



**COLUMBIA  
COLLEGE**  
JOHN JAY  
ASSOCIATES

2022-23

# **ANNUAL REPORT**



## A LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Dear members of the John Jay Associates,

It is my pleasure to share the 2022–23 John Jay Associates Annual Report with you. You are a member of Columbia College’s oldest leadership giving society. Through your generous support, students are able to take advantage of invaluable experiences during their four years on campus and become the best versions of themselves. Thank you for your dedication and commitment.

Throughout my first year as dean, I’ve had the pleasure of meeting many of you at events such as our Homecoming Toast and the Dean’s Circle Reception. I have enjoyed connecting with such wonderful members of the College community, and I look forward to continuing our partnership.

Thank you for your support of the College. I hope you enjoy this annual report, which looks back on all you have accomplished over the last year.

Respect,

Josef Sorett  
*Dean of Columbia College*  
*Vice President for Undergraduate Education*  
*Professor of Religion & African American*  
*and African Diaspora Studies*

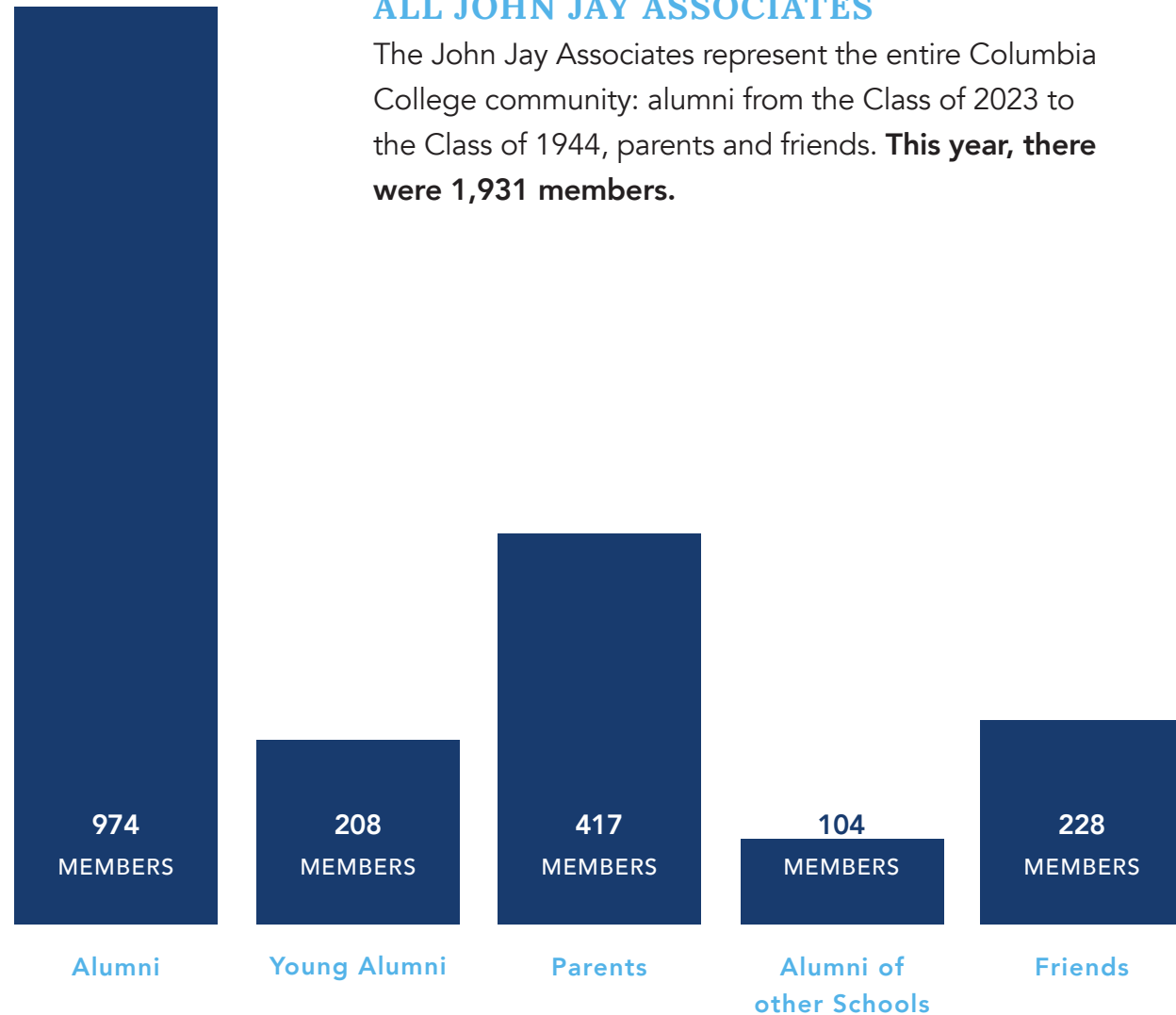


## 2022-23 MEMBERS

The John Jay Associates recognizes the incredible alumni, parents of students and alumni, alumni from other schools at the University, and friends whose support ensures the future of Columbia College. The investment of these leadership donors makes a difference in the lives of students each day.

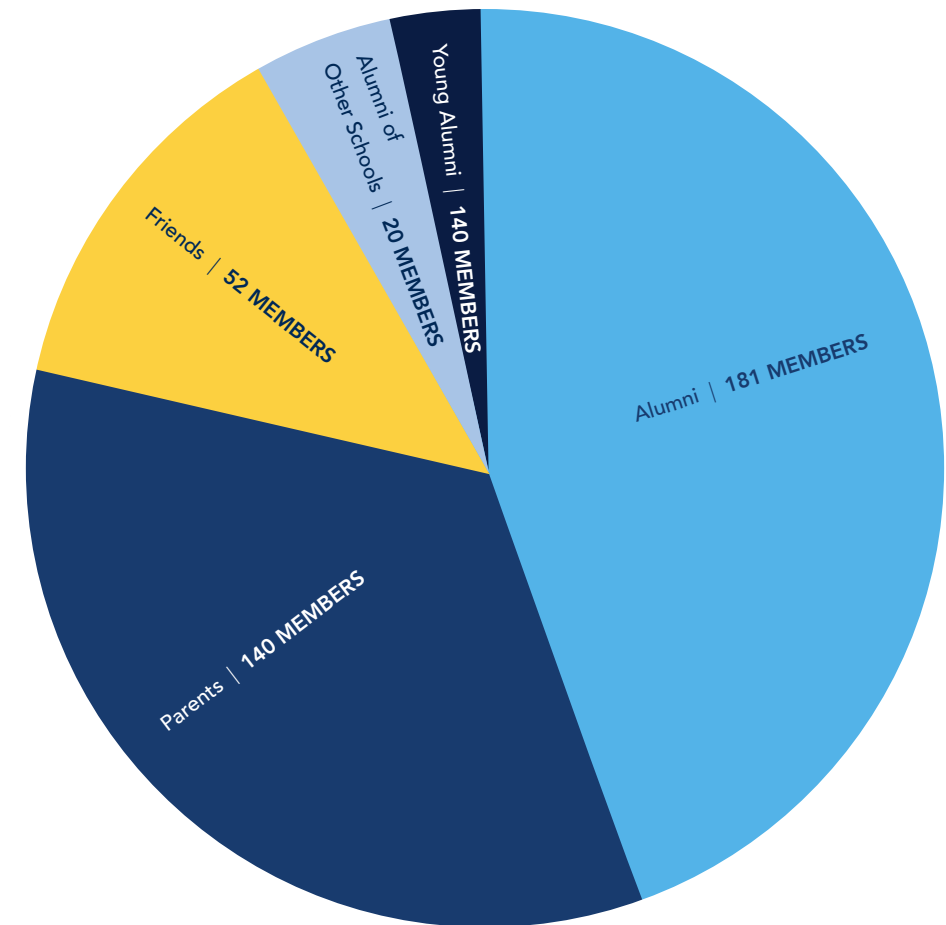
### ALL JOHN JAY ASSOCIATES

The John Jay Associates represent the entire Columbia College community: alumni from the Class of 2023 to the Class of 1944, parents and friends. **This year, there were 1,931 members.**



### DEAN'S CIRCLE MEMBERS

The Dean's Circle is an exclusive group of donors within the John Jay Associates who have given \$25,000 or more over this year — or \$5,000, \$7,500, \$10,000 or more for alumni from the Classes of 2009–23. **This year, there were 407 Dean's Circle members.**



## 2022-23 JOHN JAY ASSOCIATES EXCLUSIVES



### HOMECOMING October 21-22, 2022

The College hosted the John Jay Associates Homecoming Toast, along with offering complimentary tickets to the Homecoming Football game and Homecoming Lunch. Gathering under a tent on the softball field at the Baker Athletics Complex, over 70 John Jay Associates raised a toast and met Dean Sorett before watching the Columbia Lions go up against the Dartmouth Big Green. The weather was beautiful, and members enjoyed champagne as they got into the Columbia spirit.



### AN EXCLUSIVE GIFT

Members received a custom designed Columbia College notepad.



### DEAN'S CIRCLE RECEPTION November 29, 2022

Members of the Dean's Circle gathered for this special reception at the apartment of David B. Barry CC'87, P: CC'17 and Kyra Tirana Barry CC'87, P: CC'17. Over 45 Dean's Circle members enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres and drinks while getting to know other members and Dean Sorett.



### COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

Nearly 145 members claimed complimentary tickets to support the Lions at a Columbia Football or Basketball home game.

## 2022-23 COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS



### NEW UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

In July 2023, **Nemat "Minouche" Shafik** became the 20th president of Columbia University, making her the first female president in the University's history. President Shafik is a leading economist whose remarkable career has focused on public policy and academia. Her most recent book, *What We Owe Each Other: A New Social Construct*, challenges institutions and individuals to rethink how we can better support each other.



### DEAN SORETT'S FIRST YEAR

This year was **Josef Sorett's** first as dean of Columbia College. Dean Sorett joined the Columbia faculty in 2009 as a professor in the departments of Religion and African American & African Diaspora Studies. He connected with Columbia College alumni at events throughout the country, including Boston, Miami, San Francisco and Los Angeles. His second book, *Black is a Church: Christianity and the Contours of (African) American Life* was published in March 2023.



### CORE KNOWLEDGE BOOK SERIES LAUNCHES

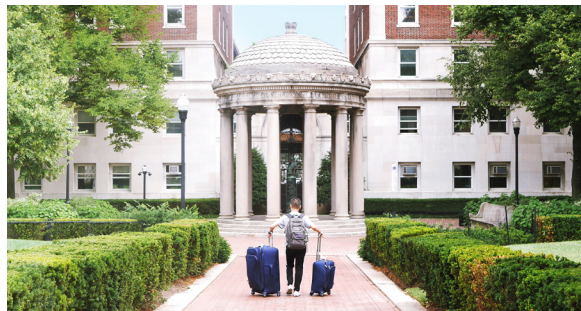
Inspired by the Core Curriculum, the **Core Knowledge Book Series** aims to deliver the intellectual energy and creative thinking of the Core's classes to a wider audience. The series, published by Columbia University Press, acts as a companion to Core courses and is written by faculty from Columbia College and other institutions.

In February, the College hosted more than 100 students, alumni and faculty in Low Library to hear a discussion with professors **Elisabeth Ladenson**, **Gareth Williams** and **Philip Kitcher**, moderated by **Dean Josef Sorett**.



### EXPANSION OF FINANCIAL AID

During the 2022-23 academic year, Columbia College rolled out several **financial aid enhancements**. Families with typical assets and incomes below \$66,000 are no longer expected to contribute to the cost of their student's education. In addition, students from families with typical assets and incomes up to \$150,000 attend Columbia tuition-free. The College also introduced \$2,000 start-up grants, which are awarded to low-income, first-year students to ease their transition to college.



### CLASS OF 2027

Columbia College and The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science selected the incoming **Class of 2027** from the third-largest-ever applicant pool. 2,246 students were accepted from 57,129 applicants, making this year's overall admission rate 3.9 percent — the second lowest in admissions history. The Class of 2027 hails from all 50 states and 101 countries, highlighting Columbia's ever-expanding global reputation. Approximately half of admitted students were offered need-based financial aid.



### TRANSFORMATION OF URIS HALL

As part of the ever-improving Morningside campus, **Uris Hall** will transform into a central meeting place with flexible classrooms and gathering spaces. This exciting intellectual hub will draw together students and faculty — promoting innovation and community, and amplifying the public impact of teaching, learning and research.

## 2022-23 SUPPORTING THE CCF

Through their generosity, the John Jay Associates provide meaningful support across all aspects of the Columbia College experience. By investing in the Columbia College Fund, they provide current-use dollars that meet the immediate needs of the school, and by directing their support to endowed funds, they will have an impact on generations of Columbians.

### COLUMBIA COLLEGE FUND

This year, 91 percent of John Jay Associates gave to the College Fund, which addresses material needs of the College. Donations to the College Fund can be unrestricted and directed where they are needed most, or designated to the Core Curriculum, financial aid, internships or student life. Donors can also direct gifts to the Columbia College Fund Scholarships:

- **Black Alumni Council Scholarship**
- **LAACU Scholarship**
- **Columbia College Pride Scholarship**
- **Columbia College Women Scholarship**
- **Young Alumni Scholarship**

**164 John Jay Associates made a gift to a Columbia College Fund Scholarship this year.**



### Core Curriculum

Uniting past, present and future Columbians, the Core Curriculum invites students to explore cultural opportunities off-campus with trips to the opera and museums.

### Financial Aid

The College's financial aid policies ensure a diverse student community that reflects a broad representation of perspectives and backgrounds.

### Internships

Internship support provides students with resources for housing, food and transportation so they can take on enriching summer opportunities, even if they are low-paid or unpaid.

### Student Life

Student life initiatives enable undergraduates to engage with one another, discover a sense of belonging and build lifelong friendships.

### ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

More than 250 John Jay Associates gave to an endowed fund this year, providing the College with a permanent source of funding for students today and in perpetuity. Members invested in more than 125 endowed scholarships and 25 endowments that support the Core Curriculum, summer internship and research opportunities, global programs and more.

## 2022-23 MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Every John Jay Associate has their own reason to give. Here, members describe their connections to the College and how their journeys have motivated their support.

“We are incredibly grateful for our time at Columbia, and **staying active as alumni allows us to feel connected in meaningful ways**. From participating in the Odyssey Mentoring Program to reconnecting with old and best friends at reunions, we are proud to now be John Jay Associates.”

— Ritu Metzger CC'94, P: CC'26 and Alex S. Metzger CC'94, P: CC'26



“Columbia is a huge part of my life and my family’s, so being among the many John Jay Associates is only natural and the least I can do is help today’s students benefit from the Columbia experience and community.”

Many members of my family, past and present, attended a Columbia University school and now my 10 year old grandson has entered The School at Columbia University — something I cannot believe! I also have great admiration for our class president and other alumni that I have become closer to over the years who have done much for Columbia in many ways.”

— Thomas D. Sanford CC'68, BUS'72, P: CC'98, CC'00





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