Canter '80, Rico Cedro \*84, Sally Metzler-Dunea \*97, Josh Friess \*07, Lauren Goebel '00, Michael Huckman '58, Brian Ing '91, Mallika Kantamneni '13, Donna Keller '82, Mike Laidlaw '94, Patricia Li '08, Bob Loveman '69, Kristine Mighion '86, Mary Newburn '97, Carol Obertubbesing '73, Charlene Huang Olson '88, Destiny Ortega '12, Oren Pollock \*51, Paige Ponder '96, Bruce Rosenberg '69, Ryan Ruskin '90, Marco Salazar '03, Lauren Sykora '11, and Carl Yudell '75. Thank you.

To serve the University, our Alumni Schools Committee (ASC), with 215 alumni volunteers managed to interview 100% of the 902 high school seniors from this region who applied to Princeton! To put this in perspective, if each interview takes 45 minutes and each interview write-up takes 30 minutes, that is over 1,100 hours without counting the coordination, scheduling and travel time involved. Thank you to all of you who volunteered in this quintessentially Princeton tradition. Thank you for your dedication, teamwork and self-less service. Special thanks to our ASC leaders, please hold your applause: Candace Jackson-Akiwumi '00, Rudi Moreno '90, Christine O'Neill '06, Lauren Sykora '11, Rick Woldenberg '81, and Ted Yeh '06. Thank you. Further, we hosted the 12<sup>th</sup> annual local Princeton Prize in Race Relations award ceremony, where

current high school students who have undertaken work to bridge gaps among groups in their schools or communities are selected to win a cash prize and a trip to Princeton for a national symposium. Thanks to Chairs Marquis Parker '99 and Carl Yudell '75 and the entire committee (please hold your applause): Bob Bernat '75, Aaron Bianco '05, Jenny Korn '96, Mike Laidlaw '94, Mary Newburn '97, Charlene Huang Olson '88, Nat Piggee '96, Hanna Rosenthal '15, Michelle Silverthorn '04, Lauren Sykora '11, our event speaker Vanessa Tyson '98 and our generous host Jason Tyler '93 and Northern Trust Bank. Thank you. Lastly in the realm of serving our University, our local Annual Giving efforts supported the University's fundraising. Our region continues to lead the nation in participation thanks to Chris Yarbrough '96 and Mike Laidlaw '94.

And, finally the third part of our mission to serve our alumni!

Through nearly 50 events – that averages almost one a week, where each event has an organizer, a host, a photographer, possibly a guest speaker or a caterer, etc. –many, many people self-lessly give their time. Other than possibly the caterer, each of these people is not paid for their efforts. And, of course they do it anyway. Why? So we can engage local alumni, spouses, partners, parents and friends' minds and spirits. A complete list is in our program and here are just a few events held this past year:

- Together with our ASC leadership team, very recently our Parents' Committee organized our New Admit Reception for the Class of 2021. Thanks to Janice Levy Block '84 P21, Jakee Miller Cohen P16 P21, and Gigi Johnson P19 P21 and our host Peter Baugher '70. The Parents also sponsored the summer picnic at Lakeshore Sport and Fitness, with hundreds of attendees. Special thanks to Liz and Jeff Sharp '80 P14 P18, David and Carol Stone P17, and host Peter Goldman '94 S93 for the annual picnic.
- Staying at Lakeshore, Peter Goldman '94 S93 and John Rogers, Jr. '80 sponsored March Madness' Round 1 game between our Ivy League Undefeated Men's Basketball team and Notre Dame. What a game! (April is national poetry month so getting at least one rhyme in was my aim!)
- Graduate school alumni enjoyed a Summer Italian Soiree in a gorgeous Streeterville home, thanks to hosts George and Sally Metzler-Dunea \*97 and Graduate Alumni Leader John Balfe \*90. Another soiree is in the works, Graduate Alumni, so mark your calendars for July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanks to host Liz Sharp S80 P14 P18, we held a fascinating Tigress Athletics discussion panel at the Women's Athletics Club, featuring super athletes Carol Brown '75 S76 P18, Jen Hoy '13, Cheryl Stevens '10, Megan Bowen '13 and Erin McDermott serving as moderator.
- Through Lindie Wang '14's leadership, the Young Alumni rocked the house with an Ugly Sweater Winter Holiday Party with other Ivies. Lindie also organized a Princeton-Brown zombie escape adventure.
- We held Career Networking events with the Office of Career Services and we held our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Intern Luncheon hosted by DigitasLBi's Doug Ryan '84, thanks to Christina Mahon '08 and Annie Ferlmann '16 for leading those efforts.
- With the Asian American Alumni Association of Princeton (A4P), we shared Dim Sum at Triple Crown Restaurant in Chinatown for Lunar New Year thanks to Greg Wong '02 and we enjoyed an Indian Cooking Class and Diwali celebration thanks to Julia Schwartz '08 and Greg Wong '02.
- Brigitte Anderson '02 led the way with our theater outings including War Paint and, during Black History Month in conjunction with the Association of Black Princeton Alumni (ABPA), Blues For An Alabama Sky at the Court Theatre in Hyde Park. Meanwhile, Charlene Huang Olson '88 made possible perhaps the event of the year when 60 of us enjoyed dinner in the private suite and a sold-out Hamilton performance! Ryan Ruskin '90 made possible meeting one of the actors before the show. Let me just ask: Is this a great club or what?
- So many wonderful events, so many great volunteers including: a Precept on Venture Capital with Jim Cohen '86 and Mark Poag '93, hosted by Matt Peluse '02 at Esulep, a Precept on Wine Appreciation with Todd Hess '85 at H2Vino, a Virtual Reality Precept with Professor Bob Kenyon S\*80 at UIC thanks to John Balfe \*90, a Dinner and Fine Wine Tasting with vintner Larry Tsai '79 at Momotaro, a Precept & OmniMax Movie for the National Park Service 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Phyllis Ellin '83 at the Museum of Science and Industry, and a sold-out (twice!) Precept with Cubs "Moneyball Man" Chris Moore \*10 at Harry Caray's all thanks to Charlene Huang Olson '88.

- In case you missed any of our events including precepts, we have two make-up sessions: mark your calendars, October 27<sup>th</sup>, is our bi-annual Orange and Black Tie Tiger Ball at the London House Hotel with its spectacular views of the river at Wacker and Michigan. October 27<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you are a member and look for announcements, or do what I do by keeping a webpage open to [princetonclubofchicago.org](http://princetonclubofchicago.org) and pressing refresh every 5 minutes all summer because when those tickets go on sale, they GO! Disclaimer: Tiger Ball tickets are limited! Please reach out to Tiger Ball Co-Chair Sally Metzler-Dunea '97 to volunteer. The second make-up session is Princeton Triangle Club! Triangle has a new show. Mark your calendars because they come once every 3 years. They will be in Chicago on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at the Athenaeum Theatre at the corner of Southport and Lincoln Avenue. To volunteer, reach out to Marv Pollack '73.

For their tireless leadership and support, the Club wishes to thank the following recently retired and retiring Officers, Committee Chairs, and Directors (if present, please stand and stay standing when your name is called and please hold your applause till the end): Eric Carty-Fickes '02, Webmaster; John Haarlow '99, Social Media/Listserv; Liz and Jeff Sharp '80 P14 P18 and Carol and David Stone P17 from the Parents Committee; Paige Ponder '96, Community Service; Christina Mahon '08, Networking Careers; Justin Johnson '04, Raja Krishnamoorthi '95, Diana Robinson '12 and Candace Jackson-Akiwumi '00, Alumni Schools Committee Chair. You have devoted significant time as leaders and we are most grateful for everything you've done! Thank you for your service! Everyone please applaud their efforts.

Because of the hard work of the leadership team, all of this is possible and it creates bonds, opportunities, and a future of continued greatness for our community.

Now looking forward, at our May leadership meeting, we will make official our new slate of officers, which includes the following changes (please stand and stay standing, hold your applause): Mike Laidlaw '94, President; Amy Beth Treciokas '87, Vice President; Greg Wong '02, Secretary; Jason White '96, Treasurer with Carl Yudell '75; Christine O'Neill '06, VP Alumni Schools Committee; Brigitte Anderson '02, VP Programs with Charlene Huang Olson '88 and Julia Schwartz '08; Anna Huang '07 and Annie Ferlmann '16, Careers Networking; and Rishi Jaitly '04, VP Technology together with Nick Antoine '12. Everyone please applaud our incoming officers.

And, tonight, the electronic votes are in and our new Directors, whose biographies can be found in your program, begin their terms on July 1. They are, please stand and stay standing when your name is announced and everyone please hold your applause:

- Janice Levy Block '84 P21
- Diana Bonaccorsi '08
- Irene Burke '16
- Jakee Miller Cohen P16 P21
- Annie Ferlmann '16
- Lauren Goebel '00
- Edgar Gonzalez '02
- Mike Guerreri '74
- Ed Hosty '96
- Rishi Jaitly '04
- Gwyneth "Gigi" Lane Johnson P19 P21
- Christine O'Neill '06
- Joe Robinson '04
- Jason White '96

Aren't they amazing? It is safe to say with these new leaders the Club's future is brighter than ever. For next year, we do have a new open position called VP Athletics and you don't have to have been a former Intramural Team Captain to qualify. Please see Mike Laidlaw '94 if you are interested.

To conclude, I would like to thank Mike Laidlaw '94, currently serving as Club Vice President – soon to be President. Thanks to Amy Beth Treciokas '87 for being our Secretary and soon our Club Vice President. Thanks to Carl Yudell '75, who serves as Club Treasurer. Thanks to Nick Antoine '12, who serves as our Technology VP. How about the Electronic Voting? Nick might just take on the 2020 Presidential Election. Thanks to Bob Bernat '75, Shirley Lee '13 and Al Chan '91 for keeping Membership growing. Thanks to Mary Newburn '97, who heads up Nominating. Thanks to Candace Jackson-Akiwumi '00, who chairs our Alumni Schools Committee. Thanks to Carol Obertubbesing '73 for our exceptional Tiger Talk Newsletter. Thanks to Charlene Huang Olson '88 and Julia Schwartz '08, who amaze us with fabulous events connecting us together. And I thank Peter Baugher '70, who leads our Awards Committee and makes tonight extra special.

And a big thanks to our Annual Dinner Co-Chairs, Jess Gonzalez '95 and Cheryl Stevens '10. What a night! Jess and Cheryl, please stand and be acknowledged.

I would also like to thank all the benefactors and patrons of the Club and all the benefactors and sponsors supporting this evening. Absolutely not possible without you!

Thank you to our keynote speaker, Dean Emily Carter. It is our privilege to hear you speak and we are thrilled you are here.

The marvelous experiences I've had with the Princeton Club of Chicago have given me a life I wouldn't have had otherwise. I would like to take a minute and share something personal, going back to 2003. That year my career sputtered and I struggled. My wife Mary and I were at the point of leaving Chicago for St. Louis. I had to find a new job and it wasn't easy. Well, that all changed with one phone call to none other than Peter Baugher '70. "Peter, can you assist me?" "Rob, give me a week." A week later, he called back with 5 business leaders for me to contact. One was Keith Ross '76. Thanks to Keith soon my career flourished once again and I am forever grateful to Peter and Keith. I have endeavored to follow their example giving back by opening doors, hosting events and now serving as Club President. Thank you for the privilege. By the way, on a lighter note, my wife and father-in-law are Yalies! So, moving to St. Louis and all things Bulldog was like a death sentence for this Tiger! Thank you Princeton Club of Chicago!

Though my wife, the love of my life, couldn't make it tonight, her love and support has meant everything. In her place, my date this evening is my classmate and Electrical Engineering lab partner, Eric J. Kaplan '90. He flew up from North Carolina just for the evening. Thank you, Eric! I am grateful that my current business partner, Matt Peluse '02, has supported me day-in and day-out as Club President. Thank you, Matt!

There are incredible highs in life – like the day you get your acceptance letter to Princeton, right 2021? Membership in the Princeton Club of Chicago is another high in life. To be part of an organization where giving back is a longtime tradition is a miracle. Our Princeton community and the Princeton Club of Chicago is only possible because of your devotion, commitment, generosity and love of our diverse Orange and Black oasis in the Midwest and our wonderful outstanding university. It has been an honor to serve.

Enjoy your dinner and our fabulous slideshow. More to come shortly.

## **New Directors of the Princeton Club of Chicago Leadership Group**

*Term beginning July 1, 2017*

### **Janice Levy Block '84 P21**

Janice is the Chief Legal and Human Resources Officer for Kaplan Inc., a global education company owned by Graham Holdings. Janice has been with Kaplan for over 10 years and has practiced law in Chicago for nearly 30 years. A member of Princeton's Class of 1984, Janice also earned a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University and her law degree from Columbia University. Janice is active with the Center for Women in Law and Global Leaders in Law, and serves on the board of directors of the Respiratory Health Association, the Oxford University Center for Buddhist Studies, and numerous Kaplan educational entities in the U.S. and overseas. Janice is married to Ron Chaddock and is the mother of Sara, Alex and Francesca '21. She spends the majority of her free time in ice rinks, enthusiastically watching Ron play hockey and Francesca figure skate, and rooting for the Chicago Blackhawks. Janice is thrilled to now be serving as a Co-Chair of the Parents Association of the Princeton Club of Chicago's School's Committee.

### **Diana Bonaccorsi '08**

Diana Bonaccorsi '08, also known as D.Bo, is currently completing her family medicine residency with a focus on adolescent medicine. While at Princeton, she was a rower for the Women's Lightweight Crew team, social chair of the University Cottage Club and a spinning instructor.

### **Irene Burke '16**

Irene Burke studied Politics with certificates in Spanish Language and Culture and Humanistic Studies. Returning to her hometown Chicago, Irene works in Global Wealth Management at J.P. Morgan. She serves on the Young Professional Board of Deborah's Place and is an avid lover of art, reading, traveling, volunteering, and music. While at Princeton, she served as Vice President of the Princeton University Art Museum Student Advisory Board, a member of the Office of International Programs Student Advisory Board, and a fellow of the Program on Religion, Diplomacy and International Relations. She was a Bridge Year Program volunteer in Peru, a Princeton International Intern in India, participated in the Humanities Sequence research trip in Greece, and presented her thesis in Lisbon, Portugal. She is excited to dive into projects with the Princeton Club of Chicago!

### **Jakee Miller Cohen P16 P21**

Jakee currently serves as a Co-Chair of the Princeton Club of Chicago's Parent Committee. She graduated from Indiana University with degrees in history and political science and Northwestern University School of Law. Jakee served on the Board of Directors of Mount Sinai Hospital and as a Commissioner for the Human Relations Commission for the City of Highland Park. With her husband Brad Cohen, Jakee splits her time living in Highland Park, Illinois and Palmas Del Mar, Puerto Rico. Jakee looks forward to visiting her children, Azza, Jonny and Daniella in their various endeavors around the globe!

### **Annie Ferlmann '16**

Annie Ferlmann is a Research Analyst with Russell Reynolds Associates, specializing in communications and marketing projects within the Consumer sector. She graduated from Princeton in 2016 with a degree in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and was a member of the women's varsity volleyball team, Tiger Inn eating club and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. A native Chicagoan, Annie attended high school at Benet Academy in Lisle.

**Lauren Goebel '00**

Lauren serves as co-chair of the Princeton in Chicago Schools Scholarship Committee and mentor to PICS scholars. She currently is the executive administrator for the Department of Internal Medicine at Rush University Medical Center. While at Princeton, Lauren studied economics, was a Glee Club member, resident adviser, and president of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She holds an MHSAs and MBA from the University of Michigan. She lives in Lincoln Park with her husband and two children.

**Edgar Gonzalez '02**

Edgar Gonzalez is a Managing Director at Nuveen Investments, a leading global investment manager with \$886bn in assets under management. He is a key member of Nuveen's corporate and affiliate development team, evaluating Nuveen's strategic alternatives and assessing acquisition opportunities to support Nuveen's growth objectives. Prior to joining Nuveen in 2015, he was a Vice President in the Investment Banking Division of Goldman Sachs, where he focused on corporate transactions in financial services, focused largely in the commercial banking industry.

He serves on the Emerging Leaders Council of Bottom Line, a Chicago nonprofit that helps low-income, first-generation students get into college, graduate from college, and go far in life. Additionally, he serves on the Leadership Advisory Council for Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, a neighborhood school that provides a Catholic, college preparatory education and professional work experience to students from Spanish speaking families with limited financial means.

He graduated from Princeton University in 2002 and received his MBA with honors from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

**Mike Guerreri '74**

Mike has enjoyed several careers since graduating from Princeton. In his early years, he helped develop the first global meta-operating system for the Arpanet, the precursor to the Internet. Later, he served as Chief Information Officer for Aerial Communications (now a division of T-Mobile), and was an independent floor trader at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade. Mike also owns and manages several Chicago commercial real estate properties. He has been a dedicated volunteer and board member for several nonprofit organizations in Chicago. Mike's Bachelor degrees from Princeton are in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Computer Science from Illinois Institute of Technology, and has completed the Kellogg executive program. Mike lives in Oak Park and is the proud father of two sons.

**Ed Hosty '96**

Ed Hosty is a native Chicagoan who played varsity football and studied economics at Princeton. He lives in Lincoln Park with his wife, Laura, and three sons, EJ, Frankie and Will.

**Rishi Jaity '04**

Rishi Jaity is the CEO of Times Global, the US/international business of the Times Group, India's largest media company. The current investment portfolio of Times Global includes Uber, Airbnb, Coursera, Vice, Huffington Post, Business Insider and other world-class tech and media ventures eager to expand and realize their India/Asia/global opportunity.

Jaity is the former Vice President, Asia Pacific, Middle East and North Africa for Twitter, where he built and led the Twitter teams across Asia Pacific and the Middle East, driving strategic partnerships with the news, government, entertainment, sports, TV industries, and others in the mass/emerging media landscape.

Earlier in his career, Jaitly was the Managing Director of Twitter India, the Head of Public/Private Partnerships for Google India, and a Director of the Knight Foundation and College Summit. He is the co-founder of Michigan Corps, Kiva Detroit/Flint, India Voices, tenpass Inc., the BMe Community & Citizen Millennial. He is a former Trustee of Princeton University, a former Commissioner of Higher Education in New Jersey and a member of the Princeton Technology Advisory Council.

### **Gwyneth ‘Gigi’ Lane Johnson P19 P21**

Gigi is a native Chicagoan who is currently back at her alma mater New Trier High School coaching crew. She graduated from Connecticut College with degrees in Government and Art History. Gigi spent 25 years working in Global Communications and Product Management in her family test instrument business. She is active on the Woman’s Board of the Field Museum, the Board of the Antiquarian Society of the Art Institute and the Woman’s Board of Rush Medical Center. Gigi is married to Jim Johnson and is the mother of Jordan, Hunter ’19 and Lauren ’21. Gigi is excited to be a Co-Chair of the Parents Association of the Princeton Club of Chicago.

### **Christine O’Neill ’06 S05**

Christine serves as the Club’s Vice President for Alumni Schools. The Alumni Schools Committee coordinates the interviews of applicants to Princeton from across northern Illinois, represents Princeton at local college fairs, and welcomes newly admitted students to the local Princeton community. Christine has interviewed applicants in New York, DC, Kentucky, and Chicago since graduating Princeton, and is an Annual Giving volunteer. Christine is an attorney in Chicago.

### **Joe Robinson ’04**

Mr. Robinson is a Vice President in Houlihan Lokey’s Industrials Group, with broad advisory experience across packaging, machining, manufacturing, distribution, and industrial services industries. Prior to business school Mr. Robinson focused on affordable housing finance and non-profit community development work. Mr. Robinson earned a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology and a certificate in African American Studies, and he received the Allen Macy Dulles ’51 Award, as well as the Art Lane ’34 Award. He earned an MBA from Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management in 2012.

Mr. Robinson is an Executive Committee Co-Chair of A Better Chicago’s Impact Council, a venture philanthropy fund focused on improving educational outcomes for Chicago’s children. He lives in Chicago with his wife Natasha ’04, daughter Avery and son Maxwell.

### **Jason White ’96**

By day, Jason is a Director of Asset Management (oversees a portfolio of power plants in New York) for J-Power USA Development Co. The remainder of his time is managed by his wife around the activities of three young children.

## **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

***Alumni Schools Committee (ASC)***  
Vice President – Candace Jackson-Akiwumi '00

Many thanks to the 215 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 2021, 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 902 students from Chicagoland applied to Princeton this year. Our regional chairs are:

- Rudi Moreno '90 – Northwest Suburbs
- Christine O'Neill '06 – City of Chicago
- Rick Woldenberg '81 – Northern Suburbs
- Lauren Sykora '11 – Western Suburbs
- Ted Yeh '06 – Urbana-Champaign/East Central Illinois/South Suburbs/Northwest Illinois

In addition to managing individual interviews, Northwest Suburbs chair Rudi Moreno '90 coordinated a February interview "blitz" in Barrington where 8 volunteers completed 32 interviews in one day. A week later, Western Suburbs chair Lauren Sykora '11 coordinated a February interview "blitz" in Oak Brook where 10 volunteers completed 39 interviews in one day.

The University sent admissions decisions in December (early action round) and at the end of March (regular decision round). The University admitted 46 students to the Class of 2021 from Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. All admitted students, regardless of when they were admitted, have until May 1 to respond to the University's offer of admission.

The University received 31,056 applications from across the world for admission to the Class of 2021. The University offered admission to 1,890 students, or 6.1 percent of these applicants, making this year the University's most selective admission year to date. Last year, the admission rate was 6.46 percent and, the year before, 6.99 percent. The University expects to enroll a freshman class of 1,308 students.

According to the University's press release, the 1,890 admitted students this year hail from 76 countries; 50.5 percent are women and 49.5 percent are men; 53.4 percent self-identify as people of color, including biracial and multiracial students; 63.8 percent attend public schools; 18.9 percent will be the first in their families to attend college; 10.7 percent are children of alumni; 24.1 percent of admitted students expressed wanting to study engineering, and 47.3 percent of those students are women. As many as 35 students are expected to defer their enrollment for a year to participate in Princeton's Bridge Year Program which supports international service work abroad.

To prepare for the interview season, in October 2016, ASC volunteers attended an Admissions Interviewers' Roundtable with Princeton University Admission Officer Kayla McDonald. Ms. McDonald shared updates from campus, perspectives on college admissions, and tips for writing useful interview reports. Former ASC regional chair Peter Barack '65 P99 hosted the roundtable.

In addition to conducting interviews, ASC volunteers spread themselves among the region's many college fairs. In September 2016, ASC Regional Chair Rick Woldenberg '81 P15 and Bob Bernat '75 represented Princeton at the Coast-to-Coast College Tour in Oak Brook with Assistant Director of

Admission Alexandra L. Herrero. In October 2016, Reginald Ponder '84 and Chelsea Mayo '14 represented Princeton at the LINK Unlimited Scholars College Fair in Chicago. Also in October 2016, seven alumni volunteers represented Princeton at the 14th Annual 100 Black Men of Chicago College Scholarship Fair, which draws as many as 5,000 attendees. Those volunteers were Bob Bernat '75, Reginald Ponder '84, Felicity Solomon '94, Aaron Bianco '05, ASC Regional Vice Chair Ted Yeh '06, Destiny Ortega '12, and Beverly Nguyen '16. On the same day in October 2016, Eric Macias '10 and Alfonso Macias '14 represented Princeton alongside Assistant Dean of Admission Cynthia Kovacs at the Chicago Reception for Multicultural Students hosted by Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, and Yale. Finally, in March 2017, Michelle Sherline '90 represented Princeton at the Whitney M. Young Magnet School College Fair in Chicago.

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 2017, the Princeton Club of Chicago hosted approximately 100 alumni, admitted students, and their families at the annual Reception for Newly Admitted Students where we congratulated the admitted students and introduced them to each other and local alumni. We are grateful to our hosts Robin and Peter Baugher '70, and to each of our ASC chairs and Parents Committee chairs (Janice Block '84 P21, Jakee Miller Cohen P16 P21, and Gigi Johnson P19 P21 – all new this year) for helping to organize this reception.

We also look forward to sending off all students headed to Princeton this fall at the Princeton Club summer picnic, coordinated by the Parents Committee with support from ASC leadership. We had a wonderful turnout of incoming freshmen and graduate students, their families, and alumni at the August 2016 picnic at Lakeshore Fitness.

***Annual Giving Committee***  
*Vice President – Chris Yarbrough '96*

In 2015-16, the Chicago area proved once again that it is one of the best Annual Giving regions in the country, raising over \$2.5million of the Princeton Annual Giving Campaign's \$59 million total. The Chicago region's annual giving participation average was 62.0%, above the overall average of 58.4%.

Chicago's excellent performance was the work of a group of dedicated volunteers. Chris Yarbrough '96 and Mike Laidlaw '94 oversaw the campaign. Their thanks go out to everyone who helped, and especially to those who participated in the campaign.

The 2016-17 campaign is shifting into high gear and the Chicago team encourages you to think about giving. Your gifts go to support the University's essential mission - providing young men and women with one of the best educations in the country. Please also consider joining the Chicago AG team, which is always looking for volunteers. Contact Chris Yarbrough '96 ([Christopher.k.yarbrough@gmail.com](mailto:Christopher.k.yarbrough@gmail.com)) for more information. Annual Giving gifts are accepted at [www.princeton.edu/ag](http://www.princeton.edu/ag) or 800-258-5421.

***Careers and Networking Group***  
*Chair – Christina Mahon '08*

The Princeton Chicago Networking Group hosts informal networking events focused around specific industries or career topics of interest. This past year we held a Career & Life Vision Workshop with Pulin Sanghvi, a Career Transitions and Networking Workshop with Princeton's Office of Career

Services, and our 6th annual Summer Internship Luncheon. Other past networking events included topics such as Academia, Technology, Non-Profits, Real Estate, and Entrepreneurship.

The format of networking events is highly conducive for getting to know alumni in a particular field, with each attendee sharing what they are working on and what they hope to get out of the event. Once everyone has spoken, we open up to informal chats in smaller groups or one-on-one conversations. The spirit of these events is openness, sharing and contribution. Our attendance has been anywhere from 15-35 alumni. Events are generally held in the weekday evenings with light snacks and drinks provided.

Special thanks this year goes to Bob Murley '72 S76 P07 P10 h83 for hosting our Career & Life Vision Workshop, Jeff Sharp '80 P14 P18 for hosting our Meet Career Services Event, and to Doug Ryan '84 for hosting our 6th Annual Summer Intern Lunch.

If you are interested in creatively supporting alumni in their networking skills and overall career management, please reach out to the new Chairs of Career Events, Anne Ferlmann '16, [anne.ferlmann@gmail.com](mailto:anne.ferlmann@gmail.com) and Anna Huang '07 [ajh@alumni.princeton.edu](mailto:ajh@alumni.princeton.edu).

***Communications***  
*Vice President – Carol Obertubbesing '73*

The Club newsletter, Tiger Talk, celebrated its 24th year. The Fall and Winter/Spring newsletters provided information about events, members, and committees. Please send articles for the Fall 2017 newsletter to Carol Obertubbesing '73 at [carolober73@gmail.com](mailto:carolober73@gmail.com) by August 15, 2017; the newsletter will cover activities after September 20. Please send all articles in Word, include Princeton class or other Princeton affiliation whenever appropriate, and put "Newsletter" in the subject header. Please send photos for posting to the web to Charlene Huang Olson '88 at [cholson@alumni.princeton.edu](mailto:cholson@alumni.princeton.edu). As we move to more electronic communication, please be sure to sign up for the Princeton-Chicago Discussion Group, sign up for our Facebook page, and check the Club website periodically.

***Princeton-Chicago Online Discussion Group***  
*Chair – Mary Newburn '97*

Our Club's "Princeton-Chicago" online discussion group continues to grow and the group currently has 857 subscribers, up from 799 two years ago. 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](http://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 Website***  
*VP, Technology – Nicholas Antoine '12*

The Princeton Club of Chicago website (<http://www.princetonclubofchicago.org>) had another successful year in 2016 as a platform for planned alumni events, news, donations, membership additions and renewals (please don't forget to renew your membership before it expires!).

Please see photos and bios of Directors at <http://www.princetonclubofchicago.org/officers.html>, a recently added feature. Also, at <http://www.princetonclubofchicago.org/article.html?aid=103> the

Annual Report is available for downloading. The Tiger Talk Newsletter for the past two years is available at <http://www.princetonclubofchicago.org/news.html>. So, check out our website and e-mail me at [nicholas.antoine@alumni.princeton.edu](mailto:nicholas.antoine@alumni.princeton.edu) with any ideas you have for improvement. All ideas welcome.

Also in 2016, website oversight was transitioned from former Club VP Justin Chiles'05 to Nick Antoine '12. The Club thanks Justin for his guidance during the transition process.

***Community Service Committee***

*Co-Chairs – Paige Ponder '96 and Lauren Sykora '11*

The Community Service Committee has planned a number of wonderful events over the years including a day of volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food Depository, and at the Eat-to-Live Sustainable Community Garden in Englewood.

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, [princetonclubofchicago.org](http://princetonclubofchicago.org).

***Distinguished Service Awards Committee***

*Chair - Peter V. Baugher '70*

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 Bob Murley '72, Doug Schmidt '81, Carol Obertubbesing '73, Charlene Huang Olson '88, Mary Newburn '97, Jeffrey Sharp '80, Carl Yudell '75, Michelle Saddler '82, Robert Khoury '90, Nick Jachim '88, Chris Mallett '93, Michael Laidlaw '94, Marquis Parker '99, Ryan Ruskin '90 – and, most of all, to Jason J. Tyler '93, and Christopher E. Olofson '92, for their distinguished service to our community and to our university:

**Jason J. Tyler '93**

Jason Tyler is Head of the Institutional Group at Northern Trust Asset Management and a member of Northern Trust's Operating Group. Jason oversees institutional sales, distribution, client relationship management and advisory services, including the Outsourced Chief Investment Officer (OCIO) and Defined Contribution practices. Prior to this role, Jason was the Head of Corporate Strategy at Northern. In this capacity, he was responsible for the coordination of strategic planning and merger & acquisition activity. Previously, Jason was a Senior Vice President and Director of Research Operations at Ariel Investments and First Vice President and Manager in Corporate Planning at Bank One/American National Bank. Jason is a Director of Multi-Packaging Solutions (NYSE: MPSX) and a past contributor and guest market expert on Bloomberg TV, Bloomberg radio, ABC News, PBS, and Fox Business. Jason earned an MBA from University of Chicago Booth School of Business and an A.B. from Princeton University.

A native of the Southside, Jason has maintained a strong passion for the community, starting from a college internship as a Princeton Project '55 Intern at the Chicago Housing Authority which influenced his Senior Thesis on education reform. Jason's recent efforts include serving as a Director of Advance Illinois, Northwestern Memorial Hospital Foundation, One Million Degrees, and the Joffrey Ballet where he served as Chairman. In addition to serving our Chicagoland community, he has served our Princeton community as well as a member of the Alumni Schools Committee, Princeton Club of Chicago leadership group, and by hosting events, including the Princeton Prize in Race Relations award ceremony.

### **Christopher E. Olofson '92**

Chris began volunteering for Princeton at Annual Giving telethons while still an undergraduate. Most recently, he worked on the Chicago Aspire committee and served as the major gifts chair for his 20th Reunion's Annual Giving campaign. Today, he is the class agent for leadership gifts for his 25th Reunion, serves on the Annual Giving National Committee, and is a member of the University's Capital Leadership Committee. In 2011, he joined the advisory council of the Princeton University Art Museum. The current exhibition, "Revealing Pictures – Photographs from the Christopher E. Olofson Collection," will remain on view until July 2, 2017, and the entirety of Chris's collection will eventually come to Princeton as a gift. This summer, he looks forward to sponsoring another PICS intern in Chicago.

At Princeton, Chris was in Butler College, majored in East Asian Studies, and was a member of the Dial Elm Cannon eating club. After graduation, he continued a program of study in Taiwan on a Fulbright scholarship. Outside of Princeton, Chris is a member of the Photography Committee at the Art Institute of Chicago and serves on the advisory board of the Museum of Contemporary Photography at Columbia College.

Chris founded a software startup in 2015. He and his partner Keith, a professor of political science at Purdue University, live in downtown Chicago.

### ***Membership Committee***

*Chairs – Bob Bernat '75 and Shirley Lee '13*

Our Princeton Club of Chicago (PCC) is one of Princeton's largest and most vibrant alumni groups, with over 400 active alumni members, up over 50 members from this time last year! We anticipate even further growth during 2017 as a result of our newly instituted outreach approach for which we are indebted to Al Chan '91 for his dedicated efforts. 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 one of our "Eating Club" events, volunteered to help high school students edit college application essays, 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, cheered at a Cubs game, took part in professionally-focused get-togethers, as well as socialized and connected with other Princeton alumni in our Chicagoland area. We will continue these programs and events during 2017, and in addition we will again don our orange and black formal wear at our second Chicago Tiger Ball, which was such a tremendous hit in 2015. 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](http://www.princetonclubofchicago.org). We look forward to seeing you at an event, program or volunteer opportunity.

### ***Orange & Black Club***

*Chair – Bob Loveman '69 and Charlene Huang Olson '88*

The Orange & Black Club recognizes those Princetonians in the Chicago area who provide leadership in Annual Giving. Chicago-area alumni donated about \$2.5 million to AG's 2016 campaign, of which the vast majority of dollars (91%, or \$2.27 million) came from Orange & Black donors. Our regional participation rate was 62%. Many thanks to Beth Way from the University's Development office for her assistance.

**Parents' Committee**

*Chairs – Janice Levy Block '84 P21*

*Jakee Miller Cohen P16 P21*

*Gigi Johnson P19 P21*

*Liz Sharp S80 P14 P18 and Jeff Sharp '80, P14, P18, Carol and David Stone P17*

The mission of the Princeton Parents Committee is to provide a friendly welcome to newly admitted students and their parents, answer questions about the move to college and host the August picnic. We try to start off the integration of our newest members into the Princeton Family on the right foot.

The Committee is always looking for additional volunteers to help and it provides a unique opportunity to expand active involvement in our Princeton family. The Committee makes welcome calls to parents in December and April to congratulate them and give updates about upcoming events in Chicago and Princeton. They describe Outdoor Action, Community Action, freshman registration and orientation, tips on moving to Princeton, and Freshman Parents' Weekend in October. They assist with the planning of the New Admit reception in April every year. There is a webpage with helpful information on the Princeton Club of Chicago website: [princetonclubofchicago.org/parents](http://princetonclubofchicago.org/parents).

***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 Chicago. Tutoring in the classroom continues thanks to the wonderful efforts of Bruce Rosenberg '69, and we marked seven years of awarding Princeton Club of Chicago PICS Scholarships to graduating seniors. At Roosevelt's graduation in June 2016, Scholarship Committee representative, Carl Yudell '75, presented two \$5000 scholarships and two \$1000 Special Recognition awards along with framed certificates and two books (one of which was the Princeton pre-read *Whistling Vivaldi* by Claude M. Steele). Since the first scholarships were awarded in 2010, our PICS program has awarded \$98,000, helping to make a 4-year college education accessible for 32 Roosevelt graduates.

This year's \$5000 scholars are Mary Idor & Aimee Rodriguez (U. of IL – Urbana-Champaign), and Ismael Granillo (IIT). \$1000 Special Recognition Award recipients are Katya Borja (UIC) and Yesenia Carrera (U. of IL – Urbana-Champaign). Special congratulations to Shail Shah RHS 2010, from our first class of PICS Scholars, who started medical school in September!

This year we again elected to extend the Special Recognition awards of two students for an additional year. We continue to hold Winter and Summer scholar/mentor dinners and have found them to be a terrific way to connect with the students and for them to reunite with each other. 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. This year, we are awarding more funds than we are adding to our PICS scholarship fund. If you would like to support the program by being a mentor or helping to fund scholarships, please get in touch with Scholarship Committee Chair Charlene Huang Olson '88 at [cholson@alumni.princeton.edu](mailto:cholson@alumni.princeton.edu) or Bob Loveman '69 at [loveman@brfinc.com](mailto:loveman@brfinc.com).

We would like to thank this past year's Scholarship Committee members and mentors: Sandra Bruno '04, Edie Canter '80, Rico Cedro \*84, Josh Friess \*07, Lauren Goebel '00, Michael Huckman '58, Brian Ing '91, Mallika Kantamneni '13, Donna Keller '82, Patricia Li '08, Bob Loveman '69, Sally

Metzler Dunea \*97, Kristine Mighion '86, Mary Newburn '97, Carol Obertubbesing '73, Charlene Huang Olson '88, Oren Pollock \*51, Bruce Rosenberg '69, Ryan Ruskin '90, Marco Salazar '03, and Carl Yudell '75.

***Princeton Prize in Race Relations***  
*Co-Chairs – Marquis Parker '99, Carl Yudell '75*

The Princeton Prize in Race Relations was established by Princeton University in order “to promote harmony, respect, and understanding among people of different races by identifying and recognizing high school age students whose efforts have had a significant, positive effect on race relations in their schools or communities.” Princeton and its alumni recognize that the issue of race relations continues to be one of the most urgent and important challenges facing our country. Princeton has created this program to identify and commend young people who are working to increase understanding and mutual respect among all races.

Through the Princeton Prize, we hope to encourage others to join in these or similar efforts and to undertake initiatives of their own. Last year, the Prize was awarded to Maya Crowe-Barnes, a senior at Evanston Township High School. She received a certificate and a \$1,000 prize. In her keynote speech at the 2016 Princeton Prize award reception, Michelle Silverthorn '04 drew from her expertise on race and gender, research, and life experiences to provide insights on implicit bias and how people can both identify it within themselves and take action to not let it impact their behaviors.

In 2016-2017, the Princeton Prize awards program was available to high school students in 27 geographic regions across the country, including Chicago, and our committee received several strong applications from Chicago-area high school students. The Princeton Club of Chicago has honored Chicago's 2017 Prize recipient Eva Lewis from Walter Payton College Prep High School with a certificate and a \$1,000 prize. The 12th Annual Chicago Princeton Prize in Race Relations Awards Ceremony was held on April 7, 2017 and was hosted by Jason Tyler '93 at the Northern Trust Conference Center. This year's keynote speaker was Vanessa Tyson '98.

On April 27-29, 2017, our local Chicago Princeton Prize winner Eva Lewis will join other Princeton Prize winners, local high school students, Princeton University students, alumni, and faculty for the 10th Annual Princeton Prize Symposium on Race. The Symposium is held at Princeton and is sponsored by the Class of '66. Visit <http://pprize.princeton.edu/symposium> to learn more about the Symposium and view the schedule of events.

Last but not least, thank you to the Princeton Prize in Race Relations Chicago Committee members for their hard work and dedication. Committee members review submitted applications, participate in the selection of the winner, and make recommendations for recognition of applicants other than the winner. The Princeton Prize Committee of Chicago is always interested in new members. If interested, contact Marquis Parker '99 at [marquis.parker@gmail.com](mailto:marquis.parker@gmail.com), Carl Yudell '75 [carl@yudell.net](mailto:carl@yudell.net), or Jenny Korn '96 at [jkorn@alumni.princeton.edu](mailto:jkorn@alumni.princeton.edu).

***Princeton Project 55 Public Interest Program***  
*Maddy Woodle '13, 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 2016-17 year, six fellows were placed with various local public service organizations:

**Ellie Albarran '16**      Carole Robertson Center

**Yoni Kirsch '16**      North Lawndale Employment Network

**Allie Lichterman '16**   Illinois State Board of Education

**Virginia Midkiff '16**   National Equity Fund

**Beverly Nguyen '16**   Sinai Community Institute

**Aisha Oxley '16**      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 **Ellie Albarran '16, Rebecca Deaton '91, Kirsten Ekdahl Hull '99, Chelsea Mayo '14, Virginia Midkiff '16, Beverly Nguyen '16, Hannah Rosenthal '15, Whitney Spalding Spencer '07, Lindsay Wall '02, Latalia White '13, and Maddy Woodle '13.**

A big "thank you" also goes out to the alumni who have volunteered as mentors this year: **Kristina Ali '14, Sherry Holland & Tom Allison '66, Vince Anderson '65, Alex Baptiste '13, Michael Collins '11, Tracie Dobie '07, Peter Freeman '66, Felix Huang '07, Kirsten Ekdahl Hull '99, Candace Jackson-Akiwumi '00, Emile Karafiol '55, Bill Lawlor '56, Stacy McAuliffe '98, Carol Obertubessing '73, Marquis Parker '99, Whitney Spalding Spencer '07, Amy Beth Treciokas '87, Latalia White '13, and Maddy Woodle '13.**

Looking ahead to the 2017-18 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 Whitney Spalding Spencer '07 at [wspaldingspencer@gmail.com](mailto:wspaldingspencer@gmail.com) or Maddy Woodle '13 at [madeleinewoodle@gmail.com](mailto:madeleinewoodle@gmail.com).**

***Programs Committee***  
*VP Programs – Charlene Huang Olson '88, Julia Schwartz '08*

Since our last Annual Dinner, the Princeton Club of Chicago has hosted 48 events! A number of them were free of charge including Career Networking events, the New Admit Reception, Princeton Prize in Race Relations Awards Ceremony, Grad Alum Soiree, Summer Picnic, Alumni Schools Committee Roundtable, Volunteer Gathering, and Summer Intern Luncheon. 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, Princeton Club Diversity gatherings, networking events, community service events, and athletic events (including Cubs games in Chicago and Milwaukee, a watch party for the men's basketball team's NCAA tournament game), and a panel on Women in Athletics. We had many well-attended Young Alumni events, including a holiday party and an escape-the-room adventure. Partnering was a key element to our success, as we planned joint events with multiple universities (including the Princeton Club of Wisconsin, the Brown Alumni Association of Chicagoland, Stanford GSB Alumni Chapter of Chicago, University of Chicago's Stevanovich Institute) and with PWN (Princeton Women's Network), Asian American Alumni Association (A4P), and Association of Black Princeton Alumni (ABPA). We were also supported by the Association of Latino Princeton Alumni (ALPA), the Union League, and the Chicago Network.

We were proud to host and promote events featuring both in-town and visiting alumni, as well as members of the University's faculty and staff, including politics professor Vanessa Tyson '98, Career Services Director Pulin Sanghvi, Princeton Admission officer Kayla McDonald, Olympic bronze medalist Carol Brown '75; professional soccer player Jen Hoy '13; Princeton basketball alumnae Cheryl Stevens '10 and Megan Bowen '13, former Princeton Deputy Director of Athletics Erin McDermott, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army General Mark A. Milley '80, classics professor Shadi Bartsch-Zimmer '87, sociology professor Mitchell Duneier, Trunk Club founder Brian Spaly '99, wine producer Larry Tsai '79 of Moone-Tsai Wines, President of Ariel Investments Mellody Hobson '91, and Dean of the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University Sally Blount '83 P12 P14.

We hosted enlightening precepts on topics including: Revolutionary Stem Cell Treatments (Chadwick Prodromos MD '75); Venture Capital and Princeton Startups (Jim Cohen '86 and Mark Poag '93); National Park Service 100th Anniversary (Phyllis Ellin '83); Cubs "Moneyball Man" (Chris Moore '10); Virtual Reality (Professor Bob Kenyon S\*80); and Wine Appreciation (Todd Hess '85).

We tasted cuisine from around the world, including Indian at Naveen's Cuisine, dim sum at Triple Crown, and Japanese at Momotaro. We attended performances, including "Hamilton" at the PrivateBank Theatre, "Blues for an Alabama Sky" at the Court Theatre, and "War Paint" at the Goodman Theatre. We participated in community service events, including events with Connections for Abused Women and their Children, the Eat to Live (E2L) Englewood Learning Garden, and the 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, sponsored, and organized events: Brigitte Anderson '02, John Balfe \*90, Elizabeth Balthrop'01, Peter Barack '65 P99, Hannah Barbosa '98, Shadi Bartsch-Zimmer '87, Peter Baugher '70, Eric Berg '01 (PC of Wisconsin), Bob Bernat '75, Janice Block '84 P21, Sally Blount '83, Linda Boachie-Ansah '02, Megan Bowen '13, Carol Brown '75 S76 P18, Macol Stewart Cerda '90, Jim Cohen '86, Jakee Miller Cohen P16 P21, Rick DeLeon '86, Professor Mitchell Duneier, Phyllis Ellin '83, Lisa Esayian '86, Peter Goldman '94 S93, Juan Jose Gonzalez '06, Todd Hess '85, Mellody Hobson '91, Jen Hoy '13, Anna Huang '07, Candace Jackson-Akiwumi '00, Gigi Johnson P19 P21, Bob Kenyon S\*80, Rob Khoury '90, Jenny Korn '96, Shirley Lee '13, Patricia Li '08, Bob Loveman '69, Christina Mahon '08, Chelsea Mayo '04, Eric McDermott, Kayla McDonald, Sally Metzler Dunea \*97, General Mark A. Milley '80, Chris Moore \*10, Bob Murley '72 S76 P07 P10 h83, Mary Newburn '97, Carol Obertubbesing '73, Charlene Huang Olson '88 P19 P20, Marquis Parker '99, Linda Paternostro P20 P20, Mark Poag '93, Paige Ponder '96, Reginald Ponder '84, Dr. Chad Prodromos '75, Joe Robinson '04, John Rogers '80, Ryan Ruskin '90, Doug Ryan '84, Chef Naveen Sachar, Pulin Sanghvi, Julia Schwartz '08, Liz & Jeff Sharp '80 P14 P18, Michelle Silverthorn '04, Brian Spaly '99, Cheryl Stevens '10, Carol & David Stone P17, Matt Sussman '08, Lauren Sykora '11, Larry Tsai '79, Jason Tyler '93, Vanessa Tyson '98, Lindie Wang '14, Greg Wong '02, Jay Xu '15 (Brown), and Carl Yudell '75.

For details on our past and future programs, please visit our PCC website: [princetonclubofchicago.org](http://princetonclubofchicago.org).

***Princeton Women's Networking Group (PWN)***  
*Chairs – Patricia Li '08 & Elizabeth Balthrop '01*

This year the Princeton Club of Chicago organized three events co-hosted by the Princeton Women's Network (PWN). The first was a luncheon last April in partnership with The Chicago Network's Women in the Forefront Luncheon. The event featured President of Ariel Investments, Mellody Hobson '91, in conversation with Sally Blount '83 P12 P14, Dean of Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.

The second event was a panel discussion with Olympic bronze medalist, Carol Brown '75; professional soccer player, Jen Hoy '13; and Princeton basketball alumnae Cheryl Stevens '10 and Megan Bowen '13. Erin McDermott, current Director of Athletics at the University of Chicago and former Deputy Director of Athletics at Princeton, served as moderator. Our athletes shared their stories about the road to Princeton, the Olympics, and Beyond! It was a lovely event at the Women's Athletic Club with much appreciated support from Liz Sharp S80 P14 P18.

The third event occurred in December and was part of a nationwide PWN month of service effort to encourage alumnae to serve their respective communities. Our Chicagoland women gathered at the home of Patricia Li '08 to prepare care packages to benefit CAWC – Connections for Abused Women and their Children.

**Scholarship Committee**  
Chair - Gerald D. Skoning '64

This year marks the 105<sup>th</sup> 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.

Since 1988, the Princeton Club of Chicago Scholarship Fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2 million. I am pleased to report that scholarships have been awarded this year by the University to seven outstanding undergraduates from the Chicago area. Hearty congratulations to these fine scholarship recipients for the 2016-2017 academic year. This year's seven recipients are:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL / HOMETOWN</b>
<b>Ms. Marilyn Bruno</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Northside College Preparatory H.S. / Chicago, IL</b>
<b>Mr. Riley J. DeMoss</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>St. Charles High School / St. Charles, IL</b>
<b>Ms. Marti Hale</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Northside College Preparatory H.S. / Chicago, IL</b>
<b>Mr. Kirk G. Magnum</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Urban Prep Bronzeville H.S. / Chicago, IL</b>
<b>Mr. Alexander B. Paternostro</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Evanston Township H.S. / Evanston, IL</b>
<b>Mr. Seth Q. Paternostro</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Evanston Township H.S. / Evanston, IL</b>
<b>Mr. Justin H. Yim</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Vernon Hills H.S. / Mundelein, IL</b>

Princeton's Recording Secretary, H. Kirk Unruh, Jr. '70, reports that the university expects to award \$147 M in need-based financial aid to roughly 60% of the undergraduates, or 3,100 students. The average financial aid package is \$50,240, made up of \$48,000 in grant aid and \$2,240 from a campus job. Approximately 82% of the awards will come from endowed Princeton scholarships like our Chicago scholarship fund. Assuming our recipients each received the average package, that totals \$351,680 in financial aid, 82% (\$288,378) of which was contributed from our scholarship fund.

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, and 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.

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 – Carl Yudell '75*

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. We expect to end this fiscal year in good financial shape. Thanks to our members and event planners we host a variety of well-attended events, including the inaugural Tiger Ball this year. Our event booking and online payment system at the Club's web site was recently upgraded to accommodate mobile devices, further facilitating membership renewal and event registration.

Members' dues support the newsletter, event mailings, administration of the Club's membership, and selected event subsidies. Each year, the Club also supports Princeton in Chicago Schools (PICS), the Scholarship Fund, Princeton Project '55 (Alumni Corps), and the Princeton Prize in Race Relations.

The Club continues to raise funds for PICS. We support several students in our scholarship program. In addition, we have funded Princeton in Civic Service summer interns. The Club is applying 100% of PICS funds toward scholarships plus mentoring and tutoring support. PICS funds complement direct participation by alumni in supporting activities at the school.

The Club would like to especially thank Al Chan '91 for his many hours of hard work and for his dedication on behalf of the PCC! His efforts are exemplary.

***Triangle Committee***  
*Marvin Pollack '73*

The Triangle Committee is proud to announce that the Princeton Triangle Club will be returning to Chicago on their 2018 Tour. They will perform their new fall 2017 show in Chicago on **Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at the Athenaeum Theatre** at the corner of Southport and Lincoln. Please save the date and join us for a great show and the chance to spend some quality time with your Princeton friends.

Watch your mail and email for ticket and sponsorship information. This event depends heavily on the generosity of our benefactors who underwrite most of the cost of the evening. If you have supported us in the past, we are grateful and humbly request that you do so again this year. If you haven't been a benefactor before, please consider doing so this year. The benefits--both tangible and intangible--are many.

In the fall, we will be recruiting a committee to help with housing the cast and crew, catering, front of house, technical, decorating, sponsorship, and box office activities. Watch for details.

Also, if you are interested in volunteering for Triangle this year, please email Marv directly at [marv.pollack@gmail.com](mailto:marv.pollack@gmail.com). Thank you.

***Young Alumni Committee***  
*Chair – Lindie Wang '14*

The Young Alumni Group enjoyed many events this year, often with more than just “young” alumni, and sometimes with other alumni groups. We welcome any suggestions you may have for future events. Looking forward to another year with the Young Alumni Group!

Events held this past year included:

- Zombie room escape at Room Escape Adventures with Brown alumni
- Happy hour at Kasey's
- Winter holiday party at LOEWS Hotel Residences with over 13 other schools' alumni
- Potential dog walking event in the spring/summer

If you are interested in getting involved, please email Lindie at [lindie.wang@gmail.com](mailto:lindie.wang@gmail.com).

***Elections/Nominating Committee***  
*Chair – Mary Newburn '97*

At last year's Annual Dinner, the Princeton Club undertook efforts to update its by-laws, and the resulting changes impacted our process for nominating candidates to the Princeton Club of Chicago Board of Directors.

In this new process, all members of the Leadership Group are now elected Directors. Directors are elected for three year terms, and can be re-nominated upon expiration of their term. There is no change to the process for electing officers. Officers are elected by Directors.

Tonight, we have a slate of existing Directors to re-nominate, and a group of new Directors to approve. Finally, every two years, Directors elect new club Officers, and the Officer slate is listed for review.

Existing leadership team members who have been re-approved as Directors are:

**For terms expiring in 2020:**

Bob Bernat '75  
Anna Huang '07  
David Kay '95  
Robert Khoury '90  
Mike Laidlaw '94  
Lisa Mullaney '99  
Mary Newburn '97  
Marquis Parker '99  
Ryan Ruskin '90  
Whitney Spalding Spencer '05  
Cheryl Stevens '10  
Lauren Sykora '11  
Amy Beth Treciokas '87  
Carl Yudell '75

The following new Directors are:

**Terms expiring in 2018**

Edgar Gonzalez '02  
Ed Hosty '96  
Joe Robinson '04

**Terms expiring in 2019**

Janice Block '84 P21  
Jakee Miller Cohen P16 P21  
Gigi Johnson P19 P21  
Jason White '96

**Terms expiring in 2020**

Diana Bonaccorsi '08  
Irene Burke '16  
Anne Ferlmann '16  
Lauren Goebel '00  
Mike Guerrieri '74  
Rishi Jaitly '04  
Christine O'Neill '06

Every two years, the Club officers are elected by Directors. For terms expiring in 2019, the following Directors will be nominated by the Board of Directors at the Board's May meeting:

Mike Laidlaw '94 as President  
Amy Beth Treciokas '87 as Executive Vice President  
Greg Wong '02 as Secretary  
Jason White '96 as Co-Treasurer  
Carl Yudell '75 as Co-Treasurer  
Christine O'Neill '06 as Vice President of Alumni Schools Committee  
Bridgitte Anderson '02 as Vice President of Programs  
Charlene Huang Olson '88 as Vice President of Programs  
Julia Schwartz '08 as Vice President of Programs  
Eric Macey '73 as Co-Counsel  
David Stone P17 as Co-Counsel  
Chris Yarbrough '95 as Vice President of Alumni Giving  
Carol Obertubbesing '73 as Vice President of Communications  
John Balfe \*90 as Vice President of Graduate Alumni  
Anne Ferlmann '16 Vice President of Networking and Careers  
Anna Huang '07 as Vice President of Networking and Careers  
Nick Antoine '12 as Vice President of Technology  
Rishi Jaitly '04 as Vice President of Technology

For their tireless leadership and support, the Club wishes to thank retiring Officers and Directors. First and foremost, thank you to Robert Khoury '90 for his dedicated service as President of the Princeton Club for the last two years. His positive energy, desire for inclusiveness, and innovation in the realm of technology leaves the Club in a stronger position. Retiring directors include: Eric Carty-Fickes '02, John Haarlow '99, Justin Johnson '04, Raja Krishnamoorthi '95, Paige Ponder '96, Diana Robinson '12, and Liz and Jeff Sharp '80 P14 P18. Eric, John, Justin, Raja, Paige, Diana, Liz and Jeff devoted significant time to the Club and we are most grateful for their many efforts on the Club's behalf!

Finally, I would like to thank the other members of the Nominating Committee for their thoughtfulness and dedication to the nominating process: Bob Bernat '75, Brian Johnson '99, Robert J. Khoury '90, Michael Laidlaw '94, Charlene Huang Olson '88, Nat Piggee '96, Ryan Ruskin '90, Marco Salazar '03, Amy Beth Treciokas '87, and Greg Wong '02. An enormous thank you to all those who serve our Club as Directors and Officers, and whose efforts make our Club one of the most vibrant in the world. A warm welcome to those joining us for the first time in 2017-2018. We really look forward to working with all of you. If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities with the Princeton Club of Chicago, please contact Robert Khoury '90 at [Robert\\_Khoury@hotmail.com](mailto:Robert_Khoury@hotmail.com).

## PRINCETON CLUB OF CHICAGO - LEADERSHIP POSITIONS 2016-2017

### **President**

Robert J. Khoury '90

### **Executive Vice President**

Michael D. Laidlaw '94

### **Treasurer**

Carl Yudell '75

### **Secretary**

Amy Beth Treciokas '87

### **Counsels**

Eric N. Macey '73  
David Stone P17

### **VICE PRESIDENTS**

**Annual Giving**  
Chris Yarbrough '96

**Careers/Networking**  
Christina Mahon '08

**Communications**  
Carol Obertubbesing '73

**Graduate Alumni**  
John Balfe \*90

**Programs**  
Charlene Huang Olson '88  
Julia Schwartz '08

**Schools (ASC)**  
Candace Jackson-Akiwumi '00

**Technology**  
Nick Antoine '12

### **DIRECTORS**

Brigitte Anderson '02  
Elizabeth Balthrop '01  
Stephen Ban '84  
Aaron Bianco '05  
Megan Bowen '12  
Al Chan '91

Anna Huang '07

Nick Jachim '88

David Kay '95

Raja Krishnamorthi '95

Kristine L. Mighion '86

Diana Robinson '12

Destiny Ortega '12

Douglas M. Schmidt '81

Michelle Silverthorn '04

### *EX OFFICIO MEMBERS*

#### **Trustees**

  Azza Cohen '16

  C. James Yeh '87

#### **Trustees Emeriti**

  Arnold M. Berlin '46

  Wilbur H. Gantz '59

  Mellody L. Hobson '91

  Rishi Jaithly '04

  Dennis J. Keller '63

  Brian Johnson '99

  John W. McCarter, Jr. '60

  Robert S. Murley '72

  John W. Rogers, Jr. '80

  Mark Siegler '63

  Robert D. Stuart, Jr. '37

  Daniel R. Toll '49

#### **Past President**

  Mary Newburn '97

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **Annual Dinner**

  Jessica L. Gonzalez '95

  Cheryl Stevens '10

#### **Community Service**

  Paige Ponder '96

  Lauren Sykora '11

#### **Distinguished Service Awards**

  Peter Baugher '70

#### **Ivy/Seven Sisters Liaison**

  Ryan Ruskin '90

#### **Membership**

  Bob Bernat '75

  Shirley Lee '13

#### **Nominating Committee**

  Mary Newburn '97

#### **Orange and Black Club**

  Robert B. Loveman '69

  Charlene Huang Olson '88

### **Parents Committee**

Liz and Jeff Sharp '80 P14 P18

David and Carol Stone P17

### **Princeton in Chicago Schools (PICS)**

Bruce Rosenberg '69

### **Princeton Prize in Race Relations**

Marquis Parker '99

Carl Yudell '75

### **Scholarship**

Gerald D. Skoning '64

### **30-Something Group**

Justin Johnson '04

### **Social Media/Listserv**

John Haarlow '99

### **Triangle**

Marvin Pollack '73

### **Web Master**

Eric M. Carty-Fickes '02

### **Family Events**

Lisa Mullaney '99

### **Women's Network (PWN)**

Elizabeth M. Balthrop '01

Patricia Li '08

### **Young Alumni**

Lindie Wang '14

## **LEADERSHIP GROUP** **LIAISONS**

### **Association of Asian-American Alumni (A4P)**

Gregory S. Wong '02

### **Association of Black Princeton Alumni (ABPA)**

Nat Piggee '96

### **Association of Latino Princeton Alumni (ALPA)**

Marco Salazar '03

### **Bisexual, Transgender, Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association (BTGALA)**

Brian Johnson '99

### **Princeton Project**

### **55/AlumniCorps**

Whitney Spalding Spencer '07

## **PRINCETON CLUB OF CHICAGO – Club Benefactors and Patrons**

### **Benefactors:**

Elizabeth Balthrop '01  
Stephen Ban '84  
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Janice Block '84  
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Rishi Jaitly '04  
Emile Karafiol '55  
David Kay '95  
Robert J. Khoury '90  
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Nat Piggee '96  
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Harrison Steans '57  
Jason Tyler '93  
C. James Yeh '87  
Carl Yudell '75

### **Patrons:**

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Lorraine and Randy Barba '75  
Mark Baskin '70  
Ellenna '05 and Jonathan Berger '05  
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Pamela Bless '87  
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Albert Chan '91  
Kelsey Diao '05  
Wilbur Gantz , III '59  
Rodney Goldstein '74  
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Michael Huckman '58  
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Dennis Keller '63  
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John McCarter '60  
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Elliott Otis '57  
Monique Parsons '88  
James Peters '49  
Paige Ponder '96  
Sarah B. Richter  
Natasha and Joseph Robinson '04  
Lainie '82 and John Ross '83 P16  
Ryan Ruskin '90  
Gerald Skoning '64  
Thomas Souleles '90  
Amy Treciokas '87  
David Waud '69

**Thank you for your support!!**