



COLUMBIA COLLEGE

YOUNG
LEADERS
COUNCIL



2023-24
ANNUAL REPORT



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS

Dear Young Leaders Council members,

Thank you for being a member of the Young Leaders Council. We are pleased to share with you the **2023–24 Young Leaders Council Annual Report**, which highlights the efforts of the YLC. Despite the trying circumstances of the year, you came together and worked to strengthen this community and invest in the future of Columbia College. Your commitment is inspiring.

Throughout the fiscal year, our group raised **more than \$265,000** for the Columbia College Fund. These funds bolster the Core Curriculum, financial aid, internship support and student life initiatives. With **163 members**, including 27 new members, the YLC demonstrated a deep commitment to supporting the experience of Columbia College’s students. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity.

Serving as co-chairs of the YLC has enabled us to connect with so many of you — to hear about your experiences as students and alumni, and learn about why you support the College. We are fortunate to have this opportunity and look forward to continuing to engage with this remarkable community.

With gratitude,

Lauren Accordino CC’09

Maya Ho CC’18

Kelsey Kats CC’13

Co-chairs, Young Leaders Council

SPECIAL THANKS

Lauren Accordino CC’09 stepped down from her role as co-chair of the YLC in June 2024 after four years of dedicated service. She has worked diligently to expand West Coast membership and strengthen the recent alumni community in California, helping launch the YLC’s Los Angeles chapter in 2021. She is a member of the Columbia College Alumni Association Board of Directors, a loyal supporter of the College Fund and Columbia Athletics, and an enthusiastic partner to Columbia staff.

Kelsey Kats CC’13 took on the role of co-chair of the YLC in July 2023, bringing a deep commitment to building community, creating opportunities for connection and growth and strengthening engagement. She has generously hosted events and led the effort to establish the YLC Slack channel.



2023-24 MEMBER STATS

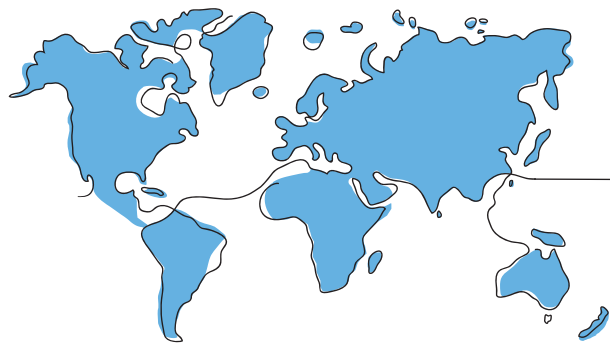
Thank you to the members of the Young Leaders Council! New and continuing members are investing in Columbia College's students and expanding the impact of recent alumni philanthropy.



RESIDING IN

16
STATES & TERRITORIES

6
COUNTRIES



LEADERS ACROSS THE UNIVERSITY



WEST COAST HONORS TRAILBLAZER AWARD

Lauren Accordino CC'09 and Christopher L. Jones CC'07 were the 2024 recipients of the West Coast Honors Trailblazer Award, which recognizes members of the Columbia College West Coast community for pioneering and distinguished service or volunteerism to the College.



GERALD SHERWIN YOUNG ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Andrew W. Wood CC'14 was the 2023 recipient of the Gerald Sherwin Young Alumni Service Award, which recognizes Columbia College graduates from the last 10 years who demonstrate exceptional service to the young alumni community.



2023-24 FUNDRAISING TOTALS

Each year, Young Leaders Council members come together to support the Columbia College Fund. Donors demonstrate their commitment to enhancing the undergraduate experience and investing in the Core Curriculum, financial aid, student life and internships.

\$265,000+
TO THE COLUMBIA
COLLEGE FUND



62%
OF DOLLARS
from recent alumni were
given by YLC members

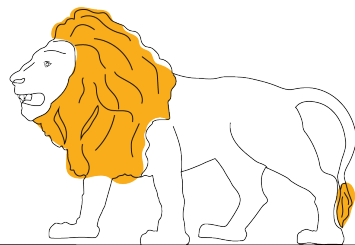
\$126,000
Financial Aid

\$99,000
Unrestricted

\$35,000
Core Curriculum

\$3,000
Internships

\$2,000
Student Life

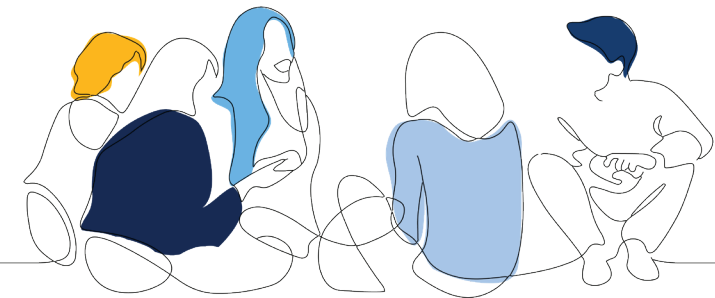


COLUMBIA COLLEGE FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

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



\$34,000+
TOTAL RAISED



2023-24 SPECIAL EVENTS

Members of the Young Leaders Council have access to curated events that offer opportunities for networking and socializing with College leadership and other alumni.

SEPTEMBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
<p>September 21 YLC NYC Chapter Breakfast Social Macquarie Group — NYC Host: Venkat K. Kausik CC'13</p>	<p>November 6 YLC NYC Chapter Menu Tasting Lord's — NYC Host: Patricia Howard CC'13</p>	<p>November 8 YLC Bay Area Chapter Meet-up with Dean Sorett Hardwood Bar & Smokery — San Francisco</p> <p>December 4 Immigration and Asylum Seekers in New York: An On-the-Ground View with Andrew Heinrich CC'13 Hosted Virtually</p>	<p>February 22 Exclusive Discussion with Gerrard P. Bushell CC'83 About JFK Airport's New Terminal One (NTO) Hosted Virtually</p>	<p>March 11 Columbia University's Endowment and Our Future Hosted Virtually</p>	<p>March 22 YLC Los Angeles Chapter Leadership Lunch The Jonathan Club — Los Angeles Hosts: Andrew W. Wood CC'14 and Tala T. Akhavan CC'13</p> <p>April 2 Tour of New York City Hall City Hall — NYC Hosts: Marc W. Heinrich CC'16 and Natasha Avanesians CC'12, SIPA'17</p>	<p>May 7 YLC Bay Area Chapter Dinner Cassava — San Francisco</p> <p>May 9 YLC Los Angeles Chapter Golf Happy Hour Top Golf — El Segundo Host: Lauren Accordini CC'09</p>

New York City Hall, April 2024

Cassava, May 2024



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

When **Dayalan Rajaratnam CC'17** and **Kayla Maloney CC'17** decided to join the Young Leaders Council (YLC) in 2024, they both knew they wanted to give back to the institution that helped them get to where they are today. Both were eager to reflect on their unique journeys that led them to Columbia and ultimately inspired their commitment to supporting future generations of students.

For Dayalan, the connection to the University started early. As a high school student, he participated in one of Columbia's pre-college programs. He became eager to experience all the opportunities that come with being a college student in the heart of New York City and to take part in the school's vibrant community and student groups.

Kayla's introduction to Columbia took a different route. Originally from Boston, Massachusetts, she arrived as a recruited athlete for the University's Division I softball team. She recalls how the energy of New York City and the breadth of academic programs left a lasting impression, offering a completely new experience beyond her New England roots.

Both Dayalan and Kayla thrived at Columbia, **fully engaging in the institution's diverse offerings**. Dayalan found his niche in entrepreneurial initiatives, such as the Lion Credit Union, and pioneered roles in student-run investment groups like Lion Fund.



Dayalan and Kayla — Graduation, 2017

Kayla balanced her passion for science with her commitment to athletics, building friendships and experiences that would extend far beyond her time on campus.

Their paths finally converged during their junior year when they met through a campus Christian ministry. A planned winter formal turned into an impromptu night exploring the city, which solidified their bond. "We had a spontaneous Christmas adventure in New York," Dayalan recalls, smiling at the memory. "It felt like a scene from a Hallmark movie." Five years later, the two were married. Now residing in Boston, Kayla works as a pediatric nurse practitioner and Dayalan works at a hedge fund.

For Kayla, who attended with the help of scholarships, giving back is especially meaningful. She hopes their contributions, both financial and through mentorship, can open doors for future students. **"It's about creating opportunities and ensuring that financial barriers don't stand in the way of someone's education,"** she adds.

Dayalan and Kayla are looking for creative ways to give back and strengthen the link between alumni and current students. As members of the YLC, they are excited about connecting with fellow alumni leaders who share their passion for philanthropy and providing students the opportunity to experience all that Columbia has to offer.

Dayalan and Kayla — October 2024



2023-24 YOUNG LEADERS COUNCIL

The Young Leaders Council is the future of the Columbia College community, working to build community and invest in the undergraduate experience. The YLC's generosity ensures students can learn from extraordinary faculty, explore their personal and professional interests and take advantage of all that Columbia has to offer.

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