



Cap and Gown

# Cap and Gown News Fall 2014

Celebrating 109 years of women leaders



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- ▶ Connect with us on social media
- ▶ Support scholarships for women leaders
- ▶ Don't forget to pay your dues



# Letter from the President of the Alumnae Board



It's been an illuminating year for women around the world. Tech companies came clean about the vast shortage of women in leadership and engineering. The media questioned why women's earnings are just 77% of men's overall. And we heard about shocking social and physical injustices to women in different parts of the world. On the bright side, it was the year that some

major corporations began to take serious steps toward creating better workplaces for women, and Malala Yousafzai won the Nobel Peace Prize for her work to further girls' rights to education.

While the society around us considers how best to improve conditions for women nationally and globally, Cap and Gown remains steadfast in celebrating and fostering women leaders. We not only commend leadership, but also service to our communities. We recognize the power of human connections to make our lives more fulfilling and, in fact, to help us live longer. We create opportunities to connect with one another. Most of all, we support one another.

To me, Cap and Gown is the most inspiring and welcoming community of overachieving women that I can imagine. I feel immensely honored and fortunate to be a small part of this very special community and have the opportunity to serve all of you.

In the name of supporting one another, I'd like to issue a challenge to each and every of you, no matter where on the globe you call home: make a Cap and Gown connection. We are starting to facilitate this by piloting regional events, but you can also start by looking up Cap and Gown alumnae near you on the Stanford Alumni Association website at <http://stanfordalumni.org>. Then schedule a breakfast or a coffee or even just a phone call with a Cap and Gown woman in your area. Ask her about her own journey and what obstacles she has faced. And most of all, find one way you can support her on her journey, however small it may be. If you feel inclined to share your experience, I'd love to hear from you. If you don't, that's fine too. Either way, you just might make a big impact on someone's life, as several Cap and Gown women have had on mind.

Cap and Gown had a wonderful year last year. We inducted another strikingly impressive class of Cap and Gown actives at Tapping Tea. We heard from Dr. Sharon Long about her life journey at the Stanford Women Winter Welcome and joined guided discussions to hear about one another's Stanford experiences and challenges. At the Spring Brunch, we heard from Heidi Roizen and Miriam Rivera about each of their journeys as women in technology and venture capital, role models to young women, and hard-working mothers. On graduation day, we celebrated our new Alumnae at the home of Cap and Gown Alumnae Board Vice President Kathy Chou. It was a rich and rewarding year.

This year, we look forward to celebrating 110 years of women leaders and continuing to focus on our core events while building on our charter to honor and bring together women leaders at Stanford.

Finally, I'd like to thank YOU for your leadership and service in general, and for your participation in Cap and Gown. It is you, our members, that define our organization and I am proud to be connected with all of you. I would also like to especially thank Michelle Galloway, Ellen Petrill, Kathy Chou, and the rest of the Alumnae and Actives Boards for preserving the essence of Cap and Gown and protecting the treasure that is our organization.

Here's to another great year!

Yours,  
Samantha Quist, '03  
[capandgownpresident@gmail.com](mailto:capandgownpresident@gmail.com)



Members of the Alumnae Board: Melissa Luu-Van, Ellen Cerf Slack, Ellen Petrill, Shari Kuchenbecker, Ellie Mansfield, Jean Coblentz, Kathryn Kilner, Kathy Chou, Samantha Quist, Michelle Galloway, Jessica Mahler

## Alumnae Board

The Alumnae Board serves to connect Cap and Gown Alumnae with each other and the Stanford community. This includes hosting events, supporting mentorship and communicating Cap and Gown news to members.

The Alumnae Board meets four times a year and works with the Actives Board in planning and hosting Cap and Gown events. It also manages Cap and Gown's scholarship funds and dues collection.

## Executive Board 2014-2015

Samantha Quist, President  
 Ellen Cerf Slack, Vice President, Treasurer  
 Kathy Chou, Vice President, Graduation Tea Co-Chair  
 Michelle Galloway, Vice President, Scholarships Chair  
 and Tapping Tea Co-Chair  
 Ellen Petrill, Vice President, Winter Welcome Chair

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 Jean Leonard  
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## Come Join the Board

Reconnect with Cap and Gown Alumnae and current students by joining the Alumnae Board. When you join the board, you have an instant set of friends spanning seven decades! The board also provides great opportunities to contribute, practice, and grow your leadership skills.

If you are interested in learning more about serving on the board or helping on a special program, please contact us through our website or email Samantha Quist at [capandgownpresident@gmail.com](mailto:capandgownpresident@gmail.com).

## Letter from the Outgoing Actives President



Congratulations to our recently graduated Actives Class and welcome to our newest members! Last year provided me with an amazing experience to meet and work with some of the women that I admire most at Stanford. Through Cap and Gown, I established relationships that will last a lifetime. As the next group of young women joins the organization, I look forward to having the opportunity to foster relationships with these new members of the Cap and Gown family. Our new actives board includes three wonderful women, Laurie Rumker, Eleanor Walker, and Rachel Waltman. I am proud to pass the torch on to a set of women leaders that truly embodies the spirit of Cap and Gown.

This past year was an incredible time for Cap and Gown. Tapping Tea, Women's Winter Welcome, and Spring Brunch provided the Cap and Gown community an amazing opportunity to network with other Stanford women leaders and learn from each others' experiences.

Hearing Carroll Estes, Sharon Long, Miriam Rivera, Heidi Roizen, and Pam Matson share their stories at these events was truly inspirational and reminded me of how the women in the Cap and Gown community create a major impact both in our immediate community and in the world at large.

I was truly honored to serve as Actives President this past year in Cap and Gown. Many thanks to the previous Actives Board, Hannah Belitz, Kristen Glass, and Jacquelyn Wong, for acting as amazing mentors throughout the 2013-2014 school year. I would like to give a huge thank you to Andrea Hinton and Veronica Polin for being the two best colleagues I could have asked for on the Cap and Gown Actives Board team. Thank you for all of the work you put in to help design the Cap and Gown application process, recruit a large pool of applicants, and execute events throughout the past year. In addition, thank you to the Alumnae Board, who provided incredibly valuable guidance and support. Finally, I would like to thank the members that joined our organization during the past year. I truly appreciated the Cap and Gown honorary members for sharing their inspirational stories at our events. The active members and my graduating Cap and Gown class were wonderful representatives of the organization, serving as leaders both in the organization and on campus. I am honored to have had the opportunity to be a member of the community of amazing Cap and Gown women and look forward to staying connected for many years to come!

Stephanie Glass, '14



# Letter from the Incoming Actives Presidents



**Laurie Rumker**  
Co-President

We are honored to be a part of the Cap and Gown community and are looking forward to continuing to get to know the current Actives, welcoming a new class of Cap and Gown women, and connecting with Cap and Gown Alumnae.

This year we are especially grateful to have the op-

portunity to work with the incredible Cap and Gown women who serve on our Alumnae Board. We have already learned

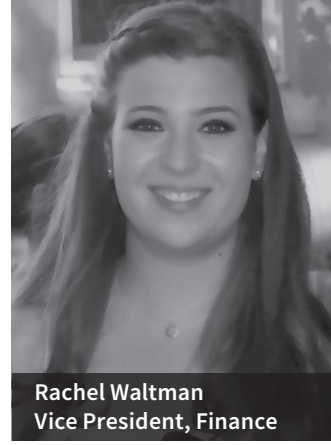
so much from their guidance in planning Tapping Tea and coordinating the fall recruitment and application process. We are eager for the other Actives to have similar opportunities to learn from them and the other inspiring women who compose the vast network of Cap and Gown Alumnae. We look forward to introducing



**Eleanor Walker**  
Co-President

our fellow Actives to the wealth of experience, warmth, and wisdom of Cap and Gown Alumnae through conversations at Winter Welcome and Spring Brunch as well as other informal events or meetings.

We also hope to build a strong community among the Actives that will continue to enrich our lives in the years to come. We began the year with a dinner at Treehouse for our returning Actives and have received great ideas for future events. We hope any Alumnae interested in connecting with the current Actives will not hesitate to reach out to us. We would love to help you connect with the current Actives and we know they are eager to meet you.



**Rachel Waltman**  
Vice President, Finance

Finally, we want to recognize and extend our sincerest gratitude to our Vice President of Finance, the amazing Rachel Waltman. We are so grateful for everything you do behind the scenes, always with a smile.

We look forward to getting to know our members, both new and old.

Here's to a wonderful year!

Laurie Rumker '15 and Eleanor Walker '15  
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## Actives Board

The Actives Board serves as the liaison between the Actives and the Alumnae Board. In addition to selecting each year's incoming Actives class, the Actives Board helps organize and host events and activities of interest and relevant to Actives.

## Returning Actives

Alisha Adam *International Relations*  
 Sarah Beller *Classics*  
 Josephine Chen *Biomedical Computation*  
 Victoria Kalumbi *Human Biology*  
 Jessica Lam *Bioengineering*  
 Megan Lu *Economics*  
 Kelley Luyken *Management Science & Engineering*  
 Lauren Miller *History*  
 Alexandra Mullin *Human Biology*  
 Stephanie Nevel *International Relations, Spanish Language*  
 Michelle Okereke *Mathematical and Computational Science*  
 Julia Purcell *History*  
 Tatiana Rosenblatt *Human Biology*  
 Laurie Rumker *Human Biology*  
 Charlotte Sagan *Human Biology*  
 Charlotte Vanee Sagan *Economics*  
 Charlotte Schaffer *Economics*  
 Lily Steyer *Human Biology*  
 Jacqueline Tao *Bioengineering*  
 Aimee Trujillo *Political Science*  
 Stephanie Tsai *Mathematical and Computational Science, Music*  
 Adrienne von Schulthess *Political Science*  
 Eleanor Walker *Classics and Linguistics*  
 Rachel Waltman *History and Spanish*  
 Rebeca Yanes *Mathematical and Computational Science*

## Tapping Tea 2014



On November 5, 2014, current Actives and Alumnae gathered on campus at Tresidder Union for our annual Tapping Tea ceremony, where 38 wonderful new Actives were inducted into Cap and Gown. Our new Actives hail from Palo Alto to Hong Kong, and are majoring in everything from international relations to computer science to theater and performance studies. We are thrilled to welcome such accomplished women to the organization!

To introduce our new members to Cap and Gown, Ellen Petriell gave a short history of the organization and Jean Coblentz shared her experience getting tapped in 1947.

Congratulations and welcome to our new members!





## Tapping Tea Committee

Michelle Galloway, Co-Chair  
Melissa Luu-Van, Co-Chair  
Ellie Mansfield  
Eleanor Walker





# Meet the new actives



**JENNI ALLISON**  
Class of 2016  
**Majors** Psychology, History  
**Hometown** San Diego, CA

In the winter of freshman year I took an abnormal psychology course and found my academic passion. Soon after I declared my psychology major and since then have gone on to become a research assistant in the Mind, Culture, and Society Lab. I have an interest in history and took classes in the history department throughout my freshman year, eventually declaring my history major, concentrating in war and revolution. Freshman year I joined a sorority, Alpha Epsilon Phi, and found a strong community of women that I loved. Since then I have been the sisterhood chair and Vice-President of Programming for my sorority. Sophomore year, I applied to the Peer Health Educator program and received a position as the PHE for the Freshman-Sophomore College, or FroSoCo.



**ISABEL ARJMAND**  
Class of 2016  
**Majors** Management Science & Engineering  
**Hometown** Cincinnati, OH

At Stanford, I am a junior studying Management Science & Engineering with a concentration in Policy and Strategy. I'm also studying Modern Languages, specifically Spanish and French. Outside of the classroom, I counsel at the Bridge, edit articles for STATIC, and raise awareness for Partners in Health. I love spending time with children (including my five younger siblings), and my two biggest passions are for education and public health. After graduation I hope to work for a non-profit or NGO in one of those fields and also plan to pursue either an MBA or an MPH. After an incredible summer teaching English in Mauritius, I'm excited to be working for Learning Enterprises (the non-profit that sponsored me over the summer) as an operations specialist, gaining real-world experience in running a non-profit. When I'm not thinking about the intersections of education, public health, and social justice, I love doing yoga, drinking iced coffee, and watching The Mindy Project with friends.



**NOEMI BERKOWITZ**  
Class of 2016  
**Majors** Theater and Performance Studies, Psychology  
**Hometown** Lincoln, NE

As a theater and psychology double major, my primary focus at Stanford is using the intersection of my artistic and academic interests to create theater that affects positive social change. Overall, I seek to increase the diversity of perspectives in my life and on campus through my mentoring work at Girls to Women, by leading Stanford Speakers Bureau's initiative in bringing trans actress of color Laverne Cox to campus, and by writing profiles and reviews about exciting art, artists, and theater on campus through the Stanford Daily. I'm interested in using theater to de-stigmatize mental illness, something I'm also examining in my clinical psychology and peer counseling classes, as well as with the current play I'm directing in collaboration with Psychology One. Overall, I strive to do research and use my art to engage with and represent populations whose voices are often silenced.



**ANNA BLUE**  
Class of 2016  
**Major** International Relations  
**Hometown** Gaithersburg, MD

My list of favorite Stanford experiences is unbelievably eclectic, probably because I'm too curious for my own good. I grew up in Washington, D.C., where I converted to a passionate follower of politics. When I came to Stanford, I declared International Relations and since then have jumped into leadership roles in Stanford in Government, the Stanford Democrats, and the Stanford Political Journal. I was very fortunate to work as the Women at Work series coordinator for the Women's Community Center and as the on-campus leader for the Organizing for America campaign. As the philanthropy chair for Chi Omega Fraternity, I have been able to rediscover my love for community service. Whenever I can, I take the chance to shoot some photography or go scuba diving!





### **SAMMI CANNOLD**

Class of 2016

**Majors** Theater and Performance Studies

**Hometown** Bedford Corners, NY

My name is Sammi Cannold and I am first and foremost a director of musical theater. As a student, I aim to combine my academic interests in history and education with my artistic interests in theater to create immersive theatrical pieces that bring history to life. At Stanford, I have had the great privilege of co-founding and running a musical theater organization called At the Fountain Theatricals, as well as directing many musicals and plays, including *Les Misérables* and *Violet: The Musical* on a moving bus. As I look to the future, I am endlessly excited about theater's power to change the world and it is an honor to be pursuing a career that helps to facilitate that.



### **SARAH CASE**

Class of 2016

**Major** Human Biology

**Hometown** New York, New York

I can remember wanting to be a teacher since my first days of preschool. My interest in education and child development has guided my path through Stanford: I chose Human Biology as my major in order to gain a better understanding of child development in different cultural contexts around the world— from biological, psychological, and sociological perspectives. Additionally, I am interested in how children learn language, and how language is used in different communities. I have done research with preschoolers and am writing a thesis on my results to explore these topics. Outside of class I have participated in several education-related programs, leading activities for middle schoolers in Tutoring for Community and tutoring a seventh grader through EPASA. From these experiences, I have begun to focus on how our culture influences the way we write curriculum for children, and am interested in developing and advocating for more culturally competent teaching materials.



### **JUSTINE DESILVA**

Class of 2016

**Majors** Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity

**Hometown** Ridgewood, NJ

I am a junior majoring in Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity and concentrating in Identity, Diversity, and Aesthetics. I am also a double minor in Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Creative Writing. In my spare time, I am an active member and philanthropy chairman for Delta Delta Delta, planning at least three major benefits a year that collectively raise over \$25,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This year I was nominated by my chapter president and appointed to the Greek honor society Order of Omega for my leadership within my chapter. I am also a Stanford tour guide and an intern at the Center for Relationship Abuse Awareness.



### **MONICA DEY**

Class of 2016

**Major** Human Biology

**Hometown** Nashville, TN

Whether serving as the co-chair of Sanskriti or as co-chair of the ASSU Social Impact Team, I have had the opportunity to work with incredibly passionate people who have pushed me to determine how I can make a positive change at Stanford and in the world. As a Human Biology major and French minor, I have also constantly engaged in interdisciplinary studies relating to global health and development. This year, I will be writing an honors thesis in the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law about the impact of reproductive rights on maternal health outcomes in East Africa, while also participating in the Public Service Scholars Program to ensure my thesis creates a real social impact.



# Meet the new actives (continued)



**SELAMILE DLAMINI**  
Class of 2016  
**Majors** Management Science and  
Engineering  
**Hometown** Swaziland

My name is Selamile Dlamini, and my biggest ambition is to have a meaningful impact on the world. At Stanford, I am majoring in Management Science & Engineering and serving as president of the International Undergraduate Community. Additionally, I am writing an honors thesis with the Centre for Democracy, Development & Rule of Law. My past experience includes research on the impact of M-Pesa in Tanzania. The following year, I investigated the factors that shape the aspirations of young girls in Swaziland. I specifically explored their participation in “traditional” events to better target school-based programs that encourage Swazi girls to complete school. Last spring, I worked at the World Bank Africa Finance & Private Sector Development division, and thereafter, with Dalberg Global Development advisors.



**MAGALI DUQUE**  
Class of 2015  
**Majors** History  
**Hometown** Venice, CA

My name is Magali Duque and I am a senior majoring in History with a focus in World History and Global Affairs. I am also pursuing a minor in Modern Languages (French and Spanish). A Los Angeles native, I have always been interested in issues of inequality and equitable development— in particular how race, gender and class intersect and affect social development. This led me to join various student organizations, including SAID (Stanford Association of International Development) of which I am Co-President, and WYSE (Women and Youth Supporting Each other) of which I am Director of 7th Grade Programming. Through these groups, I have organized conferences and career fairs and led mentoring sessions in order to promote advocacy for women’s rights and development issues.



**PAIGE FISHER**  
Class of 2015  
**Major** Human Biology  
**Hometown** Alamo, CA

I am most interested in the intersection of public health, human rights and community empowerment, so I have focused my studies and work at Stanford on creating social change. I worked for over two years at the Center for Social Innovation and collaborated with coworkers in Myanmar to produce a Stanford Institute for Innovation in Developing Economies (SEED) report to propose ways Stanford could play a role in poverty alleviation in Myanmar through entrepreneurship. At the Tides Network, I surveyed the changing ecosystem of Tides to outline ways Tides may move into new markets and create more impactful social change. Additionally, I tutor my peers and have worked as Team Leader for Reunion Homecoming, Philanthropy Chairman for my sorority, and Sports Coordinator for Camp Kesem.



**CAROLINE FROST**  
Class of 2016  
**Major** Mathematical and  
Computational Science  
**Hometown** Encino, CA

I am a Mathematical and Computational Science major with an honors concentration in financial decision analysis. This summer, I designed and tested software at Microsoft in Data Analytics and presented the project to the team manager and team leads. Recently, I was recognized regionally and nominated nationally at Susan Komen for my breast cancer fundraising and outreach. On campus, I manage the finances of and write for The Stanford Review. This past June, I wrote about third world education and the kidnapped Nigerian girls. Education initiatives are important to me. I teach math and reading to girls at EPATT and will be volunteering this upcoming year for Seeds of Empowerment, the third world educational NGO founded at the Graduate School of Education. Additionally, I served as an officer and intern for the Society of Women Engineers and am a proud representative of women in computer science and in business.



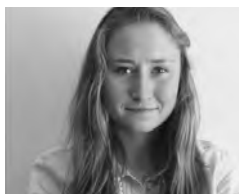
**TAYLOR GROSSMAN**  
Class of 2015  
**Major** Political Science  
**Hometown** Hillsborough, CA

I am a senior studying Political Science with a focus in international security. I'm currently working on an honors thesis through the Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) on public warning systems for terrorist threats. Last fall, I interned at the Pentagon through the Stanford in Washington program; the experience was truly exhilarating and solidified my desire to work in national security when I graduate. On campus, I have been deeply involved in the Haas Center's Education Partnership's Program, where I currently teach 7th grade math through the East Palo Alto Stanford Academy. I am also a research assistant at CISAC for Dr. Amy Zegart, and am leading an ASB on civil-military affairs this coming spring.



**ELSPETH HUSCHER**  
Class of 2016  
**Major** Economics  
**Hometown** Chicago, IL

I am pursuing a major in Economics with a minor in English. The appeal of Economics is both its preparatory value for a business career and its insights into the logic of everyday activities; a love of novels fuels my interest in English. I am actively involved in Stanford Women in Business and the Pi Beta Phi sorority, both communities of like-minded, supportive women. As VP of SWIB's Business Leadership team, I run the Executive Leadership series and our annual conference. At my sorority, I serve as VP of Finance and on the Executive Council. During the past two summers, I interned at World Business Chicago and then First Republic Private Wealth Management. During fall 2014, I am a visiting student at Oxford University.



**NOELLE HERRING**  
Class of 2016  
**Majors** Product Design,  
East Asian Studies  
**Hometown** Palo Alto, CA

I react to changes in wind pressure even while walking around campus, a testament to my nautical instincts. Yet, aside from sailing, my real region of interest lies far from the Pacific: the Chinese hinterland, a hotbed of infrastructural activity and political unrest. I have a hypothesis that this region explains why China is compelled to hyper-centralize. In Fujian, Yunnan, Inner Mongolia, Beijing, Gansu, Xinjiang, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, I study earthen structures, energy resources, and the ways China's centralized powers isolate periphery populations rather than include their diversity in the country's political processes. At Stanford, I take corresponding classes and try not to fall behind in my real studies.



**SANIYA KISHNANI**  
Class of 2016  
**Major** Human Biology  
**Hometown** Benicia, CA

Hello! My name is Saniya Kishnani and I am currently a junior pursuing a bachelor's degree in Human Biology, with a concentration in Biological and Psychosocial Determinants of Health and Development. At Stanford, I am returning as a Co-Director of the Stanford Medical Youth Science Program (SMYSP), which aims to empower minority and low-income youth to pursue health careers and higher education. I am also currently the President of the Stanford Wind Ensemble, and serve on the leadership teams of the Stanford Pre-Medical Association (SPA) and Stanford Sanskriti, the South Asian Undergraduate Student Association on campus. In my free time, I love to read, play my flute, hike, travel, and spend time with my amazing friends and family.



# Meet the new actives (continued)



**MEELIM LEE**  
Class of 2016  
**Major** Bioengineering  
**Hometown** Athens, OH

I am a junior majoring in Bioengineering with an interest in tissue engineering research and biosecurity policy. I am currently a Bioengineering Undergraduate Coordinator, which serves as a wonderful opportunity to share my enthusiasm about the growing major. I also enjoy coupling my experiences as a bioengineer and a Hume Peer Writing Tutor: I believe there is great room for growth at the intersection of research, communication, and technology policy. Additionally, I am passionate about educational equality and empowering the younger engineering community through STEM initiatives. I am developing those interests as a co-Director of Outreach for the Society of Women Engineers. Finally, I serve as the volunteer coordinator for Special Skaters, a weekly ice-skating program for students with special needs in the local community.



**RACHEL LEE**  
Class of 2016  
**Major** Economics  
**Hometown** Hong Kong

I'm Rachel, a junior at Stanford majoring in Economics. Born and raised in Hong Kong, I travel to Brazil once a year to visit family and am broadly interested in business management, education and intercultural communication. At Stanford I serve on the Executive Committee of Alpha Kappa Psi as VP of Business Development and on the Board of the International Undergraduate Community as VP of Social Outreach. I have also been a Student Ambassador for Room to Read, a non-profit organization devoted to improving literacy and gender equality in education, for the past 5 years. In my free time I enjoy traveling, trying new foods, learning new languages, swimming and skiing.



**NISHA MASHARANI**  
Class of 2015  
**Major** Computer Science  
**Hometown** Belmont, CA

I am a senior majoring in computer science. I fell in love with computer science my sophomore year because I loved the act of taking on challenge after challenge while coding, and overcoming all of those challenges to create a successful program. Outside of academics, I took on a variety of leadership roles, including technical director on a variety of theatrical productions, section leader and counselor at the Bridge Peer Counseling Center, and Banquet Chair of the Stanford Society of Women Engineers. This year, I am the Executive Producer (CEO) of Ram's Head Theatrical Society, Stanford's oldest and largest student-run theater company, which involves working with producers, a Board of Directors, and an executive staff to manage three large theatrical productions.



**LILY MCELWEE**  
Class of 2015  
**Major** Political Science  
**Hometown** San Francisco, CA

I am a senior pursuing the Research Honors Track of Political Science and minoring in Modern Languages (Chinese, German). Having lived in Shanghai from 2005 to 2010, I am deeply interested in the intersection of business and politics and am currently researching the sensitivity of multinational corporations to regime type for my honors thesis. I have been an athlete my entire life, achieving a national tennis ranking and participating in multiple San Francisco ballet productions. Here at Stanford, I spent two active years on the varsity fencing team, represented the Western Region twice at the NCAA Championships, and currently manage the teams social media channels. I am also an active member of the 2014-15 ASSU Executive Cabinet, Stanford Women in Business, the Intersorority Council, and Stanford+Connects. Though I explored consulting and defense technology through internships in Shanghai over past summers, I am excited to pursue a career in finance in San Francisco after graduation. I enjoy languages, tennis, and videography.



### MARISA MESSINA

Class of 2016

**Majors** Symbolic Systems, French  
**Hometown** McLean, VA

I am passionate about understanding the world in order to improve the quality of life for all those in it, and I have selected a rigorous and diverse academic and extracurricular smorgasbord to maximize my learning during my time at Stanford. In addition to my two majors (Symbolic Systems and French) and my four-year coterm (Communication), my activities run the gamut. At the moment, I serve as Student Chair of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs Student Advisory Group, Co-President of the Pre-Business Association, Financial Officer of Stanford Alumni Mentoring Program, am a writing and oral communication tutor at the Hume Center, a Peer Career Consultant at the Career Development Center, a Language Conversation Partner at the Center for Teaching and Learning, and an Editorial Intern at Stanford Magazine. Through these many roles, I am eagerly stretching my cognitive and interpersonal horizons and preparing myself to strike out as an aspiring leader and change-maker.



### KATE MOSLE

Class of 2016

**Major** History  
**Hometown** Dallas, TX

I am majoring in History and minoring in Economics in order to gain the analytic skills necessary to work on education policy when I graduate. I believe that improving the quality of and access to education will improve almost every aspect of our world. This summer, I worked on the Wendy Davis campaign for governor in my home state of Texas. Senator Davis is a strong woman who used education to lift herself out of poverty and is creating opportunities for other Texas women to do the same. At Stanford, I tutor middle school students through the organization Dream Catchers and rally other Stanford students around the important issues in education through my position on Students for Education Reform's executive board.



### ANISHA MUDALIAR

Class of 2015

**Major** Economics  
**Hometown** San Diego, CA

I am a senior from San Diego, California, majoring in economics. I have cultivated my passion for international development through field experiences in India, Kenya, Ecuador, and Mexico. At Stanford, I serve as a Vice-Chair of Stanford in Government and as a National Advisory Board Member of the Haas Center for Public Service. I have further explored my interests in public service as a participant in the Public Service Leadership Program, as a facilitator of the Haas Center's Emerging Leaders Retreat, and as an editorial intern at the Stanford Social Innovation Review. As a Sand Hill Fellow in Philanthropy, I spent this past summer working in the Financial Inclusion Initiative at Omidyar Network, a philanthropic investment firm. I have also pursued my interests in economic development at the Reserve Bank of India and at the World Bank through the Stanford in Washington Program.



### NHI NGUYEN

Class of 2015

**Major** Biology  
**Hometown** San Jose, CA

I am a senior at Stanford majoring in Biology who is passionate about health and equal opportunity. I serve as the President of Stanford Project on Hunger, which redirects leftovers from dining halls to homeless shelters, and as the President of Health Education for Life-Partnerships for Kids, which provides comprehensive health education to middle school students. Through the Pacific Free Clinic, I help provide medical services to underserved populations. I currently serve as the Academic Chair and Membership Chair for alpha Kappa Delta Phi and have previously volunteered as a team leader for Jumpstart, an AmeriCorps kindergarten readiness program. Stanford has given me the opportunity to network with incredible leaders in diverse fields and the inspiration to enact positive change. Following graduation, I hope to attend medical school.



# Meet the new actives (continued)



**CALEY PETRUCCI**  
Class of 2016  
**Major** Psychology  
**Hometown** Mercer Island, WA

In addition to pursuing a major in Psychology and a minor in English, I am also auditioning for a Certificate in Music Performance. I currently serve as a co-director for Tutor for Community, a service organization that tutors children of Stanford dining, maintenance, and janitorial staff members. With this organization I've previously served as the high school coordinator, where I introduced a college preparation program as well as a career development initiative. In addition to serving as a vice president for the Stanford University Wind Ensemble, I am also the Principal First Bassoon for the third consecutive year. I have also served on the executive committee for Alpha Phi Omega, a national co-education service fraternity, and currently work as an intern at the Stanford University Law School.



**KRISTEN POWNELL**  
Class of 2016  
**Major** Electrical Engineering  
**Hometown** Sugarland, TX

I am a junior majoring in Electrical Engineering and minoring in Political Science. At Stanford I have been heavily involved in the Society of Women Engineers, first as an intern and then as Middle School Outreach Officer. I led multiple activities throughout the year to introduce girls to STEM fields in an engaging and educational environment. As part of SWE, I also participated in a mentoring program and taught a fifth grader the basics of Arduino. I have been a leader within my dorm by participating in dorm government both freshmen and sophomore year and planning several events to foster a closer community. When I return from studying abroad, I will be a Community Leader in Castano and will continue to build relationships among students.



**HADLEY REID**  
Class of 2016  
**Major** Human Biology  
**Hometown** Chapel Hill, NC

I am currently a junior at Stanford majoring in human biology with a concentration in global health policy. I worked for two years on an independent research project in the Gozani lab on DNA methylation until I presented my findings this spring. I engage in policy through my work with Stanford in Government (SIG), and served as their director of DC/National fellowships my sophomore year. I am a volunteer at the Pacific Free Clinic and was selected last spring to undergo training to serve as a preclin, including taking patients' histories and presenting them to an MD before coming to a joint diagnosis. Last year I also helped to found Stanford Women in Medicine and served as their director of events.



**LAURA ROSE**  
Class of 2015  
**Major** Human Biology  
**Hometown** Palo Alto, CA

As a Human Biology major with a concentration in Child and Adolescent Development, I aim to become a physician specializing in a pediatric field. Among my involvements in research to develop these interests, I have volunteered as a research assistant for the Stanford Health Advocacy and Research Program for the past two years. Recently, I was promoted to Community Partnership Chair, working to strengthen ties between the Stanford Emergency Department and healthcare organizations in the Bay Area. This opportunity has allowed me to pursue my passion for medicine and develop a strong interest in public health. Additionally, I worked as the Peer Health Educator in Donner last year (2013-2014), which enabled me to gain practical, first-hand experience with peer health and wellness promotion.



### SARAH SADLIER

Class of 2016

**Majors** Iberian and Latin American Cultures (ILAC), American Studies, History  
**Hometown** Gig Harbor, WA

I am a junior from Gig Harbor, Washington, majoring in Iberian and Latin American Cultures, American Studies (with a concentration in “War, Weaponry, and Security in U.S. Foreign Policy”), and History (with a concentration in American Governance). Currently, I am working on a History honors thesis on the Battle of Little Bighorn in film. My senior year, I will do an American Studies honors thesis on the art of Little Bighorn and a CISAC thesis on Brazilian responses to transnational security threats. I am president and co-founder of the Stanford International Security Project, an editor of the Leland Quarterly and Herodotus, section editor for the Stanford Political Journal, peer advisor for American Studies, History and ILAC, the Stanford American Indian Organization’s Intern Coordinator, Stanford Powwow Publicity Committee Chair, and an Academic Council member.



### ASHLEY SEMANSKEE

Class of 2016

**Major** Human Biology  
**Hometown** Edmonds, WA

As a Human Biology major and Economics minor, my area of concentration is Global Health and Economic development. I am also passionate about education: I am currently writing an honors thesis studying philanthropy and education reform in US urban school districts. My academic interests have been driven by my service experience at home and abroad: as an African Service Fellow, I spent three months in Madagascar working at a school for girls and designing a women’s health curriculum. I also work as the Children’s Program Coordinator for Stanford Night Outreach, working with children from low-income families living at the Opportunity Center. My experience working directly with beneficiaries, from female students in rural Madagascar to low-income families in Palo Alto, has taught me to approach life with humility, creativity, and an open mind.



### SONA SULAKIAN

Class of 2016

**Majors** Classics, Biology  
**Hometown** Campbell, CA

I live life vicariously. After my father was diagnosed with cancer, my family was a hotbed of emotions. Seeing so much pain and sadness around me, I developed a passion for charity and started to derive my joy from that of others. My studies and extracurricular activities reinforce this search for fulfillment through others and enable me to spearhead my ideas, whether through tutoring, my involvement in SPOON, working with the Junior class cabinet, or the Womens Coalition. With a Classics and Biology double major, I may seem indecisive. Yet art is the study of self-expression, biology is my path to medicine, and history unveils the similarities of human behavior. I hope to combine medicine and public service in the future. In the meantime, I will steep myself in my studies, immerse myself in charity, and continue to seek that sense of vicarious fulfillment. We all like to think we are unique, and independence is a highly valued commodity, yet the patterns and peculiarities that define and bind us as humans, I believe, should be valued above all.



### EMILY TANG

Class of 2015

**Majors** Computer Science, Psychology  
**Hometown** Taipei, Taiwan

I am a double major in Computer Science and Psychology. Some find this combination surprising, but, for me, the two fields are complementary: understanding human behavior is important when building new technology. Computer science is extremely male-dominated, and I’ve strived to support females in the field. As co-president of Women in CS, I’ve built up the community by organizing our mentorship program and hosting professional development workshops. As lead coordinator of the People Team in Girls Teaching Girls To Code, I’ve mentored and inspired high school girls during the annual Code Camp we host. My interest in breaking down gender stereotypes in education has also motivated me to co-lead an Alternative Spring Break trip this year that focuses on educational equity and technology.



# Meet the new actives (continued)

**ELLY UNTERMEYER**

Class of 2016

**Major** Human Biology  
**Hometown** Houston, TX

I am majoring in Human Biology with a concentration in Behavioral Neurobiology and minoring in Arabic. My unofficial second major is being a pre-med, and I hope to attend medical school following graduation. I am currently a Residence Assistant in Trancos, a freshman dorm, which is one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of my life. Creating an inclusive environment for 79 residents and helping them through the confusing mess that is one's first year at Stanford has helped me to relate to and communicate with a wide array of personalities. Community service has always been an important facet of my life, and being Philanthropy Chair for my sorority has allowed me to find that element at Stanford and share it with others.

**NATHALIE WEISS**

Class of 2016

**Major** Art History  
**Hometown** Washington, D.C.

As the varsity coxswain for the men's rowing team, my primary community at Stanford is almost 100% male. I spend between 8 and 20 hours each week commanding a crew of eight athletic men in order to meet competitive racing standards. Off the water, I feel passionate about Art History and Architecture, which are my respective major and minor. This academic interest led me to the Cantor Arts Center, where I worked as an assistant to the curator within the department of Africa and the Americas for one year and where I currently serve as a member of the Student Advisory Board. I am also an active member of the sorority Kappa Kappa Gamma and serve as Financial Manager to my campus residence (Narnia).

**CAROLYN WHEATLEY**

Class of 2016

**Major** International Relations  
**Hometown** Portland, OR

I am a junior studying International Relations and Economics. I am most interested in global development and international security issues, specifically the threat of nuclear proliferation. I am fluent in French, Spanish, Italian, Czech and Russian, and I recently spent a quarter abroad in Moscow. Language study and time abroad gave me the opportunity to engage in cross-cultural interactions and witness the contrast between Western and domestic perspectives. This sparked my drive to understand international issues from multiple perspectives. I pursue this goal on campus as a delegate for the Stanford U.S. Russia Forum, organizing a bi-annual conference which brings together students from U.S. and Russian universities to explore political, economic, and social issues. I am currently on the executive board of Habla, the vice president of Chi Omega, a member of Order of Omega, and a volunteer for Challah for Hunger.

**SHIRLEY YARIN**

Class of 2015

**Major** Economics  
**Hometown** Clarendon Hills, IL

My experience at the U.S. Department of the Treasury increased my commitment to public service and reinforced my view of economics as a way to improve social welfare. My senior thesis seeks to explore how coupons issued by pharmaceutical companies steer patient purchasing behavior. I am also passionate about education reform, and I am involved with a student group called Flying Tree House. We hold writing workshops for elementary-school students, whose stories we adapt into theatrical performances. Lastly, I am an active member of the Jewish community at Stanford. During spring break, I went on a trip to Berlin where I contemplated the historical significance of memory. I joined the Cap and Gown Womens Honor Society to become a member of a strong network of women whose work make an impact in their field.



**LINDA YU**

Class of 2015

**Major** Biology**Hometown** Palo Alto, CA

My name is Linda Yu and I am a senior at Stanford majoring in biology. I am currently working in the lab of Ravi Majeti on my honors thesis in characterizing mutations in acute myeloid leukemia. Outside of my studies, I am actively involved as a preclinical volunteer and Mandarin interpreter at the Pacific Free Clinic, where I also serve as the Undergraduate Preclin Recruitment Co-Chair and am working with the Office of Community Health to develop a new preclinical training course for undergraduates. Additionally, I work as an Associate Consultant for Development Solutions Organization, and am a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity on campus.

**ANGELA ZHANG**

Class of 2016

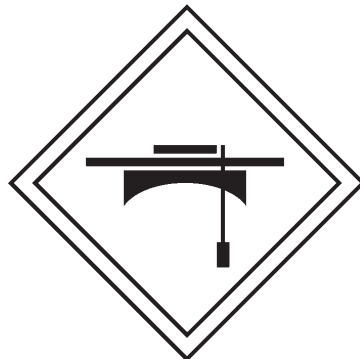
**Majors** International Relations**Hometown** Chino Hills, CA

I am a junior pursuing a major in International Relations with a focus on East Asia, human rights, and international security. On campus, I served as the Chair of Appropriations for the 15th Undergraduate Senate and as a member of Stanford in Government's Campus Awareness committee. I have also participated in numerous Haas Center public service programs including the Tibetan Social Enterprise Lab and Alternative Spring Break service trips on human rights and civil-military relations. In my free time, I enjoy choreographing and dancing with Bent Spoon Dance Company. I have gained valuable experience researching governance and vulnerable populations issues for USAID, working on security and human rights projects at the U.S. Department of State, and writing briefs to Congress at the U.S.-China Review Commission.

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# Congratulations to the new members of Cap and Gown, 2014!

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# Stanford Women Winter Welcome 2014 Yes, You Belong!

The Stanford Women Winter Welcome was a magical evening of great conversation and sharing of experiences, hopes, and dreams among over 100 Stanford women, from freshmen to upper-class students to faculty and new and seasoned alumnae. Held on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 in the main dining room of the Faculty Club, the event was sponsored by the Schools of Humanities and Sciences, Earth Sciences, and Engineering, the Dean of Freshmen, and the Women's Community Center, and hosted by Cap and Gown. This event welcomed the freshman and sophomore women to the vibrant community of Stanford women for the ninth year in a row.



Honorary Cap and Gown member Pam Matson, Dean of Earth Sciences, welcomed us at the start of the evening and highlighted that she has learned as dean the importance of a strong collaborative, collegial, supportive, and inclusive community. Leadership is not “command and control,” Pam told us, but about building and supporting a community of people working together toward accomplishing big things. With relationships, networks, and connections, we are incredibly effective. In many ways, said Pam, this is what



Cap and Gown is about – building relationships, mentoring, and connecting with each other. Pam welcomed the classes of 2017 and 2016 and invited them to make connections that may ultimately lead to change for good in our communities.

Then our featured speaker Dr. Sharon Long took the podium to share her personal story and give some great advice along the way. Dr. Long is the William C. Steere, Jr. – Pfizer Inc. Professor in Biological Sciences, Dean of Humanities and Sciences from 2001 to 2007, and graduate of CalTech (B.S.) and Yale (Ph.D.), as well as an honorary Cap and Gown member.





Sharon outlined her remarks by describing our three lives:

- ▶ The life we have prepared for
- ▶ The life we are improvising every moment
- ▶ The life we have imagined for ourselves

In our imaginations, we may picture the emotional connections, the sense of belonging. But it is in the improvised life where we actually live and need to adjust and learn as we go.



Sharon shared with us a passage from Ulysses by Alfred, Lord Tennyson that has resonated with her:

*I am a part of all that I have met;  
Yet all experience is an arch wherethro'  
Gleams that untravell'd world whose margin fades  
For even and forever when I move.*

The life you prepare for—the one you dream of—encompasses your classes, friends, teams and teammates, and the love and support you share. These become part of ...all that you have met.



But life is full of surprises and you may not have specifically prepared for what actually comes. You will probably surprise yourself in good ways as you improvise your life in the moment. Give yourself grace and time to learn how to be successful in the life of the moment.



Sharon was one of the first four women admitted to Caltech as an undergraduate in 1970 in a class of about 200. The focus was on physics, where 60% of the frosh were physics majors, dwindling to 30% by their senior year. Sharon revealed that in her freshman year, her “record was lousy.” She was disappointed by grades. But being stubborn, Sharon continued and found that she loved

## Women Welcome Committee

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Beppie Cerf  
Ruth Cronkite  
Michelle Galloway  
Jessica Mahler  
Veronica Polin  
Naomi Waltman

organic chemistry and literature. While she excelled in these, “they didn’t count because I wasn’t doing well in physics.” She had imagined a pure scientific intelligence, a Sherlock Holmes-type intelligence, and when she achieved success through asking questions and interacting with others, this was not valued (by Sharon) because it did not measure up to her imagination’s vision. A sense of belonging was blocked by her own ideals.

However, as Sharon improvised her life in the moment, she be-



gan to accept that her professors were human and scientists were real people, not just those perfect beings of her imagination. She also began to give herself the grace to accept what was different about her real self from her imagined self. When one professor told her, “nobody keeps up with the literature,” it was a gift. And the beginning of a sense of belonging.



Sharon told us that she missed the precious gift of female community. But she said she learned too, that it was not because she was a woman that she felt she did not belong. Sharon reported that the four women were ranked in the middle of the class and the men ran the gamut, higher and lower than the women. Men doubted themselves too.

When you feel doubt, you may think, “There must be a good reason.” No, Sharon entreated, people feel doubt whether they should or not. This doubt, this sense of not belonging, is not a characteristic of women only, but something else. It may be your imagination that created an artificial landscape, something no one may be able to measure up to. Sharon shared that she shed her artificial landscape through teaching here at Stanford and learning from students as well as fellow professors. Her 32-year career at Stanford of research, teaching, and leadership is recognizably remarkable.

Sharon advised that if you doubt yourself, recognize that everyone faces doubt. Take solace alone, don’t shout out your doubts, but seek relationships and connections that will help you find your sense of belonging, which may only be blocked by your own

imagination. You are a gift to Stanford University, your family, and this community of women at Stanford. We are ready to help you shed the artificial landscape of your imagination, base your self-confidence based on your real self, and learn that “Yes, you DO belong!”

Following Sharon Long’s story, facilitators led discussions around the tables which introduced new friends, ideas, and approaches for dealing with challenges and doubts. Young women in the room were attracted to the opportunities to meet and really talk with faculty, upper class women, and alumnae. Experienced Stanford women were equally enthralled by the freshman and sophomore women and the opportunities and bold steps they plan and take. This community of Stanford women shares a two-way growing experience. A common thread was the diversity of stories, interests, challenges, and goals of the women in the room, with the common bond of the Stanford community which makes us feel that we do, indeed, belong.





# Spring Brunch 2014

**Blazing Trails** The Stories and Insights of Influential Women Leaders from Stanford



Actives welcome trailblazers Heidi Roizen and Miriam Rivera as honorary members of Cap and Gown

What does it take to blaze a trail? This was the question asked of three Stanford women who have done just that at the annual Cap and Gown Spring Brunch held on April 19 at the Faculty Club. Over one hundred women including Stanford faculty, students and alumnae from the classes of 1943 to 1917 along with members of the community gathered to meet other women leaders, share a good meal and listen to Heidi Roizen, Miriam Rivera and Carroll Estes tell their stories.



**Heidi Roizen** spoke first. Heidi is an accomplished entrepreneur, corporate executive, venture capitalist, educator and member of the boards of directors of numerous organizations. She shared her story of starting an early personal computer software company with her brother

after graduating from Stanford with both an AB and MBA. While her brother focused on coding the product, Heidi planned to lead marketing and sales. It was a mentor of hers that convinced her to ask for the CEO title.

*"There aren't enough women taking the role of CEO or founding companies," Heidi shared. "It was newsworthy that I was a female CEO and this helped me get in the conversation and be more strategic than if I had been VP of marketing."* Not that every woman needs to start a company. Heidi praised the entrepreneurial mentality intrinsic to Stanford's culture and encouraged women to leverage that in their careers even if they don't start a company. Heidi teaches a course on entrepreneurship at Stanford and fights for a good representation of women in her class. She makes a point to accept women who express interest, but her class has yet to reach 50% women.

Final words of advice: *"Read Getting to 50/50" and "Go start something!"*



**Miriam Rivera** took the podium next. Miriam is a successful attorney and entrepreneur. The daughter of migrant workers earned not one, not two, but four degrees from Stanford. She discovered the joy of learning at a young age and recalled how studying *Oliver Twist* in school shaped how she thought about her

life circumstances: “*Are you Fagin or Oliver Twist?*” Miriam adopted Oliver’s outlook and shared how she was motivated by an inner sense of potential and drew strength from the understanding that part of her is indestructible.

As she continued her education at Phillips Exeter and later Stanford, she focused on defining her own path and not getting caught up in where one “summers” or who is on the *Social Register*. She became the second attorney hired at Google and helped grow the legal team from 2 to 150 worldwide. She went on to co-found Ulu Ventures, an early stage angel fund focused on IT investments.

family and values giving back to her community, including serving recently on Stanford’s Board of Trustees.

Final words of advice: “*The blessings you give are not restricted to your intellect and your career; you also give of your heart.*”

**Carroll Estes** was unfortunately unable to attend for health reasons, but Spring Brunch Committee and Stanford Faculty member



Ruth Cronkite read a few words from an interview with Dr. Estes, who is Emeritus Professor of Sociology at the UCSF and has served as a consultant to the U.S. Senate and House Committees on Aging for more than three decades. Based on Carroll’s experience founding and directing the Institute for Health and Aging

and chairing the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences in the School of Nursing, it is no surprise that Carroll is a big proponent of education. As she put it, “*Fight for education.*”

Carroll also reminded us that there is no substitution for doing your homework. This is the key to strategizing outcomes and developing a point of view. When you have something to say, speak your mind. Carroll also advised students in particular to find and make mentors and to be a mentor for others.

Final words of advice: “*Go straight to the top. Don’t mess around with the middle.*”

In the discussion that followed, work-life balance was top of mind for many in the audience. Heidi and Miriam spoke candidly about their experiences raising children while having a career. As CEO, Heidi had the flexibility to breastfeed in her office. Miriam valued the flex-



All that success is not without challenges and sacrifices. Miriam shared the impact that a note from her daughter about not working so hard had on her when she found it in her work notebook. She has made adjustments over the years to spend more time with her





ibility that Google offered. *"If you can bring a dog to work, you should be able to bring a baby to work."* One senior woman at Google was able to negotiate for her children to travel with her on the company dime, but not every workplace is so accommodating. Sharing child rearing responsibilities with a spouse is often crucial. Workplaces should welcome families. Children can be an inspiration.

It was a privilege to witness these women share these stories. After the discussion, we were excited to honor both Heidi and Miriam with a traditional tapping ceremony welcoming them as Honorary Members to Cap and Gown. Carroll had been tapped as an undergraduate student. Alumnae Board Vice President Michelle

Galloway led the ceremony with Actives Board officers Stephanie Glass and Andrea Hinton donning gowns to present the awards.

We were also pleased to introduce a new Cap and Gown tradition: the Distinguished Service Award. The aim of this award is to acknowledge and celebrate the continuous outstanding contributions of members of Cap and Gown to the organization. This year we honored Jean Coblentz and Ellie Mansfield for their extraordinary contributions to Cap and Gown.

The Spring Brunch this year was truly a memorable event and we look forward to seeing you at the next one.

Many thanks to Kathryn Kilner, Shari Kuchenbecker, Susan Phillips, Robin Murphy, Ruth Cronkite and Carmen Sebro for organizing this event.

## Spring Brunch Committee

Kathryn Kilner, Chair  
 Ruth Cronkite  
 Andrea Hinton  
 Shari Kuchenbecker  
 Robin Murphy  
 Susan Phillips  
 Carmen Sebro



## Congratulations to the New Honoraries

**Miriam Rivera** is a successful attorney and entrepreneur. She earned AB, AM, and JD/MBA degrees from Stanford University and was the second attorney hired at Google. Miriam is now the co-founder and managing partner of Ulu Ventures, an early stage angel fund focused on IT investments. Miriam has taught in the Stanford Technology Ventures Program and is an emeritus member of the Board of Trustees of Stanford University, Stanford's Office of Technology Licensing Advisory Board and the Board of Visitors of the Stanford Law School.

**Heidi Roizen** is an accomplished entrepreneur, corporate executive, venture capitalist, educator and member of the boards of directors of numerous organizations. After receiving her AB and MBA degrees from Stanford University, Heidi co-founded an early personal computer software company, T/Maker Company, and served as CEO from the company's inception to its acquisition by Deluxe Corporation in 1994. Heidi now is the operations partner at Draper Fisher Jurvetson (DFJ). She also teaches a course on entrepreneurship at Stanford.



# Introducing

## the Distinguished Service Award

Although Cap and Gown is almost 110 years old, we still create new traditions as we grow and change. As stated in our by-laws, *“The purpose of this organization shall be to honor and bring together women who have been constructively active in student affairs and the community so that as a group they may meet to maintain and serve the ideals of Stanford University.”* This purpose guides our Actives as they select new members from the junior and senior classes each year. And, we know that we are exceptionally good at finding women who are active in service to Stanford and its ideals. How? Because we find Cap and Gown women involved in all types of organizations at Stanford and they are frequently recognized for their ongoing service to the University.

This year, the Nominating and Executive Committees created a new Cap and Gown Distinguished Service Award to recognize members of Cap and Gown whose service not only fulfills Cap and Gown’s purpose but whose service also sustains Cap and Gown’s penultimate function: *“To provide desired continuity to Cap and Gown and Stanford traditions; and to act as a bond between the classes of the past and present, enabling each to share the ideas and Interests of the other and to cooperate to achieve common goals.”*

At our Spring Brunch this year, we were delighted to honor two amazing women and awarded the first two Distinguished Service Awards to Jean Coblentz ’47 and Ellie Mansfield ’58, ’60.



### Jean Galt Coblentz



Jean Coblentz has often referred to herself as a “little old lady in tennis shoes.” That speaks more to the ground she covers as a volunteer than to her actual footwear (red and white heels on at Spring Brunch). Jean is the daughter of missionaries and spent several years of her childhood in China. She attended Stanford University, where she majored in social sciences and minored in psychology. She went on to work at Hewlett-Packard and later as a development officer at Stanford for 27 years.

Jean has been a life-long volunteer starting with being active in the PTA and scouting troops for boys and girls. For more than 50 years, she has volunteered with the Menlo-Atherton Auxiliary and as part of the Allied Arts Guild Auxiliary which both support the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital. She has served as the Chair for Allied Arts three times as president. In 2012, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Avenidas *“for being a shining example of the valuable and positive impact of actively volunteering in one’s community.”* She also served two terms on Associates of Stanford Libraries. She served many years with the Stanford Associates and is now an Honorary Governor.

Jean’s work with Cap and Gown has been invaluable in sustaining the organization. Jean cofounded the Cap and Gown Alumnae Board in 1953. A 1953 Alumnae Board roster, typed on “onion skin” paper,





has a handwritten notation that Jean was responsible for “Calendar Sales” – the primary method for raising Cap and Gown scholarship funds for many years. Jean served twice as the Alumnae Board Chairwoman from 1974-77 and again from 1980-84.

There are two other events in 1989 and 2005 in which Jean played a critical role. In October of 1989, Jean sent a newsletter plea to all Cap and Gown alumnae. Jean wrote, *“It seems clear to us that if something dynamic does not occur this year involving a whole new generation of alumnae members, Cap and Gown will cease to exist as an organization honoring Stanford women who have made leadership contributions to the University.”* Jean summoned 450 Cap and Gown alumnae from the Bay Area to figure out how to revitalize the organization. For those who read our newsletter or follow us online, you know that we have expanded our outreach to Actives, to the community of women at Stanford, to our alumnae, and to the university.

### What members of Cap and Gown said about Jean’s service

**“ She draws us with her energy and enthusiasm for all things Stanford** **She gets things done meaning she makes a meaningful and concrete contribution**

**I hope to model my own service after her** **“**

After re-energizing the organization, Jean began to champion the idea of celebrating Cap and Gown’s first 100 years! From 2000-2005, Jean chaired the team planning Cap and Gown’s Centennial celebration. Cap and Gown held an entire day of women speakers. We wrapped up our Celebration with a gala dinner featuring a keynote address by Cap and Gown member, Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. And now, Jean has already been reminding us to celebrate 110 years in 2015!

And, we all laughed when reminded of one of Jean’s famous pearls of wisdom: *“Take your cookies when they are passed.”* Jean has always seized on opportunities to serve Cap and Gown and Stanford and we are all richer for her service. We thanked Jean by presenting a necklace including the Cap & Gown charm and a gavel for the many years she led the organization.

## Elinor Weiss Mansfield



Ellie Mansfield graduated from Stanford in ’58 (AB Economics) and 1960 LLB Law. Ellie worked at Sempervirens Fund for many years. She is a lifelong volunteer in the community including Palo Alto Stanford Heritage, American Association of University Women, and serving on the Board of Avenidas. Ellie is well known in the Stanford and Palo Alto communities for opening her home to any organization that needed a place to meet, or an active or alumnae who needed a place to stay. She also publishes a class book for Stanford Law School reunions and often hosts reunion-related events.

Ellie has been active in service to Cap and Gown for more than 50 years. Her name first appears in the Alumnae Board minutes for 1965-66 as responsible for “records, secretary, and files.” She has never given that job up! She chaired the board in 1966. In 1974, efforts were made to recruit her back to the Alumnae Board, but a handwritten note states that she was “unavailable because of full-time work, part-time employment, and other involvements with community activities.” In other words, she was busy serving others.

In 1984-85, the Alumnae Board struck gold when they recruited Ellie back and the minutes state that “Ellie=Newsletter.” Indeed, Ellie would “equal” the written history of Cap and Gown for the next 30 years. Each year, she has produced an amazing newsletter to share with our more than 2,000 alumnae around the world. If you look, there is no “editor’s box” – just her humble service to ensure that the many generations of Cap and Gown women are connected to our current Actives, other alumnae and to Stanford University. She also helped with publications including the Cap and Gown History Booklet, special Centennial publications, and our Tapping Tea Programs.



In addition to her amazing ability to keep our Actives and Alumnae informed, one of Cap and Gown’s “newest” traditions began at Ellie’s home. Following our Centennial, we created a “Graduation Tea,” to invite our Actives and their families to meet other Cap and Gown Actives and Alumnae. For eight years, Ellie hosted this event at her home each June and many of our newest Alumnae members and their families have enjoyed a quiet respite from the energy of Graduation weekend to meet the Cap and Gown women sharing the journey with their daughters, sisters, and grand-daughters. Indeed, one year Ellie agreed to host the Graduation Tea but had to leave before it concluded for a flight to France where she and her husband were to take a bike tour. She simply handed over her keys and told us to enjoy!



It should be no surprise that Ellie’s home also hosted the 1989 meeting to revitalize Cap and Gown! Ellie also shared her beautiful garden with us, providing many of the centerpieces at Cap and Gown events through the years.

# Graduation Tea 2014

From entertaining family members and out of town guests to saying lots of good-byes to moving out four years worth of things, graduation weekend can be a bit chaotic. The Graduation Tea hosted by the Alumnae Board celebrates the many accomplishments of the graduating Cap and Gown Actives and gives them a chance to spend a bit of time with their families and Cap and Gown friends.



Alumnae Board Vice President Kathy Chou graciously opened her wonderful home to Cap and Gown for the Graduation Tea this year, providing a serene, beautiful, welcoming space for board members, graduating seniors and the families of the graduates. Everything was picture perfect once the guests began to arrive and all the volunteer board members deserve special thanks for giving so much of their weekend time to demonstrate the heart and soul of Cap and Gown.

Many parents and extended family members expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to learn more about what it meant for their daughters to be members of the Cap and Gown alumnae, to enjoy a nourishing and appealing luncheon and to interact in an intimate setting—all in the midst of a whirlwind of back-to-back large-group events. This event is our personal send-off for these special women.

**Here are some of the words that were used to describe Ellie’s contributions**

**“ Gracious, hard-working, a solid trooper, caring attitude**

**She created a work of art that beautifully captures a piece of Stanford history**

**It will take 12 people to replace her (on the newsletter)**

**She taught me to live life. I have never once heard her complain or express regret “**



# Congratulations to all of the graduates!

We look forward to hearing about the next steps in your journey and being a part of your futures.



## Graduation Tea Committee

Kathy Chou, Co-Chair  
Ellie Mansfield, Co-Chair  
Samantha Quist





# Regional Events

Although we all lived on the Farm at one point in time, the journeys of Cap and Gown women take them all of the world after graduation. While it's easier for some to get back to Farm for events than others, we're beginning to host regional events to give more alumnae the chance to connect in person. Following a successful pilot event in Seattle hosted by Karen Chan, Erica Toews, and Naomi Waltman planned an event in New York.

## Cap and Gown in New York City



On Thursday, November 6, a crisp autumn evening in New York, seven Cap and Gown Alumnae from across generations gathered at a bar in Chelsea called Black Door. In attendance were Aimee Berg ('87), Alice Bolocan ('54), Ariana Koblitz ('12), Erica Toews ('10), Joslyn Massengale ('08), Katie Lingras ('06), and Nancy Truitt ('62). We shared drinks and conversation across several hours. Most of us were meeting for the first time. It was so nice to come together in a new place and reminisce about our days at Stanford. I felt inspired and excited by everyone's accomplishments, professional and personal, and the life journeys we've been on since college. I hope this is the first of many Cap and Gown events in New York!

Erica Toews, '10

**Interested in Hosting an Event in Your Region?**

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Contact Naomi Waltman at [naomi.waltman@cbs.com](mailto:naomi.waltman@cbs.com) for more information on how you can get started.

# Cap and Gown Communications

Fostering communication among women leaders is a core initiative for Cap and Gown and remains top of mind for the Alumnae Board.

This year we had big shoes to fill as long time board member Ellie Mansfield stepped down from her post as the creator of the newsletter. Ellie has been steadfast in her support of Cap and Gown. The newsletters she has created over the past several decades have been true treasures and are invaluable to the organization in preserving our history and carrying forward our traditions. Her dedication and commitment to serving Cap and Gown have been truly tremendous and we were delighted to honor her with the Dedicated Service Award at the Spring Brunch in May. (You can read more about that on page 25.) While we could never replace her, we've assembled a small army to pick up the torch and carry it forward into the future.

One of our main initiatives for the coming year is to continue building our our blog on our website. You can find posts from past newsletters on there as well as new stories from women leaders. If you have any ideas for blog articles, please send them to Kathryn Kilner at [kathryn.kilner@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.kilner@gmail.com). We'd love to include your ideas and work with you on getting something posted.

## Communications Committee

- Kathryn Kilner, Chair
- Kristen Glass
- Ellie Mansfield
- Robin Murphy
- Kimi Narita
- Shari Kuchenbecker
- Reagan Thompson
- Erica Toews



Lastly, don't forget to connect with us on social media. Our Facebook group is full of active discussions about women in leadership as well as the latest updates from Cap and Gown. It's a great way to keep in touch. We also invite you to network with us on LinkedIn and join the conversation about our events on Twitter with @StanfordCapGown.

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<https://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=1979468>

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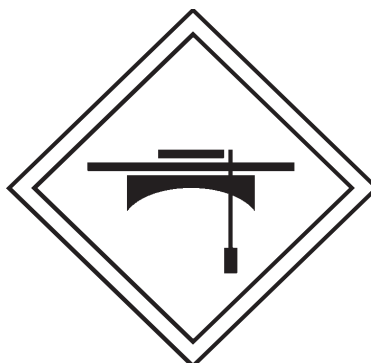
## Cap and Gown Scholarship Funds

### Approximate Value of Funds as of August 31, 2014

	Market Value	Book Value
Rosamond Clarke Bacon	\$482,551.59	\$260,029.47
Bettye Luhnnow Bailey	\$551,175.84	\$395,541.59
Margaret C. Barr	\$959,123.84	\$188,809.00
Cap and Gown	\$2,261,531.51	\$729,122.04
Cap and Gown Centennial	\$626,139.36	\$452,784.37
Sandra Day O'Connor	\$668,724.73	\$236,536.40

Cap and Gown is honored to support the academic pursuits of undergraduate women at Stanford. Every year, deserving women students are selected based on their academic performance and qualifications. These scholarships help these students take full advantage of the wide range of opportunities at Stanford.

Thank you for your help in supporting these women!





# Scholarship Recipients, 2014-2015

**The Rosamond Clarke Bacon Cap & Gown Undergraduate Scholarship Fund** was established in October 1993 to provide scholarships to undergraduate students at Stanford with a preference for junior and senior women students.

*Recipient*

Mariama Mallah, '15, from Sacramento, California

**The Bettye Luhn Bailey Cap & Gown Scholarship Fund** was established in March 2002 to provide scholarships to undergraduate students at Stanford with a preference for women students.

*Recipient*

Olivia Hoeft, '14, from Oneida, Wisconsin

**The Margaret C. Barr Cap & Gown Scholarship Fund** was established in February 1985 to provide scholarships to undergraduate students at Stanford with a preference for women students who participate in sports.

*Recipients*

Rachel Johnson, '15, from Davis, California

Leah White, '14, from Phoenix, Arizona

**The Cap and Gown Scholarship Fund** was established in December 1956 to provide scholarships to undergraduate students at Stanford with a preference for women students.

*Recipients*

Grace Boorstein, '14, from Kentfield, California

Mary Chambers, '14, from Sunol, California

Kay Hung, '14, from San Jose, California

**The Cap and Gown Centennial Scholarship Fund** was established in October 2001 in honor of the Centennial of Cap and Gown in the year 2005 to provide scholarships to undergraduate students at Stanford with a preference for women students.

*Recipient*

Andrea Hale, '14, from Bethesda, Maryland

**The Sandra Day O'Connor Cap and Gown Scholarship Fund** was established in April 1989 to provide scholarships to undergraduates at Stanford, with a preference for women from a town with a population less than 25,000 who would bring diversity to the student body because of their race, religion, hometown, aspirations, physical limitations, and outlooks, and who exhibit a sense of respect for, and love of, the land.

*Recipient*

Julia Wagenfehr, '18, from Pinetop, Arizona

## Support Cap and Gown Scholarships

Thank you all for your continued support of Stanford Cap and Gown, our Actives, and the women students who receive support through our scholarships. As the oldest continuous student group at Stanford, it means so much to our Actives and scholarship awardees to know that those coming before still care and actively invest in their futures.

### We rely on your gifts to Cap and Gown scholarships.

We invite you to contribute today online through our website: <https://capandgown.stanford.edu/donate/>. You can also mail in a check along with the donor form at the end of this newsletter to P.O. Box 19005, Stanford, CA 94309. Membership with the Stanford Alumni Association is required to donate online.

**We are grateful for your generosity and commitment to Stanford Cap and Gown.**



## Scholarship Donors

The following people made donations to the scholarship funds sponsored by Cap and Gown in the last year. Every donation, regardless of size, contributes to the success of our scholarship program. Thank you for your generosity and support.

David G. Harnden, M.D., '68	Mrs. Elizabeth S. Kjeldgaard, '50	Mrs. Esther Ball Hewlett, '70
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## In Memoriam 2013-2014

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	Mrs. Carolyn Hatchett McCullough, '71	





# News from Classmates

## **Carol Hurwitz Polk, '45**

My husband Peter ('45) and I live happily in Dana Point after 68 years of marriage. We met as freshmen. We had the privilege of attending the annual music department awards auditions (two of which are in our name) in April. Some 50 students auditioned and all were outstanding. So glad to know young people still love classical music. Wish more alums would donate to the department.

## **Lois Keister Bevins, '49**

I am delighted to announce that I now hold no offices in any club or institution and am healthy enough to take part in whatever interesting events someone else thinks up and puts on.

## **Elizabeth Livadary Up de Graff, '55**

I have just written my first book, "Timeless Energy and Magnetic Vitality: How to Look, Feel and Be Young Longer", which is published and is now available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Check out my website: [www.ElizabethUpDeGraff.com](http://www.ElizabethUpDeGraff.com).

## **Sally Brannon Hufbauer, '59**

I enjoy playing chamber music, which I first learned about with Sandor Salgo at Stanford. Several of our class got together recently for a lunch, organized by Liz Bawden, and seem to be coping with our 70s and their attendant health problems and losses.

## **Birgitte Moyer-Vinding, '61 '62 '69 PhD**

I am happily retired since 2006 after 28 years as Professor of Music at Notre Dame de Namur University - 24 of those as Music Department chair. In retirement I am still playing the violin regularly with the Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra and the Redwood Symphony. Between us, David and I have five wonderful grandchildren, all between 13 and almost 17. We co-facilitate a weekly Buddhist mindfulness meditation group (sangha) and enjoyed a 21-day retreat in France in June, at the monastery of Zen master, Thich Nhat Hanh, as well as a 12-day expedition to Greenland in July.

## **Nancy Baker, '71**

I was recently elected as President-elect of the Society of General Psychology--my second round of service, having previously served as President of the Society for the Psychology of Women (APA Division 35). It will be a transitional role for me as I retire from my current

academic position. I am also working, largely on a pro bono basis, to provide mental health evaluations for immigration asylum cases.

## **Susan Cabrera, '72**

This October, I was elected District Council President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Santa Cruz County. In this role, I'll be overseeing the SVDP chapters in the county and working with other non-profits and agencies to effectuate systemic change to serve those in need. I'm also again heading up our 6th annual Trivia Challenge on February 27, 2015 at the Civic Auditorium in Santa Cruz to benefit the county's Volunteer Center Senior Programs. For more info on the event, teams and spectators, please visit [www.sctriviachallenge.org](http://www.sctriviachallenge.org).

## **Robin Mirov Murphy, '77**

I continue to connect with Stanford in my position as student services specialist in the Aero/Astro department, changing the pace with frequent trips to Burney, California. I'm enjoying my 10-month-old grandson, who arrived last Christmas Eve.

## **Anne Willoughby Nelson, '82**

As my two oldest children are currently in college, I have been reflecting about college life and am so very grateful for my time at Stanford - the inspiration, the people, the overseas experience...the whole thing! Today, family is a big priority - my youngest is still home - life is good! I have enjoyed volunteering at their schools over the years. Professionally, I have been a real estate broker (for 24+ years) with Madison House, Ltd., a small firm that is essentially, my second family. I love working with people to find them perfect new homes. I so appreciate staying in touch with Stanford through the Cap & Gown newsletter. So impressive what members are doing and involved with - it humbles me to be among this incredible group.

## **Addie Swartz, '82**

I am a serial entrepreneur, having started and built three companies dedicated to creating opportunity and bolstering self esteem in adolescent girls and women. My current company -- reachIRE.com is committed to providing professional women who have taken a career break a comprehensive re-entry solution back into the workforce. The company provides training, support and placement into part-time project assignments with leading companies. reachIRE's mission: to fix the leaky pipeline by creating a





path for professional women to get re-inserted into corporations and then move into leadership positions. To learn more about reachIRE, and to explore how you could help us create the pathway back, visit [www.reachire.com](http://www.reachire.com)

### **Joan Passarelli, '84**

I can't believe it's been 30 years! But I'm still a part of Stanford. I'm a program administrator in CTL, the Center for Teaching and Learning, here, and I manage our website of higher ed teaching and learning resources (check it out at <https://teachingcommons.stanford.edu>). Recently, I was featured in a video that University Human Resources shows to new hires at their orientation. It has me saying that I graduated from here, and shows photos from that day with cap and gown. What an honor!

### **Paige Arnof-Fenn, '87**

I am still living in the Boston area running the marketing firm I started almost 14 years ago. We just launched a chapter of the Stanford Professional Women's Networking Group here and it is off to a great start. I hosted the entrepreneur's dinner this month—it is a great group. Massachusetts does alumni interviews so I have been doing that too since it started here a few years ago.

### **Heidi Gilman Bennett, '93**

After many years on the East Coast and then Berkeley, I'm happy to be living in Half Moon Bay. I'm still following my Stanford dream to improve US early education. I'm running my own consulting business, focusing on early childhood and K-12 schools, helping organizations develop strategies to accomplish their mission and achieve sustainability. I spent two years with Sesame Workshop, and now working with the George Lucas Education Foundation. And loving my two young kids as well!

### **Masum Momaya, '99**

Since graduation, I have lived in a number of cities, including San Francisco, Boston and Chicago. I am currently living and working in Washington, D.C. as a curator at the Smithsonian. My first exhibition there, called "Beyond Bollywood," is about how Indian immigrants and Indian Americans have shaped American history. It's showing at the National Museum of Natural History through August 15, 2015. I hope some of my fellow Cap and Gown alumnae in the D.C. area and around the country will come see it – and reach out to me to let me know what they think of it!

### **Kimberly Winges, '01**

I am a neuro-ophthalmologist with the VA Portland Health System and teach at the Casey Eye Institute. My husband and I have a one year old son and just purchased our first home after 13 years moving around the country for medical and science training!

### **Lauren Graham, '07**

After graduating from Stanford, I made a transition into environment and sustainability work before pursuing a masters in environmental management at Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. Since finishing up last year, I've been working on social impact strategy for documentary film. I'm now in the process of launching a communications and strategy startup for social changemakers.

### **Kathryn Kilner, '08**

Since graduation, I've turned making posters for Cardinal Ballet into a career in marketing, spending the past five years building marketing teams at BrightTALK, the social content marketing platform that provides professionals with webcasting tools to share ideas and insights. This summer I made the change from startup life to the world of a global brand, General Electric. I'm excited to be working on content marketing strategy for bringing to life GE's vision for connecting machines, facilities, and people through the Industrial Internet. You can also find me living in San Francisco, choreographing when I can, wandering art museums, communicating about all things Cap and Gown, and plotting my next travel adventure. The Dominican Republic is up next.

### **Lillian Mitchell, '08**

I recently graduated from the University of Texas at Austin's joint RN/MSN program. During my graduate program I worked as a bedside nurse on an oncology floor and cultivated my passion for ensuring access to affordable healthcare. This summer I began a new position at the Texas Association of Community Health Centers, providing clinical training and support to federally qualified health centers in Texas, which provide low-cost and high-quality care to over one million of the neediest patients in Texas.

### **Katie McKeon, '12**

After spending two years living in Washington, Dc, I am lucky enough to be back at Stanford. I spent the two years between undergrad and law school working at a public-private interest firm, Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll, where I worked on the Human



Rights team as a paralegal. It was a rewarding experience that only solidified my desire to go to law school. I'm just lucky I got to come back to Stanford for it!

### Jackie Rotman, '12

In April, 2014, Jackie became the Executive Director of Spark, the largest network of Millennial donors focused on helping women and girls. Spark has raised more than \$1.5 million and distributed grants to over 150 grassroots, women-led human rights organizations. Before joining Spark, Jackie was working full time as the Executive Director of a nonprofit she founded, Everybody Dance Now! (EDN!), which uses dance to help underserved youth build self-esteem and establish healthy lifestyles. In 2013, Jackie was the first nonprofit leader in Stanford's accelerator, StartX, for her work with EDN!

### Reagan Thompson, '12

I graduated with two Master's in International Affairs from Peking University in Beijing and the London School of Economics as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in 2014. I just finished working on a successful Senate race in Arkansas and am happily back in my hometown of Washington, D.C. It is great to still be involved with the Cap and Gown community through working with the Board's Communication Committee!

### Jacquelyn Wong, '13

After graduating, I didn't stray far from The Farm. I am currently at Google as a People Ops Rotation Associate, working in the Analytics team. I'm enjoying the Googler life but love hearing from the Cap and Gown team about their exciting new developments and events!

### Helena Scutt, '14

I am taking a leave of absence from the co-term program in Mechanical Engineering in order to train and compete full-time in Olympic sailing. My goal is to win a medal for the USA at Rio 2016. Along the way, I hope to inspire girls and women to pursue their own athletic challenges and dreams in STEM fields. This endeavor truly feels like my own start-up as much as an athletic pursuit. It demands lots of support and it would mean a lot to me if you follow my journey: <http://henkenscuttsailing.com>. You can also find my team on Facebook: "Paris and Helena: Sailing to 2016" and twitter: @henkenscutt2016. Thank you!

## Your Dues Are Important

Dear Alumnae,

Thank you all for your continued support of Stanford Cap and Gown, our active leaders on campus, and the young women we support with our scholarship fund. Your dues make it possible for new generations to have a high quality experience with Cap and Gown and allow our organization to continue to make a positive impact on Stanford campus.

We rely on your membership dues and gifts to fund events and activities around the year. You can contribute through our online payment system by visiting <http://www.capandgown.stanford.edu> and by clicking on the "Dues" tab at the top, or feel free to send a check to our PO Box! To send a check please use the attached donor form in this newsletter and mail to PO Box 19005, Stanford, CA, 94309.

Dues are \$35 for Alumnae, \$25 for Alumnae who have graduated in the last five years and Actives.

We are grateful for your stewardship and commitment to Cap and Gown. I look forward to hearing from you all and to reporting on a record dues year next year!

Ellen Cerf Slack, '11, MA '11  
Vice President and Treasurer, Stanford Cap and Gown

### Cap and Gown History Booklets

Cap and Gown history booklets are available for purchase. The booklet follows the history of Cap and Gown and contains some obscure as well as familiar campus photographs.

Georgia Sutherland, researcher and editor, has compiled the history booklet. It's available for \$10. (See page 35 to order.)



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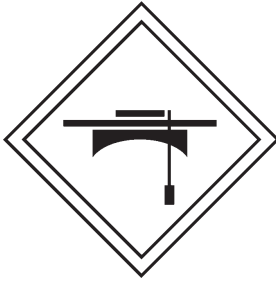
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