

Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association
proudly presents the

2025 Benefit for Stuyvesant

honoring

Richard R. Buery, Jr. '88

CEO, Robin Hood

**Thursday
May 22, 2025**

Tribeca Rooftop

2 Desbrosses Street, NYC





May 22, 2025

Welcome! Thank you for joining us at the 2025 Benefit for Stuyvesant. Tonight, we're proud to honor **Richard R. Buery, Jr. '88**, CEO of Robin Hood, whose career exemplifies the Stuyvesant spirit of leadership, service, and impact. As New York City's Deputy Mayor for Strategic Policy Initiatives, Richard led transformative efforts including Pre-K for All, expanding free, full-day universal pre-K to an additional 50,000 children in just 18 months. He launched Schools Out NYC, providing free after-school programs to all middle schoolers; built over 200 new community school partnerships; and spearheaded the NYC Men Teach campaign, bringing 1,000 men of color into public school classrooms.

Richard also helped launch ThriveNYC, a citywide mental health initiative; oversaw CUNY's 250,000 students, driving investments to boost college persistence; and managed agencies including Probation, Aging, Youth, Disability, Immigrant Affairs, and Veterans Services. He founded the NYC Children's Cabinet, the Department of Veterans' Services, and the Mayor's Office of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises.

Whether you studied on East 15th Street or Chambers Street, you know how Stuyvesant continues to transform the lives of bright young New Yorkers. As we gather tonight in Tribeca—just down the road from our alma mater—nearly 3,400 students from all five boroughs and around the world are hard at work, supported by a community that believes deeply in their promise.

We're thrilled to be with you once again and deeply grateful for your generous support of Stuyvesant and the Alumni Association's programs. We're also excited to be joined by special guest **Eleonora Srugo '04**, acclaimed real estate executive and star of *Selling the City* on Netflix, who exemplifies entrepreneurial drive and creative achievement.

Thanks to your support, the Alumni Association now provides scholarships and hardship aid, funds extracurriculars like Speech & Debate, Football, Fencing, Chess, and SING!, and runs signature initiatives like Alumni Mentoring and StuyPrep—opening doors for both current students and future families. We do this because we believe Stuyvesant must remain a beacon of hope for all NYC students.

We are especially grateful to our Benefit Committee, staff, Board, and Trustees for making this evening possible—and to each of you for being part of this extraordinary community. Thank you for celebrating Richard with us, and for your ongoing support of Stuyvesant and its next generation of alumni.

With appreciation,

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

2025 Benefit for Stuyvesant

Opening Remarks

Elina Tetelbaum '03

President, SHSAA Board of Directors

Dr. Seung Yu

Principal, Stuyvesant High School

The Golden Pegleg Award

Richard R. Buery, Jr. '88

CEO, Robin Hood

Special Remarks

Diego S. Segalini '98

Executive Director, SHSAA

Eleonora Srugo '04

Acclaimed Real Estate Executive, Douglas Elliman

Silent Auction

Coordinated by Triple Crown



The Alumni Mentoring Program

Founded by alumna **YanJie Hou '06** in 2014 and supported by the Alumni Association, this initiative connects current students with alumni volunteers. The program empowers students to:

- » Explore careers and industries beyond college
- » Expand interests beyond academics
- » Build social and professional skills for long-term success

Alumni mentors:

- » Make a direct impact on students' lives
- » Connect with fellow alumni
- » Strengthen the Stuyvesant community through meaningful engagement

If you're an alum interested in becoming a mentor to current Stuy students, scan the QR code to fill out the interest form



THANK YOU! The Alumni Mentoring Program has helped almost 1,800 students since its creation in 2014.

Empowerment for Underserved Middle Schoolers

Founded by alumni **Kent Kim '05** and **Christina Alfonso '01**, StuyPrep helps middle school students from underrepresented NYC communities gain admission to Stuyvesant and other specialized high schools. The program offers free SHSAT tutoring, guidance, and community support to students who would otherwise lack access to test prep resources.

StuyPrep envisions Stuyvesant as a beacon of hope, fostering excellence in STEM, the Arts, Humanities, and more. Through weekly sessions with expert instructors, building visits, and mentorship from current students and alumni, StuyPrep supports academic success and personal growth in a positive, inclusive environment.

This year marks a record-breaking expansion for StuyPrep, growing from just 25 students two years ago to 125 last year—and now nearly 200! This growth is a testament to our alumni-driven commitment to diversity and inclusion, spearheaded by Executive Director **Diego Segalini '98**.



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Richard R. Buery, Jr. '88
CEO, Robin Hood

The Golden Pegleg Award

A first-generation, Panamanian American born and raised in the East New York neighborhood of Brooklyn, **Richard R. Buery, Jr. '88** is CEO of Robin Hood, one of the nation's leading anti-poverty organizations. Robin Hood builds, fuels, and advocates for the most impactful organizations and strategies elevating people from poverty in New York City.

Richard has extensive experience as a leader, manager, and social innovator within local government, as well as New York's vast social service nonprofit sector. Earlier in his career, he founded Groundwork to support the educational aspirations of public housing residents in Brooklyn, and cofounded iMentor, which matches high school students with committed mentors to guide students on their journey to college graduation. As New York City Deputy Mayor for Strategic Policy Initiatives, Buery was the architect of Pre-K for All, which guarantees a free, full-day pre-K seat to every four-year-old, increasing enrollment by 50,000 in a year and half while leading and managing a range of City agencies and initiatives. Buery graduated from Stuyvesant High School at 16, received a degree in Afro-American Studies from Harvard, and earned a law degree from Yale.



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KATHY HOCHUL
GOVERNOR

May 22, 2025

Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association
PO Box 3531
New York, NY 10008

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association's 2025 Benefit for Stuyvesant.

Across New York City, Stuyvesant is synonymous with excellence. This school has set some of our state's brightest minds, including Nobel Prize and Academy Award winners, on the path to success. With its rigorous curriculum and steadfast commitment to helping pupils thrive, Stuyvesant's alumni are rightfully proud of their alma mater.

Today, you gather to celebrate Stuyvesant's impact on the community, while supporting the future of the school. I join you in congratulating tonight's honoree, Richard R. Buery, Jr., CEO of the Robin Hood Foundation. On behalf of all New Yorkers, I am grateful for your commitment to providing students with an outstanding education. Best wishes for an enjoyable celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Hochul". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathy" and last name "Hochul" clearly distinguishable.

Kathy Hochul
Governor



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

May 22, 2025

Dear Friends:

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

New York City rises on the foundation of the next generation of extraordinarily talented individuals who will fuel the engines of the five boroughs and propel our diverse population into the future. My Administration is dedicated to ensuring that our young scholars have the resources and support they need to thrive and lead richer, more fulfilling lives, and SHSAA is a crucial ally in this mission. The association has long promoted fellowship among Stuyvesant's alumni, supported academic and extracurricular programming at their alma mater, and empowered the esteemed institution's diverse student body. I applaud SHSAA and its members for their efforts to increase opportunities for young people in our global metropolis and inspire them to reach their fullest potential.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to this year's honoree, Richard R. Buery, Jr., CEO of the Robin Hood Foundation. I extend my best wishes for a fruitful benefit and further success.

Sincerely,

Eric Adams
Mayor



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Mark Levine, Borough President



May 22, 2025

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to join you in celebrating the renowned Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association and all that you have done since graduating from Stuyvesant's hallowed halls.

The SHSAA is a testament to the outstanding education you received and Stuyvesant's culture of excellence. 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. Whether you graduated 50 years ago or five years ago, your support for current Stuyvesant students is invaluable. And special congratulations to this year's honoree, Richard R. Buery, Jr. '88, who epitomizes Stuyvesant's values of civic engagement and morality as he fights for a more equitable New York every day as CEO of the Robin Hood Foundation.

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

Sincerely,

Mark Levine
Manhattan Borough President

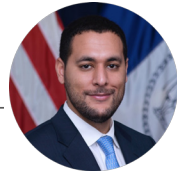


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May 22, 2025

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

It is an honor to join you in celebrating this year's Stuyvesant High School Alumni Benefit. For over 120 years, Stuyvesant has stood as one of the most prestigious public high schools in the country—a cornerstone of academic excellence right here in Lower Manhattan.

The mission of the Alumni Association to support the school, empower current students, and strengthen the alumni network is a model for what meaningful engagement and giving back can look like. I've had the privilege of working alongside many bright and passionate Stuyvesant students and graduates as interns in my office. Their insight, energy, and commitment to civic life make me confident that our future is in good hands.

Thank you to everyone who continues to invest in the legacy and promise of Stuyvesant. I hope tonight is filled with joyful reunions and renewed commitment to the incredible community you've built. 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



GRACE MENG
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

May 22, 2025

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.

The Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association champions current Stuyvesant students by harnessing the collective intellect and resources of the over 50,000 alumni around the globe to create a powerful network that strives to sustain Stuyvesant as a world-class institution and empower its dynamic student body of over 3,300 pupils.

Whether through facilitating academic and extracurricular programs, awarding scholarships and grants to deserving students, or raising funds to contribute to the welfare of the current students, teachers, and administrators, the Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association strives to preserve Stuyvesant High School as a beacon of hope for all NYC students seeking an incomparable educational experience in STEM, the arts, and humanities. Through its successful work, the Association has fostered an inclusive and accessible community where all members feel valued and can celebrate in their mutual pride as members of the Stuyvesant family.

I am honored to join the Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association in recognizing the outstanding contributions of this year's special honoree, Richard R. Buery, Jr. graduate of the class of 1988 and CEO of the Robin Hood Foundation. His excellence and service in supporting the Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association's mission is exemplary. As a proud Stuyvesant alumna, I commend the Stuyvesant Alumni Association for its unwavering commitment to helping our students meet their academic goals.

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

Sincerely,

Grace Meng
Member of Congress

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR CLASSMATE

Richard R. Buery, Jr. '88

on receiving the Golden Pegleg Award
for his exceptional leadership!

You have the entire community's
admiration and gratitude!

Chris McGowan '88 and Sandy Wang '88

Class of 1972

Robert Chin '72

Paul V. Geoghan '72

Michael A. Hartig '72

Leonard J. Herczeg '72

Judith Levy '72

Eugene Peterson '72

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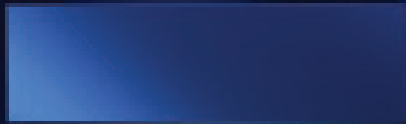
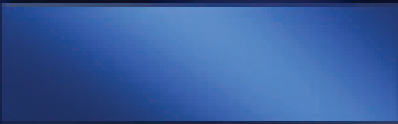
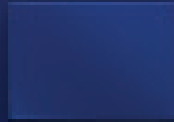


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would like to offer their congratulations and
best wishes to this year's Alumni Association
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Class of 1996

Luke Bassis '96

Michelle Botta '96

Emily Chiu '96

Vishal Garg '96

Ellen Guirovich '96

Yi-Shan Huang '96

would like to offer their congratulations and best wishes to this year's student participants of the 2025 Benefit for Stuyvesant!



Congratulations

Richard R. Buery, Jr. '88
Golden Pegleg Award Recipient

Bart M. Schwartz '64
Chairman, Guidepost Solutions
& Cheryl M. Schwartz

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Class of 1998

Shakil Ahmed '98

Alice Chin '98

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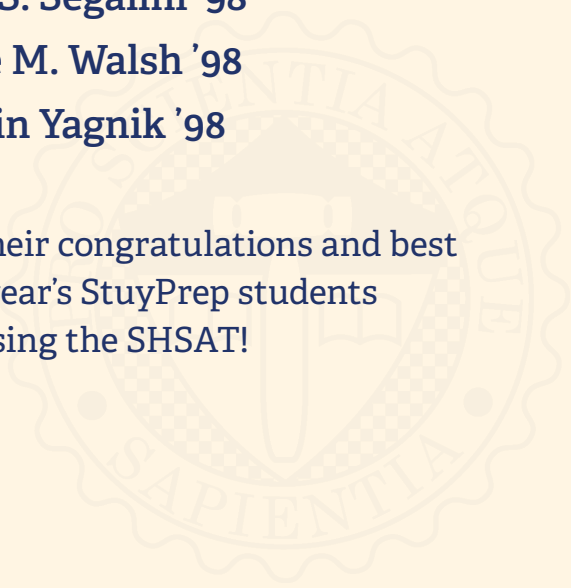
Sidharth Murdeshwar '98

Diego S. Segalini '98

Carrie M. Walsh '98

Rathin Yagnik '98

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



STUYVESANT ROBOTICS

Support Us!



We are Stuyvesant Robotics, composed of the three teams - **StuyPulse, Stuy Fission, and Stuy Fusion**. Through our participation in the FIRST Robotics program, we encourage STEAM, teamwork, and leadership. Our students innovate and cultivate skills in engineering, programming, and business. StuyPulse has placed as **winners or finalists at 20+ regionals and qualified for championships 18 times**.

Thanks to a generous donation from **Stuyvesant alumni Alfred and Edwin Lin, with the support of Arthur M. Blank**, our teams were able to build our robotics lab in 2021. And since then, it has been home to our three robotics teams whose **250+** students have benefitted greatly from our shared space. StuyPulse student's passion is growing exponentially and has led to our most successful season yet.

USING ROBOTS TO BUILD TOMORROW'S LEADERS STUYPULSE's 2025 Season Overview

- Seeded 1st and captained winning alliance at the Hudson Valley Regional
- Seeded 1st and captained winning alliance at the Great Pittsburgh Regional
- 1st pick of alliance 1 and winners of the NYC Regional
- Qualified for the World Championship
- **1st time in StuyPulse history: Won all 3 regional events attended in a season**
- **12th ranked team globally out of ~4000 teams**

Class of 2002

Paul S. Cossu '02

Ilya Feldsherov '02

Ilena C. George '02

Tal Itzkovich '02

Brett R. Lewis '02

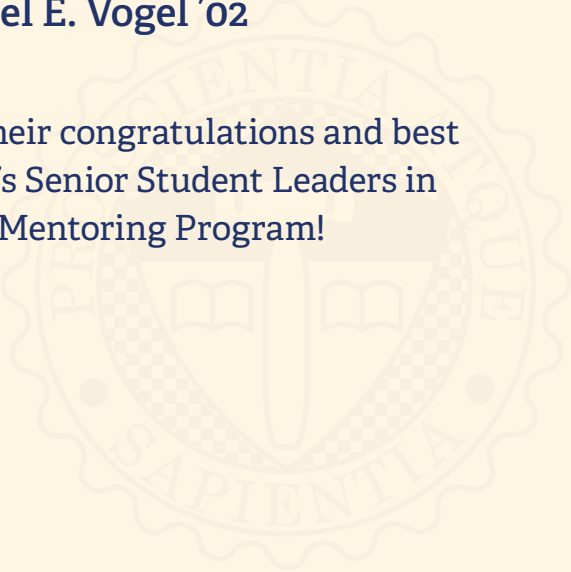
Liz O'Callahan '02

Jessica Schumer '02

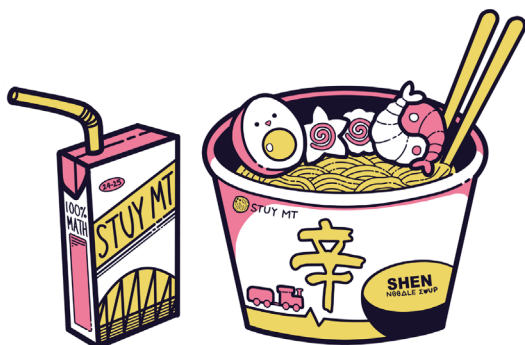
Edward Seo '02

Michael E. Vogel '02

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



The Stuyvesant Math Team is one of the best math teams in the nation, and one of the oldest and most prolific teams at Stuyvesant. Through rigorous teaching, engaging practices, and challenging competitions, we strive to foster a community of like-minded problem solvers united by their shared passion for mathematics.



STUYVESANT MATH TEAM

2024 - 2025

Congratulations this year to our 89 AIME qualifiers,
1 USAMO and 2 USAJMO qualifiers!

Stuyvesant Math Team members have also made their mark as part of the NYC Math Team at national and statewide competitions such as PUMaC, HMMT, NYSML, and ARML.



2024-2025 Stuyvesant Math Team

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Congratulations to Richard R. Buery, Jr. '88

CEO, Robin Hood Foundation | Recipient of the Golden Pegleg Award

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In the beginning... our first tournament - Yale, in September 2024! Almost didn't make it, thanks so much to the alumni for getting us there!



The Journey!

Stuy goes to Harvard, Princeton, and more! Once again, the Alumni had our back - we couldn't have gone without them!

Keeping it local at States! A very good showing, with over 85 qualified to compete and 6 champions total in both Speech and Debate.



Nearing the end...



Grands, March 2025, a 48 year tradition hosted at Stuy! 24 people qualified for nationals. None of it would've been possible without the amazing alumni, and we're getting ready to win nationals this Memorial Day Weekend!

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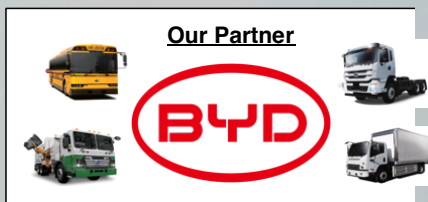
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1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020

Please note Class of 1980 Reunion to be held on
September 20, 2025