

THE 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 new website <u>www.princetonclubofchicago.org</u> which is an ideal way to join/manage your membership, sign up for events, see what's happening at the club, and find contact information for committee chairs in order to get more involved. The Club is volunteer-run but it has hired a local organization, Alumni Services, to handle administrative services, including mailings and assistance with event registration and membership, though we highly recommend visiting the website first. They can be reached at 847-256-5800.

MEMBERSHIP

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

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 web site, 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. One of our most important projects is Princeton in Chicago Schools (PICS), a partnership between the Club and our adopted high school, Roosevelt High School, a public school on the northwest side of the City. Your participation is what keeps this Club vibrant, so please join us!

Princeton Club of Chicago 2012 Annual Report Presented at the April 17, 2012 Annual Dinner

Remarks by Ryan S. Ruskin '90, President

Good evening and welcome to the Princeton Club of Chicago's 2012 Annual Dinner. The annual dinner is generally the largest gathering of Princeton alumni in the Chicago area – tonight we have a terrific program lined up, focused on our two award recipients, David Chandler '80 and Heather Steans '85; and our keynote speaker, Jeff Smisek '76, S77, P09. Special thanks to Peter Baugher '70, the chair of our awards committee.

I would like to thank Carl Yudell '75 who has made the leadership transition so seamless. Second, I wish to thank Mary Newburn '97, the club's executive vice president for such terrific support in all areas of the club. Special thanks also to Charlene Huang Olson '88, past president and current Vice President in charge of the Alumni Schools and so much more.

I also want to thank several of our retiring directors and committee chairs: Jessica Gonzalez '95 is retiring as a director but is now chair of the annual dinner; retiring director, Lisa Esayian '86; Valerie Wiley and Tim Johnson '73, P12, retiring co-chairs of the Parents Committee.

Elections:

Every year we have general elections for any vacant positions for officers and directors of the Club. The nominating committee, under the excellent leadership of Carl Yudell '75, has proposed and nominated the following individuals for Directors for three year terms commencing on July 1, 2012: Nick Jachim '88, Mike Malecek '09, Carol Brown '75, Kristine Mighion '86, and Eric Larson '05. Each of the nominees has a biography that can be found in your booklet.

In addition to welcoming our new and re-elected directors, we also welcome our newly appointed leadership group liaisons: Greg Wong '02, Association of Asian-American Princeton Alumni; Tony Poole '76, Association of Black Princeton Alumni, and Marco Salazar '03, Association of Latino Princeton Alumni. We also welcome back Liz and Jeff Sharp '80, P14 as co-chairs of the Parents Committee. Their biographies can also be found in the booklet.

Activities and Events:

The club's primary focus is on planning events throughout the year for alumni to: a) continue to enhance their education and knowledge; and b) network and develop relationships with their fellow alumni around shared interests. Some highlights from this year include:

- 1) Performances, including the Tigressions, hosted this past fall by Macol Stewart Cerda '91; and the Princeton Triangle Club Tour performance in January, managed by Marv Pollack with close to 300 alumni in attendance. We have a special upcoming event with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Miguel Prieto '87 and featuring a post-performance reception with cellist Yo Yo Ma On May 6.
- 2) Educational Seminars/Precepts, planned by our VP of Programming, Sally Metzler *97, this year included such topics as Ethanol, North Korea, and Immigration, as well as terrific Travelogues with Randy & Lorraine Barba '75 on trips to Africa and South Georgia Island.

- 3) Civic and Community Involvement, including: our Princeton In Chicago Schools (PICS) headed by Bruce Rosenberg '69, with tutoring support by Oren Pollock *51; Our PICS scholarships headed by Charlene Huang Olson '88 with Edie Canter '80 and Rico Cedro *84 providing two \$5000 scholarships to Roosevelt graduates; our Princeton Club Scholarships, led by Gerald Skoning; community service activities managed by Amy Beth Treciokas '87; and the Princeton Prize in Race Relations, this year headed by Marquis Parker '99 the annual awards reception is coming up on May 21.
- 4) Chicago-oriented activities, coordinated by Sally Metzler Dunea *97; Ellenna Raymond '05, Chair of the Young Alumni Group; Elizabeth Balthrop '01, Chair of the 30-Something Group; and Jenny Rowland '02, chair of the Women's Network. This year, highlights included Al Chan's annual Lunar New Year Dim sum/hot pot event in Chinatown, Cubs outing, Wine and Chocolate Tasting, Young Alumni Happy Hours, Family Day at Lake Shore Sport and Fitness (hosted by Peter and Jen Goldman ('94 and '93 respectively)).
- 5) Networking events, headed by my classmate Rob Khoury '90. Two special highlights include: first-ever Summer Internship Luncheon in December for current Princeton students to meet alumni to assist with Chicago-based summer internships; and the launch of the Chicago chapter of the Princeton Entrepreneurial Network, headed by Sean Story '04 their second networking event is coming up on April 26.
- 6) Princeton AlumniCorps (formerly Project '55) Vince Anderson '65 was joined this year by Paula Morency '77 and Tom Allison '66 to lead Princeton Alumni Corps projects and activities in Chicago. One of PAC's programs, Project 55, currently has 8 fellows working for Chicago non-profit organizations. This year, PAC has launched a new initiative, Chicago Community Volunteers. This initiative is directly supported by the Steans Family Foundation which continues its commitment to community service and to Princeton. In collaboration with the Princeton AlumniCorps and the Princeton Club of Chicago, the Steans team is launching an exciting pilot project that will bring together seasoned Princeton alumni volunteers with North Lawndale non-profits who need the skills we have all developed in fields like business, law, marketing and technology. (If you are interested in following the Steans example, and deploying your talents for a worthy cause, there are flyers at the back table.)
- 7) Current and Prospective students programs: Alumni Schools Committee, once again chaired by Charlene Huang Olson '88 and assisted by Regional Vice Chairs, Peter Barack '65, Candace Jackson '00, Rudi Moreno '90, Christine O'Neill '06, and Scott Strausser '83interviewed 802 students with the help of over 260 alumni volunteers; our annual Summer Picnic hosted by the parents committee of Libby Raymond '78 P12, Paul Hybel P12, Tim Johnson '73 P 12 and Valerie Wiley P12 once again at the home of Vicki Herget and Bob Parsons.
- 8) Princeton annual giving, led by Chris Yarbrough '96 has been gearing up for the telethons. Last year, Chicago's participation rate of 67% once again exceeded the nationwide rate of 61%. Bob Loveman '69 organized a terrific Orange and Black luncheon with special guest Cynthia Cherrey, Princeton's VP for Campus Life. Bob also continued his formidable fundraising to support our PICS programs.
- 9) Technology and communications our new, state-of-the-art website and web-based services are the direct result of months of hard work by our technology chairs Eric M. Carty-Fickes '02 and Justin Chiles'05 with support by Doug Schmidt '81. Carol Obertubbesing '73 continues to be the master of our written communications, sending out 4 newsletters covering all the club's activities. Mary Newburn '97 manages the Princeton List for web-based communications.

10) Other club-oriented key activities: Mike Laidlaw '94 has been in charge of the membership committee significantly increasing our ranks, while Al Chan '91, has been in charge of the club's finances which are in excellent shape.

Special thanks to the law firm of Schopf & Weiss and Peter Baugher '70, who have hosted our monthly Board meetings. The state of our club is strong – we encourage everyone to join us for events and get involved in running the club.

Directors to be elected to the Princeton Club of Chicago Leadership Group *Term beginning* 7/1/12

Nick P. Jachim '88 – Candidate for Director (Three Year Term)

Nick is a Managing Director and Group Head of KPMG Corporate Finance LLC, and leads the Mergers & Acquisitions product for the firm. The Corporate Finance practice provides M&A, capital raising, debt advisory, and valuation services to corporations, family businesses and private equity firms. While at Princeton, Nick majored in Economics and was a member of the Princeton Football team for four years until he graduated in 1988. He has also served as an interviewer for the Alumni Schools Committee (ASC) for a number of years after graduation, and does so again. Nick earned his MBA with a concentration in finance and accounting from The University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business (now the Booth School of Business). Nick is originally from Chicago and has lived in the Chicago area since graduation. He is an avid baseball coach in the community and also serves on a number of school and athletic committee boards. Nick has been a member of the Princeton Club of Chicago since graduation and lives in Western Springs with his wife, Laura and their two sons, Luke (13) and Alex (10), and daughter, Makenna (5).

Michael Malecek '09 – Candidate for Director (Three year term)

Michael Malecek is the Development & Program Associate of the North Lawndale Employment Network, a nonprofit organization that addresses specific barriers to employment and prosperity that formerly incarcerated individuals face and provides direct services that lead to employment acquisition and retention at living wages. While at Princeton, Michael majored in Sociology with a certificate in Urban Studies, rowed on the Men's Heavyweight Crew Team, and was a member of the Cap and Gown Club. Upon graduation, Michael began a one year Princeton Project 55 Fellowship at the North Lawndale Employment Network and continues to stay involved in the program as a member of the Princeton Project 55 Chicago Steering Committee. Michael is a native of Tiburon, California.

Kristine Mighion '86 – Candidate for Director (Three year term)

Dr. Kristine Mighion is Managing Director and CEO of Healthcare Consultants International, the consulting subsidiary of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. Kristine has dedicated her business career to serving the health care industry, assisting health care providers and other organizations with business/strategic planning, product development, regulatory planning, financial services, and technology-driven workflow optimization. Kristine earned her degree in Economics from Princeton, her MBA with a concentration in Finance from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and her MD from Loyola University Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine. She is also host of the InTimeTV series "Healthcare Executive", a talk show focusing on current, key topics relevant to healthcare executives and administrators managing our nation's provider organizations. For the Princeton Club, Kristine serves as mentor to students interested in a

career in medicine; she also spearheaded the club's last PICS auction to help raise funds for the Club's community service efforts.

Carol Brown '75 – Candidate for Director (Three year term)

Carol is a member of the Class of '75 and has remained active in Princeton activities through alumni schools committee work in Seattle and more recently in Chicago since a 2010 relocation with her husband, Lindsay Pomeroy '76. She is VP of Finance and Operations for CFSI (Center for Financial Services Innovation), the nationally recognized leader on financial strategies and opportunities for underbanked customers.

At Princeton she was active in the Glee Club and was a founding member of both the women's swim team, where she served as Captain for 3 of her 4 years, and of the women's rowing team. Following graduation she competed internationally for the US National Rowing Team, including being a member of the 1976 (bronze medal), 1980, and 1984 Olympic Teams. She is currently a vice-president of the US Olympian and Paralympian Association. Carol and her husband Lindsay and their son Stuart (high school jr. at Culver Academy) live in Glenview.

Eric A. Larson '05 - Candidate for Director (Three year term)

Eric is an associate at the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where he focuses on general commercial and insurance coverage litigation. Prior to joining Kirkland, Eric served as law clerk to the Honorable Tu M. Pham in the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee. Eric graduated from Vanderbilt University Law School in 2009, where he served on the senior editorial board of the Vanderbilt Law Review. At Princeton, Eric majored in History, participated in Heavyweight Crew, and was a member of the Cloister Inn. Eric is proud to have been preceded at Princeton by his father, Frederick A. Larson '73, and the rest of the great class of 1973. Originally from Jamestown, New York, Eric lived in Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee, before moving to Chicago in October 2010. Eric and his wife Megan live in River North.

Appointed Incoming Members of the Princeton Club of Chicago Leadership Group

Anthony Poole '76 – Liaison, Association of Black Princeton Alumni

Anthony currently is general counsel for American Biomass Technologies Corp., which is involved with the development and manufacture of new forms of bio-plastics. He is also of counsel at Grant Schumann LLC, a Chicago-based law firm, where he specializes in providing various legal services to small and medium-sized businesses. Prior to his current employment, Anthony was in-house counsel for Allstate Insurance Company for 23 years. He currently serves as president of a local chapter of Sigma Pi Phi, the oldest African-American fraternity in the United States. He has interviewed applicants for the Alumni Schools Committee for a number of years. He currently is the regional committee chairman for the Association of Black Princeton Alumni. Also, he recently became actively involved with the Princeton AlumniCorps. At Princeton, Anthony majored in Politics. For three years, he was a member of Princeton's Sprint Football team (which won the league championship during his junior year). In terms of further education, Anthony has a JD from Boston College Law School and an MBA from the University of Illinois at Chicago (concentration in marketing and finance). He lives in Gurnee with his wife, Sabrina, and their two daughters, India and Gina. Anthony is a native of Hartford, Connecticut.

Liz Sharp P14 and Jeff Sharp '80, P14 – Parents Committee

Liz and Jeff are proud parents of Dillon Sharp '14 and a daughter Catherine who is a sophomore at the Latin School of Chicago. Liz is a graduate of Smith College and The University of Georgia School of Law and is a principal at The Law Offices of Elizabeth D. Sharp where she specializes in the practice of commercial litigation and business law. She sits on the Women's Board Executive Committee of the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago and the Founder's Council Executive Committee of the Field Museum of Natural History. Jeff received his degree in chemical engineering from Princeton and fell in love with his wife when attending the University of Georgia School of Law. Jeff practices patent law at the intellectual property law firm of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP where he is its managing partner. Jeff serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Latin School of Chicago, on the Alumni Council Executive Committee and as Chair of the Princeton Club of Chicago, on the Alumni Council Executive Committee and as Chair of the Committee to Nominate Alumni Trustees for Princeton.

Greg Wong '02 – Association of Asian-American Princeton Alumni

Greg co-founded Princeton Tutoring, an educational services firm that provides private tutoring and college counseling services. The firm also specializes in recruiting teachers for positions in Asia. At Princeton, Greg majored in Civil and Environmental Engineering and received a Certificate in Engineering Management Systems. His senior thesis investigated the health effects of an anthrax attack on Manhattan and earned him a thesis award. He was a member of Cap & Gown club, mentored disadvantaged youth, tutored locally, and taught tennis. After Princeton, Greg spent several years as a consultant with economic, strategy, and operational consulting firms before devoting his full-time focus to Princeton Tutoring, which he started with his brother, Kevin Wong '05. Greg was an ASC interviewer during his years in Boston and NYC, was the Class of 2002 Alumni Faculty Forums Chair for his 5th Reunion, and is currently the Asian American Alumni Association (A4P) Liaison to the Princeton Club of Chicago. Greg lives in Lincoln Park and is an avid tennis player and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu practitioner.

Marco Salazar '03 – Association of Latino Princeton Alumni (ALPA)

Marco Salazar is a Research Associate at Euromonitor International, a market research firm focused on providing strategy research for consumer markets that is based in London. Marco is fully bilingual and manages research projects in Latin America in the Consumer Electronics, Consumer Finance, and Consumer Appliance industries amongst others. While at Princeton, Marco majored in Electrical Engineering and walked on to the men's junior varsity soccer team. He holds an MBA from DePaul University with a concentration in market research and product development. Marco, a native Chicagoan, is currently involved with the Princeton Alumni Schools Committee, enjoys playing soccer and dancing salsa in his free time.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Alumni Schools Committee (ASC)

Vice President - Charlene Huang Olson '88

Many thanks to the 260+ active volunteers, 45 of them NEW this year, who gave generously of their time to interview applicants from the greater Chicagoland region for the Princeton class of 2016. 802 students applied, down from 888 last year, and almost even with the 806 that applied two years ago. The Western Suburbs was the region with the most number of applicants. The Chicagoland ASC team interviewed 100% of applicants. 49 students from the area were admitted, 13 in the Early Action round which returned this year for the first time since 2006. Many volunteers helped to interview in regions other than their own; the enthusiastic team work was very much appreciated.

We welcomed one new regional vice chair this year – Christine O'Neill '06, who assumed responsibility from Matt Musa '05, for the Greater Illinois and Northern Indiana areas which include Champaign/Urbana, South Suburbs, and Northwest Illinois. We thank Matt for his service and for his continued offer to hold downtown Chicago interview "blitzes" in the conference center at UBS. We thank all of our Regional Vice Chairs, Peter Barack '65 (and his assistant, Marsha Henry), Candace Jackson '00, Rudi Moreno '90, Christine O'Neill '06, and Scott Strausser '83 for doing a terrific job of organizing this tremendous effort. Special thanks to Scott Strausser '83 and Bruce Burkelman '78 for hosting/coordinating interview "blitzes" in the Western Suburbs at Healthcare Business Consultants in Oakbrook and Illinois Math and Science Academy.

The ASC on-line system implemented by the Admissions Office four years ago was enhanced again several features, providing improved status information this year with and to accommodate/differentiate early action candidates. The ASC Conflict of Interest policy was updated, requiring alums with close relatives applying to college to take a year off from interviewing. Alums with careers in the college admission, SAT/ACT testing, or admission-related tutoring fields are now not eligible to participate as ASC interviewers. Additionally, alums who work in secondary schools should not interview students from the school or the school district where they are employed.

The University plans to enroll a freshman class of 1,300 students. Overall, Princeton offered admission to 2,095, or 7.86 percent, of the near-record 26,664 applicants for the class of 2016. This compares to a final admission rate (including those admitted off the waitlist) of 8.5 percent last year, and 8.8 percent the previous year. This year's applicant pool is the second largest in the University's history. During the past eight years, the University has seen a 95 percent increase in applications. 50.6 percent of those admitted were male, 49.3 percent were female. Sons or daughters of Princeton alumni account for 9.5 percent of the admitted students. Up to 28 members of the new class are expected to defer their enrollment as part of Princeton's Bridge Year Program.

Sixty percent of the current student body receives financial aid. Currently, the average grant is \$35,352, and for the coming year it is expected to be in excess of \$37,000.

To congratulate them and to allow admitted students to get to know one another, early admits were invited to attend the Triangle Show in February. Additionally, a reception for all admitted students and their parents was hosted on Sunday, April 15, 2012 in the Hospitality Room of Robin and Peter Baugher '70's condominium building at The Heritage across from Millennium Park. Many thanks to our ASC chairs and Parents Committee chairs, Paul Hybel and Libby Raymond '78 P12 and Liz and Jeff Sharp '80 P14 for helping with the event.

Annual Giving Committee

Vice President – Chris Yarbrough '96

In 2010-11, the Chicago region proved once again that it is one of the best Annual Giving regions in the country. The region's participation rate was a stellar **67%**, which was well ahead of the nationwide average of **61.3%**. The total raised nationally was over **\$50** million and there were **1,178** Chicago area donors who contributed **\$1.80** million!!

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

The 2011-12 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 the best education in the country. Please also consider joining the Chicago AG team, which is always looking for volunteers. Contact Chris Yarbrough '96 (chris_yarbrough@hendersonna.com) for more information. Annual Giving Gifts are accepted at www.princeton.edu/ag or 800-258-5421.

Careers and Networking Group

Chair – Robert Khoury '90

The Princeton Chicago Networking Group hosts informal networking events focused around specific industries or areas of interest. This past year we have met at a downtown office conference on a quarterly basis to talk about Non-Profits, Real Estate, and Summer Internships for Princeton Students. In conjunction with the Chicago chapter of the Princeton Entrepreneur Network (PEN), we also held a networking event for Entrepreneurs.

The format has been very conducive to getting to know other alumni in a particular field. We gather around a conference room table and each attendee starts by sharing for a couple of minutes what they are working on and what they are looking to get out of this meeting. We go around the table until everyone has spoken. Then we open it up to questions where anyone can ask another a question of interest with everyone listening in. After some time, we then break for informal chats in smaller groups or one-on-one conversations, whatever works.

Often, invited guests attend as well, including CEO's of firms in the topic of interest. Those guests have enjoyed the evening and freely shared their knowledge and expertise. Meanwhile, alumni have done the same and shared contacts and leads to assist other alumni. The spirit of these events is openness, sharing and contribution. Our attendance has been 10-25 alumni. Positive feedback all around. Free pizza and soda. It is a two hour event and a lot of fun.

If you are interested in creatively developing something that supports alumni in their networking skills and overall career management, please reach out to Rob via e-mail at Robert Khoury@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Communications

Vice President Communications, Editor – Carol Obertubbesing '73

The Club newsletter, <u>Tiger Talk</u>, celebrated its 18th year. The newsletter, as well as several bulletins, provided information about events, members, and committees. This year there were Fall, Winter, and Spring newsletters. Please send suggestions and articles for the Fall Newsletter/Bulletin to Carol Obertubbesing at <u>elmiramike@aol.com</u> or fax # 312-527-1973 by July 31, 2012; it will cover activities after September 10. Please be sure all articles are in Word and include Princeton class or other Princeton affiliation whenever appropriate.

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 676 subscribers, up from 636 last year, and 600 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 and click on "discussion groups." If you have any questions about the discussion group, contact list coordinator Mary Newburn '97 (mary.newburn@gmail.com).

Princeton Club of Chicago Web Site

Web Master – Eric M. Carty-Fickes '02

This year, the Princeton Club of Chicago rolled out a brand new website at <u>http://www.princetonclubofchicago.org/</u>. The web site is a huge step forward for us with technology, as it is fully e-commerce enabled. This means that members can now sign up/renew their memberships, register and pay for events, see photos and information from past events, and generally stay up-to-date with the latest news from the club and the University. The site also still includes details on membership, officers and directors, committees, events and other Club activities.

Extra-special thanks go to Eric Carty-Fickes '02 and Justin Chiles '05 for their incredible dedication of time and expertise in order to implement this critical new program for the club.

Community Service Committee

Chair- Amy Beth Treciokas '87

The Community Service event this year was held April 14, 2012. This year we once again assisted the Chicago Audubon Society and helping to clean up the Montrose Beach from 9a.m. to Noon. Volunteers helped with weeding, mulching, planting native shrubs and trees. We are also establishing a prairie! For most events, children are invited and welcome. To sign up for future events or more information, contact Amy at amy@yoganowchicago.com or (312) 505-9814.

Distinguished Service Awards Committee

Chair – Peter V. Baugher '70

The productive efforts of the Awards Committee are evident in the quality of this year's Awards recipients. Thank you to our faithful nominators, and to Committee members Robert Murley '72, Mary Newburn '97, Carol Obertubbesing '73, Ryan Ruskin '90, Michelle Saddler '82, Douglas Schmidt '81, Jeffrey Sharp '80, Carl Yudell '75, Nick Jachim '88 -- and, most of all, to David Chandler '80 and Heather Steans '85 for their distinguished service to our community and to our university:

Heather Steans '85

Heather Steans has served the 7th District of Illinois as State Senator since February 11, 2008. She currently serves in the Illinois Senate as Chairperson of Appropriations I, and Vice Chairperson for the Environment Committee. She also serves on the Human Services and Public Health committees. Heather is active in developing equal protection and access to benefits for all as seen in her commitment to Medicaid reform, funding human services, leading the charge on nursing home reforms, and passing civil union legislation with the goal of full marriage equality.

Heather graduated from Princeton with a B.A. in Urban Studies and received her M.A. in public policy from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Heather and her husband, Leo Smith, are raising their three children in the Edgewater neighborhood of Chicago.

David Chandler '80

Dave Chandler joined William Blair & Company in 1987 from Morgan Stanley's Investment Banking Division. At William Blair, he partnered with others to build the firm's merchant banking capabilities, ultimately known as William Blair Capital Partners. In 2004, the team leading William Blair Capital Partners established Chicago Growth Partners ("CGP") to pursue its growth-oriented buyout strategy on an independent basis. Since 2004 David has served as Managing Partner and Co-Founder of CGP.

Dave received his MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and a BA from Princeton University. In addition to numerous current and past directorships, he currently serves as Board Chair of The Golden Apple Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring, developing and supporting teacher excellence in Illinois, especially in schools of need. David lives in Northfield, IL with his wife Liz and four children, three of whom have left the family "nest".

Membership Committee

Chair – Michael Laidlaw '94

Membership is a major focus for the Princeton Club of Chicago. Every year, the Club sends out dues forms and volunteer survey forms in August. Membership categories include Benefactor, Patron, Regular, Class of 2011, Recent Graduate (2006 - 2010), Non-Resident, Parent, and New. Dues support Club activities such as lectures and "precepts," the Annual Dinner, and other programs. There are also members-only publications and member discounts for many events. We are fortunate to have a very active alumni base with over 300 members every year. A Regular membership is still only \$50 per year. Membership and dues are essential to the success of this Club and our mission to build and enhance our Princeton community.

Orange & Black Club

Chair – Bob Loveman '69

The Orange & Black Club held its 36th annual meeting on January 17, 2012 at the University Club. Our luncheon speaker, Cynthia Cherrey, Princeton's VP for Campus Life, updated the audience on a wide array of topics related to current campus life, including the role of sororities and fraternities, reinstating a campus pub, and enhancing undergraduate student body social events... We recognized those Princetonians in the Chicago area that provide leadership in Annual Giving. Chicago-area alumni donated over \$1.8 million to AG's 2011 campaign, of which the vast majority came from Orange & Black donors. Our regional participation rate was 67%, compared with a still robust 61.3% nationally.

Parents Committee Chairs – Libby Raymond '78 P12, Paul Hybel P12,

Liz Sharp P14, Jeff Sharp '80, P14

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. The welcome calls to parents in April 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. There is a webpage with helpful information on the Princeton Club of Chicago website: www.princetonclubofchicago.org/parents

The Parents Committee hosts the summer picnic, which brings together all new admits, their parents, current Princeton students and parents, recent alums, and other members of the Princeton Chicago area community before school begins. Last year's picnic was held at the lovely home of Vicki Herget and Bob Parsons on Chicago's north side. More than 150 attended this fun event, where the incoming class of 2015 learned and practiced "Ol' Nassau."

Volunteers interested in joining the Parents Committee are urged to contact any of the co-Chairs at <u>ChicagoPrincetonParents@gmail.com</u>

Princeton in Chicago Schools (PICS)

Chair – Bruce Rosenberg '69

PICS had another successful year working with Roosevelt High School. The new principal, Ricardo Trujillo, continues to makes changes which focused around dividing the school in seven sub-specialties. Each specialty stresses one particular area, such as math, while fulfilling other high school requirements.

The Princeton Club of Chicago provided many services to Roosevelt High School as part of PICS this school year. We purchased equipment and donated it to the Science Department. We also provided judges for the Science Fair. There was no History Fair this year as so many of the projects have become videos or performance presentations that judging booth projects has become more limited. Tutoring is continuing in the classrooms. We intend to provide scholarships for several worthy students this spring.

Now in our second year, PICS scholarships were granted at Roosevelt's graduation in June 2011 by Edie Canter '80. We awarded two \$5,000 scholarships to be given over eight semesters. Additionally, we awarded \$1,000 scholarships to be given over two semesters to two other students. The students have to remain in good academic standing to renew their scholarships. We have begun the application process for scholarships this year.

All of these activities, especially the scholarships, are a result of the generosity of club members. Those who wish to contribute time or money next year should get in touch with Bruce Rosenberg, at <u>itsokdoit@aol.com</u>.

Princeton Prize in Race Relations

Chair – Marquis Parker '99

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 Tayler Ulmer, a junior at Whitney M. Young High School. He received a certificate and a \$1,000 prize. 2007 Chicago Princeton Prize winner Sally Nuamah was the keynote speaker at the May 2011 Chicago Awards Ceremony and shared a deeply personal story of the development of her view on race from the perspective of a soon-to-be college graduate (at the time).

In 2011-2012, the Princeton Prize awards program was available to high school students in 24 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 will honor Chicago's 2012 Prize recipient, Stephanie Kuwornu, a junior from Kenwood High School, with a certificate and a \$1,000 prize. We invite you to attend the 7th Annual Chicago Princeton Prize in Race Relations Awards Ceremony in May (additional details are forthcoming).

On April 27-28, 2012, Chicago Princeton Prize winner Stephanie Kuwornu will join other Princeton Prize winners, local high school students, Princeton University students, alumni and faculty for the 5th Annual Princeton Prize Symposium on Race. The Symposium will be held at Princeton and is sponsored by the Class of '66. Visit <u>www.princeton.edu/pprize</u> 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: Marquis Parker (Chair), Anna Huang '07, Erica Jones '06, Mike Laidlaw '94, Oren T. Pollock *51, Tony Poole '76, and James J. Smith '92. This year, the committee started off slowly due to a change in chairmanship of the Princeton Prize, but, when the time came to pick up the pace, everything stepped up to the plate and contributed to a smooth process. Committee members review submitted applications, make recommendations to the Prize committee for awards consideration, and help to plan the awards ceremony. The Princeton Prize

Committee of Chicago is always interested in new members. If interested, contact Marquis Parker at <u>marquis.parker@gmail.com</u>.

Princeton AlumniCorps

Vince Anderson '65, Project 55 Chicago Coordinator

The Princeton Project 55 Fellowship Program continues to offer unique placement and learning opportunities in Chicago for recent Princeton graduates. For the 2011-12 year, eight fellows were placed with various local public service organizations. Fellows also attend weekly Urban Seminars, where they meet various Chicago public service leaders and visit some of the most respected nonprofit community organizations in the city. Also attending these seminars have been fellows from partner public interest programs at Northwestern University and the University of Chicago.

The Project 55 Public Interest Program in Chicago has been served by a steering committee, which includes a number of very involved Princeton alumni. This committee is responsible for recruiting local partner organizations, which then offer employment to fellows during their year in Chicago; the committee also supports fellows in their transition to Chicago and to their work assignments; in addition, the committee organizes social activities for fellows, seeks out and assigns them alumni mentors, and helps organize the weekly seminars the fellows participate in.

Listed below are the 2011-12 Project 55 fellows and the Chicago organizations where the fellows have been working this year:

Sitraka Andriamanantenasoa '11	Center on Halsted
Michael Collins '11	North Lawndale Employment Network
Kathleen Connor '11	Bethel New Life
Jackie Hedeman '11	Carole Robertson Center
Andrew Kinaci '10	CNT Energy
Laura Martindale '11	Better Boys Foundation
Jackie Moss '11	METROsquash
Caaminee Pandit '11	National Equity Fund

A big "thank you" goes out to the alumni who have volunteered as mentors to Project 55 fellows throughout 2011-12: Edie Canter '80, Al Chan '91, Phyllis Ellin '83, Peter Freeman '66, Brian Gant '97, Kirsten Ekdahl Hull '99, Mike Laidlaw '94, Bill Lawlor '56, John McDonough '66, Marquis Parker '99, Oren Pollock *51, Ben Porter '98, Stephanie Poulos '98, Jeremy Wall '02, Everett Ward '83, Adriana Willsie '07. Two of these mentors have been assigned to each fellow. Another group of alumni have volunteered as "at large" mentors; these mentors have made themselves available throughout the fellowship year should fellows be seeking additional advice and counsel.

Looking ahead to the 2012-13 fellowship year, these are the Project 55 fellows we expect to be arriving here during the summer to begin their jobs at the various Chicago organizations (listed below) that have recently committed to hiring them:

Nathan Brown '12	CNT Energy
Michael Collins '11	Civic Consulting Alliance
Dan Corica '12	Center on Halsted
Jesse Mudrick '12	Bethel New Life
Pauline Ndambuki '12	Urban Partnership Bank
Julie-Irene Nkodo '12	Free Spirit Media
Kelly Reilly '12	National Equity Fund

Diana Robinson '12	Women Employed
Ajay Tungare'12	Illinois State Board of Education

For more information or to get involved with Project 55 in Chicago, please contact Aiala Levy '07 at aialalevy@gmail.com

Programs Committee

Vice President Programs - Sally Metzler Dunea *97

PCC alumni enjoyed a high level of intellectual and cultural events this season, including theatre, precepts, and networking events. The club also increased their involvement with other ivy alumni clubs in Chicago, fostering more opportunities for social engagement and camaraderie.

Princeton and Harvard alumni headed on Sunday, June 12, 2011 to the Raven Theatre on North Clark Street to attend **Anton Chekov 's "The Cherry Orchard**." The event also featured a special post-show reception featuring a discussion with the show's cast and director.

On September 20, environmental issues were the topic of controversy at a reception and precept on **ethanol as renewable energy**, given by distinguished alumnus Rathin Datta, who earned a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from Princeton in 1972. Dr. Datta is founder and Chief Scientific Officer for Coskata, Inc. and holds more than 25 U.S. patents. **Eric Macey**, class of 1973, partner and co-founder of Novack-Macey law firm, graciously offered his office at 100 North Riverside Plaza for our precept.

Intrepid travelers and alumni **Randy and Lorraine Barba**(class of '75, Geology and Romance Languages) delighted PCC with **two precepts** featuring their adventures in Africa, South Georgia Island, and the Falkland Islands. On Thursday, June 9, 2011, Randy and Lorraine spoke to a capacity crowd on the "Shy Five," animals of Africa, principally in Botswana, South Africa, Zambia, and Ethiopia. Alumnus **Chris Yarbrough**, class of 1996, A.B., Psychology and currently Senior Legal Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Henderson Global Investors Inc., provided his downtown office for our event. The following year, March 20, 5:30-7:30 pm, Randy and Lorraine Barba entertained a large crowd with their adventures and knowledge in a precept titled "Tracing the Steps of Ernest Shackleton with the Best Wildlife Found in the Southern Ocean." **Alumnus Andrew Avsec** (B.A. Bioethics, class of 2004) and currently Intellectual Property Attorney at Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione offered his beautiful conference room for our event.

Lyrical voices were on the ticket on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 during a special concert by the **Princeton Tigressions**, a female a cappella singing group. Founded in 1981, the Tigressions are undergraduate students who perform contemporary a cappella music. Graciously hosted by and at the home of **Macol Stewart Cerda** (Princeton class 1991, Philosophy) and her husband Jose Cerda, III (Harvard), the evening also included a wine and appetizer reception.

PCC and Harvard alumni gathered on February 16, 2012, to hear a riveting discussion on **North Korea** by expert **Walter Keats**, Harvard alumnus. A wine and cheese reception was followed by Walter's presentation on "North Korea Update: What's Up Now?" at the offices of McDermott, Will & Emery downtown Chicago. Walter is a member of The Korea Society in New York, the National Committee on North Korea in Washington, the National Committee on American Foreign Policy in New York, and the Royal Asiatic Society Korea Branch in Seoul.

Alumni celebrated the Lunar New Year on Sunday February 12 and initiated the Year of the Dragon at a brunch organized by alumnus **Greg Wong**, '02. The Lunar New Year Hot Pot Brunch took place at the delicious Lao Szechuan restaurant on Archer Ave, Chicago, IL

Princeton Tigers and their cubs made a splash on Saturday, March 25th at the family swim and reception organized by **Mary Newburn** '97, VP of the PCC. The event took place at the Lakeshore Sport and Fitness Club and was hosted by alumni **Peter and Jen Goldman** ('94 and '93 respectively).

Upcoming:

Alumna **Charlene Olson** has worked her magic and organized a special event at the Chicago Symphony on May 6, 2012. Yo-Yo Ma and **Conductor Carlos Miguel Prieto**, Princeton alumnus '87 are the featured entertainers and guests at this private post-concert reception immediately following the concert.

Featured summer activity: Saturday, July 14, 7:30 pm.

Princeton Club Chicago heads to **Ravinia** once again for a pre-concert dinner and concert featuring the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Conductor Christoph Eschenbach, who present classical favorites including Dvořák. Alumni will be treated to a private tent and pavilion seating. Reservations will be accepted in the coming months.

Thank you to all who have assisted with our programs and to all attendees! Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Scholarship Committee

Chair – Gerald D. Skoning '64

This year marks the 100th 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 his or her family's economic circumstances. Princeton now provides financial aid to 60% of its undergraduates, with an average grant of \$36,000.

Since 1988, the Princeton Club of Chicago Scholarship Fund has awarded scholarships totaling almost \$2 million. I am pleased to report that scholarships have been awarded this year by the University to five outstanding undergraduates from the Chicago area.

Hearty congratulations to theses fine scholarship recipients for the 2011-2012 academic year:

NAME	CLASS	HIGH SCHOOL
Payton K. Morgan	2014	Walter Payton College Prep
Abigail G. R. Klionsky	2014	Walter Payton College Prep
Destiny B. Ortega	2012	Saint Ignatius Prep
Jake A Robertson	2015	Willowbrook H.S.
Shawon K. Jackson	2015	Illinois Math & Science

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

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 again (as well as those who have not contributed before), to give consideration to making a special gift this year in honor of our Centennial.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer – Albert Chan '91

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 solid financial shape. Thanks to our members and event planners, we will be close to breakeven while, at the same time, hosting a terrific number of events. This year saw the implementation of an event booking and online payment system at the Club's web site. 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, and the Princeton Prize in Race Relations.

The Club continues to raise funds for PICS and has been successful this year. We have accumulated sufficient funds in our PICS' account to support our first scholarship program and provide needed supplies for the Roosevelt High School Science Department. In addition, we are funding a summer intern at UMOJA. The Club is applying 100% of PICS funds for direct department program and tutoring support. The PICS funds are in all cases being used to complement direct participation by alumni in supporting activities at the school.

The Women's Network

Chair – Jennifer Rowland '02

Princeton women from the Chicago-area (and southern Wisconsin!) came together over books and discussion for camaraderie and meals in 2011. Books included *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* and *Still Alice*. Gatherings are typically held on a bi-monthly basis and all Princeton-affiliated women are encouraged to attend!

Young Alumni Committee

Chair – Ellenna Raymond '05

The Young Alumni Group enjoyed many events this year, often with more than just "young" alumni, and sometimes with other alumni groups. We co-sponsored events with the IvyPlus Group – an organization of young alumni from Ivy League colleges, CalTech, Duke, MIT, and Stanford. You can stay up-to-date with IvyPlus events by joining the group on Facebook – Young Alumni All-Ivy Plus Chicago. We welcome any suggestions you may have for future events. Looking forward to another year with the Young Alumni Group!

The events of the past year included:

- Happy hours at Fado Irish Pub, The Kerryman
- Princeton basketball and football viewing parties
- Wine and Chocolate Tasting Event
- Theater outing *Too much light makes the baby go blind*

Elections/Nominating Committee

Chair – Carl Yudell '75

For their tireless leadership and support, the Club wishes to thank retiring Officers and Committee Chairs: Jessica Gonzalez '95 is retiring as a director but is now chair of the annual dinner; retiring director, Lisa Esayian '86; Valerie Wiley and Tim Johnson '73, P12, retiring co-chairs of the Parents Committee.

We are excited to welcome our newly appointed leadership group liaisons: Gregory S. Wong, Association of Asian-American Princeton Alumni; Tony Poole '76, Association of Black Princeton Alumni, and Marco Salazar '03, Association of Latino Princeton Alumni. We also welcome back Liz and Jeff Sharp '80, P14 as co-chairs of the Parents Committee. The following nominees have been asked to serve as Club Directors: Nick Jachim '88, Mike Malecek '09, Carol Brown '75, Kristine Mighion '86, and Eric Larson '05.

Bios for all can be found at the front of this document.

We wish to acknowledge those who will continue as officers or as chairs of committees. A full list is included at the end of this document.

I would like to thank the other members of the Nominating Committee: Michael Laidlaw '94, Mary Newburn '97, Charlene Huang Olson '88, Ryan Ruskin '90. I would also like to extend a personal "thank you" to all who have served on the Leadership Group in the past year and a "welcome" to all who will be serving in the coming year.

Triangle Show Committee

Marv Pollack '73, Chair

The Princeton Club of Chicago had the honor of hosting the Princeton Triangle Club on a balmy February 1, 2012. The Triangle gathering is usually the largest program of the year for PCC. This year we had nearly 300 alumni, family, friends and Early Action admits in attendance. This was a remarkable event not only for the excellent show, "Doomsday's of our Lives," but also for the opportunity to see dozens of classmates, work as a team to produce the show, and watch the highly talented undergraduates deal with the challenges of the tour and the peculiarities of a theatre they had never seen before.

The event was made possible by a very talented committee, generous in their contribution of time and creativity. John Haarlow '99 arranged the delectable alumni and new admit reception and the crew dinner. Steve Reed '96 arranged housing for all 54 cast and crew members. Jim McGee '75 worked as liaison between the Triangle Tech director and the theatre. Charlene Huang Olson '88 managed the decorations and the Early Action admit gathering. Additional committee members,

who helped immensely on show day, include Erica Greil '10, Marc Silverstein '88, Zack Zimmerman '10, and Ryan Ruskin '90.

Financially, the Club broke even on the event, giving us the confidence to undertake another Triangle production next time they head our way. The positive financial result is due largely to the generosity of our 41 sponsors and patrons. Their support helps close the gap between regular ticket sales and our costs. Please consider joining their ranks for our next production.

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