Stuyvesant High School was established in 1904, originally as a manual trade school for boys. Stuyvesant became co-ed in 1969 with an initial class of 14 girls. Today, approximately 43% of the student body is female.

Students are selected for admission based on performance on the specialized high school entrance exam, which is open to all residents of New York City.

The school was based originally at 345 East 15th Street until the city funded a new building, located in Battery Park City, which is located at 345 Chambers Street, and on the cover of this report.

Stuyvesant has a rigorous and accelerated math and science program, but also has a very rich humanities and arts program. Students enjoy over 100 electives including but not limited to research classes, economics, psychology, software development, medical ethics, urban ecology, Jewish history, web design and science fiction. and Advanced Placement (“AP”) courses.

Our extra-curricular programs include Science Olympiad, Model United Nations, Robotics, and over 35 sports teams including Football, Fencing, Swimming, Soccer and Track.

With over 3,300 students enrolled in the school, our 2016 graduation class had 839 students, and we had over 100 National Merit Semifinalists.

Stuyvesant regularly competes and wins in the National arena in areas that include Math Olympiad, Chess, Siemens Math and Technology competition, and the Science Talent Search competition. We are proud to count among our graduates four Nobel Prize Laureates, Emmy and Academy Award winners, the former United States Attorney General, and leaders in a wide variety of different industries and fields.

About Stuyvesant High School


Our Mission

✧ To connect and maintain the relationship of alumni to the school and to each other
✧ To render aid and cooperation to the school in order to facilitate academic and extracurricular programs
✧ To award scholarships and other grants to deserving students
✧ To raise funds in order to support those activities which result in the furtherance of the above.

* We are very sad to report that Dr. M. Felix Freshwater ’64 passed away on October 1, 2016.
We are so thankful to the alumni who have continued to support the programs that keep Stuyvesant at the forefront of education.

In the 2015-2016 year, we were able to send students to tournaments nation-wide allowing Stuyvesant to compete on the level commensurate with its level of recognition.

Stuyvesant had an amazing year of achievements. Our Chess team competed in two National tournaments, and I am happy to let you know that our seniors and sophomores won first place!

Our Speech & Debate team has brought home more national wins as well, and our History students were invited to compete on the Regional Level of the History Day Competition.

Our school which is traditionally known for academics had a very strong year with athletics as well. One of our students, Krystal Lara qualified for the Olympic swim trials in Omaha, Nebraska, and I am proud to let you know that we had additional PSAL wins for the highest New York City rankings.

This will sadly be my last year at Stuyvesant, as I have taken on another opportunity. However, as the parent of two alumni and the Principal of four graduating classes, Stuyvesant will remain forever a part of my family.

I do hope you will continue to support Stuyvesant as you have done in the past. Your generosity is hugely helpful to ensure that the students today continue to achieve their potential and keep Stuyvesant’s legacy strong.

Sincerely,

Principal Jie Zhang P’04, P’15

*Update: In July 2016, Eric Contreras P’16 was announced to be the Interim Acting Principal.*
In 2016, Stuyvesant produced 2 Intel Semi-Finalists
Giving is a very personal choice. I’d like to share why giving to Stuyvesant and its Alumni Association is so important to me.

I was born in Korea and immigrated to Queens when I was 5 years old. I am proud to be a product of New York City public education. I aspired to attend Stuyvesant because I wanted to measure up to its standards of excellence. I didn’t question the sacrifices of leaving my neighborhood friends or the tedious hour plus commute. After graduating Stuyvesant, I was admitted to an elite Ivy League university where I faced incredible culture shock. It wasn’t that most people didn’t look like me, or dress like me, or that they were better read or more widely travelled. The biggest surprise was that my fellow students did not share anxiety about being at this elite school. They expected to attend an exclusive college - whether it was because their families had named buildings on campus or because they attended the right preparatory schools that regularly fed the university. The schools that my fellow students did not share anxiety about being at this elite school. They expected to attend an exclusive college - whether it was because their families had named buildings on campus or because they attended the right preparatory schools that regularly fed the university. The schools that my fellow students came from had names, not numbers.

The concept of free and open education for all children is little more than a century old. Prior to that, education was a privilege afforded to those from the right institutions and birthright. The American social contract today proclaims that children have a right to learn and achieve. This rings most true in the City of New York, home to the largest public school system in the country with more than 1 million students. For all its size, however, the system today often fails to deliver its promise of being a ladder of social mobility. Stuyvesant remains a bright and shining exception.

But there is a terrible misconception that Stuyvesant is an elitist school. This is simply untrue in many respects. Stuyvesant receives the same per-student funding as any other public high school in the City, and actually less funding than New York State schools. We draw from the same teacher pools and administrators as the rest of the system. In 2016, Newsweek cited Stuyvesant as one of the top schools despite the fact that 47% students were below the poverty line.

Money is not Stuyvesant’s advantage. Almost 30,000 students every year take the Specialized High School Admissions Test annually to vie for one of the 800 spots. This process provides Stuyvesant with an abundance of bright and talented students, willing to come from all over the city for chance to better their lives. We are rich in smart and hungry students. It is an incredible privilege to learn amongst bright students from diverse backgrounds from all over New York City who share the drive to learn. If you will, this is the best education money does not buy.

I remain involved with and committed to Stuyvesant because I have not forgotten the ladders of opportunity that were made available to me. None was more important than Stuyvesant—a message that I hear constantly reiterated by our alumni. Most of our graduates did not have the right family connections. We didn't belong to the right clubs, or live in the right part of town. Our friends didn't go to all the right preschools together. Most of us now understand how intrinsically connected these things are to socio-economic outcomes and those of our children.

Stuyvesant is one of the last true ladders of opportunity, one that we were fortunate to be able to share. We should remember how lucky we are to have freely benefited from this school, and we are obligated to do what we can for the next generation and our community. We need to remember the adage that to whom much is given, much is expected.

When you give to Stuyvesant through the Association, your donations have the most impact because our students are not only needy, but extremely capable as well. The landscape has changed substantially for public school funding, and basic items are being rescinded by the Department of
Education. Just this year, funding was rescinded to provide PSAT testing for all juniors. Given that the PSAT is a requirement for students to qualify for National Merit Scholarship awards, this is a terrible loss. The Association and its donors stepped in to meet the funding gap.

The other part of the Association’s mission is to connect alumni to the school and each other. Programs we run like Mentoring and StuyPrep engage our alumni and connect them with current students. The most valuable thing we were given by Stuyvesant was not what we learned in the classroom but each other. We need to do more to stay connected to our shared heritage and experience. We cannot allow our bonds to deteriorate over time and distance. We should continue to share the benefits of this gift of fellowship through social media, newsletters updates through our Class Marshals, regular meet-ups and Reunions.

In closing, Stuyvesant is not only the best education money does not buy, it’s the best education that money can not buy. You cannot purchase admission into Stuyvesant—it must be earned, and it is a badge our alumni wear with honor. And while it may seem counter-intuitive to give to a public school, the playing field has changed and the Alumni Association is doing all we can to close that gap of resources so these poor, smart and hungry students have a fighting chance.

Give to Stuyvesant because you care about the city and community that nurtured you. Give to Stuyvesant because you care about freedom of opportunity and you believe in the concept of fairness. Give because the school works, and does amazing things and produces amazing people year after year. Give because it has a huge impact on individual lives and amazing returns for the community. Give to say thank you for the gifts you have been given.

Soo H. Kim ’93, President

The Alumni Association has gone through enormous positive transformation in the past year.

The Board has elected several changes to move towards best practices, and to allow for our organization to be eligible to apply for federal grants to benefit Stuyvesant.

The board elected to adopt new policies required for larger organizations as part of its aim towards consistently striving to improve. We keep our office staff to a minimum to limit our operational overhead, but our goal is to ensure that we are creating the framework for excellence moving forward. Policies adopted include: Social Media, Whistleblower, and an updated Conflict of Interest policy, which are available on our website at stuyalumni.org.

In 2015, the Board elected to incorporate Term Limits for all Directors, which did not exist previously. Directors can serve a maximum of 6 years, in two sequential terms. They then must take a minimum of 3 years before applying to nominations again.

Previously all membership dues expired at the end of the Alumni Association’s fiscal year. If someone paid their dues in May 1st, their membership would expire on June 30, just two months later. Our Membership committee listened to feedback from our alumni and voted to change the policy to allow dues to expire one full calendar year after dues are paid. We have implemented the ability for our members to have their membership dues paid on a recurring basis for online credit card donations.

We continue to post our 990 financial documents, Board Meeting Minutes, and updates in our News on our website for organizational transparency. To keep current with what’s going on at Stuyvesant and your fellow alumni, go to stuyalumni.org.

In 2015, we provided a more robust searchable Online Alumni Directory. Users have the ability to search for alumni based on a number of criteria, including but not limited to: graduation year, first or last name, college/university, industry, employer and job title.

We have moved forward with an independent service to tabulate Board of Director Elections moving forward. In addition to adding objectivity to the process, the move towards electronic balloting also alleviates the time-intensive administrative function of physically tallying votes.

Log into our directory to pick up your lifetime forwarding email address at stuyalumni.org and you can also view scanned copies of our historic newsletters.
The Road Ahead

The challenges of the future are great. Our graduates are ready to face those challenges, thanks to your support.

Stuyvesant Admissions Under Fire
In the past few years, the Specialized High School Achievement Test (“SHSAT”), which is currently the sole admissions criteria for Stuyvesant High School has come under fire. Our board and alumni community have attended several City Council meetings, and partnered with our sister schools to ensure that the standards of excellence that have come to make Stuyvesant a national name continue. However, continued vigilance is critical to ensure Stuyvesant’s future.

StuyPrep: Tackling the Diversity Challenge Head On:
Diversity is one of the biggest challenges faced by Stuyvesant today. Thanks to the support of fellow alumnus Kent Kim ‘05 and the Chair of our Diversity Committee, Director Christina Alfonso ‘01, in July 2016, the Alumni Association launched the StuyPrep program. This program brings students from underrepresented neighborhoods to Stuyvesant in an intensive thirteen week program each Saturday until the day of the exam in October. Leveraging Princeton Review as part of the formal test review but adding on lectures from Stuyvesant Alumni and structuring formal mentorship and tutoring with Stuyvesant students and alumni, the program onboarded 33 students with practice test scores going up on average 13 points. In 2017, we are looking towards expanding the weekly program to a 24 week program, beginning with 7th graders in May.

Increased Funding Needs
The Department of Education continues to scale back areas that were previously funded, such as the ability for juniors to take the PSAT, a core requirement that qualifies them to apply for National Merit Scholarships. Stuyvesant produced 104 National Merit Scholarship winners, significantly more than any other New York City high schools.

Improving the Science Talent Search Results
Stuyvesant has previously had a significant presence in both the semi-finalist and finalist arena of the Science Talent Search program. In recent years, we have seen a decline, and we are working towards improving the visibility and importance of learning about research to our student body today with the help of our alumni.

StuyPrep: Students from middle school IS392 work with Stuyvesant Alumni and Stuyvesant students on Saturdays in a 13 week program funded by the Alumni Association to prepare for the Specialized High School Admissions Test.
2015-2016 Student Achievements

- **The Chess Team won the National Championships** for the sophomore and senior divisions. The Alumni Association funded 11 students who qualified to compete in their final national tournaments in Orlando, FL and Atlanta, GA.
- **Speech & Debate won the overall Sweepstakes at the National Championship**, the National Championship in Public Forum Debate and the National Championship in Debate. We have proudly funded over $58K to support judges, coaches, tournament fees and transportation to competitions.
- **Siemen’s Math, Science and Technology Competition Finalist: Sharon Chao**
- **Robotics Team 2016 Regional Competition Winners**.
- **Boys Fencing wins City Finals**.
- **Won “Genes in Space” Competition** so our DNA analysis experiment will be performed aboard the International Space Station.
- **Student Krystal Lara** qualifies for the summer Olympics try-outs for swimming.
Alumni Support 2015-2016

Once again, the continuous generosity and commitment of our alumni has allowed us to make significant contributions to Stuyvesant. We cannot help the school without your continued support.

We are so grateful for your support.
Your donations have helped us give over $325,000 to the school, departments, programs and students, with another $92,000 towards building an endowment for Stuyvesant.

Our Speech and Debate students won multiple National Tournaments in 2015-2016 thanks to your support!

The Chess Team won National Tournaments and you helped students get there!

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Stuyvesant Needs Your Generous Support

It is always a great time to make a lasting contribution to Stuyvesant.

**Priority Funding for Stuyvesant**

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<td>T1 internet line for CS students to work remotely</td>
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<td>Biology High End Microscopes, Detail and Cleaning</td>
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<td>Create larger Weight Room to accommodate a full class of students (currently, students wait in the hall for a turn)</td>
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<td>Fund the Chess Team’s trip to nationals for the spring</td>
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Learn more about our programs and how we help Stuyvesant. Visit us at stuyalumni.org

- **$50**
  - Can buy “Great Books” for two students for English

- **$100**
  - Can cover NorthEast college visits for one student

- **$800**
  - Can buy transcription software for the Student Spectator

- **$1,500**
  - Can fund our CS students’ T1 computer line for one month
The Alumni Association is honored to work with such bright students and committed faculty members at Stuyvesant. Each year, we award scholarships, awards and grants to students selected by the Scholarships Committee. The Committee is led by Directors Daniel Egers, JD ’03 and Harry Malakoff ’62. Please find a subset of the largest awards granted in the 2015-2016 year.

Adolph Surtshin 1932 Memorial Scholarship
Kyle Lai - $1,000

Albert Capsouto 1973 Memorial Scholarship
Anne-Gail Moreland $1,000

Alumni Association Scholarship
Daniel Poleschchuk $1,000

Ava Hecht Scholarship
Camille Casino $1,000

Class of 1957 Legacy Fund Scholarship
Nicole Livitsky $1,957

Conor M. Moran 2003 Memorial Scholarship
Frances Dodin $1,000

Daniel Bergstein 1980 Memorial Scholarship
Suvin Jeon $1,980
Talia Coyne $1,980

Dr. Howard Wexler Scholarship
Krystal Lara $5,000

Dr. Marvin Eiger Scholarship
Caitlin Stanton $2,500
Michaela Papallo $2,500

Dr. Paul Kalish Memorial Scholarship
Amrit Hingorani $1,000
Dante DelPriore $1,000

Hanna Schweitzer Hechinger Memorial Scholarship
Frank Shlafer $2,500

Joel T. Weisberg Scholarship
Sanbir Rahman $1,500

Karen Von Damm, PhD 1973 Memorial Scholarship
Alanis Allen $1,000

Marc Connolly 1992 Memorial Scholarship
Ridwan Meah $2,000

Marjorie Tallman Scholarship
Luna Oiwa $5,000
Mayank Vanjani $5,000

In the 2015-2016 year, we gave over $70,000 in Awards and Scholarships to 40 deserving students and faculty members with another $19,000 in Grants.
Thank you for your continued support!

In deep appreciation for the donors who came together to support the Fundraising Challenge Match to raise $570,000 for the Endowment before July 15th, 2015.

The 1904 Club ($50,000+)
The Principal’s Circle ($25,000+)
Platinum, Patron (10,000+)

Gold, Benefactor ($5,000+)
Silver, Sponsor ($2,500+)

Honor Roll

Above, Scholarship Committee volunteer Ron Gutterson ’62, Eiger scholarship winner Caitlin Stanton ’16, Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Director Harry Malakoff ‘62, Eiger Scholarship winner Michaela Papallo ’16, Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Daniel Egers ’03 JD.
The Alumni Association has increased its presence on social media and is continuously adding content to our website. We continue to issue a print newsletter for alumni who prefer printed materials. Connect with us on one of the many platforms listed here.

Connect With Us!

- facebook.com/stuyvesantalumni
- twitter.com/stuyalumni
- instagram.com/stuyalumni
- alumni@shsaa.org
- stuyalumni.org
Being an annual dues-paying member of the Alumni Association is a great way to support the School and get extra perks. Paying members receive the Class Notes, discounts from our partners and on specific events, the right to vote in board of directors elections and more.

We are increasing the benefits of membership by adding more Events to the calendar every day including Industry Specific events like Finance, Medicine, Law and more. In the 2015-2016 year, we have brought together over 3,000 alumni through events, reunions and additional programs such as Mentoring.

Our comprehensive newsletter serves as a means for us to communicate with thousands of our members. In addition to providing updates and announcements, the newsletter also gives us a chance to recognize the achievements of our alumni, highlight reunions, and welcome the readers to be an active part of the Association.

The SHSAA periodically sends out email newsletters to keep our members informed of all the activities of the Association as well as the School. If you do not receive the e-newsletter and would like to sign up, simply send us an email at alumni@shsaa.org and we will add you to our mailing list.

Every year, the SHSAA organizes Reunions to bring all of our alumni back to the school, to connect with their classmates, the Principal, students and the faculty. This inclusive event is designed to bring all of our alumni together in a positive, meaningful way.

Introducing the Class Marshals for the Class of 2016
Danny Poleschuk
Jenny Jiang
Krzysztof Hochlewicz
Vadim Melerzanov
Susan Wu
Class Marshals serve the Alumni Community by keeping their classmates connected by providing Class Notes to the Alumni Office for publication on a quarterly basis. Since 2013, Class Marshals have been elected by their classmates to serve in this capacity. Need contact information for your own Class Marshal? Email us at alumni@shsaa.org.