



# Bulletin

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PA!

The Board of Education has agreed to clean and upgrade our school's ventilation systems.

Please see message from PA President for details.

### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents:

As we begin the final month of this school year, we can reflect on all that has occurred. Whatever has happened, the Parents' Association has always supported the school. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that have worked on so many of the PA sponsored events. Whether it was Open School, College Night, Freshman Orientation or the Phonathon, you have never faltered in your commitment to our children.

The sad part about June is that I must say good-bye to so many wonderful students and their parents. I wish each of them only the very best and know that we have prepared them for college level work.

For the rest of the student body and their parents, I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

To everyone, have a happy, healthy and safe summer.

Sincerely,  
- Stan Teitel

### Message from the President of the Stuyvesant PA

Dear Parents,

Thanks to all of us, the Parents' Association has again provided substantial financial support to the school, contributed to the development of educational initiatives, and maintained a range of vital services and programs for the Stuyvesant parent community. Most importantly, the PA has been instrumental in protecting the health and safety of the students and staff at the school. There is much to be proud of.

This has been a hard year for the PA as we were struggling with the environmental issues at the school. We have already achieved much as a direct result of the PA efforts: the school was cleaned to an asbestos standard (except for the ventilation systems), the filters were partly upgraded (to 40% efficiency), and the barge is gone.

I am very happy to report that, as we go to press, we are informed that, through Congressman Nadler's office, an agreement has been reached with FEMA and the Board of Education (BOE), as follows: (i) FEMA will reimburse the BOE for all costs of cleaning

and testing expended through 6/30/02, (ii) the BOE has agreed to clean the ducts and unit ventilators at Stuyvesant and FEMA has agreed to pay for it, (iii) the BOE has agreed to upgrade the ventilation systems to install high-efficiency protective filtration and FEMA has agreed to pay for it. All FEMA funding for these programs has already been approved by Congress. We are very hopeful that this will mean that there will be a written agreement between the PA and the BOE shortly, on protocol, procedures, and timing for this work, and that the cleaning of the ducts and ventilators, as well as a major part of the upgrade work, will be done this summer.

Unfortunately, the BOE has still not released to us the results of asbestos, lead, and dioxin testing conducted inside the ducts and ventilators on April 27. The PA Environmental Health & Safety Committee will issue a detailed report to parents by the end of June on these matters.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank some very important people whose help and support was key to this successful outcome: first and foremost Stuyvesant alumnus and Congressman Jerrold Nadler who championed the cause of the residents, workers, and students of Lower Manhattan; Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton; the members of Congress, including Senator Charles Schumer, who took the lead in obtaining \$20 million for Ground Zero schools in the Supplemental Appropriations Bill; NYS Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver; Stuyvesant alumnus and NYC Councilman Alan Gerson; Dr. Irving Hamer, the Manhattan member of the BOE; Stuyvesant alumnus and prominent attorney Richard Ben-Veniste, who continues to provide his services on a pro-bono basis; Mark Izeman, of the Natural Resources Defense Council; our environmental expert Howard Bader; our dedicated Stuyvesant faculty, especially Dorothy Suecoff, Milton Diaz, and Patrick Niglio; and the many active parents who worked relentlessly to protect the health and safety of our children and of our community in the face of unexpected resistance from many sides. Special mention is due to Sheldon Stachel, David Newman, Dorothy Schuster, and Richard Mack, members of our **Environmental Health & Safety Committee**; and to Richard Roth and all the parents on our **Political, Legal and Social Action Committee**.

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## PA GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2002

6:30 PM Hospitality

7:00 PM Program To Be Announced

## STUYVESANT CALENDAR – SRING 2002

<b>June 13 &amp; 14</b>	<b>Final Exams</b>
<b>Saturday, June 15</b>	<b>Incoming Family Orientation</b>
<b>Saturday, June 15</b>	<b>Senior Prom at Waldorf Astoria</b>
<b>Sunday, June 16</b>	<b>Father's Day</b>
<b>Monday, June 17</b>	<b>Graduation Rehearsal/Sports Luncheon</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 18</b>	<b>PA General Meeting 7:00–9:00 p.m. (PA Hospitality* 6:30 p.m.)</b>
<b>June 18 – 21</b>	<b>Regents Exams</b>
<b>Monday, June 24</b>	<b>Graduation at Avery Fisher Hall</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 26</b>	<b>Last Day of School</b>

\* Meet your PA representatives. Talk to other parents. Coffee and cookies provided.

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I wish to emphasize that, while this tremendous effort was going on in the environmental front, our PA Committees carried out their essential functions with dedication and hard work by the Committee Chairs and volunteers

**The Communications Committee**, chaired by Edward Regan, published the PA Bulletin and other newsletters, and coordinated the PA Website with Web-masters Elise Passikoff and David Strauss.

**The College Night Committee**, chaired by Carol Edgar, assisted by alumnus parent Gayle Christian, organized a dinner for representatives from over 150 colleges and universities.

**The Scholarship Committee**, chaired by Dennis Meadows, awarded five scholarships to seniors.

**The Hospitality Committee**, chaired by Paula Ruben and Jeanne Chin, provided refreshments at PA meetings and organized the pot-luck dinner.

**The Family Orientation and Open House Committee**, chaired by Fran Meyerson and Ellie Freudenheim, produced two events to ease the transition of newly admitted students to Stuyvesant: the Open House in March and the Family Orientation in June.

**The Independent Research Committee**, chaired by Lisette Velez de Intriago, hosted a very successful reception for teachers, staff, administrators, parents, and students who submitted independent research papers to the Intel Science Talent Search and other competitions, and organized a PA Meeting on Independent Research.

**The Open School Week and Faculty Reception Committee**, chaired by Mary Salter and Dorothy Schuster, organized three days of classroom visitations for parents and hosted two dinners for faculty in conjunction with the parent-teacher conferences.

**The Phonathon Committee**, chaired by Kiki Dinos and Martin Katz, organized our PA annual fundraiser. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to meet the needs of the various departments at our school, providing them with textbooks, laboratory equipment, computers, support for the academic and athletic teams, staff development, and much more. Phonathon 2002 was a great success in spite of the economic downturn. As of now, we have over \$250,000 in the bank and we continue to receive pledge payments daily. Further, we expect to receive corporate matching grants and new donations from families who did not contribute during the Phonathon days. Our target for this year is to raise \$350,000. Our school needs it.

**The Program Committee**, chaired by Marjorie Blackman,

arranged for speakers at our PA General Meetings.

**The Membership Outreach Committee**, chaired by Johanna Choy, Agnes Park, and Joanna Peters, was responsible for several meetings for the Chinese and Korean communities and for the PA Parent Buddy Program.

**The PA Directory** was produced this year by Nina Padukone and graciously printed by alumnus parent William Graham.

The parent delegates to the **School Leadership Team** participated with the school administration, teachers, and students in a collaborative effort to develop the 2002-2003 Comprehensive Education Plan. I hope that next year's SLT delegates will expand on this Plan in order to take the school to an even higher level of academic excellence and ethical standards.

Several new initiatives were instituted this year. For the first time in years, we reached out to the surrounding community and forged relationships with the PTA's of the neighborhood schools, the staff and students of Borough of Manhattan Community College, many Lower Manhattan residents' groups and with Community Board #1. We established productive working relationships with elected officials and their staffs, including Congressman Nadler, Senator Clinton, several City Council members, and the staff of New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver. In a sense, these relationships were brought about by the need to work together as a community following the 9/11 tragedy. I am forever grateful to our neighbors for their warm welcome and support in this difficult time and hope that next year's PA will continue to build upon the goodwill that we have engendered.

Under the leadership of Executive Board member Saberah Malik, we have participated jointly with the other schools in working sessions with NYS Education Department officials and the BOE on the crucial subject of improving evacuation plans and were instrumental in appointing representatives of Ground Zero schools to the Chancellor's Task Force.

None of the above would have been possible without your help and dedication.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure working with all of you over the past four years. To the graduating senior parents, I wish you and your children much happiness and success in the future. To next year's PA I extend my best wishes for a productive school year.

Have a great summer.

– Marilena Christodoulou, PA President

## COLLEGE COLUMN:

From a preliminary analysis of the college statistics, this year has been a good one for our Stuyvesant seniors. Yale, Harvard and MIT accepted the same amount as last year with Stanford and Cornell having significant increases. The percentage of application to acceptance at U of Pennsylvania also improved. A more thorough report will be available in the fall.

This year, Pat Cleary was invited to serve on a committee that reviewed and selected the Chancellor's Recognition Scholarship Awards. Pat has also been asked to participate in the panel "With the World in Crisis, How Do We Handle the Trauma?" at the June 6th New York State Association of College Admission Counselors.

Our students and families owe a debt of gratitude to Pat Cleary and her staff of Maryann Ferrara, Lydia Schulman and the secretaries who spent many hours at Brooklyn Tech in September and then at Stuyvesant helping us get through a difficult experience and making sure that all the complex pieces of the college application process were done on time. Their expertise and our students' achievements have resulted in one of the most successful years in college admissions for our school.

– Katherine Kline

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## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - THANK YOU

Five scholarships of \$1000 each were awarded to the graduating authors of the five best essays. Thanks to all our parent volunteers on the 2002 Scholarship Committee: Michelle Agosta, Val Hadjiyski, Doris Hernandez, Barbara Janowitz, and Anne Kostick. Your contribution and commitment were greatly appreciated.

– Denis Meadows, Chair, Scholarship Committee

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## PHONATHON COMMITTEE - THANK YOU

Kiki Dinos and Marty Katz, Co-Chairs of the Phonathon Committee 2002 wish to extend a warm thank you to all volunteers who devoted their time and energy to participate in the Phonathon. A special thank you to the Phonathon Committee who worked very diligently to prepare for the enormous responsibility of a successful Phonathon. The Phonathon 2002 has been very successful, and to date has raised over \$250,000.

A sincere appreciation for your involvement in the 2002 Phonathon is extended to Mr. Stanley Teitel, Ms. Peggy Harvey, Dr. Patrick Niglio, Mr. Fred Gordon, Ms. Elka Gould, Mr. Danny Jaye, Mr. Gary Jaye, Ms. Renee Levine, Ms. Sandy Miller, Ms. Martha Singer and Mr. and Mrs. Suri.

The Phonathon 2002 was an extremely important event for the students and teachers at Stuyvesant. In this critical year of budget cuts, the cooperation and donations from the parents is vital. We thank you for your generosity in these difficult times. Stuyvesant looks forward to receiving all donations. The goal of the Phonathon is to have 100% parent participation in order to have the resources available for the academic school year 2002-2003.

– Kiki Dinos and Marty Katz, Co-Chairs of the Phonathon Committee

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## Editors Note:

Congratulations to all the teachers, administrators, and staff of Stuyvesant who have made all the awards and achievements of our students listed below possible. The list of student achievements covers most external awards, events and competitions for individual students. The list does not detail graduating seniors who have received high honors, or other honors given within the school and within Departments. I apologize for any awards or accomplishments accidentally omitted, or for any names misspelled. I would like to thank all the Assistant Principals, and Stanley Teitel, for their help in compiling this list.

– Ed Regan

# Awards and Achievements Earned by Stuyvesant Students in the 2001-2002 School Year

## BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

### Wendy Cheung

received a \$2,500 scholarship from the Association of Asian American Professionals.

## CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

**Konstantin Krepkin, Robert M. Wechsler,  
Sue Zhang, Richard R. Hampton,  
Nikita Rozenblyum, William Charles Bellar**  
Memorial Award

## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

### Katarzyna Kozanecka

won the Daily News Big Town Character Essay Scholarship, earning first place honors in Manhattan for her essay on Archie Bunker.

### Peter Christodoulou

won the Weissman School of Arts and Sciences of Baruch College Essay Competition.

### Katarzyna Kozanecka

whose poem "Excursion" won second prize in the annual New York City Board of Education Poetry Contest.

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers is pleased to announce that Stuyvesant High School students will be represented in the upcoming "ARTifacts: Kids Respond to a World in Crisis" exhibition. Congratulations to the following students:

**Lu Han, Taresh Batra, Anna Belc, Marcel Briones,  
Catherine Choy, Tim Drinan, Jalea Sahnleight,  
Liz O'Callahan, Chantelle Smith, Carlos Williams,  
Chris Yee, Patrick Mangan, and Brian Chu.**

Plants Against Adversity Essay Writing Contest: the following students have been recognized by the Plants at Work Initiative for their essays on the plants at Stuyvesant.

1st Place--**Leah Rabinowitz,**  
2nd Place--**Lisa Cao, &**  
3rd Place--**Moeun Son**

### Peter Christodoulou

won the 2001 Christ Bozes Award from the Grants and Awards Committee of the Hellenic Medical Society of New York. He was awarded this grant at the Scientific Scholarship evening event on November 30, 2001 at the New York Athletic Club.

### Wendy Chung

has been selected as a winner of the Beat the Odds Scholarship from the Children's Defense Fund.

### Abigail Deutsch and Jonathan Chin

won the City College of New York High School Poetry Contest.

Chosen from over 3,000 entries, the two winning poems will appear in Poetry in Performance in the fall of this year. Abigail won second prize, and Jonathan Chin received an honorable mention.

Congratulations to the following Bertelsmann Foundation's World of Expression 2002 scholarship winners:

### Patrick Mangan

(\$10,000 Music/Instrumental for "September Sky")

### Alexander Brash

(\$5000 Music/Instrumental for "Rapsodie")

### Alison Shapiro

(\$5000 Literature/Fiction & Drama, for "Place for Me")

### Michael Mascetti

(\$5000 Literature/Personal Essay for "Higher Speeds")

### Alice Wong

(\$2000 Literature/Poetry "Comfort Women")

### Minyang Jiang

(\$2000 Literature/Fiction & Drama for "A Shanghai Story")

### Vladimir Isakov

(\$2500 New Media for "Freud")

### Thomas Robert Pastuszak

(\$1000 Music/Instrumental for "Stillness")

### Alison Melville

(\$1000 Literature/Poetry for "After the Beep")

### Olga Karabinech

(\$1000 Literature/Fiction & Poetry for "Thawing")

### Madelaine Bukiet

(\$1000 Literature/Personal Essay for "Untitled")

### Tamir Novotny

(\$500 Music/Instrumental for "Midnight Blue")

### Roman Palitsky

(\$500 Literature/Poetry for "Once Upon a Country Road")

### Zhenzhen Lu

(\$500 Literature/Fiction & Drama for "The Warrior Fish")

### Polina Zvyagina

(\$500 Literature/Fiction & Drama for "Warm Snow")

### Indrina Kanth

(\$500 Literature/Fiction & Drama for "Brown in Salt Lake City")

### Andrew Song

(Honorable Mention for "What do you See?")

### Tal C. Beery

(Honorable Mention for "Writer's Block")

Young Playwrights Inc. has recognized

### Ilena C. George

for her play BOTTLE ROCKETS.

She received an honorable mention in the high school division of the "Write a Play!" contest.

The Frank McCourt Prize by Scribner:

Winners

**Abigail Deutsch** for "The Fight" and  
**Danielle Turchiano** for "Obsession"

Honorable mention:

**Michael Scharfstein** for "Coming to America"

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

### GERMAN:

**Victor Naumov, Christine Kozak,  
Arthur Burkle, Karolina Lach,  
Douglas Reich, Tue Trinh, Sharon Man**  
All scored above the 90th percentile in the AATG National German Examination:

### Christina Kozak

selected to go to Germany this summer on an all-expense-paid study trip.

### JAPANESE:

**Wen Hui Chen and Martin O'Boyle**  
won an all-expense-paid 6 week home stay trip to Japan.

### Angel Zhang

won First Place in the Japanese Haiku Division

### Richard Tan

won Second Place in the Japanese Senryu (humorous haiku)

at the Japan Society Haiku Competition.

In the 10th Annual Japan Bowl Competition, Two teams advanced to the national competition.

The Level 2 team won Third Place and The Level 3 Team placed fifth.

### LATIN:

### Katherine Chau

achieved a perfect score on the National Latin Examination.

Other details to follow.

### SPANISH:

On the AATSP National Contest, the following students were winners in Manhattan:

### David Wang

### Jessie Washington

### \*Ana Calvert Kilb

### Samual Morrill

### \*Deborah Vishnevsky

### \*Galia Sandy

### \*Fernando Reyes

### \*Katarzyna Kozanecka

### \*Edward Fertik

### \*Conor Moran

### Frankie Chen

### \*Leandra Santos

### Arthur Burkle

\* These students were also winners at the Metropolitan New York Chapter Level

## MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

### MATH TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1) NYC Interscholastic Math League

Fall Senior A Division 1st Place - Stuyvesant A  
**William Chen, Joel Lewis, Antony Chow,  
Jeff Amlin, Charles Lei**

Fall Junior Division 1st Place - Stuyvesant A  
**Hubert Hwang, Vadim Albinsky, Linda Ye,  
Sam Cross, Andrew Laitman**

Spring Senior A Division 1st Place - Stuyvesant A  
**William Chen, Joel Lewis, Antony Chow,  
Jeff Amlin, Charles Lei**

Spring Junior Division 1st Place - Stuyvesant A  
**Hubert Hwang, Vadim Albinsky, Linda Ye,  
Sam Cross, Jun hyup Lee**

### Vadim Albinsky

won the top Junior Division Individual High Scorer for the year.

2) NYML (NY Math League (state competition))  
1st place - Stuyvesant HS  
Top Scorer (35 out of 36)

### Joel Lewis, Antony Chow

3) Atlantic Pacific - 9th Grade  
1st place - Stuyvesant HS  
Top scorer (36 out of 36)

### Yitian Liu

4) Atlantic Pacific - HS Division  
1st place - Stuyvesant HS  
Top scorer (36 out of 36)

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## Jiong Gu

5) CML (Continental Math League - 9th grade)  
1st Place - Stuyvesant HS  
6) NYSML (NYS Math League, team competition,  
15 students on a team)  
1st Place - NYC A  
(10 out of the 15 students were from Stuyvesant)

## Joel Lewis

won the top individual scorer at the  
NYS Math League Competition

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## MUSIC & FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

A distinguished panel of music professionals and educators of the GRAMMY Foundation selected Stuyvesant and its music program as a **GRAMMY Signature School for 2001**

**Alexander Brash** (clarinet), **Allison Kean** (flute),  
**Sui Kwong** (viola), **Zhenzhen Lu** (violin),  
**Sandy Pao** (violin), **Thomas Pastuszak** (timpani),  
**Rebecca Rossi** (oboe), **Jeffrey Senison** (viola),  
**Jacob Stulberg** (clarinet), **Ken Umeki** (violin)

SHS talented students selected to participate in the  
**2001 All-State Conference**

New York State School Music Association

**Alexander Brash**, principal clarinetist  
2001 All-State Orchestra

**Alexander Brash** (clarinet), **John Lee** (violin),  
**Nicholas Dinerstein**, (cello), **Ada Ng** (piano)  
winners of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center  
"Young Musicians" contest performed Olivier Messiaen's  
Quartet for the End of Time in a special concert at  
Alice Tully Hall on April 16

**Senior Patrick Mangan**  
First place \$10,000 scholarship

**Senior Alexander Brash**  
Second place \$5,000 scholarship

**Senior Vladimir Isakov**  
\$2,500 New Media scholarship

**Senior Thomas Pastuszak**  
\$1,000 Best of Borough Award

**Senior Tamir Novotny**  
\$500 Artist Recognition Award

2002 Bertelsmann's World of Expression

Music Composition Awards

**Clarinetist Alexander Brash**  
winner of the **U.S. Army Band's**  
**2001 Young Artist Competition**  
featured soloist in Cavallini's Adagio and Tarantella  
with the U.S. Army Band at  
Avery Fisher Hall on October 6

**Clarinetist Jacob Stulberg**  
selected as one of five finalists in the  
U.S. Army Band's 2001 Young Artist Competition  
performed with the U.S. Army Band at  
Avery Fisher Hall on October 6

The British Broadcasting Company (BBC)  
featured the Stuyvesant High School Orchestra  
under the direction of Mr. Bernard Lieberman in  
Faure's Elegy on its October 10th  
Something Understood program

**Nicholas Dinerstein**, (cello)  
featured soloist

Program related music to alleviating the effects  
of the 9/11 WTC disaster

## Paul Nedzela,

baritone saxophone in the SHS Symphonic Band  
selected as member of the **2002 GRAMMY**  
**High School Jazz Band** performed at the GRAMMY  
Nominee party & the National GRAMMY Awards telecast

A student string group **Orchestra on the Go**  
led by **Junior Jonathan Schwartz**  
performed at the Federal Plaza holiday tree  
lighting ceremony and at the Chanukah party at the  
Jewish Home and Hospital

**Danjyi Bno**, **Kameli Chow**, **Sally Shuo He** (4th  
place), **John Hsu** (2nd prize), **Kimberly Ku**, **Fahema**  
**Patwari**, **Rebecca Pisciotta**, **Philip Yoo**,  
and **Alex Zedlovich**  
were awarded prizes in the C.A.  
Gould Draw a Tree art contest

## Vanessa Cheng

First Place, High School Division, \$250 prize  
Irish-American Heritage Committee contest

## Dian Lui,

4th Prize-Group IV  
2002 Statewide Lunar New Year Painting Contest

## Senior Kimberly Ku

represented the Manhattan High Schools in the  
Incredible NYC Holiday Ornament Design contest  
work displayed in Rockefeller Center

**Karolina Lach**, scholarship winner  
to Art Directors Club Saturday workshops

**Kameli Chow**, **Danielle Mund**, **Andrew Newman**,  
and **Stacy Tan**, artworks  
the Arts Connection Student Art Program exhibition  
What Do We See?  
on display at the corporate offices of  
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein,  
January-May 2002

**Jessica Copperman**, **Albazer Rubayat**,  
**Annie Chen**, artworks

the ArtsConnection Student Art Program exhibition  
Fantasy Land on display at the corporate offices of  
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein,  
May-December 2002

**Cheri Tan and Olivia Lu**, artworks  
the ArtsConnection Student Art Program exhibition,  
on display at the corporate offices of  
PricewaterhouseCoopers

A design by the Stuyvesant Advertising Club was selected for the invitation card to the awards reception for the Advertising Club College Grant Award ceremony

**Xixian Fang**, **Shuo He**, **Annie Jang**, **Laura Lariu**,  
**Joanna Leong**, **Stephanie Weiner**, and  
artworks on display at Gallery@66  
(Manhattan High Schools Superintendent's Office)  
WTC: Working Through Crisis exhibition  
later on display at the Manhattan Borough President's  
Office through the summer

**Shelly Brumberg**, computer artwork  
on permanent display in the  
Office of the Superintendent of Manhattan High Schools  
Digital artworks of **Karl Adam**, **Andy Chang**, **Zhen**  
**Dai**, **Kristina Dvorakovskaya**, **Jelani John**, **Robin**  
**Kim**, **Karolina Lak**, **Raymond Lao**, **Carl Li**, **David**  
**Lua**, **Alexander Powietrynski**, **Tanveer Proddam**,

**Patrick Robbins**, **Alvin So**, **Benny Wong**, and  
**Edward Yu**

were featured at the Digital Art exhibit at Gallery@66

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## PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Female Scholar-Athlete  
**Yelena Goldman**

John L. Baron Memorial Award  
**Vadim Gretchouchkin**

John L. Baron Memorial Award  
**Eunsu Chang**

Louisa Wingate Underhill Certificate  
**Amanda B Zifchak**

Male Scholar-Athlete  
**Michael Scharfstein**

Outstanding Senior Award - Baseball  
**David T Cernikovsky**

Outstanding Senior Award - Basketball (female)  
**Melisa Vannachaivong**

Outstanding Senior Award - Basketball (male)  
**Omar M Nokaly**

Outstanding Senior Award - Bowling (coed)  
**John J Aliquo**

Outstanding Senior Award - Cross Country (female)  
**Rachel Butler**

Outstanding Senior Award - Cross Country (male)  
**Tushar A Gurjal**

Outstanding Senior Award - Fencing (coed)  
**Michael Scharfstein**

Outstanding Senior Award - Football  
**Edward Seo**

Outstanding Senior Award - Handball (female)  
**Vivian Y Wen**

Outstanding Senior Award - Handball (male)  
**Douglas Z Cheng**

Outstanding Senior Award - Indoor Track (female)  
**Julia Xiao**

Outstanding Senior Award - Indoor Track (male)  
**Clifford Emmanuel**

Outstanding Senior Award - Outdoor Track (female)  
**Lin Fu**

Outstanding Senior Award - Outdoor Track (male)  
**Andrew C Hammack**

Outstanding Senior Award - Soccer (female)  
**Kara E Benson**

Outstanding Senior Award - Soccer (male)  
**Trevor W Koob**

Outstanding Senior Award - Softball  
**Samantha Silverberg**

Outstanding Senior Award - Swimming (female)  
**Meghan H Lalor**

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Outstanding Senior Award - Swimming (male)

**Vadim Gretchouchkin**

Outstanding Senior Award - Tennis (female)

**Nischit Hegde**

Outstanding Senior Award - Tennis (male)

**Vladimir A Kovtun**

Outstanding Senior Award - Volleyball (female)

**Amanda B Zifchak**

Outstanding Senior Award - Volleyball (male)

**Alexander Vitkalov**

Outstanding Senior Award - Wrestling

**Chaz C Clark**

Outstanding Senior Award -Gymnastics (female)

**Marin Kaleya**

Outstanding Senior Award -Gymnastics (male)

**Ivan Bestchastnikh**

Wingate Memorial Medal

**Kevin H Iori**

European American Bank Scholar Athlete

**Yelena Goldman**

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## SCIENCE AWARDS

INTEL SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

Finalists:

**Albert Leung**

**Nikita Rozenblyum**

Semifinalists:

**David Blackman**

**Daniel Choy Boyar**

**Philip Ernst**

**William "Spike" Gronim**

**Jane He**

**Vivian Ho**

**Jukay Hsu**

**Konstantin Krepin**

**Moon Hee Lee**

**Lei (Billy) Li**

**Yan Xiang (Amber) Liang**

**Prabhjot Mundi**

**Lixin (Lisa) Xu**

SIEMENS-WESTINGHOUSE SCIENCE COMPETITION

Regional Semifinalists

**William "Spike" Gronim**

**Alexander Ellis**

**Elliot Bencheton-Levy**

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

FAIR FINALISTS

2nd Award

**Nikita Rozenblyum, Mathematics**

3rd Award

**Marcin Z. Mejran, Biochemistry**

**Prantik Kundu, Team Projects**

**Paras Shah, Team Projects**

**Noah Van Gilder**

**Jacqueline Arenz**

POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY'S

7th Annual

SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Regional Finalist

**Nikita Rozenblyum, First Prize**

**Moon Hee Lee**

**Matthew Vorsanger**

**Yan Yun Wu**

**Yan Xiang (Amber) Liang**

**Yolanda Yu**

**Kevin Tsang**

**Jennifer Chu**

**David Luo**

**Daniel Choy Boyar**

**Konstantin Krepin**

**Noah Van Gilder**

**Prabhjot S. Mundi**

**Marcin Z. Mejran**

**Jacqueline Arenz**

**Prantik Kundu**

**Paras Shah**

The Eleventh Annual

NEW YORK SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

Highest Honors

**Albert Leung**

**Ken Umeki**

**Nikita Rozenblyum**

High Honors

**Moon Hee Lee**

**William Gronim**

**Asher Mullkandov**

**Konstantin Krepin**

**Philip Ernst**

**Lixin Xu**

**Prabhjot Mundi**

**Yan Xiang Liang**

**Billy Li**

**Jukay Hsu**

**Vivian Ho**

**Jane He**

**Daniel Boyer**

**David Blackman**

Honors

**Jeffrey Amlin**

**Yelena Goldman**

**David Luo**

**Surajit Saha**

**Mathew Vorsanger**

**Yunyan Wang**

**Antony Chow**

**Cyriak John**

**Marcin Mejran**

**Jakub Oktawiec**

JUNIOR SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES SYMPOSIUM

First Place

**NIKITA ROZENBLYUM**

Regional Finalists

**Yolanda Yu**

**Noah Van Gilder**

**Moon Hee Lee**

**MATTHEW VORSANGER,**

**Prabhjot S. Mundi**

**Marcin Z. Mejran**

**Jacqueline Arenz**

2002 NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH PRIZE

Finalist

**Vicky Moy**

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## SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The Mock Trial Team for New York City advanced to the Semi-Finals. The team included:

**Eugene Oh, Yana Rozenthal,**

**Josh Kogan, Sophia Luu,**

**Johnny Lo, Maxwell Brooks,**

**Shanai Watson, Stanley Fang**

**Alexander Powietrzynski, Natalya Berger**

**Tim Reilly**

**Peter Christodoulou**

*1st place for New York State, \$1,000 prize  
United States Institute of Peace Essay Contest*

**Annie Deng**

*Best in Borough, Best in New York State for  
individual performance.*

*National History Day Contest*

Bridge to Berlin Youth Ambassadors:

**Spencer Bruck, Edward Fertik, Luciana Gravotta,**

**Serena Scholz, Himanshu Suri, Christina Ward,**

**Fang Yuan, Natalya Berger, Kimberly Williams,**

**Darya Fuks, Kat Jong, Hannah Fleury**

*"We the People" Contest,  
4th place in New York State*

**Hao Bi**

**Rachit Bindal**

**David Blackman**

**Hugham Chan**

**Lok Tung Chan**

**Julie Chang**

**William P. Chen**

**Yi Ding Chen**

**Ester Cheung**

**Shelley Cheung**

**George M. Davis**

**Kelly Eng**

**James Fang**

**Ilya Feldsherov**

**Lidnesey J. Gurin**

**Anderson Huynh**

**Howard Jeon**

**Youna Kim**

**Miranda Knutson**

**Charles D. Lei**

**Wenjie Li**

**Min Lu**

**Alexsey Mironenko**

**Jane Park**

**Julia A. Rubalslevskaya**

**Toshiro D. Sugihara**

**Honorita Tsang**

## Awards and Achievements (cont'd)

Yi Wen Wang  
Alice Wong  
Wen F. Zhang  
Naju Mancheril  
Vivek Tata

### SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM

Villager Invitational (Philadelphia, PA)  
Team: 1st Place

Max Bernstein, *Declamation*, 4th place  
Sheridan Johnson, *Declamation*, 2nd place  
Isaac Maddow-Zimet, *Declamation*, 1st place  
Jimei Hon, *Declamation*, 3rd place  
Maryana Geller, *Duo*, 4th place, *OO*, 1st place  
Anthe Vorkas, *Duo*, 4th place, *DI*, 5th place  
Owen Cornwall, *Oral Interpretation*, 4th place

Chaminade Invitational (Mineola, NY)  
Team: 1st Place

Christina Pei, *OO*, 1st Place  
Yousaf Khalid, *OO*, 2nd Place  
Maryana Geller, *OO*, 3rd Place  
Jordan Schiele, *Extemporaneous*, 1st Place  
Abie Borker, *Extemporaneous*, 4th place  
James Barnard, *Extemporaneous*, 8th place  
Anthe Vorkas, *OI*, 1st Place  
Marcel Briones, *OI*, 2nd place  
Michael Frank Jr., *DI*, 2nd place  
Jeng-Tyng Hong, *Duo*, 2nd place  
Nathan Pinsley, *Duo*, 2nd place

Columbia Invitational (New York, NY)  
Team: 1st Place

Owen Cornwall, *OI*, 1st place, *HI*, 2nd place  
Sheridan Johnson, *Declamation*, 1st place  
Max Bernstein, *Declamation*, 2nd place  
Maryana Geller, *DI*, 2nd place, *OO*, 3rd place  
Jeng-Tyng Hong, *Duo*, 5th place  
Nathan Pinsley, *Duo*, 5th place  
Yousaf Khalid, *Duo*, 6th place  
Christina Pei, *Duo*, 6th place  
Leah Rabinowitz, *Extemporaneous*, 1st place  
Rachel Landman, *Extemporaneous*, 2nd place  
Kristine Dicolandrea, *Extemporaneous*, 3rd place  
Kingson Man, *HI*, 5th place

Speech Grand - Qualifier for National Catholic  
Forensics League Tournament in Pittsburgh, PA  
Team: 1st Place

New York State Qualifier (NY)  
Team: 1st Place

New York State Championships (Albany, NY)  
Team: 3rd Place

Chase Championships (Debate), Ongoing  
Members have advanced to the final round.

Our team has experienced numerous successes for the past year, but due to our long list of achievements, it is impossible to list them all. As a result, the major tournaments of the 2001-2002 school year have been listed above.

### TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Junior Varsity team of JETS (Junior Engineering & Technical Society)

has won first place in the  
Regional JETS Teams Competition, which was held at  
Polytechnic University on Friday, February 8, 2002.  
The following students were members of that team:

Rosanna Lee  
Tonislav Ivanov  
Jose Soltren  
Kevin Lai  
Jun Hyup Lee  
Xunlei Li  
Alexander Ellis  
Jay Chao

JETS -- the Junior Engineering Technical Society -- has its national competition every March. For the past decade, Stuyvesant has been one of the top ten schools in the Northeast division.

The following students received scholarships in the amounts indicated from the ACE mentoring program (architecture, construction, engineering):

Carina Lui -- \$3,000  
Eric Hong -- \$1,000  
Lance Ng -- \$1,000

The Ace Mentor Program sponsors  
15-20 Stuyvesant students per year.

Students work in teams at  
Architectural, Engineering and Construction firms,  
where they participate in current projects under the  
supervision of a mentor.

At the F.I.R.S.T. (For Inspiration and Recognition of  
Science and Technology)  
robotics competition at Columbia University in March,  
the Stuyvesant Robotics Club won the "Inspiration  
Engineering Award." This trophy is given out once  
a year to a team that builds a particularly innovative  
machine. There were 30+ other high school teams com-  
peting that weekend. The co-presidents of the club are:

Elliot Levy-Bencheton and Brendan Moore



## Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association

### Minutes – Special PA Meeting February 13, 2002

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Agenda:

1. Air Quality both inside Stuyvesant and outside in the immediate vicinity.
2. Installing HEPA filtration throughout the school.
3. Actions directed to having the City move the barge operation from its present location.

At 7:13 PA President Marilena Christodoulou called the meeting to order.

Announcements: Paula Ruben announced that February 26th would be the annual PA potluck dinner, a time to initiate new friendships and appreciate each other. Parents were asked to bring foods, beverages and other items.

Marilena announced that the Special Meeting was called upon receipt of a petition from parents. She read the agenda and declared that the meeting would cover the three agenda items. Deputy Chancellor David Klasfeld was in attendance and Marilena announced that he would be given ten minutes to address the meeting and that there would be no questions and answers with him.

7:18 Deputy Chancellor David Klasfeld stated that his job was to open all of the downtown schools closed by the events of September 11. He had invited the entire Executive Board of Stuyvesant PA to meet with him on February 11, and was told by Marilena that six members would come.

David Klasfeld continued that everyone was caught unprepared for the unprecedented events of 9/11. He had organized a response about what could be done to return students to the affected schools. Dr. Terri Marks, the Board of Education chief physician organized the medical community to help make judgements. At each school they did a full environmental cleaning to make them as safe as possible. They used cleaners licensed by the state and hired a private firm to oversee the testing. Each school hired their own consultants, as did the UFT. Protocols were set up at each school. The Board of Education has done all the things that they said they would do. Stuy was the first school to be returned. Stuy parents demanded to return to Stuy, banging on the table for emphasis at the meeting at Brooklyn Tech.

David Klasfeld continued that the air at Stuy is tested over 100 times daily. On some days there were high levels of dust (particulate matter) in Oct. & Nov. Since December 15, the levels of dust have been significantly reduced, within acceptable standards. Dr. Marks organized a group, working with Mt. Sinai and they say that

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the schools are safe. 2 issues are of focus: ductwork and filtration system. The ductwork was cleaned using a forced air protocol. The Board of Education hired Burns & Roe to design a retrofit of the ventilation system to reduce the particulate matter. It had a positive effect on reducing the particulate matter in the school. The Chancellor has expressed the need for closure in each of these schools. The Board of Education has engaged health officials who say that it's best to return to normal as quickly as possible. Children are profoundly affected by the views of their parents. At a certain point, you can't make it perfect. The issues of smoking, not using seat belts and drinking are much more significant risks than the minute possibility that there will be long term detriments. There is a limit to scientific knowledge and all the tests have shown that it is safe. The BOE spends \$30,000 per week on testing and Stuy falls roughly in the middle of levels throughout the city. They measured levels at another school and they were 110 versus 70 here. A lawsuit would greatly prolong and sensationalize the issues and will be a disservice to the community.

7:35 Marilena related the recent history of events at Stuy. She stated that this meeting is not about suing the Board of Education. This is about looking at measures and deciding what can be done. She stated that we would proceed with a presentation by David Newman of the Environmental Health and Safety Committee. If a lawsuit is considered, parents will speak out on both sides of the issue.

7:42 David Newman thanked David Klasfeld for speaking respectfully and articulated a rebuttal to him focusing on three points. 1. Ducts haven't been cleaned. 2. Concerned that filtration has been upgraded but it's insignificant. 3. School filtration system is inadequate. David continued through the Environmental Health and Safety Committee's response to Deputy Chancellor David Klasfeld's letter of February 7, 2002 and the committee's report of February 4, 2002 point by point. See reports.

8:04 Marilena showed a short video on Senator Hillary Clinton's Hearing and offered her comments.

Howard Bader gave a report. He had attended the Monday night meeting with the Board of Education. He disagreed with the Consentini plan. Burns & Roe said that the plan costs 4 times as much and would take two years. He described a high efficiency system that all outside air would pass through. He is of the opinion that we need to reduce the particulate matter and raised concerns about the particulates lodged in the ductwork. He stated that he had believed that the ducts were cleaned and had insisted that they be run prior to testing. He wanted to see upgrading to higher efficiency filters and stated that meeting code is only a minimum standard.

Marilena had pictures of the barge and asked for a show of hands in favor of seeing

them. There were few in favor. Parents requested that the program be resumed. Marilena decided that she would show the pictures but had technical difficulties and the program proceeded.

Selected parents and teachers were called up to speak. Their testimony included complaints about the environment, about sick students, health concerns, confusion about what was being done, and complaints about the Board of Education's response. A cogent statement was made that there has been great courage, pain and confusion. We need to listen to one another and stop the dissention.

8:52 Sheldon Stachel stated that our major thrust is the internal environment. He reported on the meeting that he, Marilena, David Newman, May Umeki, Dorothy Schuster, Howard Bader and a few others had attended with David Klasfeld and the Board of Education, criticizing the Board of Education's stance.

A motion was made from the floor to retain legal counsel and commence litigation against the Board of Education. It was seconded. A motion was made to table the motion. It was seconded and took precedence. A vote was held and the motion definitively carried to table the motion. A motion was made to continue discussion.

Parents raised their hands and were recognized to speak. A parent who is an attorney urged the PA to think this through. The complaint was raised that notice was given to parents that a vote was being held for undisclosed legal action. A request was made that the PA Executive Board sit down with the Board of Education and talk things through. Other parents lined up at the wall to speak.

Dr. Marjory Clark, an expert on incineration, spoke to the issue of Ground Zero being the largest incinerator ever containing a crematorium and asbestos factory. She described the dangers of dioxins and the dangers of the interactive effect or synergy of different contaminants. She described standards for managing and handling ash in incinerators and didn't understand why the barge wasn't containerized.

9:25 David Ross stated that anecdotal evidence doesn't make good science. He mentioned that his own son, although suffering from asthma, has experienced no adverse effects since the return to Stuy. David expressed the desire to see serious discussion on both sides of the issue before we commit money to litigation.

A motion was made to retain pro bono counsel to discuss the option of litigation in the future. It was seconded. A motion was made to table the motion and it was seconded. A vote was held and the motion to table the motion was defeated. A call was made for a paper ballot on the motion as Marilena had promised Executive Board members. The motion was read and discussion continued on the motion.

9:41 Dennis Meadows spoke as a dissenting opinion. A call from the audience urged that the parents lined up be allowed a minute to speak to the issue.

A motion was made to call the question and end discussion on the motion. It was seconded. A vote was taken: 76 for and 44 against. The motion to call the question carried.

A request was made for written ballots. Marilena denied the request. A motion was made to amend the motion to include "and to explore other effective means." The friendly amendment was not accepted.

The vote was called by a show of hands: 67 for and 75 against. The motion was defeated.

Marilena called it "too close" and called for a vote by standing: 93 in favor and 74 opposed. The motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

— Elizabeth Schnee, Recording Secretary

## Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association

### General Membership Meeting February 26, 2002

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From 6:00-7:00, the annual PA Potluck dinner was held for all parents in the 5th Floor Cafeteria.

At 7:10 PA President Marilena Christodoulou opened the meeting.

Announcements: Dr. Claude Chemtob would speak at a special PA meeting February 27th, 2002 at 7:00pm at Stuy. The Open House for accepted students will be March 2, 2002. College Night is scheduled for May 2nd, 2002. The Phonathon will be held May 6, 7 & 8th, 2002; funds raised will support the school's educational programs.

Marilena gave an update on the environmental situation. The Health & Safety and Political Action Committees are continuing to work to get the ducts cleaned, upgrade the HVAC system and get the barge moved. The custodian's contract will be renewed. Following the vote to retain pro bono legal counsel Marilena has been talking to several law firms but no litigation can be initiated without a vote of the membership.

Minutes of the January 15th meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: We are ahead of budget, all the clubs have funds and Donovan will reaffirm that they are aware of this. The audit is completed in draft form and we'll have it shortly. The principal's fund went from \$10,000 to \$30,000 and Mr.

Teitel explained that it is to be used for small items only. He will directly request funding from the PA for any large items. So far only \$3,600 has been spent. The phonathon expenses were clarified.

Nominating Committee was formed. The Executive Board had voted for 4 members. Nominations from the floor were taken for the remaining 3 positions. It was clarified that any PA member could run as per the bylaws. Those nominated included: May Umeki, Jeanne Chin, Fred Herschkowitz, Elizabeth Schnee, Bernard Rivers, Fernando Pacifico, Paul Edwards, and Lori Pandolfo. Each candidate spoke for 1 minute to articulate why they would enhance the work of the Nominating committee and written ballots were distributed. The vote was held and collected. The vote was counted in the room while the program continued.

The Program included a presentation on the non-academic teams by Jennifer Suri and some of the student members. Charles Mong spoke about the Model UN Club that helps students develop public speaking skills and leadership skills.

Michael Betran and John Cyriak described the Junior Statesmen of America Club. It is a nationwide organization with political speakers and debates. Others were the Fed Challenge Team and the Model Congress. This was an overview of the major clubs in Social Studies.

The formation of the Nominating Committee resumed. A motion was made and seconded to ratify the Executive Boards' recommendation of Marilena Christodoulou, Lillian Brash, Saberah Malik, and Marjorie Blackman. The motion passed with only one opposed.

Other Business: A motion was made and seconded that the entire Executive Board members meet with officials of the Board of Education to have a dialogue about the air quality issue. Marilena declared the motion out of order.

The question was posed why it was out of order since it was made under the "Other Business" portion of the meeting. Marilena stated that she was ruling it out of order because dialogue already exists with the Board of Education, because in accordance with the Bylaws she is the chief executive responsible for everyday business and said that there is dialogue taking place. Asked for clarification, she stated that such meeting had taken place. Discussion ensued on whether or not her declaration was consistent with the Bylaws and Robert's Rules.

The discussion continued. Another member of the Executive Board declared an interest in sitting down with the Board of Education. Another parent said that he thought that Marilena was overruling this because she thought that it was a bad idea. Marilena stated that it is within her prerogative to decide about discussions with the Board of Education and she ruled it out of order.

Marilena reiterated that it was out of order and did not call the vote.

A motion to adjourn was made from the floor and was seconded. The concern was raised that the election results were not announced yet. Marilena stated that we would wait for the results of the voting.

The newly elected Nominating Committee members were announced: Elizabeth Schnee, Bernard Rivers, and Jeanne Chin.

Motion to adjourn at 8:12pm

Respectfully submitted,

— Elizabeth Schnee, Recording Secretary

## Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association

### Minutes – General Membership Meeting April 16, 2002

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At 7:15pm, PA President Marilena Christodoulou opened the meeting.

Announcements: CPAC will hold a Demonstration against the Budget cuts on 4/18/02 at City Hall. A Korean parents meeting will be held on 4/30/02 at 6:30 PM. College Night will be held on 5/2/02. The Phonation will occur May 6, 7 & 8. Marilena presented an overview of the Environmental Issues, stating that both sides of the issue would be allowed to speak. She summarized that the PA's position continues to be that we want the ducts cleaned, retrofit the HVAC, the Barge moved, a health registry established. The PA had voted to retain pro bono legal counsel to discuss the option of litigation.

At 7:22 a motion was made to pursue litigation against the Board of Education on a pro bono basis. The motion was seconded. Marilena announced the format for discussion: the Board of Ed representatives would have 15 minutes to speak, 15 minutes for the other experts and 20 minutes of Q&A's. Then she would give people the opportunity to make one-minute statements, alternating pro & con, with separate lines at the microphones.

A point of order was raised: That Marilena's previous statements in favor of the issue be included in the 15 minutes in favor. Marilena ruled it out of order.

7:27 Craig Levine of the Chancellor's Office began by thanking the leadership for the forum.

All the speakers on the stage introduced themselves.

Mr. Levine resumed with apologies that Deputy Klasfeld could not attend due to a scheduling conflict. He stated that the first question in the mind of the Chancellor and

the Board of Education (BOE) staff was how to provide for the safety of the students. The experienced chief custodian at Stuyvesant had turned off the ventilation system on 9/11 as soon as the crisis began. Chancellor Levy assembled medical experts and experts on environmental issues to assist and advise Dr. Marks, BOE Chief Physician. The Stuyvesant HS building had been thoroughly cleaned by private firms. A protocol was set up to test the air and agreed to by all the experts, costing \$30,000 per week. Cleaning protocols were set up for the ventilation system. He showed a graph of the air quality test results. Average daily attendance is higher than last year (so if students are ill, it's not showing up in attendance records.) There was never any pushback to do the cleanup cheaper. The recommendations of the experts were followed. Mr. Levine concluded that if there was scientifically credible evidence, the Chancellor would do further cleanup. The BOE is only being reimbursed for a small percentage of the cleanup cost since what they chose to do was so much greater than what was recommended by professionals in the field. The air quality testing is ongoing.

7:44 Dr. Marks, BOE Chief Physician stated that she communicates monitoring data to parents, that she consults with experts on an ongoing basis, and that the belief of those consulted is that the environment here is safe.

7:47 Howard Bader, expert hired by the PA, contradicted many of the BOE statements. He stated that the unit ventilators weren't turned off at 9/11, that he wasn't part of the cleaning protocol, that the entire school wasn't cleaned, he pointed out to the presence of dioxins and elevated lead levels and stated that things are dangerous at the barge area. Mr. Bader also said that dust had come in at 9/11 and, in his opinion, there is a possibility of episodic releases of dust in the environment.

7:56 Hugh Koffman of the EPA described his background in toxic site cleanup and monitoring. He stated that the EPA is considering reimbursing the BOE and local business owners for cleanup. He further stated that our school abuts a hazardous waste transfer site and that it is against the law to have a school beside a hazardous waste dump.

8:05 Stanley Teitel, Stuy Principal, stated that he's here every day at 6:45-4:30, he gets a report every day from ATC and that the data do not show readings above acceptable levels. That's all that he can say.

8:06 Milton Diaz, Stuy teacher, collected over 100 signatures from the staff saying that they cannot afford to live and work in an unsafe environment, they've lost a sense of reality, they're impacted psychologically and they are in favor of litigation.

8:08 Question and Answer period followed. When the Q & A concluded, statements of 1 minute each were allowed of alternating viewpoints.

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8:41 Attorney Ben Veniste, of the law firm retained by the PA on a pro bono basis, and a Stuy alumnus, stated that he became involved in this matter after working to raise the endowment for Stuy, and he feels that resolution without litigation is definitely better. He noted the disparity in the power between the parties and that litigation can compel production of documents and other injunctive relief. Asked how long the process would take, he said that they would make every effort to engage the BOE to work it out. His would be a pro bono effort, but that the PA would be responsible to pay for any expenses. Even when litigation proceedings are initiated, the issues are usually worked out before trial. Mr. Ben Veniste recommended that the PA also look at possible downsides.

9:00 Statements for & against the motion along the lines of previous discussions were entertained from the audience.

9:25 The vote was called. The ballots were collected and counted under observation in the hallway.

A motion was made to change the order of business, it was seconded and passed.

9:30 Report of the Nominating Committee:

Nominating Committee Chairperson, Bernard Rivers, read the entire list of eligible and qualified candidates for each position (see list published in the May PA Bulletin). All 31 candidates were found eligible and qualified. Nominations were then taken from the floor: Elizabeth Lee for Second VP, Robert Gochfeld for Second VP, Marian Chow for Senior SLT, Norman Ellis for Senior SLT.

9:50 A motion was made to close the nominations, it was seconded and passed. Bernard continued that the list of all nominees would be communicated to all parents, as per Bylaws. The election will be conducted by the Nominating Committee. Bernard also discussed the Nominating Committee issuing recommendations and a parent stated that he would grieve the elections if the Nominating Committee made any recommendations. A motion was made that the list of candidates be published without asterisks from the Nominating Committee (soft recommendations), it was seconded and passed.

The outcome of the vote was announced: The motion to sue the Board of Education passed by a count of 161 in favor and 84 opposed.

The Treasurer's Report was made.

The minutes of the March PA meeting were accepted as written. It was noted that the minutes of the Special PA meeting on 2/13/02 and the PA General Membership meeting on 2/26/02 had not been adopted. Marilena confirmed that they would be on the agenda of the May PA meeting.

The Math team Presentation was postponed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

– Elizabeth Schnee, Recording Secretary

## Stuyvesant High School Parents Association

### PA General Meeting Minutes May 21, 2002

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Meeting opened at 7:10 p.m.

PA President's Announcements:

May 23:

*Spring Concert, 6:00 p.m.*

May 29:

*ARISTA Induction Ceremony*

June 5:

*Awards Night in Stuyvesant Theatre*

June 6, 7:

*Spring Comedy*

June 15:

*Incoming Parent Orientation & Senior Prom*

June 24:

*Graduation at Avery Fisher Hall*

Math Department Presentation by AP Danny Jaye and 5 Math Team captains.

260 students are currently on the Math Team which has won numerous local, regional and national competitions and which meets daily at 8 a.m. to receive instruction from the team captains and faculty.

Stuyvesant offers a rich elective program in math including free college courses, computer classes, mentoring relationships with colleges, institutions and companies, an accelerated Honors Program and summer programs. Special thanks was offered to parent volunteer, Genevieve Mon.

PA Elections run by Nominating Committee chair Bernard Rivers.

Bernard introduced Doreen Conwell, District Parent Involvement Coordinator, from the Office of the Superintendent of Manhattan High Schools, and Deborah Walker-Dudley, Chairperson of the District Parent Advisory Council, and explained the rules and regulations as per Stuyvesant bylaws and BoE regulations.

Candidates for contested seats spoke from the stage, in the order of their candidate number.

Robert Gochfield and Felice Perlman withdrew their candidacies.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to elect the unopposed candidates, Donovan Moore for Treasurer, Julie Romano for Assistant Treasurer, Shankar Chakraborty, Steve Kessler and Ellen Krug, for Junior SLT.

Approval of Minutes, Special PA Meeting 2/13 and General PA Meeting 2/26. There was much discussion and a number of motions dealing with the process of approving PA meeting minutes. Elizabeth Schnee, the Recording Secretary stated that her drafts of the 2/13 and 2/26 minutes had been altered by the Communications Committee before being offered to the PA membership for review and approval. They believed that the draft contained inaccuracies. The Board of Education representative, Doreen Conwell, confirmed that both the Chancellor's Regulations and the SHS PA Bylaws, require that the draft written by the Recording Secretary be presented to the general PA membership at the following meeting. At that point, anyone can request amendments and/or changes, which require a vote for approval.

Ultimately a motion was made, seconded and approved to have the minutes of the PA Meetings of 2/13, 2/26, 4/16, and 5/21 as written by the Recording Secretary, be included in the Bulletin (as Drafts) and also be made available at the June PA general meeting at which point anyone can raise questions, offer changes and votes can be taken for final approval.

Treasurer's Report: Assistant Principals have been encouraged to make sure that unexpended wish list allocations be spent by the end of the academic year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m. Ballot counting proceeded until past midnight when the following winners were declared:

President:

*Judy Moore/Dale Bernstein*

First Vice President:

*Linda Lam*

Second Vice President:

*David Ross*

Recording Secretary:

*Jane Ritter*

Corresponding Secretary:

*Denis Meadows*

Senior SLT Delegates:

*Avis Alexander & Russell Pinsley*

Sophomore SLT Delegates:

*Rochelle Kalish & Elizabeth Roistacher*

Respectfully submitted,

– Kathy Kline,

*Recording Secretary pro-tem*

*Editor's Note:*

*We have received corrections to the Draft Minutes from several parents and others referred to in the minutes. Such corrections will be presented to the membership at the June 18 PA General Meeting.*

## STUYVESANT PA ELECTION RESULTS

At the Stuy PA General Membership meeting on May 21, 2002, elections took place for the Board that will take office on July 1, 2002. 351 parents placed their votes. The elected candidates were as follows:

**Co-Presidents:** Dale Bernstein and Judy Moore  
**1st Vice-President:** Linda Lam  
**2nd Vice-President:** Jane Ritter  
**Corresponding Secretary:** Denis Meadows  
**Treasurer:** Donovan Moore (elected unopposed)  
**Asst. Treasurer:** Julie Romano (elected unopposed)  
**SLT Delegate – Senior:** Avis Alexander and Russell Pinsley  
**SLT Delegate – Junior:** Sankar Chakraborty, Steve Kessler and Ellen Krug (elected unopposed)  
**SLT Delegate – Sophomore:** Rochelle Kalish and Elizabeth Roistacher

Elections will be held at the October General Meeting to fill the following positions:

**Members-At-Large:**

Senior Parent Member-At-Large – One (1)  
 Junior Parent Member-At-Large – One (1)  
 Sophomore Parent Member-At-Large Two (2)  
 Freshmen Parent Member-At-Large – Three (3)

**School Leadership Team Delegates:**

Freshmen Parent Delegates – Two (2)

Nominations for these positions will be accepted from the floor during the September General Meeting.

Detailed results from the May 21 election were as follows:

Position	Name	VOTES	
<b>President / Co-President</b>	Dale Bernstein and Judy Moore (Co-Presidents)	188	Elected
	Philip Newman	14	
	Richard Roth and Sheldon Stachel (Co-Presidents)	148	
<b>1st Vice-President</b>	Melanie Arwin	155	
	Tom Berkovits	4	
	Betsy Combier	26	
	Linda Lam	160	Elected
<b>2nd Vice-President</b>	Robert Gochfeld	5	
	Elizabeth Lee	141	
	David Ross	157	Elected
	Stephen Zhang	38	
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Partha Banerjee	147	
	Jane Ritter	184	Elected
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	Frances Chin-Stevens	31	
	Kiki Dinos	142	
	Denis Meadows	162	Elected
<b>Treasurer</b>	Donovan Moore	Elected unopposed	Elected
<b>Asst. Treasurer</b>	Julie Romano	Elected unopposed	Elected
<b>SLT Delegate – Senior TWO (2) seats</b>	Avis Alexander	164	Elected
	Harvey Beringer	35	
	Marian Chow	127	
	Norman Ellis	118	
	Russell Pinsley	131	Elected
<b>SLT Delegate – Junior THREE (3) seats</b>	Sankar Chakraborty	Elected unopposed	Elected
	Steve Kessler	Elected unopposed	Elected
	Ellen Krug	Elected unopposed	Elected
<b>SLT Delegate – Sophomore TWO (2) seats</b>	Rochelle Kalish	127	Elected
	Jean-Claude Kaufmann	97	
	Bing Lu	50	
	Therese Munfakh	117	
	Felice Perlman	29	
	Elizabeth Roistacher	129	Elected
	Barbara Zahler-Gringer	51	

– Bernard Rivers, Chair, Stuy PA Nominating Committee

*Notice from Communications Committee: Several parents have filed a Grievance with the Board of Education challenging the results of the PA elections. As we go to press, there has not been a ruling on this Grievance from the Manhattan High Schools Superintendent's Office.*

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