

# 2019 BENEFIT FOR STUYVESANT

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Warmest congratulations to

**Richard Axel, M.D. '63**  
**Julie Sheinman**  
**Nzingha Prescod '10**  
**Samantha Whitmore '09**

as recipients of the inaugural Golden Pegleg award!

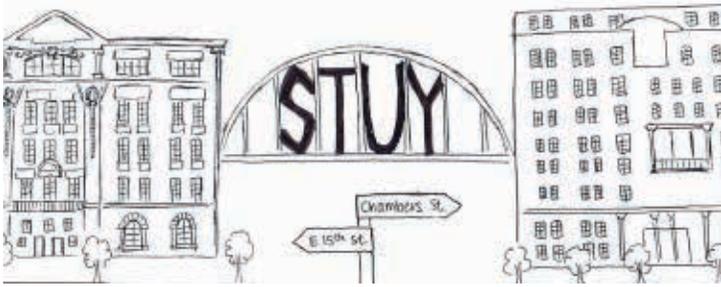
Thank you for your contributions  
in your respective fields  
and, equally as important,  
for serving as **Stuyvesant role models.**

We would also like to thank the

**Stuyvesant High School**  
**Alumni Association**

for making this event possible  
and for its continued efforts to enrich the lives of current  
Stuyvesant students and alumni.

*Tyrone Chang '92 and Family*



# STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BENEFIT FOR STUYVESANT

May 30, 2019

**WELCOME**

Soo Kim '93

*Board President & Event Co-Host*

**STUDENT PROGRAMS**

Lillian Seu '01

*Board Member & Event Chair*

**GOLDEN PEGLEG HONOREES**

**RICHARD AXEL, M.D. '63**

*Winner of the Nobel Prize in  
Physiology or Medicine 2004*

**JULIE SHEINMAN**

*Speech & Debate  
Coach since 1984*

**NZINGHA PRESCOD '10**

*Two-time Olympic Fencer*

**SAMANTHA WHITMORE '09**

*2019 Forbes 30 Under 30*

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Principal Eric Contreras

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**With special thanks to**

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Bill Ni '19



May 30, 2019

Welcome to the inaugural Benefit for Stuyvesant!

It is our joy and privilege tonight to laud the careers and contributions of four remarkable members of the Stuyvesant community, and we invite you to celebrate with us.

**Richard Axel, M.D. '63** received the 2004 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine and has revolutionized humanity's understanding of how our brains receive and process olfactory stimuli.

**Julie Sheinman** has coached the Stuyvesant High School Speech and Debate Team for 35 years with dedication, vision, and excellence and led students to numerous titles, awards and championships.

**Nzingha Prescod '10** is a foil fencer who represented the United States twice at the Olympic Games, is a four-time World Champion, and volunteers as an instructor at the Peter Westbrook Foundation.

**Samantha Whitmore '09** built a trade backtesting system for Kensho Technologies, was named to the 2019 Forbes 30 Under 30 list, and will soon begin a Ph.D. in Earth and Planetary Sciences at Harvard.

We are also here to celebrate 115 years of Stuyvesant High School, and 50 years of co-education at Stuyvesant. Stuy provides a superlative education for over 3,000 students from a wide variety of backgrounds all over New York City. Stuyvesant students speak 36 languages at home, and about 60 percent qualify for free or reduced lunch. All come to Stuyvesant to pursue academic and extracurricular excellence.

The Alumni Association works closely with school administrators, faculty, students, and the greater Stuyvesant alumni community to craft and deliver the finest programs possible. We:

- administer funds for capital improvements and supplies for the school, such as the new **Alfred & Edwin Lin Robotics Lab** and the **Irwin Zahn Innovation Lab** (where tonight's Golden Pegleg awards were designed and printed.)
- award over 40 college scholarships to Stuyvesant graduates;
- offer mentorship to Stuyvesant students from alumni;

- engage current Stuyvesant students to provide SHSAT test preparation to rising eighth-grade students from underrepresented middle schools around the city; and
- help fund equipment, travel, and other requests from 295 Stuyvesant departments, teams and clubs.

In nearly five years since the alumni organizations unified under a single group, the support of donors like you have helped raise over \$7 million for these goals.

Our goal, with your generosity, is to raise funds to bridge the gap between the funding Stuyvesant receives from the Department of Education and what the students need to thrive in this rigorous environment. We invite you into this partnership to ensure that Stuyvesant students can thrive and make the most of the education and opportunities available to them.

None of this is possible without the support of Stuyvesant alumni and community partners. The unrestricted funds donated by alumni through membership dues and donations enable the Alumni Association to accomplish its mission: to support Stuyvesant students, the school, and the alumni community.

On behalf of the 2019 Benefit for Stuyvesant Planning Committee, the Alumni Association's Board of Directors and Board of Trustees, and all your hosts this evening, thank you for your generosity!

Enjoy your evening!

Warm regards,

Lillian Seu '01  
Benefit for Stuyvesant Chair



Soo Kim '93  
Board President



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

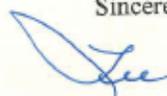
May 30, 2019

Dr. Richard Axel  
University Professor  
Columbia University

Dear Richard:

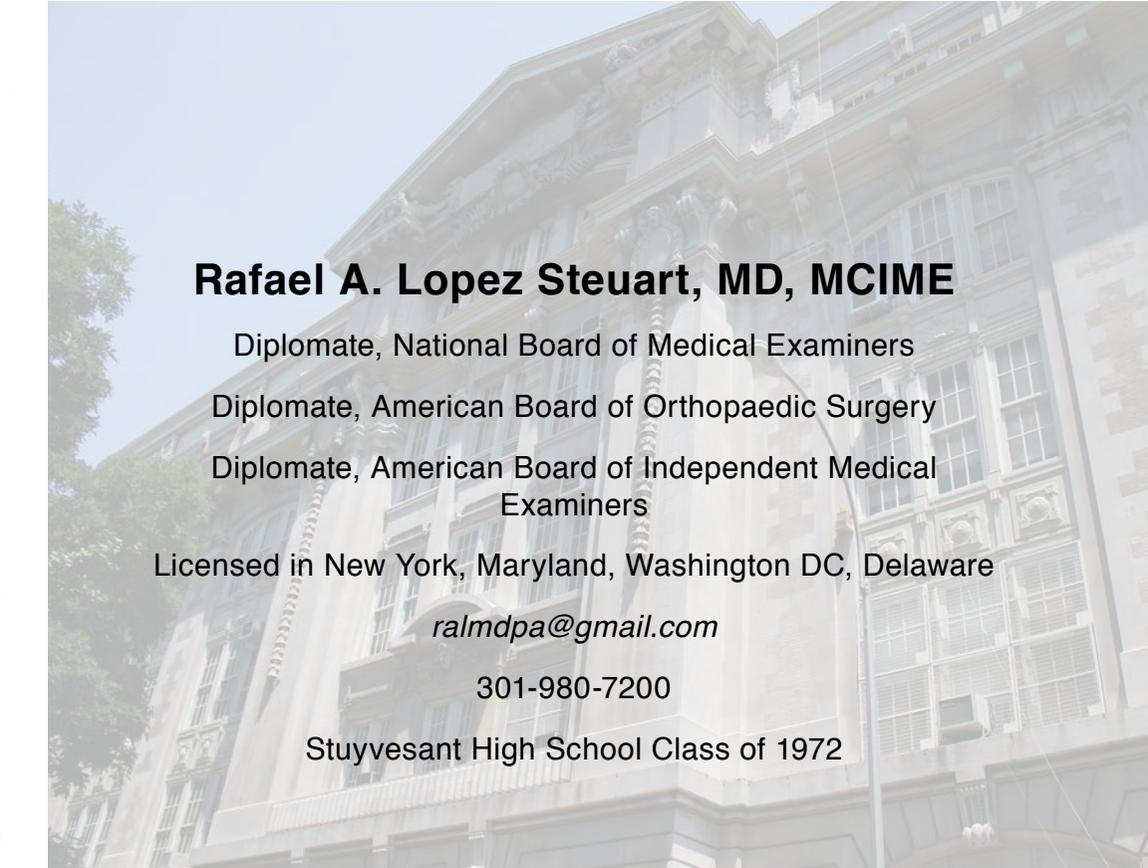
On behalf of the entire University community, I am delighted to extend congratulations to you on receiving the Golden Pegleg award tonight. I can think of no one more fitting to be the inaugural recipient of this honor. For decades, you have made groundbreaking contributions to the fields of neuroscience, molecular biology, and immunology. And in your role as a founding director of the Mortimer B. Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute, you have helped lead Columbia to the forefront of the cross-disciplinary study of the brain. We are proud and fortunate to count you among our esteemed faculty, and it is wonderful that your alma mater has chosen to recognize you in this way. I send my very best wishes for a special evening celebrating your remarkable legacy.

Sincerely,



Lee C. Bollinger

*And you're my friend!*



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Stuyvesant High School Class of 1972

**To all 2019 Golden Pegleg Honorees:**



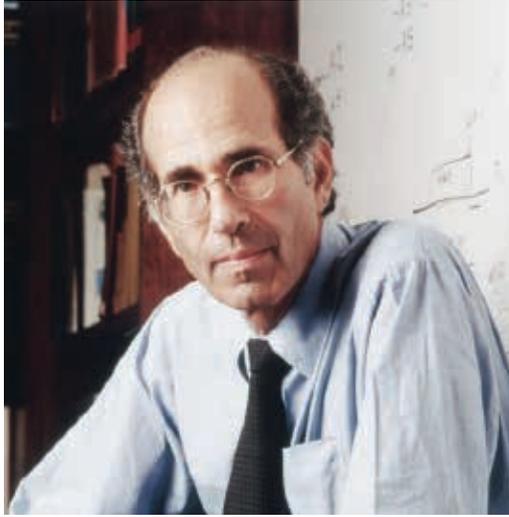
*Congratulations*

Best wishes,

Edward Chapnick  
Michaela Harel

Class of '77

# THE GOLDEN PEGLEG FOR OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS



Richard Axel, MD '63

The first Golden Pegleg for an Outstanding Alumnus/a will be awarded at the inaugural gala to **Richard Axel, M.D. '63**.

Dr. Axel holds an AB from Columbia University and finished medical school at Johns Hopkins University in 1971. He has spent his career at Columbia University where he has been a professor, an investigator at Columbia's Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and founding director of Columbia's Zuckerman Institute.

In 2004, Dr. Axel and Dr. Linda Buck shared the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine for their groundbreaking work on olfaction and how the brain processes the sense of smell. Dr. Axel identified over 1,000 special receptors in the nose that transmit olfactory information to the brain.

Dr. Axel's other career accomplishments include leading the first laboratory to recognize the link between HIV infection and immunoreceptor CD4 cells.

# THE GOLDEN PEGLEG FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A FACULTY MEMBER



Julie Sheinman

The inaugural Golden Pegleg for Outstanding Contribution by a Faculty Member will be awarded to **Julie Sheinman**.

Julie Sheinman came to Stuyvesant in 1984 to start a Speech and Debate team. Through her hard work and the talent and dedication of Stuyvesant students, she built one of the largest and most successful teams in the US. Over the years, Stuyvesant Speech & Debate has garnered dozens of city, state and national championships.

In 2017, Ms. Sheinman was elected to the National Speech and Debate Association Coaching Hall of Fame, the highest honor for any high school Speech and Debate coach. In 2018, she was named New York State Speech and Debate Educator of the Year.

Her greatest joy is her daughter Fannie who is a proud Stuy alumna, a former novice director of the Speech Team, and a rising senior at Tufts University.

# THE GOLDEN PEGLEG FOR OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNA



Nzingha Prescod '10

One of two inaugural Golden Pegleg awards for an Outstanding Young Alumnus/a will be awarded to **Nzingha Prescod '10**.

Ms. Prescod is a two-time Olympic fencer and multiple-time World Champion. In July 2018, she and her team captured Team USA's first-ever World Championships gold medal for the foil discipline. A Brooklyn native, Ms. Prescod became the first African-American woman to win an individual medal at the Senior World Championships in 2015. She has ranked as high as No. 5 in the world and qualified for the London Olympic Games at just 19. Ms. Prescod returned to the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics at 23 where she finished 11th.

Ms. Prescod graduated from Columbia University with a degree in Political Science and a concentration in race and ethnicity. She currently works as a part-time consultant at Ernst & Young while she trains for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

# THE GOLDEN PEGLEG FOR OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNA

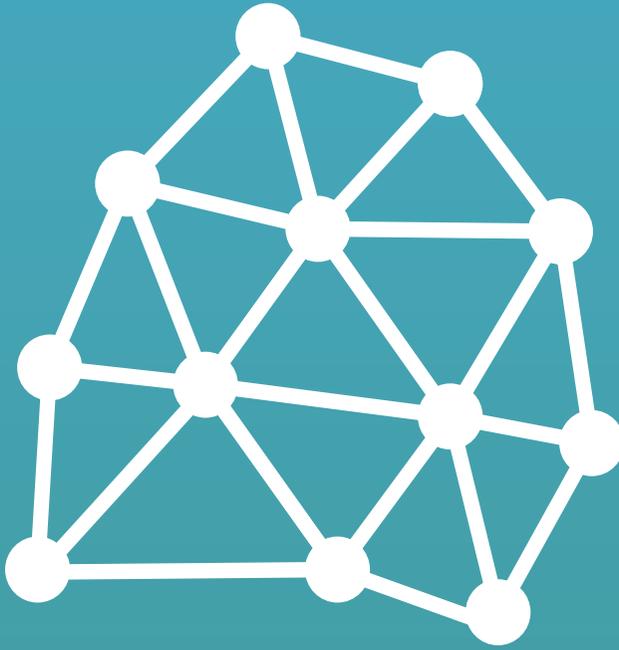


Samantha Whitmore '09

One of two inaugural Golden Pegleg awards for an Outstanding Young Alumnus/a will be awarded to **Samantha Whitmore '09**.

Ms. Whitmore is a scientist and software engineer. As Head of Engineering at Kensho, she built the company's trade backtesting system and led the data infrastructure division through a \$550 million acquisition by S&P Global. For her work at Kensho, Ms. Whitmore was named to the 2019 Forbes 30 Under 30. She received a master's degree in Experimental and Theoretical Physics from Cambridge University and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University with a joint degree in Physics and Mathematics.

In September, Ms. Whitmore will return to Harvard to begin a PhD program in Earth and Planetary Sciences. She credits her Stuyvesant education with introducing her to computer science and physics.



# B4H

# INVOLVED IN BLOCKCHAIN?

Run by a team of high school students (many from Stuy),  
Blockchains4Hacks (B4H) is one of NYC's first blockchain  
hackathons aimed at high schoolers and college students!  
It will take place on June 22nd.

If you would like to support us, please contact us at  
[\*hello@blockchainsforschools.com\*](mailto:hello@blockchainsforschools.com).

## Winner of the Golden Pegleg Trophy Design Competition



Bill Ni '19

**Winning Design Submitted By:** Bill Ni '19

**Biography:** Bill Ni is a graduating Stuyvesant senior who will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the fall.

**Manufacture Process:** Stratasys 3D printer at the Irwin Zahn Innovation Lab at Stuyvesant High School.

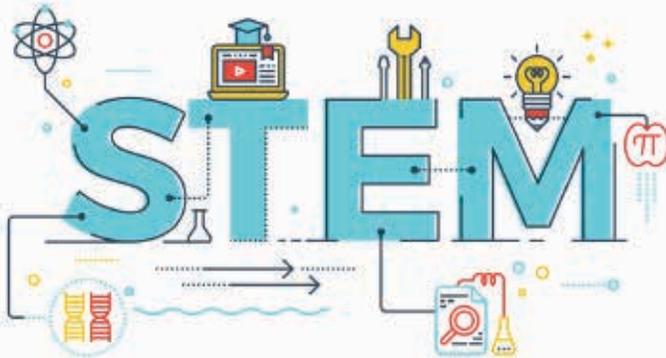


Winning Design



Stratasys 3D Printer in the Irwin Zahn Innovation Lab

**Designer's statement of artistic process:** "I had to think outside the box for a cool design that would represent Stuy and be a notable award for honorees. My inspiration was the AMA award because the pyramid shape was unique and attractive. I changed the pyramid to a cone and flipped it on its head. Then I added more cones on top, and cut out sections so the final design was more eye-catching."



## Support Research at Stuyvesant: An Appeal to the Stuyvesant Alumni STEM network

The SHSAA is building on Vanessa Liu's (Stuy '92 and prior Westinghouse finalist) heroic efforts to partner motivated students with research labs—especially for the **Regeneron Science Talent Search** (previously known as Westinghouse and Intel). If you know someone who can help, please fill out a short survey here: <http://stuyalumn.org/stem>.

Please contact **Director Lillian Seu '01** at [Lillian.Seu@alumni.ucsf.edu](mailto:Lillian.Seu@alumni.ucsf.edu) with questions or comments.

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offer congratulations and best wishes  
to the 2019 Golden Pegleg honorees!

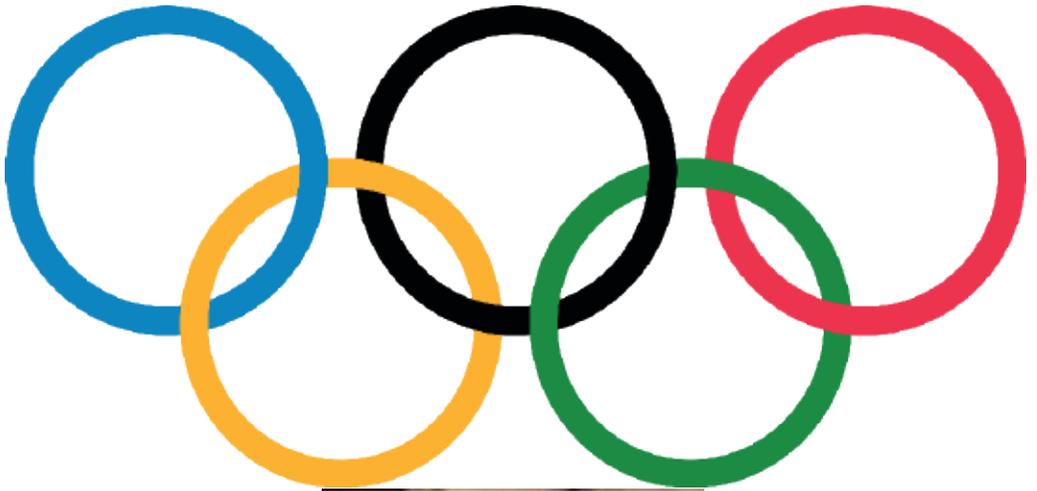


Greetings, fellow classmates!

Congratulations to our honorees, those who  
came before us, and those who continue to  
make us proud alumni!

Bud Mayo '59

*[bmayo@newvisiontheatres.com](mailto:bmayo@newvisiontheatres.com)*



Support Stuyvesant alumna **Nzingha Prescod**  
on her Olympic quest!

Nzingha is a 2-time Olympic fencer  
and World Champion representing Team USA.  
In preparation for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics,  
Nzingha is fundraising to support her  
medical, training, and travel expenses!

Join her team with a contribution to  
Nzingha's athletic fund!



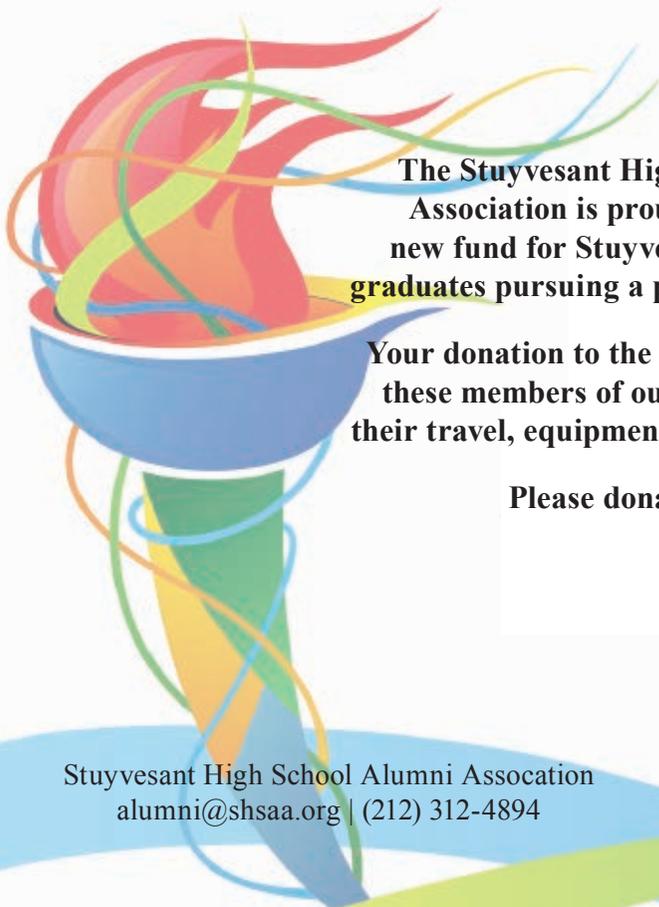
Use the QR scanner on your smartphone  
to be part of Nzingha's Olympic journey!



“Stuy is the proud home of Olympic athletes—champions on and off the field.

Be a part of the Team USA journey by donating to the Stuyvesant Olympic Fund today!”

-Nzingha Prescod '10, Olympic Fencer



**The Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association is proud to announce a new fund for Stuyvesant students and graduates pursuing a path to the Olympics.**

**Your donation to the Stuy Fund will help these members of our community fund their travel, equipment and other expenses.**

**Please donate today!**

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GRACE MENG  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Washington, D.C. 20515

May 30, 2019

Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association  
345 Chambers Street, Room 271  
New York, New York 10282

Dear Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all gathered at the Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association's Benefit Gala.

Since its founding in 1904, Stuyvesant High School has been well-regarded for its academic excellence. As one of the Specialized High Schools of New York City, Stuyvesant offers a wealth of resources for its talented students, who come from all five boroughs. The Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association is a not-for-profit organization, that aims to maintain the relationship of alumni through an array of initiatives, such as: rendering aid and cooperation to facilitate academic and extracurricular programs; awarding scholarships and other grants to deserving students; and raising funds to support those activities and the growth of this wonderful community.

I am honored to join the Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association in recognizing the outstanding contributions of this year's special honorees: Dr. Richard Axel '63, *Winner of the Nobel Prize in 2004*; Julie Sheinman, *Speech & Debate Coach since 1984*; Nzingha Prescod, *Olympic Fencer*; and Samantha Whitmore, *Forbes 30 under 30 in 2019*. These individuals represent great excellence and service in supporting the Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association's mission

As a proud Stuyvesant alumna, I support all efforts to enhance the education of Stuyvesant students, and commend the Stuyvesant Alumni Association for its unwavering commitment to helping our students meet their academic goals.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful celebration and much continued success!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grace Meng".

Grace Meng  
Member of Congress

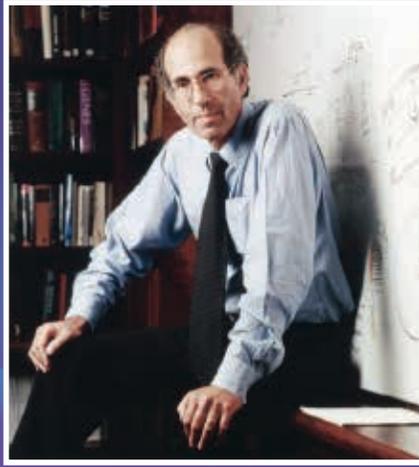
“It is impossible to generalize and say who the Stuyvesant student is. We come from every **SOCIAL** and **ECONOMIC** class and a vast number of ethnic backgrounds. We are **DIFFERENT**, and yet we are **SIMILAR** in that we all came looking for a good **EDUCATION** and are willing to work hard to satisfy our **CURIOSITY**. We are a collection of **STRONG** individuals and are **UNIFIED** by our personality differences and our **INTELLECTUAL** interest.”

-Cassie Ehrenberg, '92

**THE HARTIG AND DIAMOND  
FAMILIES ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT THE  
STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION.**

**HELENE AND MICHAEL HARTIG '72, BOARD MEMBER**

**SUSAN TENNEY AND HAL DIAMOND '78, BOARD MEMBER**



The Guidepost Solutions team  
and Bart M. Schwartz  
are proud to support the  
Stuyvesant Alumni Association  
and join it in saluting

# RICHARD AXEL, MD

for his professional work  
and outstanding achievements.



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