

STUYVESANT

Alumni Association Year End Report

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

In 2017, Stuyvesant remains one of the best high schools in the nation, taking home scholastic, extracurricular and athletic achievements in multiple areas. But even with the most advanced courses offered, Stuyvesant still receives the same amount of funding per student as any other public high school in New York City.

Stuyvesant would not be able to continue to offer the same opportunities without the support of their alumni. Since January, the Alumni Association has given **over \$350,000** to support the students and school!

Highlighted below are a few achievements that were made possible by your support.



Young alums from our 2017 Reunion!

HOW WE SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

The students make Stuyvesant what it is. With almost half of the population qualifying for free and reduced lunch, a great education and exposure to opportunities at Stuyvesant can make the difference in fulfilling their potential. The Alumni Association, with your support, has continued to provide our students with access to needed resources:



Stuyvesant debaters with their bounty from a tournament earlier this year!

- ❖ We funded travel to tournaments all over the country to maintain our Top Ten national ranking for the award-winning Speech & Debate team.
- ❖ We funded the PSAT in the fall for all Juniors. With 165 students, we had the nation's highest number of National Merit Semi-Finalists! In comparison, Hunter and Bronx Science had 53 and 32, respectively.
- ❖ We paid senior dues and college application expenses for students from low-income households.
- ❖ We awarded \$70,000 in scholarships and \$15,000 in grants to more than twenty deserving students.

- ❖ We funded travel to Nationals in Nashville for our Chess team. They placed fourth out of 270 teams from all over the country.
- ❖ We supported our student researchers by creating mentorships with alumni in the field and funding numerous science clubs. This year we had two semi-finalists in the Seimen's Competition (formerly known as Intel/Westinghouse) and won the national DNA research competition, Genes in Space, for the second year in a row.



Mentors share sage advice with current students.



Sophomore Sophie Morris-Suzuki is representing the US in the 2017 World Youth Chess Championships.

- ❖ We provided 250+ students the opportunity to build relationships with alumni through the Alumni Mentoring Program. Students receive individualized advice on life and career decisions, support with resume building, and tips on interview preparation.

“Our kids should be able to compete based on their skills in speech and debate and not based on their ability to afford travel. We thank the Alumni Association for sharing that belief and helping us close the gap!”

– Julie Sheinman, Team Coach, National Speech & Debate Association's 2017 State Educator of the Year

Thank you for your support!



“Because of the guidance I received from my mentors and the Alumni Mentoring Program, I was able to secure a judicial internship at the New York Supreme Court. I would not be where I am without the Mentoring Program.”

– Irene Lam '18 (Mentee)

HOW WE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

We collaborate with the Principal and faculty to cultivate the school by improving the facilities and ensuring teachers have the resources to teach innovative courses.

❖ **Technology Program Revamp:** Believe it or not, the required technology courses at Stuyvesant had not changed much in over 50 years! In partnership with the Principal, we have paved the way to bring our curriculum to the 21st century with over \$27,000 in funding. This money provided new equipment and facility improvements - including the installation of a new fiber optic line!

❖ **Faculty Support:** This year we helped the English and Social Studies departments purchase books for their advanced courses, covered the cost to send two classes to see the Broadway show *Fiddler on the Roof*, and sponsored a writing workshop for teachers led by a director from Columbia University.



The Irwin Zahn Innovation Lab will welcome its first class of students in the spring!



Stuyvesant student-coaches with StuyPrep students this October

❖ **Building Diversity at Stuyvesant:** The Alumni Association has partnered with the school to increase applications from underrepresented minority groups. We hosted two annual Diversity Open Houses attended by hundreds of students and families. We also sponsored StuyPrep, a free test-prep program designed to help students from underrepresented NYC neighborhoods gain admission to specialized high schools.

HOW WE SUPPORT OUR ALUMNI

The last, but very important, part of our mission is to support the Stuyvesant community by building alumni fellowship through communications and events. In addition to sending out regular mailings (like this one pager!), we have an active Twitter (@stuyalumni), Instagram (@stuyvesanthischool), and Facebook group. If you haven't connected with us yet, do so today so you don't miss out!



Snapshots from the 2017 Reunions! Classmates met up near their class tent and watched student performances throughout the day.



We are always adding new events to the schedule. Check our website or social media for upcoming get-togethers with your fellow Stuy grads!

Additionally, we have sponsored several events to bring our community together. In 2017, these included:

- ❖ **2017 Reunion:** Over 500 alumni attended our May reunion which included student performances, presentations by faculty, and class-specific events for '67, '72, '87, and '12 graduates.
- ❖ **Six Industry Events:** Over 250 people attended with topics on Finance, Law, Medicine, Journalism, and Entrepreneurship.
- ❖ **First Girls' Event:** We hosted a very special event honoring Stuyvesant's first class of 13 girls who attended school in 1969. These "first girls" were accompanied by a panel of accomplished women alumni who came after these brave students.
- ❖ **Annual Return to Stuy Day:** We co-hosted this event on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. This opportunity allowed alumni to visit former teachers and connect with classmates.



Panelists and proud Stuyvesant alumnae from the First Girls' Event

Your donations and membership dues are what keep this organization thriving. Membership provides access to discounted event tickets and allows you to vote in our Board of Director elections. Don't miss out! If your expiration date is coming up (found below your address box), be sure to renew today!



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 - \$10,000 \$5,000 \$2,500 \$1,000

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