



Cap and Gown

Cap and Gown News

Leading in a time of change

Winter, Spring, Fall 2018



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- Support scholarships for women leaders
- Don't forget to pay your dues



Letter from the President of the Alumni Board



Hello again and happy holidays. If you're reading this thinking you just received our newsletter this summer, you are correct! Thank you for your patience while we've gotten back on our annual schedule. This newsletter will cover events from the 2018 calendar year.

I'm Ellen Cerf Slack, now in my "sophomore" year as the Cap and Gown Alumni Board President. Thinking back to my sophomore year at Stanford, it was a year of ups and downs: mono, first boyfriend, first breakup, and studying abroad in Berlin. Amid the ups and downs I grew tremendously. Similarly, I hope this will be a year of great growth for our organization, our board, and for me as a leader.

Growth is possible with a strong foundation, which Cap and Gown solidifies each year. Last year we demonstrated our value to the women of Stanford in a number of ways. As we shared in our last newsletter, we lost our dear Jean Coblentz, '47 in December 2017. While we can never replace her, I am so proud of our community's ability to honor her memory. Within months of her passing, Cap and Gowners endowed the Jean Galt Coblentz Cap and Gown Scholarship, which will serve women at Stanford for years. Jean's scholarship joins six other Cap and Gown scholarships that now total over \$6,000,000. Thank you to all who continue to invest in our future leaders each year.

While we provide financial value, we also create a platform for undergraduates to discuss issues facing women leaders at Stanford, namely at our marquee events. Last year's campus events featured two incredible speakers who shared their personal journeys and their perspective on the university's future: Chief of Staff Megan Pierson and Provost Persis Drell. I am always inspired to hear from successful women, but at these events I also cherish the small moments, like speaking with students during check-in or at the tables after the talk. At so many events it's easy to be anonymous. For better or worse, if you show up at a Cap and Gown event, we will meet you and engage you in conversation!



I'm thrilled to share that we have another fabulous slate of events lined up this year, kicking off in 2019. In January at our Women Winter Welcome, we will hear from Debra Satz, Dean of Humanities & Sciences and Jennifer Widom, Dean of Engineering, about the importance of humanities in an age of technology. In May we will hear from Hannah Gordon, JD '08, Chief Administrative Officer & General Counsel, SF 49ers, at our annual Spring Brunch. I hope to see many of you there!

Looking beyond events and scholarships, we must continue to partner closely with our undergraduate members in the coming year. This partnership will ensure we grow the awareness of Cap and Gown on campus and secure the long term health of our organization.

We are now in an era where our most active students were not tapped into Cap and Gown in a traditional sense. Opening membership has brought positive change - we are now able to connect with students right when they come to Stanford. Our youngest members are some of the most engaged! However, we now have to work harder to communicate our mission and message.

Our students consistently share that their favorite part of Cap and Gown is the intergenerational nature of our group. As we think about how we can grow as an organization this year, I invite you all to consider how you can find intergenerational moments with Cap and Gown members, whether you live in New York, Dallas, or London. For those in the Bay Area, I encourage you to model our intergenerational quality just by showing up.

I wish you all a happy holiday season and a joyful new year. It is truly an honor to serve Cap and Gown in this capacity. If you have feedback or ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out directly.

Sincerely,

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Alumni Board

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



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- Ellen Cerf Slack '11, '17— President
- Kathy Chou '85, '86 — Vice President
- Michelle Galloway '86, '89— Vice President
- Kathryn Kilner '08 — Vice President
- Ellen Petrill '77, '78— Vice President
- Ruth Cronkite '70— Treasurer
- Kristen Glass '13— Secretary
- Eleanor Walker '15 – Assistant Secretary

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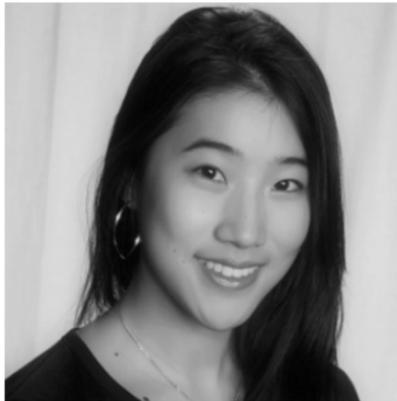
Come Join the Board

Reconnect with Cap and Gown alumni and current students by joining the Alumni 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 Ellen Cerf Slack at capandgownpresident@gmail.com.



Letter from Actives Presidents



Dear Cap and Gown community,

We are excited to have started this year with our third recruitment season, welcoming an amazing group of women leaders as Actives on campus this fall! My co-President, Crystal and I are thrilled to be leading the Actives in the 2018-19 year, and very excited to continue celebrating exceptional Stanford women, both on campus and beyond. Each of you exemplifies the utmost standards of intellect, service, and leadership.

We are extremely grateful to last year's Actives Board, particularly Negin Behzadian, Amanda Han, Karen Li, and Amy Xu. Thank you all for your support and mentorship through this period of transition. We wish you all the best as you embark on exciting journeys and experiences at Stanford and beyond! As well, we are exceptionally thankful to our Alumnae Board for their sustained support over the years.

Last year's Board reached several key goals in an exciting year. We maintained financial sustainability during our transition from funding through student dues to obtaining funding from the university. We also created Intern positions for underclassmen to facilitate smooth leadership transitions for Board positions. Furthermore, they oversaw and directed the second fall recruitment of new members, and worked hard to further establish the significance of and pipeline for the Cap and Gown Leader

Award, as we have embarked on a new chapter of open membership to all Stanford students who support the mission of the organization.

This year, we look forward to working with Chiamaka Agali, Bethany Chen, Maggie Davis, Jessica De Suza, Eleanor Frost, Amanda Han, Grace Hu, Jasmin Kamruddin, Rachel Kim, Karen Li, Rachel Portillo, Margaret Richey, Samantha Thompson, and Janice Zhang on the Actives Board. Most of these leaders are younger members of the Stanford community, assisting our efforts to expand membership to underclassmen.

We were delighted to have already organized two quality events this fall quarter—Meet the Leaders and Insights Over Ice Cream. These events celebrated Stanford female leadership, allowing our newest members to learn about the organization, connect with each other, and meet our alumni mentors. At Meet the Leaders, students conversed with a panel of eight Actives about their leadership paths. These routes included finding academic passions, climbing professional ladders, and empowering others to contribute to their communities. At Insights Over Ice Cream, alumni shared inspiring stories of resilient professional leadership. Looking forward, we hope to continue creating occasions for our Actives to connect at quarterly events and more intimate gatherings, celebrating both the warm community and the empowering network that is Cap and Gown.

To a successful and hopeful year ahead,
Callie Hoon ('19) and Crystal Zheng ('19)



Actives Fall 2018 Events

by Janice Zhang, Actives Fall Recruitment Chair



This fall, we held two successful fall events organized to re-congregate active Cap and Gown members and introduce our organization to prospective underclassmen. We had a third iteration of Meet the Leaders as our first fall event, which highlighted the rich history of women's leadership and initiative at Cap and Gown on the University campus. Prospective freshmen and sophomores as well as returning members engaged in conversation with a panel of eight senior Cap and Gown members, sharing stories of growth and leadership on campus, from overcoming hurdles, to embracing new opportunities, and promoting activism. Some of the organizations represented around campus included the Stanford Daily, Women in Computer Science, ASSU, and the Stanford Women's Community Center. This event shared individuals, experiences, and visions that truly embody the values of Cap and Gown.

Later in the quarter in early November 2018, we held our second event, Insights Over Ice Cream, which highlighted the unique intergenerational aspect of Cap and Gown by introducing prospective members to several alumnae across various career paths. Prospective members and several upperclassmen joined in a conversation with nine Cap and Gown alumnae in various industries and across different stages of their personal and professional lives with representatives from classes spanning 1953 to 2018. The stories shared encompassed personal and professional growth both on campus and beyond. The conversation also focused on pathways to women's leadership and how



to prepare for and embrace challenges faced as women in positions of influence across industries and roles in education, technology, medicine, and business. A huge thank you to alumni panelists who joined us: Ellen Petrill, '77, '78, former Senior Program Manager at Electric Power Research Institute, Kerry Wang, '17, '18, Course Assistant at Stanford d.school, Rosa Perez, '71, Principal at Caldwell, Flores, Winters, Inc., Melissa Luu-Van, '06, '07, Product Manager at Facebook, Caroline Frost, '16, '17, Product Manager at Facebook, Kathryn Kilner, '08, Senior Strategy and Operations Marketing Manager at Salesforce, Dr. Charlene Hsu-Winges, '70, Ophthalmologist at Kaiser, Ruth Cronkite, '70, '71, '74, '76, Consulting Professor of Sociology at Stanford, and last but not least, Nancy Clark Sharp, '53, '54, an Education advocate of many years.

On behalf of the Actives Board, we would like to thank all Alumni Board members who have not only helped us plan and execute our events, but also offered us their unwavering mentorship and support. We are thrilled to have hosted these two successful fall events, and are excited to continue engaging with our new active members.



Meet the Leaders Committee

- Janice Zhang
- Crystal Zheng
- Callie Hoon
- Ellen Slack
- Ellen Petrill
- Michelle Galloway

Insights over Ice Cream Committee

- Janice Zhang
- Crystal Zheng
- Callie Hoon
- Ellen Slack
- Ellen Petrill

Actives Board 2018-2019

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 relevance to Actives.



Stanford Women Winter Welcome 2018

by Ellen Merrick Petrill

You Have the Capabilities the World Needs

Over 80 members of the community of women at Stanford University came together for the 13th annual Stanford Women Winter Welcome hosted by Cap and Gown. The multi-generational assembly represented faculty and staff, undergraduate and graduate students, and alumnae. The original vision for the Winter Welcome formulated in 2005 was to give a warm welcome on a cold and rainy winter night to the youngest members, freshman and sophomore students, on an evening when they would relish a warm welcome. That's just what we had on Wednesday, January 24, 2018: a cold and rainy winter night outside, and a warm and welcoming gathering inside.



Our distinguished speaker, Megan Pierson, Chief of Staff to Stanford's President Marc Tessier-Lavigne, talked about "Life Lessons from Navigating Academic and Corporate Worlds." Megan graduated from Stanford in 1982 in Political Science. She received her JD at USC. Prior to her role as Chief of Staff, Megan worked in a variety of positions and organizations, including as a partner at a law firm, as general counsel at communications companies, and at Stanford as senior counsel and senior associate provost, giving her experience in both academic and administrative matters. Megan told her story and shared insights from her years of experience in both corporate and academic organizations.

Having come from a line of women who have been intentional about the education of their daughters, Megan feels privileged to be at an educational institution. Megan was raised on the legacy of her grandmother, Theoni, who grew up in a family that recognized knowledge as a priority. Theoni was sent to California by her loving parents, as the way to escape the wartime conflict in Greece.

Imagine traveling alone at age 16 by ship to New York, then by train to San Francisco, eating only chocolate (the only English word Theoni knew.) Theoni married George, the match made for her by her parents, a marriage of 40 years. Theoni raised two daughters and a son, with laser focus on their education. Voula, Megan's mother, received her education from University of California, Berkeley and went to law school. When raising four daughters and a son, she continued the focus on education.

Megan entered Stanford, planning to study anthropology. But an internship working on the Equal Rights Amendment showed her the power of words and policy, leading her to political science. Later in law school, she learned a framework to analyze problems and develop solutions that considered future ramifications, a practice that would help her in every part of her career, including today.

Megan shared the following attributes, which she finds to be critical to success:



Agency is the ability to take actions and make choices to influence the outcome. “You are powerful and smart; you already have the skills supporting agency,” Megan pronounced. “You need to know your capabilities and, if you will be a worker in the gig economy, this knowledge will give you a sense of how to plug in.”

Megan talked about the top qualities of successful people identified in Google’s Project Oxygen. “The findings are surprising. STEM skills were not the sole predictor of success. The top qualities are the ability to coach, communicate, listen, think critically, and to connect complex ideas. In a similar study, the top qualities were found to be generosity, curiosity,

empathy, and emotional intelligence.” These are undervalued qualities in many organizations today, but are becoming recognized as what are needed now and in the future.

Think broadly about the capabilities that contribute to a sense of agency, coached Megan. You already are equipped with the capabilities the world needs.

Collaboration is a critical skill and needs to be intentional. “In litigation, collaboration can be a challenge because it is adversarial by nature. Mergers and acquisitions can also be perceived to be competitive, explained Megan of her corporate roles. “However, the ability to break down problems so you can solve them in steps can provide the basis for collaboration and compromise in an adversarial environment.” If you see where you can agree and achieve compromises, even small ones, you can build trust and credibility, which moves you toward a potentially favorable outcome.

In circumstances that are perceived to be adversarial, making the human connection can also reduce moments of friction. Through goodwill and extending grace or the benefit of the doubt, we can build a collaborative environment. Why is this important? We not only make progress but we also learn from each other, Megan enjoined.

The ability to adapt is critical. Be adaptable but be authentic. Don’t change your style, but modify it for context. In the corporate world one can collaborate but also be directive, depending on the organizational structure. But at Stanford, our 2,400 faculty govern the university. Governance flows from departments, schools and institutes. The environment encourages decentralized innovation and discovery. Persuasion (rather than direction) is critical, and change takes time.

To get your ideas heard, speak up. Shop them to different audiences. Don’t be afraid to say “I don’t know.” Ask for advice and opinions of others.

The assembly of over 80 Stanford women engaged with Megan and also with each other around the



tables of eight in facilitated discussions. The evening was lively, insights dawned, and new friendships bloomed. Megan inspired us to recognize that we already have the capabilities the world needs, and encouraged us to keep up our sense of agency, to collaborate, and be adaptive to achieve our goals and make a difference in the world.

Cap and Gown alumni and student officers described the Cap and Gown organization and invited students and alumni to join to further the mission of Cap and Gown - to honor and support women leaders at Stanford.

The 13th annual Stanford Women Winter Welcome was hosted by Cap and Gown and supported by Schools of Humanities & Sciences, Earth, and Engineering; WISE Ventures; Dean of Freshmen; Program in Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies; The Clayman Institute for Gender Studies; and the Women’s Community Center. The Winter Welcome team made this event possible: Negin Behzadian, Beppie Cerf, Eleanor Frost, Michelle Galloway, Lee Gregory, Amanda Han, Callie Hoon, Jessica Mahler, Ellen Petrill, Ellen Slack, and Jacquelyn Wong.

Women of Stanford: Don’t miss the 14th annual Stanford Women Winter Welcome in January 2019!



Winter Welcome Committee

- Ellen Petrill, Chair
- Beppie Cerf
- Cheryl Cheng
- Michelle Galloway
- Jessica Mahler
- Smeeta Ramarathnam

Congratulations to the New Honorary

Megan Pierson, Chief of Staff to Stanford’s President Marc Tessier-Lavigne

Megan Pierson became Chief of Staff to the Stanford President in 2017. As Chief of Staff, Megan advises the President on special projects, initiatives and executive duties and serves as a liaison between the president and various stakeholders. Megan graduated from Stanford in 1982 with a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science. She then received her JD at USC. Prior to her role as Chief of Staff, Megan worked in a variety of positions and organizations, including as a partner at a law firm, as general counsel at communications companies, and at Stanford as Senior Counsel and Senior Associate Provost. Since joining Stanford in 2006, Megan has worked on academic and administrative matters across the university.



Spring Brunch 2018

by Ellen Merrick Petrill and Eleanor Walker

Provost Persis Leads Stanford Into a Time of Change

At an intimate gathering for Cap and Gown's 2018 Spring Brunch, Stanford University Provost Dr. Persis Drell shared her wisdom, experiences, and humor in her talk "Leading in a Time of Change." She treated us to her personal story and advice, and answered wide-ranging questions with candor and passion. In a surprise moment after her talk, she was welcomed into Cap and Gown as an honorary member.

"Provost Persis," a name she gladly answers to rather than Dr. Drell, is the chief academic and budgetary officer of the University. Seemingly able to fit 25 hours into each day, she is also a Professor in the School of Engineering, a Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, and a Professor of Physics. In addition to her service for the University as a whole, Provost Persis teaches a physics course every winter. Prior to becoming Provost, Persis served as director of the US Department of Energy SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory and later as Dean of the School of Engineering. Persis received her B.A. in mathematics and physics from Wellesley College and her Ph.D. in atomic physics from University of California, Berkeley. She was a physics professor at Cornell University prior to joining us on The Farm.

Persis opened her talk by telling us that this is an extraordinary time for women. "We have reached a critical mass. Just as an example, there are many women in physics departments now, not like when I first started and I was the only one. And we are all seeing that behaviors that used to be tolerated are no longer tolerated."



Her Path

Persis is a physicist like her late father, world-renowned theoretical physicist Sidney Drell. "Growing up," she quipped, "I was interested in anything but physics." She liked math and was unusually good at it. "In high school, because I thought boys were smarter than girls, being smart made me special." Growing up at Stanford where her dad was a professor of physics and later deputy director at SLAC, she chose Wellesley College, a women's college in the Boston area, far from Stanford.

"It was a smart choice, a defining choice. At Wellesley, all the women were smart. No! I was not special." It was her physics teacher that inspired her to choose physics. In graduate school at Berkeley, Persis was the only woman in her class. "I didn't ask questions because they would all remember me. There was nowhere to get empathy except from my father. One shouldn't have to have a father in the same field to be able to get through."

Persis married a fellow physics grad student from Cal. To manage the delicate balance of career and family life, they prioritized staying flexible, and being in the same place together. They started a family and have three children.

For Persis, teaching is at her core. Through her many jobs, she has always taught. "Teaching grounds me and gives me connection and joy in a rapidly changing world."



SLAC

After teaching at Cornell for several years, Persis accepted a position at SLAC as research director and professor. Her husband also took a position at SLAC, holding to their commitment to be together no matter where work took them. Later, SLAC, in crisis, called upon Persis to take over as Director. "It was a time when the job would interfere with the delicate balance we had built between career and family. I didn't want to take the job. But I was told 'the lab needs you.' In the end, I accepted because of duty and loyalty. It was the right thing to do."



In her first days on the job, a major accident occurred that shook the lab to its core. The belief had been that science was the top priority and safety took lower priority. Plus, Persis took over in the midst of a budget crisis. Persis led changes in culture and management, including a 15% layoff, that turned SLAC around. “It was very difficult but we came through.” Perhaps Persis was successful in leading the changes because she was not afraid to fail.

Engineering

Persis faced her next major challenge as Dean of the School of Engineering. Provost Persis recalled, “Engineering was not in crisis like SLAC had been, but was at the top of its game! When you are at the bottom, all paths lead up. When you are at the top, all paths appear to lead down.” But Persis could see that leading the School of Engineering into the future would require changes. Starting from the top, change was harder and the motivation different. Persis launched SoE-Future, a committee-led process to ask: Where could the School of Engineering make significant world-changing impact, and how should the school be configured to address the major opportunities and challenges of the future? By using the SoE Future process, rallying the mid-career and younger faculty, and making changes to the School’s cultural diversity, Persis helped transform the School of Engineering.



Provost

As Provost, Persis sees similar challenges. Stanford is at the top of its game. And many don’t want change. But to remain a leading institution, change is critical. Just days after Spring Brunch, Provost Persis with President Marc Tessier-Lavigne announced a long-range planning vision for Stanford, “Navigating a Dynamic Future.” Their vision focuses on four key areas, incorporates ideas from over 2,800 members of the Stanford community, and will be designed over the next year and executed beginning in 2019.



Persis discussed several topics where changes at Stanford will likely occur, including:

- **Academics:** Eighteen percent of Stanford students are studying computer science. “That’s too many. Some are in it for the wrong reasons, like money and getting a job. Yes, it may be exciting and world changing, but you need breadth, too.”
- Engineering degrees require 120 of the 180 units for graduation. “It’s a waste not to take advantage of what Stanford offers in breadth. The requirement is out of date and is no longer necessary. We will be changing that.”
- **Undergraduate Advising:** Stanford offers so many courses of study to choose from, students may well feel overwhelmed. “We don’t give any structure, we just put it all out there. We are working to add structure, for example [advising students to] choose one from column A, one from column B, etc.”
- Stanford’s value will remain in providing a residential education experience. The future may have less classroom learning; big lectures may not have as much value. “We are thinking about learning vs. teaching, and assessing learning outcomes.”
- **Career planning:** “We need to change the advising role. Advice to students should be to explore options. However, for the 18% of students who are 1st generation college students, there is pressure to support the family. We embrace that.”

Advice

Persis shared with us advice that she has learned from experience:

- **Listen**, and always remember that there is another side to the story.
- **Meet people where they are**, figuratively and literally. Provost Persis prefers to leave her office in favor of meeting a faculty member in their office, or students in the dormitories to see their world and recognize their perspectives.
- **Capture the middle ground.** It can be hard to remember that you can’t please everyone all of the time, but worrying about the 15% who won’t agree with you no matter what will detract from the 85% who support you!
- **Hire the right people**, because you can’t do it all.





- **Capitalize on diversity** of thought, background, region, outlook. Get diverse people on your team to bring different perspectives.
- **As a woman in a male-dominated field**, capitalize on the differences YOU bring. Don't try to fit in!
- **Some choices will be hard**, but you've got to make the decision yourself. Don't be afraid to take a role; it's not about you, it's about making it better for the organization and the people.
- **Make mistakes**, acknowledge them, own them, and move on. If you blame others or don't own your mistakes, you're not a leader.



Provost Persis told us she appreciated the opportunity to engage with Cap and Gown. "One-on-one engagements are best, but there are 33,000 people in the Stanford community! I rely on the 'ripple effect.'"

It was a privilege to hear Persis's advice from the Provost herself, and we are honored to count her as a member of Cap and Gown.

Cap and Gown members, you are hereby part of the Persis Drell ripple. Now, go get the word out!

Spring Brunch Committee

- Vinita Kailasanath, Chair
- Eleanor Walker, Chair
- Sarah Beller
- Ellen Petrill
- Smeeta Ramarathnam



Congratulations to the New Honorary

Persis Dress, Provost of Stanford University

Persis Drell became the Provost of Stanford University in 2017. As Provost, she serves as the chief academic and budgetary officer of the University. She is also a Professor in the School of Engineering, of Materials Science and Engineering and also of Physics. Dr. Drell teaches a physics course every winter that is consistently an undergraduate favorite year after year. Prior to becoming Provost, Dr. Drell served as Director of the US Department of Energy SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory and later as the Dean of the School of Engineering, both at

Stanford. Persis received her B.A. in Mathematics and Physics from Wellesley College and her Ph.D. in Atomic Physics from the University of California, Berkeley. She was a Physics professor at Cornell University prior to joining Stanford.



Cap and Gown Leader Award

The Cap and Gown Leader Award was developed in 2016 and recognizes Cap and Gown members who demonstrate the values of leadership, academic excellence, and service. Recipients contribute to the organization by planning and implementing events and activities, leading committees of events and activities that further the goals and objectives of Cap and Gown.

Cap and Gown was founded in 1905 with a focus on honoring and promoting women. Since 1906, a Tapping Tea ceremoniously welcomed distinguished new female members to Cap and Gown. In 1969, an application process was established to determine selection into the group. Today, Cap and Gown is open to all Stanford students, and in place of Tapping Tea, we created the Leader Award as a vehicle to recognize Stanford students who demonstrate leadership qualities and support the mission of Cap and Gown.

The requirements for receiving the Cap and Gown Leader Award are as follows:

1. Be a member of Cap and Gown for at least two years
2. Attend Winter Welcome and Spring Brunch each year of membership
3. Actively support the operations of Cap and Gown through holding a position on the Actives board or committee, hosting an event for Cap and Gown members, connecting undergraduate students to attend events, writing a blog article, meeting with a Cap and Gown alumna member or an alternative activity that supports the mission of Cap and Gown.
4. Demonstrate academic excellence by achieving at least one of the following: graduate with a minimum GPA of 3.7, receive an honor within a major or other departmental recognition, complete an honors thesis, demonstrate significant contribution to the academic community
5. Demonstrate major leadership responsibility (member of a board of a student group, captain of a sports team, director of a performance) in at least one activity outside of Cap and Gown
6. Submit a statement detailing the ways in which the above criteria has been met and include a bio highlighting leadership experiences, academic pursuits, and service to the Stanford community to be published in the annual Cap and Gown newsletter

All members are eligible for Cap and Gown Leader distinction. Those interested must submit evidence that they have met the requirements by the date specified in the spring quarter of each academic year. Award recipients will be honored at the Leader Award Dinner in June and those graduating receive honor cords to be worn at graduation.



One evening this past June, several Alumnae Board members including Kathy Chou, Ellen Petrill, Vinita Kailasanath, Melissa Luu-Van, and Ellen Slack among others, as well as the outgoing and incoming Actives Board members, gathered at Michelle Galloway's home in Los Altos to honor the eight Cap and Gown members receiving the prestigious Cap and Gown Leader Award in the 2017-18 academic year. Over a delicious Italian dinner, award recipients excitedly shared their post-graduation plans, while discussing ways of staying involved with the Alumni Board beyond graduation. Younger recipients and incoming Actives Board members, Rachel Portillo and Jess De Suza exchanged visions for Cap and Gown's next year on campus, brainstorming ways of welcoming, engaging, and maintaining a continuous and integrated network of Active and Alumni members, under our new open membership structure.

Congratulations to our 2017-18 Leader Award recipients:



Crystal Zheng '19

During her time at Stanford, Crystal has made significant contributions to leadership, service, and academics. As a senior double majoring in Computer Science and Management Science & Engineering, Crystal always pushes herself in her academic endeavors. In fact, in fall 2017, her team's project won Best Website as well as 2nd runner-up for Best Overall Project at CS147 HCI Industry project fair. Furthermore, Crystal won the 2018 Hoefler Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Writing this past spring, nominated by Professor Shachter in the MS&E department. Alongside her academics, she is heavily involved in multiple extracurriculars on-campus. Currently, she is the VP of Finance for Cap and Gown as well as the Account Director at Funnel, a student-driven non-profit consulting group. Passionate about social innovation and service, she also interns at the Stanford Graduate School of Business's Center for Social Innovation, supporting the director on strategic projects and developing online resources. For her significant contributions to public service, Crystal has received the Cardinal Service Transcript Notation from Stanford that formally recognizes her commitments. She looks forward to continuing to contribute to the Stanford community this year as the Actives Co-President of Cap and Gown.

**Eleanor Frost '19**

Eleanor is driven in her academic career and takes service and leadership opportunities very seriously. She is an Art Practice major with a 3.9 GPA and is committed to completing an exhibition of her work before graduating this spring. She plans to create a series of portraits of overlooked female scientists over the past few centuries. She is the research assistant and editor for Professor Valerie Miner, author of fourteen novels. She works in Dr. Michelle Monje's neuroscience lab studying the effect of brain seizures on the brain's white matter. She has gone on several service trips through the Thanksgiving Back and Alternative Spring Break programs working with activists in the LGBTQ community during the Transgender Health Dichotomies trip. She especially enjoyed learning about migrant workers' health and added to her experiences most recently a Stanford community health trip to Oaxaca, Mexico this past summer.

Elise Kostial '18

Elise, originally from St. Louis, Missouri, recently graduated with a political science major. She completed the political science department's research honors track, which culminated in an honors thesis. At Stanford, she was involved in various political activities, serving as Co-President of the Stanford Conservative Society her senior year. Elise also served on the Stanford Board on Judicial Affairs, which oversees the administration of the honor code, and as a panelist in honor code violation cases. In the past, she has served as an assistant election commissioner for ASSU student elections. She is also involved in the Catholic community at Stanford. Elise has been accepted to Yale Law School, but plans to defer matriculation for a year in order to complete a one year fellowship at a boutique appellate litigation firm in Washington, DC. Ultimately, she hopes to pursue a career in the field of election law.

Callie Hoon '19

Callie Hoon is an undergraduate student pursuing a B.A. in Science, Technology, and Society, and a coterminal M.A. in Sociology. She was born in Singapore and attended boarding school in Deerfield, MA, where she grew passionate about historical writing and creative non-fiction. Over past summers, she has interned at a leading Asian hedge fund, the largest Southeast Asian investment bank, and a top cross-border investment bank in New York City. She joined Goldman Sachs in its Investment Banking Division this past summer and has received a return offer full-time post graduation in 2019. On campus, Callie is the Co-President of Cap and Gown Women's Honor Society, together with Crystal this year. She also leads or has led eight other student groups—spanning the gamut from women's leadership and finance to research—in executive roles. In her free time, Callie is an avid squash player, food connoisseur, and fashion aficionado.

**Opemipo Akerele '18**

Opemipo 'Ope' Akerele graduated this past spring with a B.S with Honors in Science, Technology, and Society (with a concentration in Life Sciences and Healthcare). Her passion for healthcare and biotechnology, depicted in her volunteer work and research in those areas in the US and abroad, and discovery of the harsh economic issues facing healthcare in developing countries inspires her to pursue a career where she can combine her experiences in technology and business to improve conditions for underserved populations. As an STS major, she has been fascinated by the roles economics and politics play in shaping healthcare and health outcomes in various communities. In previous years, Ope has served as Co-President of the Stanford African Students Association and President of the Afrobeats African Dance Team, an organization she founded during her freshman year. Her other involvements include being Chief Financial Officer of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated (Omicron Chi Chapter), a Management Leadership for Tomorrow Fellow, Pacific Free Clinic Health Educator, Haas National Advisory Board Member, and Teaching Associate for Undergraduate Bioethics. Ope has done medical research in the US and abroad that is the focus of her honors thesis, worked as a business analyst for The Cardinal Fund (a student-run investment management group taught by the Stanford Graduate School of Business), and interned in Public Finance at Barclays Capital in New York. As a Public Finance Analyst, she raised capital for affordable housing, impacting home insecurity and a social determinant of health in low and middle-income families. She is a member of the founding team and Head Project Manager for Medra Health, a digital healthcare company she is starting with a group of four other professionals. Through this organization, Ope is working to build a hiring platform to disrupt the inequities in hiring for underrepresented minority medical professionals to ultimately improve the pipeline of diverse medical professionals going into the workforce and promote better health outcomes for a diversifying patient population. After graduation, Ope will be working as a Full-Time Public Finance Analyst at Barclays and preparing to apply to medical school.

Amy Xu '18

Amy has grown immensely as a leader during her time at Stanford. She has acted as the financial officer then senior captain of the cheerleading team, a coach for youth gymnastics, and a teaching assistant in three departments across campus. She has also served on the executive boards of the Stanford Pre-Medical Association, planning the annual conference and service initiatives, and Night Outreach, which serves and raises awareness for the underserved homeless population in the Bay Area. Amy has been a member of Cap and Gown since her junior year, joining the Actives Board as the fall recruitment chair the year membership was expanded to all four class years. She coined the now annual Meet the Leaders event and served her senior year in the organization, as Co-VP of Marketing. For her dedication to student leadership, Amy was selected as a SAL Leadership Fellow this past year, where she has attended programmed workshops to enhance her skills. She graduated with honors in Human Biology this past June, with years of research culminating in a thesis studying a potential mechanism for alleviating the motor deficits associated with Down syndrome.



Rhiannon Tomtishen '18

Rhiannon graduated this past spring with a B.A. in International Relations and a minor in Chinese Studies. She takes her studies seriously, while balancing her academic pursuits with her personal passions and interests. Rhiannon has been an active member of a number of organizations and initiatives across campus, including coordinating the Kids With Dreams Special Skaters program and volunteering on the Senior Gift Committee. Rhiannon brings hard work, passion, and innovation to all that she sets her mind to. She has displayed a commitment to promoting women's leadership both on and off campus. As a 4-year member of Stanford Women in Business, she has planned a leadership summit for 150+ high school students as well as several major keynote events for the Stanford community featuring remarkable women, including Meg Whitman and Melinda Gates. Off campus, Rhiannon has been a member of the American Association of University Women's Student Advisory Council, where she had the opportunity to plan programming for college-aged women nationally.



Leader Award Committee

- Kathy Chou, Chair
- Michelle Galloway
- Negin Behzadian
- Jasmin Kamruddin



Anika Naidu '18

During her time at Stanford, Anika has demonstrated qualities reflecting the core values of Cap and Gown through her commitment to increasing diversity in STEM fields. She firmly believes that diverse perspectives enable progress and so diversity is necessary to advance STEM fields. In her senior year, Anika served as the Faculty Relations Chair of Stanford's Society of Women Engineers (SWE). In this role, she led a committee organizing weekly events connecting students with science and engineering faculty members. Through these events, she strived to promote discussions about diversity in engineering and inspired students by highlighting faculty role models they could relate to. Her committee members have praised her efficient leadership style and dedication to creating a supportive environment for women in STEM. Anika's service supplements her work with SWE. Her local community outreach work have largely focused on exposing younger K-12 students to interesting science activities and cultivating their interest in STEM at an early age. She also helped organize and run events such as the Explorathon in Detroit, which teaches high school girls about careers in STEM and encourages them to pursue those roles through college and beyond. She hopes to empower young women to seek opportunities they may not have previously considered. Anika has also demonstrated academic excellence in her bioengineering coursework and research. This year, she completed an Honor's thesis in which she designed an HIV immunogen capable of eliciting an immune response, which is an essential step in the development of an HIV vaccine. She hopes she will continue developing technologies that can benefit humanity in her future career and hopes she can serve as a source of inspiration for young women considering STEM careers.





News from Classmates

Jill Saunders Corcoran, '84

Washington, DC

"As of October 1, 2018, I am the Director of Published Licensing for Smithsonian Enterprises."

Ruth Jahnke Waters, '55

Redwood City, CA

"My life has taken two parallel paths: Journalism (magazine, newspaper, college teaching, technical writing and editing) and sculpture (first solo exhibition in 1962, founded the Twin Pines Art Center (complex of art studios) in Belmont in 1977, morphed into 1870 Art Center, then founded the Peninsula Museum of Art in 2004, and combined Museum and Studios when PMA moved to Burlingame in 2013. Come visit!"

Katie Smith Milway, '82

Wellesley, MA

"My latest children's book, "The Banana Leaf Ball: How Play Can Change the World" was published in Kids Can Press' CitizenKid imprint. It's based on the true tale of a boy from Burundi who escaped genocide to a refugee camp in Tanzania. He found a way out of being bullied and into leadership when NGO Right to Play sent a coach into his camp to form a soccer team.

The more our kids get caught up in electronics, the more I see the need to create unstructured kid-to-kid play time, so they grow socially and emotionally in ways that build self-esteem and collaboration skills."

Joan Passarelli '84

Mountain View, CA

"Stanford is bigger than ever in my life. First, I'm celebrating 10 years of working at Stanford! I've been a program administrator, a web content manager, and now an editor in the Office of Development. Also, I volunteer as a Stanford Newcomer Guide, meeting quarterly with freshmen and sophomores to check in, answer questions, and remind them they are loved. Finally, my husband and I joined the Catholic Community at Stanford (CC@S), where we sing in the choir. With three kids grown up and moved away, we are enjoying life as never before, and Stanford is a big part of that!"

Veronica Polin, '14

Cambridge, MA

"After 3 years living and working in East and Southern Africa, I am now pursuing a joint MBA and Master's in Public Administration in International Development (MPA/ID) at Harvard."



Amanda (Schwartz) Millstein, '06, '12

El Cerrito, CA

"I am a primary care pediatrician working at a community-based clinic in San Leandro. My husband, Brenden (MBA '10, MS '11) and I are parents to two kids - Cameron, age 2.5, and Alexandra, 5 months. As we often find ourselves saying these days, our hands and hearts are both full right now and life is good, even if we're a bit sleep-deprived."

Jessica Pham, '13

Berlin, Germany

"I recently joined the U.S. Foreign Service and am currently serving as a diplomat in Berlin. I am active with the Federal Women's Group at the Embassy in Germany and would advise graduates to continue to find close communities of women to work with after leaving Stanford!"

Karen Holl, '89

Felton, CA

"I have now been a Professor in the Environmental Studies Department at UC Santa Cruz for over 20 years and continue to do research on how to restore tropical forests and coastal California ecosystems. My son is now a junior in high school and in the midst of looking at colleges."

Lisa L. Casey, '84, '87

South Bend, IN

"So thrilled to share that both our oldest daughter, Caitlin, and her twin brother, our son, Sean, were admitted to the Class of 2022. They began their freshman year last month, and they seem to love life on the Farm as much as I did 'back in the day.' I wish that they were closer to home, but I am grateful for texting and FaceTime. I definitely have a new appreciation for how much my parents looked forward to my calls on Sunday evenings!"

Carol Hurwitz Apolk, '45

Dana Point, CA

"Peter, '45, and I are married 73 years as of October 20th, have attended each 5 year reunion and hope to make the one in 2020. Keeping busy with family, exercise and walking, helping with reading in a local elementary school, bridge, reading, music and friends. I was the Stanford Mag correspondent for our class for 7 years, and we have an annual music award in our name. I love Stanford and always will and feel blessed to be able to write this."

**Mavis Bryant, '63**

Austin, TX

"I have been spending a lot of my time in 2018 volunteering for Beto O'Rourke in his bid for the U.S. Senate."

Laude Neff Hill, '53

Canby, OR

"At 86 years old, I look back at Stanford with two majors (American History and Education) completed while I was at LSJU. The granting of two BAs was not allowed, but 31 years later I was granted the second when the Board of Trustees had changed the policy. I have used my education to help found a precision measuring instrument company as well as a career in banking."

Jan Howell Marx, '67

San Luis Obispo, CA

"After serving 12 years on the San Luis Obispo City Council, I am teaching Constitutional Law and have been appointed Campus Dean of the San Luis Obispo College of Law. I dedicated my donation to the Cap and Gown Sandra Day O'Connor Scholarship fund to Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and she wrote me a personal thank you note!"

Roopal Saran, '94

Falls Church, VA

"In 2017, I became the Executive Director of the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, a nonprofit organization that teaches English and workforce development classes to 1500 students annually whose English is at the 6th grade level or below. My career in nonprofit is truly the result of my many wonderful Stanford experiences especially with the Haas Center! I live in Falls Church, VA with my husband and 3 kids, ages 16, 14, and 11."

Jill Miller Perrin, '81

Dallas, TX

"After 30+ years as a F100 executive (Amex and GE) and in a start-up (Business Talent Group), I am moving in a new career direction -- that of Executive Coach. I will finish the Leadership Coaching Program at Georgetown in January 2019. I have already launched my Coaching practice: Unlocked Leadership. It has already been a professional dream come true. I relocated to Dallas, TX with my husband 2 years ago /it coincided with our becoming empty nesters. All good!"

**Jane Trevor Fetter, '58**

La Jolla, CA

"I returned to campus for reunion weekend this year-our 60th. Since I chaired our 45th and 50th reunions I am going to enjoy just participating in the class panel. My husband, Tom Fetter ('56 ' MBA '58) and daughter, Margi Fetter Graham ('83, '84) were also there with me. It is the first time in almost 10 years that we won't have a grandchild on campus. As I reflect on my four years on campus, a highlight was the tapping ceremony for Cap and Gown. I have always been proud to be a member."

Jackie Rotman, '12

Stanford, CA

"I hope everyone in Cap and Gown is doing well - always excited to hear and see your updates! I am in finishing my MBA at Stanford and am also in the MPA program at Harvard. I am in the process of launching an impact investing fund, Rewrite Ventures, focused on intimacy justice - which encompasses promoting both freedom from sexual harm and coercion, as well as experiences of pleasure and satisfaction, with a focus on women. Eight years after meeting as Stanford undergrads (through SIW and CS106A) I have partnered up (in life and love) with Stanford '12 classmate Petr Johanes!"

Paige Arnof-Fenn, '87

Cambridge, MA

"Hard to believe we have been in the Boston area for ~20 years now. We kept my dad's home in Carmel after he died so we do get to spend more time in CA, too, which is great. I am still running Mavens & Moguls, the marketing firm I started 17 years ago, so all is well here."

Nancy Wenke Price, '79

Medina, WA

"I have been living in the Seattle Area since graduation. My husband and I are retired, spending the winter months in sunny Palm Desert, CA. Both my children graduated from Stanford and are enjoying living and working in the Bay Area. I hosted a Cap & Gown event at my home this past summer. It was fun to reconnect with Seattle-Area Cap and Gown alumnae from all classes. Life is good."

Melinda Johnson, '78

Dallas, TX

"I live in Dallas - empty nester with husband, Jim Johnson, '76, MBA '80, with sons mostly living in the West Coast. Enjoy traveling and walking in half marathons."

**Ellen Merrick Petrill, '77, '78**

Los Altos, CA

"I am very happily retired after 38 years in energy research. I keep busy mentoring and encouraging high school students, college students, and early career people. I love the outdoors and visit it often on foot and mountain bike. My son, Rex, '08, will be married in July 2019 to a wonderful young lady he met in Washington, DC. They now reside in San Francisco. We're happy he's now closer to home!"

Karen Erickson, '58

Hooksett, NH

"I am a Professor and Dean Emeritus, School of Arts and Sciences, Southern New Hampshire University. Glad to see Cap and Gown progress in new ways to uphold and strengthen its foundational values."

Judith Kays, '57, '59

Stanford, CA

"The Class of '57 had its 60th reunion in October 2017. Cap and Gowners present: Shan Currie Turner, Jean McCarter Leonard, Judy Wharton Robertson, Judith Scholtz Kays, Kay Thomas Hays, Marilyn Page South. Hope I didn't leave anyone out!"

Irma Crouch, '42, '43

Saratoga, CA

"I am now 97 ½ years old, and as of August 2018, still going strong. I still drive, and am active in five organizations, such as book clubs, fine arts organization, etc. I visit friends in hospitals and rest homes often. I currently live in my own home in Saratoga, CA, with family nearby. Love musicals and art Museums! Have seldom missed a Cap and Gown tea."

Virginia Hislop, '40, '41

Yakima, WA

"I have been paying dues to Cap and Gown for 58 years. I look forward to receiving the annual newsletter, and remember with great pleasure the days where I was an active member. We were a much smaller group (15) and met at alumnae homes for tea and conversation. The spring house party weekend was always fun with Professor Margery Vaily regaling the group with songs and stories."

**Barbara Carey, '60**

Carlsbad, NM

"In October of 2018 I turned 80 years old. I live in the same house my husband and I bought in 1965, although I am again remodeling and have recently added a sprinkler system! In May of this year, my husband of 55 years moved into assisted living in a local home having spent nearly a month in the hospital with congestive heart failure. When this occurred it fell to me to take over all of the affairs of a corporation with which I had no familiarity. Organizing property management and investments took me away from my music students for about four months. Thankfully, I was able to return to teaching my piano students – an activity that I continue to enjoy. My osteoarthritis causes mobility issues, which challenge me when I travel. I am grateful for the services that airlines and airports now provide for people like me (I find New York a challenge however; subways aren't meant for handicapped people!). I continue to participate in a volunteer choral group, am a regular lay reader at my church, and occasionally conduct Morning Prayer in the absence of the priest. I often visit my children and grandchildren in New Orleans and San Diego, and my son and his family are here in Carlsbad, NM. My interest in the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF) continues though I am not able to go to New York for meetings (and the theater!) as often as in the past. In December 2018, I will travel to San Francisco for my sister's Final Bow when she retires as a chorister in the San Francisco Opera. A few days earlier, seven of us 'girls' from my high school graduation class who have kept a Round Robin letter going since 1960, will get together in a Santa Rosa vacation rental for a three day 'slumber party.' It's a blessing to be able to remain active."

Lisa Kirchenbauer, '85

Arlington, VA

"Hello! I've been in Arlington, VA since I graduated in 1985. I really appreciated the support and sisterhood of Cap and Gown! I have my own wealth management firm and am a big supporter of bringing more women into my profession. Cheers to all my sisters in Cap and Gown!"

Marie Wagner Krenz, '47

Orinda, CA

"I've had a busy couple of years with travel and family. Most trips are short but not the Galapagos or the Alaskan cruise. Meanwhile I keep writing human interest articles in San Francisco and Bay Area papers. I have published two mysteries which were good fun to pull together: 'Fear at Phantom Ship Lake' and 'Death at Arbours'."



Regional Events

Cap and Gown in Seattle



On Sunday September 16, Nancy Wenke Price '79 hosted a Regional Cap and Gown tea for Seattle-Area alumnae at her home. Alison Carpenter Davis, author of *Letters Home from Stanford*, was invited to talk about her book. The attendees were a varied group from the classes of 1967 to 2007. Alison Carpenter Davis spoke for around 30 minutes highlighting the lives of three Stanford women: an alumna from one of the first graduating classes; an alumna from the class of 1979; and an alumna from the class of 2017. It was interesting to see how similar the letters home from Stanford were for the three women; letters of self-doubt, women's rights and intellectual growth. Following Alison's talk, the women had a dynamic discussion of women and women's issues while at Stanford and beyond. Some attendees brought memorabilia of their time at Stanford which was fun to peruse. The two-hour tea lasted nearly three as members were having such lively discussions no one wanted to part.



Interested in Hosting an Event in Your Region?

Hosting a remote event is fun and easy. We have a guide that can help you with the planning. Contact Nancy Wenke Price at nancywprice@gmail.com and Caroline Frost at carolinefrost111@gmail.com for a guide on how to get started and a list of Cap and Gown alumnae in your area.

IMPORTANT!

Cap and Gown operates under the wing of the Stanford Alumni Association (SAA). An advantage to being part of SAA is using their SmartMail Database to contact Cap and Gown members living all over the world. To assure we can get in touch with you please check that your address and contact information on the SAA website is current and make sure Cap and Gown is listed as one of your group affiliations.

Here's what you need to do:

1. Log onto the SAA webpage <https://alumni.stanford.edu>
2. Click on the 'My Account' tab at the top of the page.
3. Update your contact information if needed.
4. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Under the 'Community' heading click on 'Classes, Groups and Clubs'. A new page will appear on your screen. On the left side of the page click on 'My Groups'. Cap and Gown should appear as one of your group affiliations.
5. If you do not see it, please contact Nancy Wenke Price at nancywprice@gmail.com



Cap and Gown Communications

by Jacquelyn Wong, Committee Chair

On behalf of the Cap and Gown Communications committee, we hope that 2018 has been treating you well and that you are enjoying this holiday season!

2018 marked a year of excitement and remembrance. We celebrated joyful Cap and Gown traditions like Winter Welcome and Spring Brunch, and also shared fond memories of our beloved alumni who passed. These events have reminded us to be ever-present, to celebrate our togetherness, and to continue making an impact. We are excited to be wrapping up another successful year and hope this newsletter brings you good memories and ties to your fellow Cap and Gown alumni.

As we kick off a new year, our communications goal is twofold: increase collaboration between our alumni and actives, and continue expanding Cap and Gown’s reach to our 2,250 members all over the world. I’m excited to share that we’ve gotten a headstart on these goals. In October, Cap and Gown actives hosted “Meet the Leaders,” an opportunity for undergraduates to meet with and ask questions to Cap and Gown leaders. Our very own Alumni Board President, Ellen Slack, attended to share the long history of Cap and Gown. In November, the Actives board invited Bay Area alumni to the first official alumni event of the year, "Insights Over Ice Cream". This was a spectacular event jumpstarting the fall recruitment season and showcasing our organization’s intergenerational community. Several alumnae, including Kathryn Kilner, Melissa Luu-Van, and Caroline Frost, joined the panel to share their Stanford experiences with underclassmen.

On the outreach front, our Remote Events Committee (led by Nancy Wenke Price and Caroline Frost) has been partnering with alumni across the nation to bring together Cap and Gown members outside the Bay Area. The most recent event was held in September in Seattle, where Nancy graciously hosted several alumnae to share and discuss life after Stanford, women’s rights, and intellectual growth. We also heard from many of you via our requests for your updates. Thank you to everyone who shared what you’re up to. From serving as diplomats around the world and celebrating 73 years of marriage, to sending off your children to represent the next generation on the Farm, our alumni members continue to make us proud and remind us how much impact we’ve had through the years.



As we look forward to 2019, we hope you will join us by participating in our upcoming events, sharing what you’ve been up to, or hosting a regional get-together in your city. We are so grateful for your support and contributions of Cap and Gown over these many years. Our organization is built on the meaningful ties between our alumni and actives, and without your support, we could not accomplish all that we have.

Lastly, a special thank you to Erica Toews and Negin Behzadian, who seamlessly spearheaded this year’s Newsletter and enabled us to stay connected with the Cap and Gown community.

If you would like to share what you've been up to or how Cap and Gown has shaped your life, please don't hesitate to reach out and connect with us via email and social media. Best wishes, and happy New Year!

Jacquelyn Wong '13, Cap and Gown Communications Chair

Cap and Gown website: <http://capandgown.stanford.edu/welcome/>

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Cap and Gown Scholarship Funds and Recipients

Cap and Gown is honored to support the academic pursuits of undergraduate women at Stanford. Every year, deserving 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 students.

The Rosamond Clarke Bacon Cap & Gown Undergraduate Scholarship Fund (KAVNT)

Established in October 1993 to provide scholarships to undergraduate students at Stanford with a preference for junior and senior women students.

Since its inception, the Rosamond Clarke Bacon Cap and Gown Undergraduate Scholarship has been awarded 24 times to a total of 23 undergraduate students.

Book value: \$265,469.47

Market value: \$522,837.32

2018-2019 recipient is Sierra Hirayama, '19, from Honolulu, Hawaii

The Bettye Luhnnow Bailey Cap and Gown Scholarship Fund (KAAGF)

Established in March 2002 to provide scholarships to undergraduate students at Stanford with a preference for women students.

Since its inception, the Bettye Luhnnow Bailey Cap and Gown Scholarship has been awarded 14 times to a total of 13 undergraduate students.

Book value: \$402,511.59

Market value: \$597,900.09

2018-2019 recipient is Ann Tanaka, '19, from Santa Monica, California

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.

If you are a member of the Stanford Alumni Association, you can do this 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.

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



The Margaret C. Barr Cap and Gown Scholarship Fund (KAVOG)

Established in February 1985 to provide scholarships to undergraduate students at Stanford with a preference for women students. A preference in awards shall be given to those female students who participate in sports, either individually or as part of an organized activity.

Since its inception, the Margaret C. Barr Cap and Gown Scholarship has been awarded 60 times to a total of 54 undergraduate students.

Book value: \$189,654.00

Market value: \$1,028,331.41

2018-2019 recipient is Therese Monte, '21, from Cebu City, Philippines

The Cap and Gown Scholarship Fund (KASOP)

Established in December 1956 to provide scholarships to undergraduate students at Stanford with a preference for women students.

Since its inception, the Cap and Gown Scholarship has been awarded 180 times to a total of 177 undergraduate students.

Book value: \$1,397,132.24

Market value: \$3,101,585.72

2018-2019 recipients are:

Naomi Gail Gregorio, '19, from Manila, Philippines

Shahpar Mirza, '19, from Atlanta, Georgia

Zora Williams, '19, from Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

The Cap and Gown Centennial Scholarship Fund (KASOO)

Established in October 2001 in honor of the Centennial of Cap and Gown, Stanford's Women's Honor Society in the year 2005, to provide scholarships to undergraduate students at Stanford with a preference for women students.

Since its inception, the Cap and Gown Centennial Scholarship has been awarded 13 times to a total of 12 undergraduate students.

Book value: \$471,194.37

Market value: \$ 690,598.82

2018-2019 recipient is Chidinma Umeh, '19, from Irving, Texas



The Sandra Day O'Connor Cap and Gown Scholarship Fund (KAWBP)

Established in April 1989 to provide scholarships to undergraduates at Stanford, with a preference for women:

- Who come from a small town (population less than 25,000)
- Who would bring diversity to the student body because of their race, religion, home town, aspirations, physical limitations, outlooks, etc.
- Who exhibit a sense of respect for, and love of, the land. This could be exhibited by participation in outdoor sports or activities; or by a demonstrated interest in ecological, environmental, or agricultural concerns which shows an understanding of the importance of our relationships to earth.
- Who exhibit the Cap and Gown qualities of scholarship, leadership and contribution to community, as well as an independent spirit, wide range of interests and constructive group activities.

Since its inception, the Sandra Day O'Connor Cap and Gown Scholarship has been awarded 28 times to a total of 15 undergraduate students.

Book value: \$ 247,776.40

Market value: \$728,509.81

2018-2019 recipient is Lia Kim, '21, from San Diego, California.

Jean Coblentz Cap and Gown Scholarship Fund (KBCET)

Established in May 2018 in memory of Jean Galt Coblentz, BA '47, to provide scholarships to undergraduate students at Stanford with a preference for women students.

Since its inception, the Jean Coblentz Cap and Gown Scholarship has been awarded 1 time to 1 undergraduate student.

Book value: \$23,550.00

Market value: \$23,897.92

2018-2019 recipient is Catherine Chen, '22, from New York City, New York



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.

The Rosamond Clarke Bacon Cap and Gown Undergraduate Scholarship Fund

Ms. L. Susan Cabrera, BA '71, MA '72
 Dr. Linda Clever, BS '61, MD '65
 Mrs. Virginia Hislop, BA '40
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Ms. Carol Sox, BS '61, ENG '90
 Mrs. Lynn Touton, BS '69
 Mrs. Susan Vaile

The Bettye Luhnow Bailey Cap and Gown Scholarship Fund (KAAGF)

Ms. Paige Arnof-Fenn, BA '87
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 Ms. Sarah Flanagan, BA '73

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 Dr. Susan Harnden, BA '70
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 Dr. Marcia Growdon, BA '67, PhD '76
 Ms. Kathryn Kilner, BA '08
 Mrs. Beverly Richardson, BA '65

Dr. Anya Royce, BA '62
 Ms. Alison Wells, BA '48
 Mrs. Maureen Younkin, BA '55, MA '56

The Cap and Gown Centennial Scholarship Fund (KASOO)

Ms. Paige Arnof-Fenn, BA '87
 Ms. Kathleen Crawford, BA '63
 Ms. Dana Horner, BA '50
 Ms. Kerry Kaempf, BS '85

Mrs. Ruth Lycette, BA '54
 Mrs. Elinor Mansfield, BA '58, LLB '60
 Ms. Mary Ann Somerville, BA '65, MA '66

**The Sandra Day O'Connor Cap and Gown Scholarship Fund (KAWBP)**

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Jean Coblentz Cap and Gown Scholarship Fund (KBCET)

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**Celebrating Her Life, Honoring Her Legacy:
The Memorial of Jean Coblentz**

by Kathryn Kilner



It was with great sadness that we shared of the passing of beloved member of Cap and Gown Jean Coblentz in December 2017, but it is with joy that we celebrate her life and the impact that she made on many members of Cap and Gown. On May 19, 2018, a group of well wishers gathered at Jean's home in Sunnyvale to pay their respects, recall their favorite memories of Jean, and take a cookie when it was passed. Many women from Cap and Gown were present including Robin Murphy, Kathryn Kilner, Carol Benz, Michelle Galloway, Shari Kuchenbecker, Kathy Chou, Ellen Petrill, Ruth Cronkite, Melissa Lu-Van, and Ellen Slack.

It was meaningful to share a video that Cap and Gown produced remembering Jean's life. A huge thank you to Kathy Chou for leading the production of the video and to Carol Benz, Vinita Kailasanath, Ellen Petrill, Ruth Cronkite, and Ellen Cerf Slack for appearing on camera sharing memories of Jean.

Also notable was being able to proudly share with the family about the creation of the Jean Galt Coblentz Cap and Gown Scholarship. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making this scholarship possible! The scholarship will be awarded annually to a current Stanford student with preference given to a female student. All recipients will receive a biography of Jean, sharing her story and carrying forward her commitment to education and philanthropy for generations to come. More than one of her granddaughters expressed their sincere gratitude for Cap and Gown for leading the creation of this scholarship in their grandmother's honor. Education was a value that they remember their grandmother instilling in them and they are proud of the legacy of their grandmother being shared with others.



If you would like to contribute to the Jean Galt Coblentz Cap and Gown Scholarship, please direct your contributions to Stanford University with a note about your desire to support this particular scholarship. You can make a gift online at <http://giving.stanford.edu/>. Checks made payable to Stanford University may be mailed to Development Services, P.O. Box 20466, Stanford, CA 94309-0466. Please add a note for both checks and online donations regarding your desire to direct your gift to The Jean Galt Coblentz Cap and Gown Scholarship Fund.



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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 39 to order.)

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We are grateful for your stewardship and commitment to Cap and Gown. I look forward to hearing from you all soon.

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