

ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023

PRINCETON CLUB OF CHICAGO

2022 – 2023 Year in Review

Service to the PCC Community

Hosted nearly 45 events throughout the year with over 1,000 attendees!
Highlights include:

- Two watch parties for the NCAA Men's Basketball Playoffs
- Princeton Triangle Show performance
- Monthly Diversity Discussions
- Lunar New Year Dim Sum
- Princeton Women's Network Texas Hold 'Em
- Young Alumni Happy Hour
- Pride Month Theater Outing
- Black Holes, The Doomsday Clock, and other Weighty Matters lecture







Service to Princeton

Interviewed 747 applicants to Princeton.

Hosted a Summer Picnic to send off the Class of 2026.

Hosted a New Admit Reception to inspire potential members of the Class of 2027 to join the Princeton community.

Service to Chicagoland

Sponsored two Princeton students to serve as summer interns to Chicagoland non-profits through the Princeton Internships in Civic Service program.

Coordinated a Spring 2023 Community Service event with the Greater Chicago Food Depository.



PRINCETON CLUB OF CHICAGO

PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

Revenues		
Interest	*$ 19*	
Dues	*$ 19,495*	
Event Tickets	*$ 35,925*	
Club Donations	*$ -*	
Community Service Donations	*$ 1,026*	
TOTAL Revenues		**$ 56,465**
Expenses		
Administrative Expenses	*$ 9,630*	
Programmatic/Event Expenses	*$ 35,294*	
Scholarships/Internships	*$ 19,375*	
TOTAL Expenses		**$ 64,299**
Change in Net Assets (2021-2022)		***$ (7,834)***
Beginning Cash Balance	***$ 124,813***	
Change in Net Assets	*$ (7,834)*	
Ending Cash Balance	***$ 116,979***	

PRINCETON CLUB OF CHICAGO

2022 – 2023 LEADERSHIP GROUP

Brigitte Anderson '02
Sheila Arora '05
Stephen Avsec '06
John Balfe *90
Elizabeth Balthrop '01
Stephen Ban '84 S88 P23
Peter Baugher '70
Bob Bernat '75
Janice Block Chaddock '84 P22
Ben Bornstein '92
Irene Burke '16
Jakee Cohen P16 P22
John Comfort '12
Lisa Distelheim Barron '84
Tim Dondanville '13
Sarah Faris '04 S04
Jessica Gonzalez '95
Udai Gupta *75 *78
Dani Houchin '90
Anna Huang '07
Kirsten Ekdahl Hull '99
Dana Iverson '22
Brian C. Johnson '99
Robert J. Khoury '90
Mike Laidlaw '94
Yeri Lee '15 S13
Yung Bong Lim '87 P23 P25
Bob Loveman '69
Lisa Mullaney '99
Carol Obertubbesing '73
Charlene Huang Olson '88 P19 P21
Christine O'Neill '06 S05
Marquis Parker '99 S02
Briana Payton '17
Rebecca Peigh '15
Renee Perez '91
Nat Piggee '96
Marvin Pollack '73 P25
Reginald Ponder '84
Ronnie Raviv '95
Emily Robinson '02
Joe Robinson '04
Bruce Rosenberg '69
Ryan Ruskin '90
Doug Schmidt '81
Gerald Skoning '64
Morgan Smith '21 h02
Cheryl Stevens '10
Louis Tambellini '18
Amy Beth Treciokas '87
Haley White '12
Jason White '96
Carl Yudell '75

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Alumni Schools Committee (ASC)
Christine O'Neill '06 S05

Many thanks to the 170 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 2027. This year, we returned to in-person interviews in many circumstances, keeping virtual as an option.

This work would not be possible without our dedicated, diligent regional chairs who organized the effort to interview each of the 747 students from Chicagoland who applied to Princeton this year. Our regional chairs are:

- Rudi Moreno '90 – Northwest Suburbs
- Patricia Li '08 – City of Chicago
- Rick Woldenberg '81 – Northern Suburbs
- Michael Manning '17 – Western Suburbs
- Christine O'Neill '06 S05 – Urbana-Champaign/East Central Illinois/South Suburbs/Northwest Illinois

The University sent admissions decisions in December (Early Action round) and at the end of March (Regular Decision round).

Every April, it is time to welcome newly admitted students to the local Princeton community. In April 2023, the Alumni Schools Committee, Parents Committee, and the Princeton Club of Chicago hosted alumni, admitted students, and their families at an in-person reception for newly admitted students.

Asian American Alumni Association of Princeton (A4P)
Yeri Lee '15 S13

The Asian American Alumni Association of Princeton (A4P) continues to develop programming supporting Princeton students and alumni in advancing Asian American and Asian interests and issues. The Year of the Tiger was a special year for the A4P and Princeton communities. In-person gatherings for Lunar New Year, Reunions, and Diwali returned in 2022, and students and alumni explored Asian cuisine in the Princeton area together. Virtual events promoted civic engagement, with topics such as disinformation and democracy, and bystander intervention training. The Recent Alumni Committee organized a panel discussion featuring accomplished alumni in law, medicine, tech, and journalism, and a conversation around the Great Resignation and alumni stories on career changes. For more information about A4P, please visit our website (a4p.tigernet2.princeton.edu).

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

The mission of ABPA is to strengthen the relationships among Black Princeton Alumni and with the broader Princeton University Community by providing content, access to resources, and opportunities that allow for deeper connection and engagement. This year, our primary activity was co-sponsoring Princeton Diversity Discussions in Chicago and elsewhere.

Association of Latino Princeton Alumni (ALPA)
Jessica Gonzalez '95

This past year, ALPA has been working on strengthening ALPA's regional presence around the country. Regional event planning has been one of ALPA's key initiatives, to help build community and create and sustain impactful connections among ALPA members and with members of the broader Princeton community. In addition to reaching out to individual ALPA members who have an interest in planning events in their communities, ALPA has been actively engaged in collaborating with Princeton regional associations and other affinity groups. While events in Chicago recently have been limited, ALPA hopes to change that in 2023 and looks forward to collaborating with the PCC on future events!

ALPA's Race and Equity Committee continues to lead on promoting racial and gender equity and inclusion in the broader Princeton University community by continuing to host the Princeton Diversity Discussions. The Committee also engages and inspires people to pursue racial equity and social justice by organizing conversations on topics of interest to the Latina/o/x/e community. It recently hosted a well-attended book discussion on Racial Innocence: Unmasking Latino Anti-Black Bias and the Struggle for Equality, by Tanya Katerí Hernández, a revelatory work on the existence, persistence, and continuing harmful impact of anti-black bias in the Latina/o/x/e community.

During Reunions last year, ALPA sponsored several events on campus: a Lifetime Tiger wine tasting; the annual member reception at Chancellor Green; a musical performance by the Texas-based artist El Dusty; a *Cafecito* gathering for alumni and students; and a digital storytelling "pop-up" studio organized by ALPA's "Recuerdos" team to record 12 alumni interviews. ALPA was also pleased to help finance the return of young Latina/o/x/e alumni with limited resources to campus for Reunions and hopes to do the same in the future.

Career Networking Committee
Anna Huang '07 and Robert J. Khoury '90

The Princeton Club of Chicago Career Networking Committee hosts discussions and informal networking events around specific industries and career topics. Given the (continued) unique circumstances of our time, we organize a variety of hybrid speaker events and networking sessions in the spirit of openness, sharing, and contribution.

We held our 12th annual summer internship luncheon for current Princeton students, alumni, and parents as our first hybrid in-person and virtual event. Attendees shared their backgrounds and what they hoped to get out of the event, e.g., job opportunities and opportunity to mentor students. At least one student has confirmed a successful internship placement to date, thanks to this event! Thank you to Al Chan '91, who generously provided each student with a copy of Robert J. Khoury's '90 book: *How to Intern Successfully: Insights & Actions to Optimize Your Experience*.

We hosted the Summer City Connections Chicago: Student Panel & Networking Reception last June. Given its success, we plan to partner again with Princeton's Center for Career Development, Princeton Internships in Civic Service, and PCC's Young Alumni Committee to host a similar event this summer. We will open this event to all students, interns, and alumni of any stage in their career who are in Chicago this summer to create more in-person opportunities.

Thanks to all the alumni who helped organize and attended our events. If you are interested in supporting alumni and current students in their networking skills and career management, please reach out to Anna Huang ’07 (ajh@alumni.princeton.edu) and Robert J. Khoury ’90 (robert_khoury@hotmail.com).

Community Service Committee

Joe Robinson ’04, Cheryl Stevens ’10, and Louis Tambellini ’18

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).

Distinguished Service Awards Committee

Marquis Parker ’99 S02 and Haley White ’12

Once again, your Awards Committee takes great pleasure in naming two outstanding honorees. We would also like to thank this year’s Committee members for their kind and thoughtful assistance.

Jenny Korn ’96, John Fish ’55 Distinguished Service to the Community Award

Jenny is a feminist activist of color for social justice and scholar of race and gender in mass media and online communication. Her home base is the University of Illinois at Chicago, but she is also the founding coordinator of the Race+Tech+Media Working Group at Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University. An award-winning author with numerous publications, she has given 100+ talks at invited keynote presentations, university guest lectures, interactive community education, and refereed conference presentations.

Jenny's academic work focuses on diversity, and her service activities for both Princeton alumni and the community at large are similarly targeted. She has touched multiple communities, offered insights, and established several forums to explore diversity, but her most notable community service activity has been the Princeton Diversity Discussions series of events. Originally launched in 2014 as monthly in-person events here in Chicago with only Princeton alumni participants, it provides a place for people from a range of backgrounds, ideologies, political leanings, etc. to come together and engage in open discussion about often dicey issues, like race, gender, sexual orientation, laws, and public policy. Over the past nine years, Princeton Diversity Discussions has expanded to include both Princetonians and non-Princetonians and has engaged with thousands of people around the world through virtual events organized through 40+ clubs, associations, and classes related to Princeton and 10+ organizations related to Harvard. Through this work, Jenny has impacted hearts and minds, and, more importantly, has shown that diversity is a concept that all people need to understand, explore, and promote.

Stephen Ban ’84 S88 P23, Arnold M. Berlin ’46 Distinguished Service to Princeton Award

Stephen is the Founder of Green Cat Advisors, LLC, where he consults to mission-driven organizations with a focus on ESG and the greater good. Prior to that, he had a distinguished business career focused on Marketing and Communications leadership across several industries, including Financial Services and Professional Services.

He has worked tirelessly for Princeton since he graduated in 1984. His work includes serving as a Class of 1984 officer since 1994, co-chairing two reunions (10th and 15th), working on four reunion committees, serving as ’84 webmaster, serving as ’84 PAW Secretary for the past 14 years, and serving as ’84 Vice President (2004-2019) and President (2009-2014). At the local level, he was a Princeton Club of Chicago board member during the 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, 2010s, and now 2020s. He served on the Committee to Nominate Alumni Trustees from 2012 to 2015, where he met regularly on campus and traveled around the U.S. to interview potential candidates. Stephen absolutely bleeds orange and black, and he has never hesitated to give his time to Princeton as a way to reciprocate for all that it has done for him.

In addition to his Princeton-related efforts, he further serves communities that he cares about as a Senior Advisor for the Corporate Coalition of Chicago to reduce economic inequities and catalyze economic development on Chicago's South and West sides, as an Adjunct Professor for Loyola University Chicago's Quinlan School of Business, and as a Level 4 Referee for USA Hockey.

Diversity Discussions
Jessica Gonzalez ’95

Princeton Diversity Discussions was founded in the Chicago area. For nearly a decade, Jenny Korn ’96, founding director, and Jessica Gonzalez ’95, director for Illinois/Chicago, have continued to lead monthly discussions for our region. Having gone virtual in Spring 2020, a Princeton Diversity Discussion now occurs somewhere in the US on an almost weekly basis. This ongoing series of friendly and inclusive gatherings for discussing race-related issues is supported by numerous regional alumni organizations and alumni affinity groups, including the Princeton Club of Chicago. Princeton Diversity Discussions has teamed up with the Duke Black Alumni Association, Harvard Women in Design, and Harvard Kennedy School's Women's Network to co-host discussions, and we are open to additional organizational collaborations. Our Illinois/Chicago discussions are routinely attended by dozens of alumni each month, and our discussions this year have ranged from conversations about representation on the US Supreme Court, latest challenges to civil and voting rights, and responses to racially charged incidents, to discussions of diversity in books, music, movies, and television. We encourage anyone interested in a brave place to engage in discussions about race, racism, and racial justice to join our conversations. To be added to the Illinois/Chicago distribution list, please email Jess Gonzalez (jessicag6@hotmail.com).

Entrepreneurship Committee
Brigitte Anderson ’02 and Ben Bornstein ’92

The Princeton Club of Chicago Entrepreneurship Committee focuses on producing engaging programming dedicated to the advancement of entrepreneurship, the promotion of innovation, and the ideals of leadership and learning.

If you would like to become involved with this committee, please email Ben Bornstein ’92 (bbornstein@prosperofunds.com) or Brigitte Anderson ’02 (brigitte@orangevista.com).

Family Events Committee
Lisa Mullaney ’99

Our Family Events Committee seeks to provide activities for Princeton families in our area with pre-school and school-aged children. These activities are aimed to be low cost and to involve active participation with both parents and children - no babysitter required and no clean-up! In the past, we have worked at local charities, such as the Food Depository, and had summer picnics. As Chicago is becoming more and more open and in-person activities grow, we look forward to seeing those little Tigers in-person once again. For more information or to provide suggestions, please contact Lisa Mullaney (mullaney_lisa@yahoo.com).

Fund for Reunion, Inc (FFR) Bisexual Transgender Gay and Lesbian Alumni (BTGALA)

Brian C. Johnson '99

LGBTQ+ alumni are planning to host the first Princeton Chicagoland Pride event this June 2023, possibly an outing to an About Face Theater play in early June. Keep an eye out on the Princeton Club website and in the Tiger Tuesday emails for more details. In the meantime, if you are an LGBTQ+ alum or ally who wishes to get involved in planning LGBTQ-oriented programming for the Princeton Chicago community, please email Club President Brian C. Johnson '99 (bcjp99@gmail.com).

Graduate Alumni

*Udai Gupta *75 *78*

This was a year of transition. John Balfe *90, who served for many years as the VP, Graduate Alumni, moved on to a role in the APGA (Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni), and Udai Gupta *75 *78 took over the reins. John has been wonderful and continues as a Director on the PCC Leadership team.

A special effort was made during the October membership drive to attract graduate alumni, and we had some success, though more needs to be done. The new Dean of the Graduate school, Professor Rodney Priestly, came to Chicago and hosted a gathering with graduate alumni. We plan to continue to work with the APGA for outreach, and we invite graduate alumni to join this club and avail of the many benefits.

The highlight this year was a thought-provoking virtual talk that we arranged by Dr. David Nirenberg *92, who is the Director of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. He spoke about John Von Neumann's time at the Institute, the limits of logic, and the potential dangers of new Artificial Intelligence technologies. This was the best-attended talk we have had in years, with a very engaged audience and a stimulating discussion.

Ivy Plus

Sheila Arora '05 and Ryan Ruskin '90

The Princeton Club of Chicago has had another very active year of engagement with our Ivy and other peer schools (MIT, Stanford, and University of Chicago), as we completed the transition back to in-person gatherings and events in general. The first event of 2022 was the Spring Mixer on Thursday, March 24, at Moe's Cantina. The annual Summer Mixer was held on June 30 at The Northman Beer and Cider Garden on the Chicago Riverwalk. On Thursday, October 27, we returned to Moe's Cantina for a

Halloween/Oktoberfest Costume Party. Please save the date for the annual Spring Mixer at Moe's – Thursday, April 20, 6-8pm. For suggestions for future events, please reach out to us at any time. Special thanks to Irene Burke '16, Brigitte Anderson '02, Dana Iverson '22, Morgan Smith '21 h02, and the rest of the PCC board who make all of these events possible.

Membership Committee
John Comfort '12 and Tim Dondanville '13

Our Princeton Club of Chicago is one of Princeton's largest and most vibrant alumni groups, with around 400 active alumni members. In 2022, the PCC Membership Campaign drive led to the largest single year increase in Club history!

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. Our club leadership organized a slate of events for all interests and more in-person events than years past (we won't say the C word)! These included cheerful happy hours, including recently cheering on our men and women hoops teams at Tapster, thought-provoking group discussions, refreshing events and activities with partner clubs, an engaging discussion with President Eisgruber at the Field Museum, and our Princeton Summer picnic welcoming new Tigers to the family. The capstone is our Annual Dinner, featuring James Yeh '87 (as in Yeh College) – University Trustee, co-chair of the Venture Forward steering committee, and a director of PRINCO – and Bob Murley '72 – Vice Chairman of Credit Suisse and Emeritus Charter Trustee of the University and of PRINCO (among many other accomplishments and roles). In the upcoming year, we will continue to add to and expand on our successful programs and return to in-person as much as possible. Regular membership is still only $50 per year and includes priority registration and discounts for many events. More importantly, membership is vital to enabling 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 (princetonclubofchicago.org). We look forward to seeing you at an event, program, or volunteer opportunity.

Nominating Committee
Amy Beth Treciokas '87

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 voice vote at our Annual meeting on April 17, 2023; the club members of the Princeton Club of Chicago approve the slate of new and existing Directors listed below:

New Directors for terms expiring in 2026:
Term beginning July 1, 2023

Lynnley Browning '87
Lynnley is the managing editor of Financial Planning magazine, the leading trade publication (digital and print) for U.S. wealth advisors and financial planners. A lifelong journalist and editor, she has worked at

Bloomberg, The New York Times, Newsweek, and Reuters, in New York and Moscow. Raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma, she received her A.B. with honors in Slavic Languages and Literatures, and she began her career in Russia in the 1990s, where she stayed seven years and ran Reuters' CIS Energy and Commodities coverage in Moscow. A recent Chicago transplant from New Haven, Connecticut, she enjoys experiencing everything the Windy City has to offer and reading fiction and non-fiction.

Albert K. Chan '91

Al has pursued his passion for education, environment, and service, both in the U.S. and overseas, since graduating from Princeton with a BSE in Aerospace Engineering. He spent nine years in Sweden, working in the fields of ecological engineering (at *Stensunds Vattenbruk*) and pursuing graduate degrees in environmental science/engineering. His research on aging factors in automotive catalysts at Chalmers University of Technology (Gothenburg, Sweden) culminated in a licentiate of engineering degree. Since returning to the U.S., his work at the intersection of business and education has ranged from leading K-12 tutoring at a *SCORE!* Educational Center to positions in enrollment management, institutional research, and analytics at Kaplan Higher Education. With the support of his family, Al earned an MBA from the University of Notre Dame as part of his own continuing education. His most recent higher education role managed the growth and operations of three professional graduate programs at the University of Chicago, including the planning for its first online graduate program. His contributions to the Princeton community since graduation include: Alumni Schools Committee interviewer, Asian American Alumni Association of Princeton liaison, Reunions Class of '91 Alumni-Faculty Forum organizer, and past Treasurer of the Princeton Club of Chicago.

Felicia Chiu '06

Felicia is the Director of U.S. Market Access at Ultragenyx, a biopharmaceutical company focused on treating rare and ultra-rare diseases. She earned her AB in Economics from Princeton and an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. Prior to joining Ultragenyx, Felicia advised medical device and pharmaceutical companies as a management consultant, and she worked across a breadth of commercial and marketing functions at J&J, Gilead Sciences, and AbbVie. She lives in Lincoln Park with her husband, Amran Gowani, two young children, Isabella and Barrett, and loves music, food, and sports.

Kathryn ("Ryndy") Ditmars '87

Ryndy is a 1987 Princeton alum, graduating with a BA in Spanish Literature. She currently works with Cresa Global, Inc. in Chicago. Ryndy joined Cresa in March 2021 as its first General Counsel and Chief Human Resources Officer. She also serves on the Board of the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago and supports that organization on its Finance, M&A, and By-laws committees. Ryndy has worked in commercial real estate since she joined JLL in 2000 as Chief Employment and Litigation Counsel. In her career there, she held several legal and business roles, including Americas General Counsel, Global Litigation Director, and Managing Director. Before joining JLL, Ryndy worked as a litigation attorney with McDermott, Will & Emery and Jackson Lewis. In her national practice, she concentrated in commercial litigation and employment areas, and she presented employment discrimination seminars throughout the United States. Before moving to Chicago, and after graduating from law school, Ryndy worked as a law clerk to Justice Dorothy Comstock Riley of the Michigan Supreme Court. She graduated with a Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan.

Niko Ivanisevic '22

Niko is an Investment Banking Analyst at William Blair, sitting within their Technology Team. Originally from the Chicagoland area, Niko graduated in 2022 from Princeton, where he studied Economics, and

then moved back home to Chicago. While at Princeton, Niko was an active member of Cannon Dial Elm eating club, a Student Athlete Wellness Leader, and Captain of the Varsity Football Team. In his free time, he loves spending time outdoors at his family's cabin in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, fishing, skiing, reading, and watching college sports.

Emily Liao Master ’01
Emily has lived in the Chicago Western suburbs since graduating from Princeton in 2001. She began her career with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, where she worked in management for 15 years. Since then, she has worked extensively in international arts and cultural management, bridging the public, private, and non-profit sectors across cultures. Emily received her MBA from Northwestern’s Kellogg School of Management in 2017 and has also completed executive education at the Guanghua School of Management (Peking University, China), IPADE Business School (Universidad Panamericana, Mexico), and the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Social Policy and Practice in arts and culture strategy. Emily maintains her involvement with Princeton as co-chair of the Chicago Western suburbs Alumni Schools Committee, Princeton University Mentoring Program (PUMP) mentor, and a Princeton Internships in Civic Service mentor and interviewer. She has also served as a mentor for Northwestern’s M.S. in Management Science program. She is on the boards of Picosa and Equity Arc, and she is a member of Women of Color in the Arts, Women of Color in Philanthropy, Arts and Business Council of Chicago, and the Chicago chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Steve Reed ’96 h71
Steve is a Clinical Professor of Law at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, where he focuses on business law generally, and in particular the law as it impacts entrepreneurs. While at Princeton, Steve went on four Triangle tours, served as President of Triangle in his junior year, was a founding member of the improv group Quipfire!, and was in Tower Club. After Princeton, Steve went to Columbia Law School, worked at Proskauer Rose in Los Angeles for six years, and then moved to Chicago to teach at Northwestern. He served as his alumni class president for a decade, has been reunions chair for a similar period, and has attended Reunions every year since graduating. In his free time, Steve occasionally performs improv comedy at iO Chicago, interviews Princeton applicants through ASC, and plays pinball. Steve has two kids and lives in Evanston, in a neighborhood reminiscent of his hometown, Toronto, Canada.

Benjamin (“Benne”) Rosner ’11
Benne is a Vice President on the domestic research team at Ariel Investments, covering the media and advertising sectors. Before joining Ariel, Benne spent five years on the equity research team at the sell-side research firm MoffettNathanson. Prior to that, he served as a data analyst at Lyft and as a corporate financial analyst at The Walt Disney Company. Benne earned a B.A. in Economics from Princeton, graduating *summa cum laude*, and earned his MBA from Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management.

Nathan Williams ’98
Nathan was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and graduated from Princeton in 1998 with an AB in Politics. After graduation, he began working for Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee in Houston, Texas, and then for AT&T in Austin, Texas. In 2011, he moved to Chicago, where he currently works for Elementary School District 159. He is a member of the Legislative committee for the Illinois Education Association, and he has served on the Princeton Prize and Race Relations committee for the past two years. Nathan is excited to join the PCC Board as well as this new opportunity to contribute to the PPRR committee!

Re-approved Directors for terms expiring in 2026:

- Bob Bernat ’75
- Anna Huang ’07
- Mike Laidlaw ’94
- Marquis Parker ’99
- Irene Burke ’16
- Ryan Ruskin ’90
- Cheryl Stevens ’10
- Robert J. Khoury ’90
- Christine O’Neill ’06
- Amy Beth Treciokas ’87
- Stephen Ban ’84 S88 P23
- Tim Dondanville ’13
- Ronnie Raviv ’95
- Renee Perez ’91
- Dana Iverson ’22

For their tireless leadership, support, and Tiger enthusiasm, the Club wishes to thank our retiring Directors: Carl Yudell ’75, Lisa Mullaney ’99, Kevin Davidson ’20, and Steven Cook ’18. Thank you so much for your contributions to the Board, Princeton, and the Chicagoland Princeton Community!

Finally, thanks to 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, Yung Bong Lim ’87, Charlene Huang Olson ’88, Marv Pollack ’73, Cheryl Stevens ’10, Amy Beth Treciokas ’87, and Jessica Gonzalez ’95. Thank you to all those who contribute to our Club, making it one of the most vibrant Princeton Regional Clubs in the world.

Parents Committee

Janice Block Chaddock ’84 P22, Jakee Miller Cohen P16 P22, and Marvin Pollack ’73 P25

The mission of the Princeton Club of Chicago’s Parents Committee is to provide a friendly welcome to newly admitted students and their parents or guardians, answer questions about the move to college, assist with our New Admits Reception in April, and host our Annual Summer Picnic at the end of July. 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 gives parents, guardians, and family members 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.

Princeton in Chicago Schools (PICS) Scholarship

Bob Loveman ’69, Charlene Huang Olson ’88 P19 P21, and Bruce Rosenberg ’69

Since 1990, the Princeton Club of Chicago has had a partnership with Roosevelt High School in the Albany Park neighborhood of Chicago. After awarding aid-based college scholarships to high-achieving Roosevelt seniors for ten years, with the last new scholarships presented in 2019, this year we continued to honor previously awarded scholarship commitments by supporting two PICS Scholars studying at these institutions: DePaul University and University of Wisconsin. Since the first scholarships were presented in 2010, our PICS program has awarded $144,000 in financial aid, helping to make a four-year college education accessible for 46 Roosevelt graduates. We did not host any in-person events with the PICS scholars this academic year, but we hope to reunite all scholars this summer to celebrate the graduation of our final PICS scholars.

Princeton Internships in Civic Service (PICS)

Yung Bong Lim '87 P23 P25 and Bob Loveman '69

The Princeton Internships in Civic Service (PICS) program was started by the Class of 1969 to provide paid summer internships in the non-profit sector to Princeton students. Since 1996, around 2,000 internships have been sponsored by PICS in multiple states and countries. The program is now officially part of the University, under the Pace Center for Civic Engagement. In 2022, 11 Chicago-area organizations hosted 13 internships. Members of the Princeton Club of Chicago sourced, funded, and served as Alumni Mentors for some of these internships. Also, the PCC PICS Endowment Fund, which was established in 2021, helped provide stipends for some of these internships. For additional information about PICS, please visit our website (pics.princeton.edu).

Princeton Prize in Race Relations

Renee Perez '91 and Reginald Ponder '84

This year, the Chicago Committee of the Princeton Prize in Race Relations received 21 outstanding applications from high school students who continue to lead the way in addressing racial equity and race relations work in their communities and beyond. Our 15-person committee of alumni promoted the program and encouraged applicants from throughout the region, reviewed applications, and collectively chose our winners. After an engaging discussion, we awarded our 2023 Prize to Cherie Animashaun, a senior at Niles West High School and founder and president of Her Rising Initiative, a nonprofit offering leadership and mental health education to youth of color in Illinois, while empowering women across the world. We also awarded Certificates of Recognition to Anusha Nadkarni (Bloomington High School), and Nora Sun and Rafi Ahmad (both Walter Payton College Prep). The Chicago Region Awards ceremony was held on April 4, hosted by Jason Tyler '93 at Northern Trust. Our distinguished keynote speaker was Briana Payton '17, a former certificate recipient.

Princeton Project 55 / AlumniCorps

Rebecca Knisley Peigh '15

The Princeton AlumniCorps Project 55 Fellowship program connects recent Princeton graduates with public interest organizations in cities across the country for year-long fellowship experiences. It also provides extensive resources to the Project 55 Fellows from their headquarters on Stockton Street in Princeton. There are two Fellows in Chicago for the 2022-2023 year:

- Chris Leahy '22 - Illinois State Board of Education

- Kaitlyn Williams ’22 - Carole Robertson Center for Learning

The Project 55 Chicago Area Committee helps the AlumniCorps office recruit 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. A big “thank you” goes out to the Chicago Committee members and the alumni who have volunteered as mentors this year.

Looking ahead to the 2023-24 fellowship year, we expect a new group of Princeton Project 55 fellows to begin their jobs at host organizations. For more information or to get involved with Project 55 in Chicago, please contact the current Chicago Committee Chairs: Felix Huang ’07 (felixyhua@gmail.com) and Samantha DeKoven ’94 (samantha.dekoven@gmail.com).

Princeton Women’s Network (PWN)

Elizabeth Balthrop ’01 and Charlene Huang Olson ’88 P19 P21

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; and cultural activities, social events, service projects, and friendship.

On July 19, 2022, PWN Chicago hosted an event, "Cocktails and Conversation," an outdoor evening of networking and lively discussion. Thanks to Elizabeth Balthrop ’01 for hosting!

On March 14, 2023, PWN Chicago hosted a "Texas Hold 'Em Night," an evening of networking and poker. Thanks to Dani Houchin ’90 and Kirsten Ekdahl-Hull ’99 for hosting! This was a beginner-friendly event, with coaching and Princeton swag for the top chip collectors.

We look forward to continuing to come together in person over the next year. All are always welcome to join PWN events!

Programs Committee

Brigitte Anderson ’02, Sheila Arora ’05, and Ronnie Raviv ’95

The Princeton Club of Chicago Programs Committee hosted a mix of in-person and virtual events, both locally sponsored and externally and nationally hosted. The year started off strong with a return to Winnemac Park for the PCC Annual Summer Picnic.

In-person highlights included:

- Triangle Show
- A visit from President Chris Eisgruber ’83 in conversation with Craig Robinson ’83
- Graceland Cemetery Walking Tour led by Sally Kalmbach S66 (on #BlackandOrange day, which also happened to be one of the most perfect weather days)
- “Doomsday, Black Holes and Other Weighty Matters” with UChicago Professor Daniel Holz ’92

- NCAA March Madness
- Blind Tiger Speakeasy Night
- Tiger Style! at the Glencoe Theatre

We also co-sponsored or helped highlight events with:
- A4P
- ABPA
- Ivy+
- PCNG

Scholarship Committee

Gerry Skoning ’64

This year marks the 111th Anniversary of the Princeton Club of Chicago Scholarship Fund, which was founded in 1912, as the first Princeton endowment of its kind. It is an important part of Princeton's financial aid effort and continues to set a sterling example in assisting undergraduates with funding the cost of an outstanding education.

Princeton continues to be a leader in its financial aid policies. Every student admitted can attend Princeton, regardless of their family’s economic circumstances. Approximately 62% of the undergraduate student body - more than 3,400 students - received financial assistance in 2022-23. As a result, 83% of Princeton students graduate debt free.

We are pleased to report that scholarships have been awarded this year by the University to six outstanding undergraduates from the Chicago area. Hearty congratulations to these fine scholarship recipients for the 2022-23 academic year:
- Elinor S.I. Detmer ’26 - Chicago, IL
- Isaiah S. Fletcher ’26 - Wheaton, IL
- James J. Healy ’26 - Oak Lawn, IL
- Sophia L. Macklin ’26 - Chicago, IL
- Nyherowo Omene ’25 - Lansing, IL
- Jordan L. Tiller ’26 - Chicago, IL

The scholarships awarded this year totaled $319,385, or an average of $53,231 per recipient. The Princeton Club of Chicago Scholarship Fund has a book value of $241,111 and a current market value of $7,462,547.

Princeton continues to offer admissions to undergraduates solely on the basis of merit. This is due to the continuing support of generous alumni and friends of Princeton.

On behalf of the Princeton Club of Chicago Scholarship Fund, we would like to thank those who have contributed in the past for your support and to ask you again to give consideration to making a special gift this year.

Technology

Steve Avsec ’06

Please go to the Princeton Club of Chicago website (princetonclubofchicago.org) for events, membership (additions and renewals), news, and donations - come check it out!

The user experience of our website and connection with our membership and alumni on social media continue to be an area of focus for us. If you have suggestions or would like to get involved, please reach out to the VP of Technology, Steve Avsec ’06 (stephen.avsec@gmail.com).

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), Princeton Prize in Race Relations, and Princeton Internships in Civic Service (PICS).

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

Triangle Show

Marv Pollack ’73 P25

Triangle made a triumphant return to Chicago on January 25, 2023. The new show, *Campelot*, played at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie as part of Triangle’s six-city tour. Over 100 Chicago Tigers attended, and 14 families hosted the troupe overnight. We are very grateful to the 19 sponsors whose financial support made the evening possible. We look forward to the Triangle Club’s return in about three years.

Young Alumni Committee

Dana Iverson ’22 and Morgan Smith ’21

The Young Alumni Committee brought on two new chairs this year: Dana Iverson ’22 and Morgan Smith ’21. They took the reins from Kevin Davidson ’20 and Steven Cook ’17, who did an incredible job leading the committee last year. We kicked off the fall with a happy hour at Tapster in Wicker Park. The event hailed over 50 young alumni from the Class of ’10 and beyond. Dana brought the "Roaring 20's" to the Tiger community through a Speakeasy party, attracting both newer and older generations of alumni. Morgan is also working with the Office of Alumni Engagement to establish a regional recent-alumni team that will work together to organize local events. Both Dana and Morgan are proud of the events

the committee has led this year and look forward to continuing to engage the young alumni community in Chicago.