Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association proudly presents the

## 2024 Benefit for Strugvesant

Honoring

Arthur M. Blank '60

Chairman, Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation Co-Founder, The Home Depot

> Thursday May 23, 2024

Tribeca Rooftop

2 Desbrosses Street, NYC





May 23, 2024

Welcome! Thank you so much for joining us at the 2024 Benefit for Stuyvesant. The Alumni Association is proud to honor the career achievements and positive impact of one of our most outstanding alumni – Arthur M. Blank '60 – who is a tireless advocate of using purpose and profit hand-in-hand to benefit the communities around him and who has been dedicated to supporting young people in New York, Georgia, and Montana.

Tonight's event is especially meaningful as we celebrate 120 years of Stuyvesant and its commitment in offering a superlative education to all that walk through its doors. Whether you attended classes on East 15th Street or Chambers Street, you know how Stuyvesant truly makes a difference in the lives of so many bright young New Yorkers. As we sit here, just down the road, our alma mater is abuzz with over 3,400 students from diverse backgrounds and hardworking families that hail from all five boroughs and elsewhere around the world.

We are delighted to be here with you once again in Tribeca and grateful for your generous support of Stuyvesant High School and the Alumni Association's programs. We are equally excited to be joined by special guests who exemplify Stuyvesant's tradition of excellence – James Blachly '98 – a Grammy-winning Conductor who shows us how our alumni are just as present in the arts, and – Julia Landauer '10 – 2-Time Champion NASCAR Racecar Driver who is a motivational speaker and leader in the creative application of math and science.

Thanks to your support, we awarded about \$125,000 in scholarships to deserving students this past year and underwrote many of their extra-curricular activities, such as Speech & Debate, Football, Fencing, Chess, SINGl, and more. In addition, with your participation we helped around 200 Stuyvesant students develop important social and professional skills through Alumni Mentoring and 100 more of the next generation through StuyPrep, which seeks to empower middle schoolers from underrepresented communities with an increased awareness of the specialized high school network, access to free test prep for the SHSAT, and a shared sense of community. Together, we will ensure that Stuyvesant remains a beacon of hope for all of NYC.

We could not support thousands of students and connect tens of thousands of alumni without your support and the support of our Board of Directors and Board of Trustees. This evening's successes are due to the work of our incredible Benefit Committee and Staff who work so hard all year long. Thank you all, again, for being here to celebrate Arthur, and to support Stuyvesant High School and our Alumni Association. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

David Gelobter '84 and Alice Kim '98 Benefit Committee Co-Chairs

## 2024 Benefit for Strugvesant

### **Opening Remarks**

Elina Tetelbaum '03
President, SHSAA Board of Directors

**Diego S. Segalini '98** *Executive Director, SHSAA* 

**Dr. Seung Yu** Principal, Stuyvesant High School

### The Golden Pegleg Award

Arthur M. Blank '60 Chairman, Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation

### **Special Guest Remarks**

James Blachly '98

Grammy®-winning Conductor Music Director, Johnstown Symphony Orchestra and the Experiential Orchestra

#### Julia Landauer '10

2-time Champion Racecar Driver NASCAR Xfinity Series (NXS) and NASCAR K&N Pro Series West

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# The Alumni Association is proud to sponsor

The Alumni Mentoring Program



### **Mentoring**

## Supporting Stuyvesant's Living Legacy and Dynamic Student Body

Founded by Stuyvesant alumna **YanJie Hou '06** in 2014 and powered by hundreds of alumni volunteers, the Stuyvesant Alumni Mentoring Program is an Alumni Association-funded initiative that helps students:

- » Explore different professions and industries for their paths after college
- » Broaden their focus and interest outside of academics
- » Develop important social and professional skills for long-term success

## Alumni who participate in the Mentoring Program will have the chance to:

- » Make a difference in the lives of current Stuyvesant students
- » Meet and collaborate with other Stuyvesant alumni throughout the course of a few meetings
- » Engage and enhance the Stuyvesant community in a structured setting

If you're a new alumni mentor interested in the Alumni Mentoring Program, scan the QR code to fill out the interest form





### StuyPrep

### Empowerment for Underserved Middle Schoolers

StuyPrep is an alumni initiative founded by **Kent Kim '05** and **Christina Alfonso '01** to assist middle school students from underrepresented communities in NYC gain admission to Stuyvesant and other NYC specialized high schools. We seek to empower historically marginalized middle school students with increased awareness of the specialized high school network, access to free test prep for the SHSAT, and a shared sense of community.

StuyPrep provides tutoring and preparation for the Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT) – currently the only criterion for admission to the Specialized High Schools – exclusively to students in need, or who otherwise could not afford the cost of tutoring.

We envision Stuyvesant High School as a beacon of hope for all NYC students seeking an incomparable educational experience in STEM, the Arts and Humanities, and more.

StuyPrep is committed to providing students with a positive and supportive learning environment that fosters personal, social, and academic growth. In addition to weekly sessions with expert instructors, students and their parents/guardians can connect with our StuyPrep volunteers, composed of Stuyvesant students and alumni, about their individual experiences at Stuyvesant and personal perspective on why Stuyvesant can make a difference in their lives. Students also regularly visit the building to gain insight into our many offerings.

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## The Jolden Pegleg Award



**Arthur M. Blank '60** Perhaps best known as co-founder of The Home Depot, Arthur Blank '60 is now widely recognized for his diverse businesses. Named by ESPN as the 2021 Sports Philanthropist of the Year, Blank is a tireless advocate of using purpose and profit hand-in-hand to benefit the communities around him. Blank has been distinguished by Forbes as one of the World's 100 Greatest Living Business Minds 2017, Sports Business Journal's Executive of the Year 2018 and Sports Business Journal's one of the 50 Most Influential People in Sports 2016, 2017, 2018.

In addition to the Blank Family Foundation, Blank's Family of Businesses includes the Atlanta Falcons and Atlanta United; the nationwide PGA TOUR Superstore; three ranches in Montana – Mountain Sky Guest Ranch, West Creek Ranch and Paradise Valley Ranch; and Mercedes-Benz Stadium, which hosted the 2019 Super Bowl and is home to the Falcons and Atlanta United.



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Kathy Hochul GOVERNOR

May 23, 2024

Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association 345 Chambers Street, Room 101 New York, NY 10282

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association's (SHSAA) Alumni Benefit Event.

Since its founding, SHSAA has utilized the resources and skills of Stuyvesant High School alumni in order to support local young people during their journey towards academic excellence. Through a range of programs including college tours, personal mentoring, and study abroad trips, SHSAA strengthens the Stuyvesant community and creates accessible opportunities that support the success of today's learners and their families for generations to come.

Today, you come together to for your Alumni Benefit Event, where you look back on another year of outstanding achievements and acknowledge esteemed alumnus Arthur Blank, co-founder of The Home Depot, for his business acumen and many charitable endeavors. On behalf of all New Yorkers, I am grateful for your commitment to strengthening our state's educational system.

Best wishes for an enjoyable celebration.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hochul Governor



THE CITY OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE MAYOR NEW YORK, NY 10007

May 23, 2024

#### Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone as the Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association (SHSAA) hosts its annual Benefit for Stuyvesant.

New York City has long been an incubator for incredible talent, and a driving force behind that success is our robust network of more than 1,700 public schools, including Stuyvesant High School. Located in lower Manhattan, this center of learning provides its scholars with a rigorous curriculum, particularly in the fields of math and science, and enables them to take risks in a supportive environment while making lifelong friendships. SHSAA, a coalition of more than 50,000 alumni, is dedicated to strengthening their beloved alma mater and paying it forward for the next generation. Through its active fundraising efforts, it has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in student scholarships, in addition to growing that institution's endowment and funding various capital projects. It has also organized several mentorship programs that expose participants to a wide array of professions and bolster diversity initiatives.

This year, Stuyvesant High School celebrates 120 years of academic excellence and youth enrichment. Tonight's event will help advance the proud and longstanding legacy of this esteemed institution. On this occasion, I am pleased to commend the association's members for their commitment to fortifying the five boroughs and empowering young New Yorkers.

On behalf of the City of New York, I offer congratulations to this year's honoree, Arthur M. Blank. Please accept my best wishes for a jubilant and memorable evening.

Sincerely,

Eric Adams Mayor

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May 23, 2024

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to join you in celebrating Stuyvesant High School's 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the renowned Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association.

It is no surprise that Stuyvesant – which has one of the most active student and parent communities in the city – has such an engaged alumni association. The SHSAA is a testament to the outstanding education you received and Stuyvesant's culture of excellence. Whether you graduated 50 years ago or five years ago, your support for current Stuyvesant students is invaluable.

On behalf of the Borough of Manhattan, I wish you another year of success!

Sincerely,

Mark Levine

Manhattan Borough President



### nristopher Marte Council Member, District 1





May 23, 2024

Dear Stuyvesant High School students, parents, faculty, and community,

district1@council.nvc.gov (212) 587-3159

I am so happy to join the Stuyvesant community in celebrating its Fourth Annual Benefit for Stuyvesant. This year marks 120 years of Stuyvesant High School, one of the most outstanding high schools in the country and a beacon of excellence in education in our city.

Building upon this excellence, it is no surprise that the Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association is so engaged, both in Lower Manhattan, nationally, and around the world. I've had the honor of hosting many current and recently graduated Stuyvesant students as interns, and am confident of bright futures for each one of them. It's an immense honor to help them jumpstart their careers, and to have an unmatched school such as Stuyvesant in my district.

I hope everyone has a wonderful evening reconnecting with former classmates and lifelong friends.

Sincerely,

Christopher Marte

New York City Council Member, District 1

Co-Chair of Manhattan Delegation

Vice Co-Chair of the Black, Latino, Asian Caucus





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May 23, 2024

Dear Friends.

Warm Greetings to my fellow Stuyvesant High School Alums. As a proud alumni (Class of 1965) I congratulate you on your many successes since receiving your diploma from this esteemed institution. For nearly 125 years Stuyvesant High School has provided a topflight education to New Yorkers regardless of economic background, generation after generation producing some of our city's greatest leaders in the realms of academia, the arts, business, and public service.

Tonight, I am proud to extend my sincerest congratulations to **Arthur Blank**, Class of 1960, Chairman of the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, on the much-deserved recognition of **The Golden Pegleg Award**. The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation embodies the Stuyvesant ethos and motto: **Pro Scientia Atque Sapientia (For Knowledge and Wisdom)** in its philanthropic and community work.

Year after year Stuyvesant High School has nurtured a community in which its students receive the best in academics from some of the best teachers in the nation, as well as instilling the moral and humanistic values that help her students to navigate an increasingly complex world with both integrity and passion. Your contributions as Alumni enable the school's ambitious vision as it continues to be one of the top ranked schools in New York City, the State, and indeed, the nation.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable and successful gala. I wish you an evening of fine celebration, relishing in your memories of your days at Stuy, and raising a glass in honor of our great school. Here's to another 124 years of excellence.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

JERROLD NADLER Member of Congress



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May 23, 2024

Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association 345 Chambers Street, Room 101 New York, New York 10282

Dear Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all gathered at the Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association's Benefit Event.

Since its founding in 1904, Stuyvesant High School has been well-regarded for its academic excellence and talented students. As one of the Specialized High Schools of New York City, Stuyvesant offers a wealth of resources for its talented students, who come from all five boroughs. This year, the institution passes the remarkable milestone of 120 years of serving our communities. The Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association is a not-for-profit organization that works tirelessly to foment the relationships of alumni through an array of initiatives. The Association's driving mission is to support the Stuyvesant community, empower its dynamic student body, and promote fellowship among alumni.

I am honored to join the Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association in recognizing the outstanding contributions of this year's special honoree: Mr. Arthur Blank, co-founder of The Home Depot, owner of the Atlanta Falcons, and philanthropist. As a proud Stuyvesant alumna, I commend the Stuyvesant Alumni Association for its unwavering commitment to helping our students meet their academic goals and join the Association in celebrating 120 years of academic excellence at Stuyvesant High School.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful celebration and much continued success!

Sincerely,

Grace Meng Member of Congress

# Sometimes a teacher comes along who can change your life...

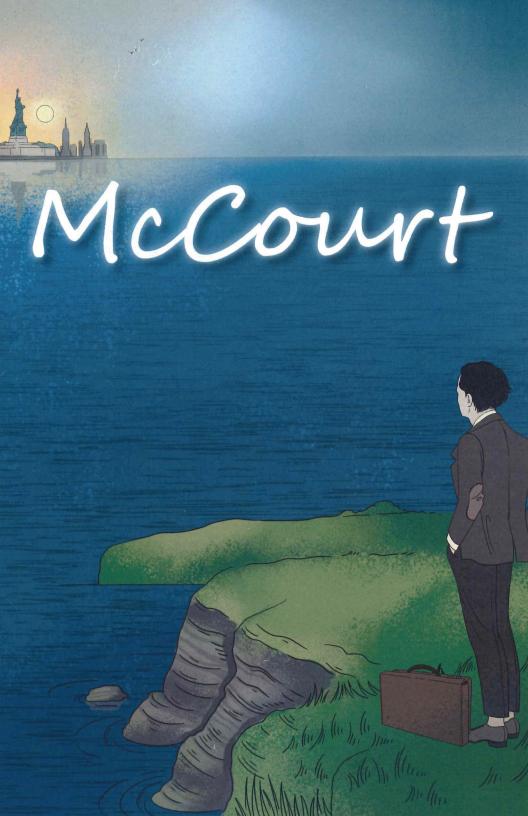
Tenney Diamond Productions LLC is excited to be producing *McCourt*, a Broadway-bound play, adapted from the memoirs *'Tis and Teacher Man* by **Frank McCourt (Teacher '72-'87)**. The play is written by **Ilya Khodosh ('04)** with excerpts by former student of Mr. McCourt and New York Times Best-selling author **Susan Jane Gilman ('82)**. This new work is produced by **Hal Diamond ('78)** and directed by award winning director **Susan Tenney**.

# SAVE THE DATE Wednesday, June 26, 7PM McCourt

A short Reading consisting of excerpts from the play McCourt and cherished memories of his students. This 30 minute performance will follow the Alumni Association's Annual General Meeting at Stuy - 345 Chambers Street.

For more information on the Broadway production, or how you may become involved please contact **Susan Tenney** at susan@tenneydiamondproductions. com or **Hal Diamond** at hal@tenneydiamondproductions.com.

# Celebrating 120 Years of Stuyvesant!



## Class of 1972

David Axelrod '72
Matthew Bars '72
Brian Cohen '72
Michael A. Hartig '72
Leonard J. Herczeg '72
Philip Lehman '72
Eugene Peterson '72
Henk Rogers '72
David A. Schulz '72

would like to offer their congratulations and best wishes to this year's Blue Planet Student Ambassadors at Stuyvesant!



One of the oldest institutions at Stuyvesant, the Math Team dates back nearly 100 years. Students are drawn to the community of like-minded problem solvers by their shared passion for mathematics. Strong friendships are forged in the process.

Congratulations this year to our 73 AIME qualifiers, 3 USAMO and 1 USAJMO qualifiers, and to Sophia Jin '26 who was selected for Team USA's Math Olympiad Summer Program

Representing NYC, Stuyvesant Math Team members have also made their mark in the following contests:

1st Place - NYSML 2024

13th Place - HMMT 2024

2nd Place - PUMaC 2023

4th Place - MMATHS 2023

5th Place - ARML 2023



2023-2024 Stuyvesant Math Team

# Class of 1993

Sophia Bae '93

Blaise Chow'93

Isabella P. Chow'93

Yvonne Chung '93

Patrick Huggins '93

Soo Kim'93

Alex Li '93

Edwin Lin '93

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Liana Leung '93

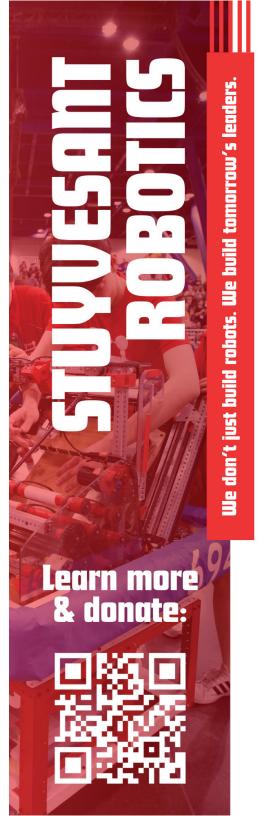
Laurie Moldawer '93

Ivan S. Schonfeld '93

Ashley Stevens '93

Noah Tepperberg '93

would like to offer their congratulations and best wishes to this year's Alumni Association Scholarship recipients!



We are Stuyvesant Robotics, comprised of three teams: StuyPulse, StuyFission, and **StuyFusion**. Our goal is to incentivize STEAM ideas and cultivate skills in engineering, programming, business, teamwork, and leadership through our participation in the FIRST Robotics program. Our priority is making sure that everyone even slightly interested in STEM has the chance to further explore their interests and develop skills that will allow them to succeed.

StuyPulse was created in 2000 by fifteen students who had a passion for STEM and a goal to take that passion to the next level. Since then, our team has grown immensely and even came to form two smaller, sister robotics teams: StuyFission and StuyFusion. Thanks to the generous donation from Stuyvesant alumni Alfred and Edwin Lin, with the support of **Arthur M. Blank,** we were able to build our robotics lab in 2021. It's now home to all three robotics teams. Our 150+ members attend regionals all around the country, placing as winners or finalists at 20+ regionals and have made it to the world championships 17 times. Our teams' growth demonstrates the interest our students have in STEAM and inspires us to lead the initiative of spreading STEAM not just in our local community, but globally.

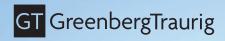
Please enjoy our robot demos during the benefit, and feel free to ask our students any questions you may have!

## Class of 1996

Luke Bassis '96
Jeffrey Chung '96
Vishal Garg '96
Yi-Shan Huang '96
Jessica M. Klein '96
Michelle Koch '96
Lifan Shen '96
Andy Woo '96

would like to offer their congratulations and best wishes to this year's student participants of the 2024 Benefit for Stuyvesant!





## CHAMPIONING STUDENTS & ALUMS

Greenberg Traurig is proud to support Stuyvesant **High School Alumni Association** at its 2024 Benefit for Stuyvesant. Congratulations to the 2024 honorees.

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## Class of 1998

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Hemant S. Murthy '98

Diego S. Segalini '98

Elizabeth A. Windram '98

Rathin Yagnik '98

would like to offer their congratulations and best wishes to this year's StuyPrep students for passing the SHSAT!

## Citadel and Citadel Securities are proud to support Stuyvesant High School.



## Class of 2006

Inna Etinberg '06
Vanish Grover '06
YanJie Hou '06
Irene Mui '06
Rahul Sevani '06
Amish N. Sheth '06
Naomi R. Sosner '06

would like to offer their congratulations and best wishes to this year's Senior Student Leaders in the Alumni Mentoring Program!

# Congratulations Arthur Blank

**Golden Pegleg Award Recipient** 

Bart M. Schwartz '64
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### SAVE THE DATE

2024 Stuy Reunions Weekend October 26-27, 2024

Class Reunions: 1954. 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994. 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014. 2019