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From left, the late Bob Appel, Wynton Marsalis, and Helen Appel at the opening of the new Appel Rehearsal Hall.

# Wynton Marsalis Helps Hunter Open the New Appel Rehearsal Hall

he new Appel Rehearsal Hall is music to Hunter students' ears. Some of Hunter's budding jazz and classical maestros joined the school's music faculty, donors, and iconic band leader Wynton Marsalis to celebrate the unveiling of the North Building rehearsal space on Sept. 29 that will help train members of one of the most diverse student bodies in the country to become the next great musicians and music teachers.

"Hunter College is the public school for the arts in New York City," said Hunter President Jennifer Raab. "And we now have a rehearsal space that is equal to the quality of students who come here. It's just another example of our commitment to their success."

One of those students, senior Jacob Han, wowed the crowd with his saxophone solo and his moving words about the rough road he had taken to get there, which included a detour through a cutthroat conservatory program that burned him out — and kept him

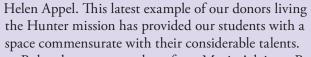
NOTE: Tragically, just a few weeks after Bob Appel was on campus with his wife, Helen, to celebrate the opening of the new Appel Rehearsal Hall, he died suddenly at the age of 91. Bob was a gifted finance executive and a strategic New York philanthropist. We are grateful that he was a member of our Music Advisory Board and a generous supporter, who, together with his beloved wife, created the state-of-the-art music performance classroom we were proud to name Appel Hall. We will miss him greatly.



# Greetings from the President

n this edition of *Giving @ Hunter*, we once again spotlight one of the greatest joys of my years of service — the extraordinary generosity of our wonderful alumni and friends. Your support during the past 22 years has transformed our college, helping us raise academic standards while maintaining the diversity of our student body, transforming the campus, and creating modern facilities for students and faculty.

I'm especially pleased to bring you news of the Appel Rehearsal Hall a state-of-the-art music and performance space made possible by Bob and



Bob, who was a member of our Music Advisory Board, and Helen, who teaches at Hunter's continuing-education program, were all smiles during the grand opening on Sept. 29. So we were sad to learn of Bob's passing just two weeks after the event. We're heartened that his spirit will live on in the music created in the rehearsal hall.

We also celebrated the opening of the revamped fifth floor of our Leon and Toby Cooperman Library — named in honor of its most generous supporters — this past September. Designed with input from students and faculty, the

sweeping changes include a magnificent reading room, group study rooms, and a new outdoor deck with views of Midtown Manhattan.

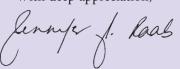
Next up is the second floor, which will house a re-envisioned Career Services Center and technology hub at the heart of our campus. The subject of our current fundraising push, it will also have space dedicated for Manhattan Hunter Science High School students supported by Professor Emerita Shirley Raps.



We are halfway to our goal of raising \$12 million for this signature new space, and we welcome your support.

I hope you will be as thrilled as I was to learn about a heartwarming example of alumni generosity through our successful Mother's Day Scholarship Fund, which we launched 14 years ago. One of the early recipients of a Mother's Day scholarship has become a donor to the fund herself, completing a truly virtuous circle. I'm sure you will find this as inspiring as all of us at Hunter do.

With deep appreciation,



#### Appel Rehearsal Hall continued from cover

from playing music for three years. But when he came to Hunter, things changed.

"I found my path to be a jazz musician here," Han said. "To even be in this position was never a possibility before. I could not have asked for more than what I received from Hunter."



Hunter students Jacob Han, left, and Karen Xie, right, with the legendary Wynton Marsalis at the new Appel Rehearsal Hall.

The refurbished space features a sounddampening blue curtain that envelops the room, new oversized windows to let in much-needed light, a new floor, and a sound system featuring four microphones and speakers hanging from the ceiling.

The dream studio would not have been possible without the generosity of Helen and Bob Appel, whose \$1.2 million contribution covered the costs of the three-year overhaul.

"With so many students improving their performace skills here, this truly is a gift that keeps on giving," Raab said. "We're so thankful for what they have done for Hunter College."

And they have done a lot. Helen is a trustee of the Hunter College Foundation and has been teaching a popular history class at Hunter College's School of Continuing Education for more than a decade, while Bob, who was the chairman emeritus at Jazz at Lincoln Center, served on Hunter's Music Advisory Board.

At the event, the duo said they couldn't be happier to provide a gift ensuring beautiful music will continue to be made at Hunter.

"The magic word is music," Helen said.

"Many of our long-standing friends come from the world of music, and it means so much to be able to join in here."

One of those friends is Marsalis — the legendary trumpeter who helped form Hunter's jazz education program. The composer and artistic director of Jazz at Lincoln Center took in the new rehearsal space for a few hours while a half dozen of Hunter's most talented student and faculty instrumentalists played some standards.

He then took to the microphone and espoused just how vital a good rehearsal space is to the artistic process.

"Artists need big, welcoming spaces like this to collaborate," Marsalis said. "And the Appel Rehearsal Hall has everything they need to make beautiful music together."



Professor Ryan Keberle, left, with the band.

Marsalis recognized Jazz Program Director Ryan Keberle, a trombonist and composer with whom he has performed along with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra.

The afternoon's opening act, Keberle was followed by junior Karen Xie, a pianist who won Hunter's 2022 Concerto Competition and will perform with the Hunter Symphony Orchestra.

After his sax solo, Han got to meet his musical hero — Marsalis — who told him they should jam together the next time they see each other.

"It was inspiring to meet one of my idols," Han said. "He blurs the boundaries between classical and jazz, and that's what I aspire to do."



## Hunter Opens Cooperman Library's Revamped 5th Floor, and Brand-New Marie Colwell Terrace

ore than 150 Hunter College students, alumni, and staff Leelebrated the completion of the fourth phase of the Leon and Toby Cooperman Library renovation, bringing new classroom and academic resource space to the fifth floor as well as an eighth floor outdoor terrace with views of Midtown.

The Hunter College Foundation has raised nearly \$45 million toward the multiphase project.

The new fifth floor features a large open space for study and collaboration, flexible classroom space, and private study alcoves — delivered at the request of students.

"They wanted a library that wasn't just about books," Hunter College President Jennifer J. Raab said. "This is it."

It has all happened thanks to the largest capital campaign in the history of Hunter, which President Raab launched in 2013 with a \$25 million gift from Leon and Toby Cooperman '64.

The latest renovations came about thanks to the help of benefactors Ron



Trustee Stephen Swiatkiewicz and his wife Virginia Hatley, Trustee Emerita Ada Peluso '60, President Raab, Leon and Toby Cooperman '64, HCF Chair Cathy M. Weinroth '74, Joan Grabe HCHS '56, HC '60, Bill Grabe, and Bea Klier '37.

Spurga, who added a \$1 million gift in memory of his wife, Marie Colwell '75, and Joan Grabe HCHS '56, HC '60, who along with her husband, Bill, donated \$2 million.

The next phase includes a new learning center for Manhattan Hunter Science High School students and a career services center.

In 2013, the college renovated the third floor with a new circulation desk and reference rooms. Four years later, the sixth and seventh floors included an education library and screening room, along with the Silverstein Student Success Center — with offices for advising those interested in post-graduate scholarships — thanks to a grant by Larry Silverstein and his wife, Klara '54, MA '56.

## Coopermans Kicked it Off

ew alumni exemplify the promise and mission of Hunter College better than Leon and Toby Cooperman '64 — and nobody played a bigger role in transforming the library now named in their honor. It was the Coopermans' \$25 million gift that jumpstarted the library's renovation campaign back in 2013.

But they weren't always in a position to give back to Hunter in such a big way. Before he became one of the nation's most successful hedge-fund managers at Omega Advisors, Leon Cooperman was the son of a plumber growing up in the shadow of the Bruckner Expressway. Toby, meanwhile, was the daughter of a man who sold bed linens.

"I'm kind of shocked I was able to do what I did," Leon said.

Hunter College President Jennifer Raab said the school would not have been able to modernize its 68th Street library without the Coopermans' generosity.

"They are so committed to the American dream, and they want it to come true for everyone," she said.



Hunter College Foundation Chair Cathy Weinroth '74, Toby and Leon Cooperman '60, President Raab, Ron Spurga and student government VP Yostina Girgis cut the ribbon.

#### Ron Spurga's Gift to His Wife

hen Ron Spurga was looking for a way to honor his wife, Marie Colwell, who died earlier in 2022, he found the perfect place at her alma mater.

Now, students can relax outside on the Marie Colwell Terrace, located on

the eighth floor of the East Building Marie Colwell '75 just outside the Leon and Toby Cooperman Library.

"It's an airy, outdoor oasis where they can have a zen moment," Spurga said. "My wife would love this."

After studying drama, Colwell scored small parts in Moonstruck and Ghostbusters, and created a celebrity interview program, The Marie Colwell Show.

Colwell also earned a master's degree in social work, focused on couples therapy.

"It was her nature to be creative and helpful," he said.

#### Bea Klier Helps Cut the Ribbon



🕝 t wouldn't be a grand opening without the alums on hand. So when we celebrated the renovation and reopening of the Leon and Toby Cooperman Library's fifth floor, 106-yearold Bea Klier '37 was there to help cut the ribbon.

The Hunter Hall-of-Famer has a multifuctional learning studio named in honor of her planned gift of \$500,000.

During World War II, the aptly named Klier (pronounced "clear") served as a civilian meteorologist for the U.S. Air Force, igniting a long career in the sciences. She later became a high-school earth-science teacher, a NASA climatology researcher, and director of education at the Academy of Sciences.

And she hasn't slowed. In 2017, at age 100, she published a novel, Hidden, and two years later followed that with a collection of short stories and essays.

She still enjoys coming to

the Hunter holiday party every year, where she chatted-up fellow weatherperson Mr. G back in 2013 (right).

## Joan Grabe's Been Helping Hunter's Library for Decades



As a student, Joan Grabe worked at the Hunter Library.

oan Grabe HCHS '56, HC '60 has never forgotten the great education she received at Hunter — and she and her husband, Bill, have been donating their

time and money to ensure students get as much out of their college years as she did.

But who knew that long before their \$2 million donation helped refurbish

the new library's fifth floor, Grabe, who received an honorary doctorate for service to Hunter last year, delivered books to Hunter students at the old college library?

"I was alone in the semidark and there was an assistant who would write the request on a slip of paper, put it on a paper clip, and send it on a pulley," Grabe said at the ribboncutting. "I had to run through the Dewey Decimal System and get the right book."

But she never had to go through the trouble of putting books back. "That was a higher pay rate," Grabe joked.

#### FINDING A NEW LIFE AT HUNTER COLLEGE

## Hunter Rescues Students Displaced by War in Ukraine

unter College is welcoming more than a dozen students whose lives were turned upside-down by the war between Russia and Ukraine.

When the conflict broke out, students on both sides were put in danger some from bombs falling from the sky and others because of their pacifist stance.

As they were forced to flee, Hunter spread the word that a safe haven was available to scholars who wanted to continue their education in the United States.

Getting them to Hunter required a three-pronged strategy: securing the funding, easing credit-transfer restrictions, and helping students obtain their visas. Fortunately, the Hunter team was up to the task.

"We've been helping students in difficult — and sometimes dire situations achieve the American Dream for decades," said Hunter President Jennifer J. Raab. "This is just the latest



Student Georgii Lifshits, who fled Russia to study at Hunter, with President Raab.

example of how we make that happen."

Georgii Lifshits left Moscow in a whirlwind last February, traversing Estonia and Finland before arriving at Hunter, where he said he finally found an "island of stability" that allowed him to focus on his studies.

"For the first time in a few months, there was some certainty in my life," Lifshits said. "It just was kind of a miracle that such a program even exists."

A Ukrainian student first helped fight

in the war, but after his hometown fell, he fled to western Ukraine before making his way to the United States.

"This whole experience made me stronger," he said. "I'm delighted to open the new chapter of my life here in New York City."

Students from Russia were also helped by a gift from the Zimin Foundation, while students from Ukraine got here thanks to a gift to Hunter from the family of Eva Kastan Grove '58, who are dedicated to helping immigrants and children of immigrants.

Boris Zimin of the Zimin Foundation said he created a scholarship fund to ensure no student got stuck behind a new Iron Curtain.

"All of these students had their plans for the future destroyed by Russia's military aggression," he said. "It is important we help these smart and motivated young people so that they can resume their studies and continue building their future."



Katrina vanden Heuvel at the dedication of the historic William J. vanden Heuvel Elevator at Roosevelt House.

## Elevator at Roosevelt House Named for vanden Heuvel

new historical maker at Hunter College highlights a 114-year-old Lthat is still moving as well as ever. At a ceremony in June, Hunter College President Jennifer J. Raab named the west elevator at the Roosevelt House for the late Ambassador William J. vanden Heuvel, a leading voice in keeping FDR's legacy alive.

President Raab spoke about turning to vanden Heuvel with her vision of transforming the Roosevelt mansion into an institute for public policy and human rights.

She and Roosevelt House Director Harold Holzer thanked the ambassador's daughter Katrina vanden Heuvel, a major donor to the fundraising campaign to secure the elevator's maintenance.

A U.N. ambassador during the Carter administration, vanden Heuvel, who died in 2021, was a lifelong Roosevelt acolyte who hitchhiked to his hero's funeral in Hyde Park, N.Y. Denied entry by the Secret Service, he attended after the intercession of sympathetic widow, Eleanor Roosevelt.

In 2004, Hunter bestowed on vanden Heuvel an honorary degree for his work preserving the Roosevelt legacy and his support of the Roosevelt House restoration.

The elevator was a rare, high-tech feature when FDR's mother, Sara Delano Roosevelt, built the double-sized, six-story townhouse on East 65th Street.

Now that elevator has been renamed in honor of one of FDR's — and Roosevelt House's — biggest fans.

#### Afghan Scholar Now a Roosevelt House Fellow

or the Roosevelt House's newest visiting scholar, getting to Hunter College was a matter of life or death.

As associate dean of the counseling department at Kabul University, Professor Raihana Faqiri understood how important it is to perform family counseling in order to retain female students. She published her research in international journals, and helped establish a model counseling center where students could receive both counseling and expert training.

But when the Afghan government was toppled in August 2021 — and women's rights were severely restricted — Faqiri was forced to flee with her family.

After hearing of her plight, thanks to

an alert sent by Professor Martha Bragin of the Silberman School of Social Work, leaders in the Jewish Philanthropic Community whose family helped Jews escape Nazi Germany — rushed to support Faqiri.

Now, thanks to their generosity, she will spend three years at Roosevelt House as a Human Rights Fellow.

Fagiri and a second scholar were cheered during a dinner at the Roosevelt House in November hosted by Hunter College President Jennifer J. Raab and attended by Rep. Gregory Meeks, House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, and many who helped her get to America.

In a pre-recorded video at the event, Gov. Kathy Hochul welcomed the



Raihana Faqiri at Roosevelt House.

scholars and pledged to continue advocating for them.

"We're here to support you, listen to your needs and offer you any resources you may need to succeed," she said. "I have no doubt your success will be a beacon of hope to countless others."

#### Mother's Day Scholar Becomes Fund Donor



From left, new Mother's Day Donor and Former Scholar Lisa latckova '19 reunited with Robert and Nellie Gipson '83.

ne Mother's Day Fund donation has birthed another! A Mother's Day Scholarship donated by Nellie Gipson '83 and her husband, Robert, ensured Lisa Iatckova '19 got a head start on the American Dream at Hunter.

The Gipsons' gift enabled the immigrant student, who came from Russia at the age of 20 with little knowledge of English, to volunteer at a research lab instead of having to work to support her way through college.

Now Iatckova, a new mother who is also a third-year Ph.D. student at Weill Cornell, is already giving back — as the latest Mother's Day Fund donor.

"Lisa's story is an inspiring one,"

said Hunter College Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Eija Ayravainen. "Thanks to the Gipsons' gift, she's now estab lishing herself as a scientist and giving back to her alma mater so that others can achieve the American Dream."

Nellie arrived in New York as a child from her native Bulgaria — then a Soviet satellite — when her father was posted to the UN as a diplomat. Because of that, she has a special kinship with the many first-generation Hunter students who need financial help as they navigate their way through a new system and its institutions.

The Gipsons have supported more than 200 Mother's Day Scholars since they began giving to the Fund in 2009.

And their giving isn't just limited to the Mother's Day Fund. They also support Yalow Scholars studying science and pre-med, and Muse Scholars studying visual and performing arts.

Nellie majored in English and minored in theater at Hunter, spurring an ongoing love affair with the arts. She and Robert contribute to a raft of educational and cultural institutions both here and in Bulgaria.

Since President Jennifer J. Raab launched the Mother's Day program in 2005, it has raised almost \$10 million for Hunter students.

## Gray Foundation Triples Its Principal Exellence Fellowship Gift

he Gray Foundation last June renewed its support of the Gray Fellowship for Principal Excellence at Hunter's top-ranked School of Education, nearly tripling an initial \$535,000, three-year 2019 grant with a five-year gift of \$1,500,000.

The yearlong fellowship has become an important tool for retention of principals in the New York City public schools — jobs that too often end with the administrators leaving because they burn out.

Twenty promising mid-career public school principals are selected annually to join a two-week summer teambuilding retreat.

During this time, the fellows, most of whom have more than five years of experience as principals, work together to solve problems they collectively confront.

Once the school year begins, they get together once a month for daylong sessions where they discuss the progress their schools are making and the problems that have arisen — allowing them to learn from their common experiences.

As a testament to its success, the NYC Department of Education recently tapped 12 Gray Fellowship graduates to serve on Schools Chancellor David C. Banks' principals advisory committee, which weighs in on matters such as policy and hiring and which Banks is



Mindy Gray, center, in tan, and Gray Foundation CEO Dana Zucker, center, in purple, visit with the Gray Fellows in June.

using to spearhead wholesale reforms.

"We devised a program that focused on both their profressional growth and well-being," said Kevin Froner, the founding director of the fellowship and principal of Manhattan Hunter Science High School. "And it has clearly helped these principals become more effective school managers."

Of course, none of this could have happened without the support of Jon and Mindy Gray.

"We are so thankful to the Gray Foundation for investing in the professional development of New York City's principals," said Hunter College President Jennifer J. Raab. "Jon and Mindy exemplify Hunter's motto mihi cura futuri, the care of the future is mine, through this and all of their many philanthropic endeavors."





(Left) Mother's Day Scholar and current graduate student, Vianna Calderon Lopez '19, with Klara Silverstein BA '54, MA '56, former chair and current trustee of the Hunter College Foundation at the annual Mother's Day reception. (Right) Mother's Day Scholar Sephora Thom'22, center, with Roosevelt House Advisory Board Member Greg Shufro and his wife, Jen.



Longtime Mother's Day benefactor and author Sidney Offit shares a laugh with scholars, who he supports in honor of his beloved late wife Avodah Offit HCHS '48 HC '52.



am filled with gratitude for the many donors, both large and small, named on the following pages who have supported the meaningful work we do at Hunter College.

Over the years, I have chronicled the progress of our library modernization project in these letters, and I'm proud to report we have now renovated five floors of the Leon and Toby Cooperman Library with more than

\$40 million of philanthropic support.

With the completion of the third, sixth, and seventh floors, the lower basement, and most recently, the fifth floor, we have reached the halfway mark of our plan to renovate all of our library space. Thanks to your extraordinary generosity, we have been able to provide ample study space for our students, open the Klara and Larry Silverstein Student Success Center, transform our education library, and create dedicated space for Hunter College Macaulay students, and our library faculty and staff. Of course, the floors are equipped with state-of-the-art technology to meet all of their needs.

This project would not have been possible without the support of our incredible board through the years, including HCF Trustee Joan Grabe, whose generous \$2 million leadership gift named the beautiful fifth-floor reading room, and HCF Trustee Steve Swiakiewicz, who supported modernized faculty space in honor of his wife, Virginia Hatley, the daughter of a librarian. Thanks to the board's leadership, we have been able to keep our library modernization project on track, on time, and well-funded.

We are also so grateful for the support of other generous donors like you and 106-year-old Bea Klier '37, whose \$500,000 planned gift created a learning studio on the fifth floor.

As we mark our next major step in putting Hunter on the cutting edge of library technology with the renovation of the second floor, we hope many of you will invest in Hunter and our remarkable students by contributing to this next phase of our library campaign. We have raised more than 50% of our goal for the second floor and are counting on all of you to help us reach the finish line.

Thank you for your support and everything you do for Hunter. You have played a part in helping us make Hunter the crown jewel of the CUNY system and a place where the American Dream comes true!

Sincerely,

Cathy Weinroth

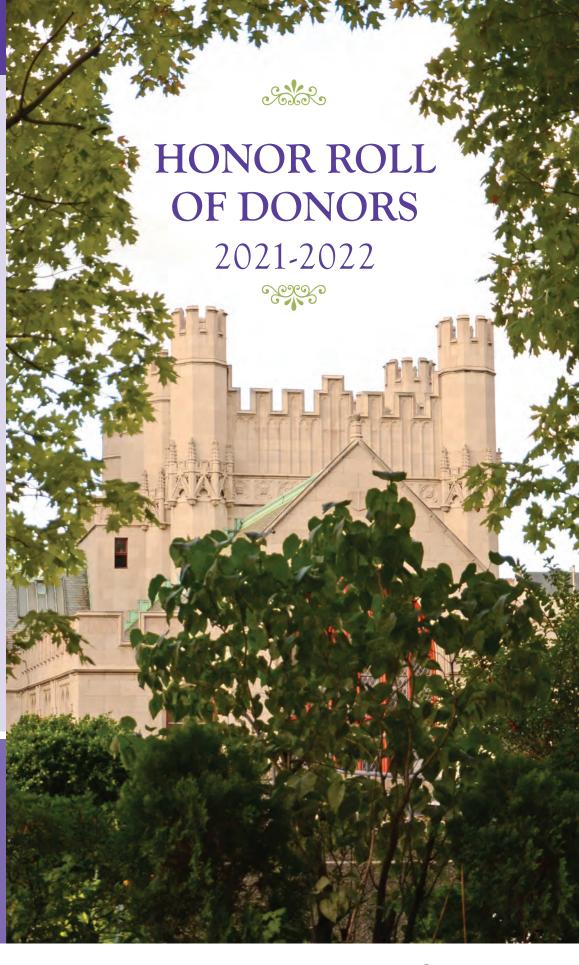
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(Left) HCF Trustee Cooper Zelnick and his mentor, Stuart Ellman, created the Ellman Scholars, a fellowship and mentoring program for Hunter students. Last May, they came to campus to share their professional experiences with an Introduction to Entrepreneurship class. (Right) Macaulay Honors alumni Cat Alves '09, Joy Nuga '17, Jonah Garnick '16, and Alex Kohen HCHS '05 HC '09 celebrate the season of giving at Hunter with Joanna Kata, Vasiliy Arkanov, Cristina Gleicher, and Lev Sviridov.

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(Left) Exhibition Curator and Distinguished Professor Emily Braun gave Art Advisory Board members and friends a tour of "Cubism and the Trompe L Oeil," the acclaimed exhibit she co curated at the Met. (Right) Toni Ross, President Jennifer J. Raab, and Art Advisory Board Co Chairs Jill Brienza and Debi Wisch enjoying their morning at the Met with Emily Braun.

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(Left) Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, left, with Arthur Goldberg, Eva Cooper HCHS '52, HC BA '56, MA '58, and Carol Goldberg '56, HCF Trustee and Art Advisory Board Chair Emerita at the Summer Cocktail Party in July. (Right) HCF Trustee and Investment Committee Chair Robert Hackney Jr., center, flanked by fellow Trustee and his predecessor as Investment Committee Chair, Marshall Sonenshine, left, and longtime Investment Committee Member, Tony Milbank, right, celebrating at the 2022 Holiday Party.

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Foundation Operational Expenses	
Management and General Administration	\$1,091,622
Fundraising	\$1,302,900
Total	\$2,394,522
Support for College Activities from Restricted Funds	
Faculty & Staff Support	\$3,710,276
Scholarships	\$4,568,490
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Support for Major Capital Projects	
Library Renovation	\$608,282
Baker Theatre Building	\$111,673
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HCF Trustee and Dance Advisory Board Member Ruth Newman HC '54, left, and her daughter, Carla Newman, join the festivities at the opening of the new Appel Rehearsal Hall.



Joining Roosevelt House Board Member Tony Stepanski, right, at the inaugural Stepanski Family Lecture are, from left, Cindy Cirlin, John Avlon of CNN, Harold Holzer, and Rhode Island Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse. The new series will feature distinguished advocates for democracy.





#### Spotlight: Meet Joy Nuga

Growing up in an immigrant Nigerian family in one of the poorest neighborhood in New York City, Joy Nuga HC '17 never imagined she would become a private-equity associate at Goldman Sachs.

But Hunter College helped the Bronx-born Macaulay Honors College grad do just that.

So when President Jennifer J. Raab invited her to join The Hunter College Foundation's board, she was not only honored, she saw it as a chance to ensure others like her would get the same opportunity.

"Hunter took a chance on me," said Nuga. "Now I can help invest in people who grew up with the same challenging circumstances I did."

A stellar student who earned a degree in economics, Nuga was vice chair of the Hunter College Senate. A Schwarzman Scholar, she studied in Beijing in 2019, earning a master's of management science in global affairs. That year, she was honored as a *Time* 100 Rising Star for her expertise in U.S.—China technological competition.

Nuga, who sits on the foundation's Investment Committee, said she enjoys using her skills to make sure the endowment grows, giving Hunter the resources needed to support its student body.

"I'm exercising my investing arm and really seeing where the funds are allocated," she said.

It has been an exhilarating experience for Nuga, who now hopes her example encourages other Hunter students to give back.

"It doesn't have to be money; it can be time or connections or resources," she said. "Pay it forward as much as you can! Your philanthropy can be life-changing!"