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JENNY VALDEZ '14

## THE DANDELION SPEAKS OF SURVIVAL

BY QUINTIN COLLINS

WHEN THEY SEE ME RISE, A NEBULA OF CORONAS, SUN-  
BURSTING SPIRES STREWN AMONG THEIR BERMUDA AND BLUEGRASS LAWNS,  
THEY WILL COME FOR ME. WHEN MY ROOTS FAN A MAZE  
AROUND THEIR CHRYSANTHEMUMS, INTERLACE A CAGE  
AROUND THEIR PETUNIAS, GRAB THE LIFE I'M SO OFTEN DENIED,  
THEY WILL COME FOR ME. THEY WILL COME FOR ME  
WHEN I YAWN FROM A DRIVEWAY FISSURE. THEY WILL COME FOR ME  
WHEN MY JAGGED LEAVES SPRAWL OVER THEIR GRAVEL BEDS.  
THEY WILL COME WITH HANDS CLENCHED, GARDEN SHEARS  
SNAPPING JAWS, WEED WACKERS TO SPLIT MY BODY,  
CHEMICALS THAT WITHER AND DISINTEGRATE ME. THEY WILL COME  
WITH MOWER BLADES SHARP, THE THUNDER OF GASOLINE  
COMBUSTING IN THE ENGINE. THEY WILL COME  
WITH TILLERS AND HOES AND RAKES AND KNIVES AND TORCHES.  
DON'T THEY KNOW THAT WHEN THE WIND ROCKS MY HALO,  
I CAST SEEDS INTO THE WIND? DON'T THEY KNOW  
I CLUTCH EARTH TIGHTER THAN ANY ENGLISH BLUEBELL? DON'T THEY KNOW  
I HAVE SURVIVED THEIR HANDS AND THEIR INSTRUMENTS. DON'T THEY KNOW  
I HAVE SURVIVED EVERY WAY THEY HAVE SPILLED MY BITTER MILK.  
I HAVE SURVIVED. I HAVE SURVIVED. I HAVE SURVIVED.  
I WILL SURVIVE AGAIN AND AGAIN. WHEN THEY SHARPEN THEIR NEW TOOLS,  
WHEN THEY ARM THEMSELVES WITH PROFESSIONAL-GRADE SPRAYS,  
WHEN THEY CALL THEIR LANDSCAPERS TO SCRAPE OUT MY EXISTENCE,  
WHEN THEY CALL ME WEED, WHEN THEY CALL ME NUISANCE,  
WHEN THEY CALL ME PEST, WHEN THEY SAY I AM NOT WELCOME,  
WHEN THEY POISON THEIR OWN SOIL TO STUNT MY GROWTH,  
KNOW THAT I WILL SURVIVE. KNOW THAT I WILL SPRING FORTH  
A FIELD OF GOLD, GLISTEN WITH MY PETALS KISSED BY MORNING DEW.  
KNOW THAT I WILL BLOOM LIKE THE SUN SPILLING  
OVER THE HORIZON. KNOW THAT I WILL STRETCH MY STEM AND ROOTS  
BEYOND ALL BORDERS. I WILL SPLIT THEIR CONCRETE AND THIS EARTH.

POET QUINTIN COLLINS IS A 2018 GRADUATE OF PINE MANOR COLLEGE SOLSTICE MFA IN POETRY  
AND THE 2018 COMMENCEMENT POET



Dear Alumnae/i, Friends and Neighbors,

Intrinsic to the Pine Manor College mission is the core belief in perseverance, and our ability to overcome barriers, to learn and to grow. Many of our students demonstrate that resiliency. This Bulletin's cover photo features one such student. Jenny Valdez '14, overcame mounting challenges during her time at PMC. Today she makes it her life's mission to help others while also pursuing her own professional growth at a graduate level program.

Quintin Collins, a 2018 graduate of Pine Manor College's Solstice Low-Residency Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program, captured that sentiment in his poem "*The Dandelion Speaks of Survival*" (see inside cover). As our 2018 Commencement poet, Quintin's work is an incredible display of the fruits of the Pine Manor College Solstice MFA program, whose roots come from a rich literary tradition at Pine Manor College.

Jenny and Quintin call Pine Manor College home. They do so because, during their time here, they felt the love and support that has always been and still is the Pine Manor College way. One student at a time, a commitment to bringing out the promise of each student, a place that treats one as worthy, a place where one can grow, a place that challenges and nurtures, it is indeed a place like home.

It is the same message that I heard as I traveled far and wide meeting alums and friends of the College, *Pine Manor College = Home!*

It is because of this shared sense of "home" that you have been increasingly generous with your time, talent and treasure, and that we have been able to accomplish so much this past year. Your support has made possible our ability to strengthen our academic programs and student life, to provide scholarship assistance, and to maintain the beauty of the Pine Manor College campus. I hope that as you read this Bulletin you will be proud of all that we are doing.

As alums and friends, our work becomes your legacy. Know that with your continued and growing support, we will accomplish even more!

Very truly yours,

Thomas M. O'Reilly  
President

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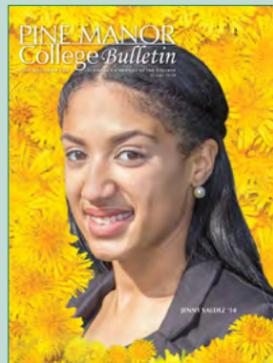
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Jenny Valdez '14.  
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MERLE LINDA WOLIN '68

QUINTIN COLLINS, MFA '18

# LITERARY TRADITION AT PMC

## A REFLECTION OF STUDENTS' EXPERIENCES

Since the establishment of Pine Manor College's first literary magazine in 1964, the College has enjoyed waves of talented students who contributed to it including accomplished journalist, **Merle Linda Wolin '68** (highlighted on page 6). The name of the literary publication may have changed over the years, but it remained a platform for young writers showcasing diverse points of view and launching some inspiring careers. The magazine became a platform for self-expression as students gave voice to topics of the day, and reflected on their academic and personal journeys. With the establishment of the Solstice Low-Residency MFA in Creative Writing Program in 2006, a new venue for empowering writers was born.

**Quintin Collins**, a graduate of the Solstice MFA Program in Creative Writing and our 2018 Commencement Poet, is a true representative of the great talent we welcome into Pine Manor College. Quintin's passion for poetry led him to seek a Master's degree program that offered the opportunity to become part of a community of creative writers. He found what he was looking for at PMC.

**Inclusive. Nurturing. Craft-focused.** The program focuses on fostering writer's voices, and providing a safe and supportive environment. It was at Pine Manor College that Quintin felt at home, in a place where all voices are heard, where diverse perspectives can thrive, where a supportive community made it safe to explore new paths. Reflecting on his journey, Quintin said: "It was the focus on craft that made this MFA program unique." He draws a parallel to building a house: "The Program gave us a toolbox – teaching us how to use the tools in a way that would be effective. Enabling each of us to build whatever house we want - having room to write and do our best writing."

Quintin was eager to put his newly refined skills to work as PMC's 2018 Commencement poet. He delivered his powerful poem, 'The Dandelion Speaks of Survival' to the graduating class. (Read the poem in the inside page of this Bulletin's front cover).

### ABOUT THE SOLSTICE LOW-RESIDENCY MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM AT PINE MANOR COLLEGE

The Solstice MFA in Creative Writing Program reflects the College's emphasis on inclusive, community-building by creating a supportive welcoming environment in which writers of all backgrounds are encouraged to take creative risks. The program strives to instill in our students an appreciation for the value of community-building and community service, and see engagement with the literary arts not only as a means to personal fulfillment, but also as an instrument for real cultural change.

## Published Over The Years.

Pine Manor College has continually encouraged students to express themselves through the written word. Below is a partial list of students who were published in the Literary Magazine over the years. The Magazines are archived at the Library's Special Collection.

**1964** Loulou Cattier – Janet Bane – Susan Grier Valerie Rough – Whitney Vosburgh – Jane Connor – Olivia Bartlett – Lois Meyer – Carol Ann McDonough – Mimsey Agathon – Martha Flinn – Peggy Godley



Mimsey Agathon '64

**1965** Carol McDonough – Martha Flinn – Olivia Bartlett – Jane Marcus – Elizabeth Gould – Deirdre Donovan – Elizabeth Viall – Virginia Langs – Darlene Brown – Page Wilson – Barbara Kneubuhl



Virginia Langs '66

**1966** Jennifer Beard – Louise Oppenheimer – Virginia Langs – Laura Watts Barbara Kneubuhl – Susan Blackmar – Susan Newburger – Kathy Donovan – Mino Duffy – Barbara Beattie – Wrenn Hutson



Lavinia Bennett '68

**1968** Susan Hewitt



Merle Linda Wolin '68

*Merle Linda Wolin '68 was the Assistant Editor of the Literary Magazine during her college career at Pine Manor College. She went on to receive two nominations for the Pulitzer Prize and winning more than 15 international awards.*

Merle Linda Wolin – Betty Atkinson – Lavinia Bennett – Sara Clay – Charles Coffin – Mabel Coyle – Lynda Hartman – Elizabeth Land – Jane Lederer – Louise Meredith Linsley Price – Anthony Thompson Christopher Sanders – Betty Atkinson – Lavinia Bennett – Sara Clay – Charles Coffin – Mabel Coyle – Lynda Hartman – Elizabeth Land – Jane Lederer – Louise Meredith – Linsley Price – Joan Blair – Rilla Chaney – Eve Cotter – Maybel Coyle – Rosamond Groves – Frances Schaefer – Pamela Snyder – Gretchen Pfaff – Valerie Katz – Helle Mathiasen – Cathy Kubecka – Giolina Henriquez – Carolien Stikker – Gaye Frasca – Martha Griffin – Stacey Johnson – Gretchen Jones – Jennifer Carver – Tony Thompson – Gretchen Bell Jones – Lina Macfarland – Janell Bragg – Darcel Devito – Marlene Graham – Theresa Mathews – Kathy Green – Linda Bisio – Jane Simonds – A.H. Thompson Marcia Blondel – Louise Marshall – Vivian Mook Ann Hazeltine – Charlotte Laverge – Barbara Bours Marilyn Domnitch – Barbara Jaffe – Sydney MacDonald – Martha Ellen Page – Alexandra Stevenson – Susan Swords



Claire Bischoff '75

**1970** Mathilde Koehler Min Grafmueller – Sarah Prendergast – Nancy Robbins – Betsy Rodgers – Mary F. Scott – Marcia Porter – Linda Pennell – Lynn Davenport – Ann Thomas – Pam Chimoures – Sue Hoerr – Georgie Cartwright – Shelley Cunningham – Dede Perkins – Ciddy Young – Sass Groton



Lillia Catlin '77

**1975** Susan Stetler – Melinda Tippet – Kati Miller – Barbara Hughes – Jill Kaner – Isabelle Johnson – Claire Bischoff



Faye M. White '78



Susan Sommers '80



Carol Ann Brown '83



Ruthanne Lowry '83

**1977** Lisa Riatti – Dana Murphy – Ann Merchant – Susan Wilson – Lillia Catlin Angela Sullivan – Gay West – Cynthia Lackner

**1978** Lee Cushing – Marie-Anne Goodwin Sarah C. Acer – Emily Mantel Brigitte – Bouchard Halley Singer – Josephine Russell Liz Hunt – Naoko Katayama Clare – McLean Robin – Hollis Friedman – Josephine Coombs – Gay Thomas Russell – Faye M. White

**1979** Sarah Henderson – Sarah Goodwin Soule – Faye M. White – Gail Jean Cotoia Willoughby G.E. Meynes – Jamie McNeeley – Donalyn Hunt – Lucy H. Eyre – Dianne Verrochi Alice Hayes – Anne Kerney

**1980** Deborah H. Rice – Cindy Taft – Allison Zucker – Carole Pelletier – Catherine Brandenburg van der Gronden – Cynthia Lee Whitehead – Fay Roosevelt – Melinda N. Shrum Babby Certilman – Leigh Hyatt – Elaine Sassower Carole Pelletier – Elizabeth Brooks Bogle – Ellena Beauchamp – Dianne Cremoni – Mary Fox Sally Herrera – Corey Kinkel – Susan Sommers Laurette Suppenant – Jane Zirnkilton – Susan Ross

**1981** Ellena Beauchamp – Joanne Sweeney – Ann O'Reilly – Arlinda Halliburton Heidi Neipris – Liz Block – Catherine Forbush Mehrdokht Majlessi – Tyler Yeomans – Nita Brown Christine O'Hara – Chris Gavrilles – Linda Conole

**1982** Marianne T. Murphy – Amy Fitzpatrick Stacey A. Florence – Eileen Hughes – Cheryl Lambert – Jane Bradley – Anne Taylor – Jane Foster Rene Crawford – Lynn Reichel – Ruthanne Lowry Cynthia Craton – Carol Ann Brown – Cynthia S. Pratt Helene A. Bledsoe – Ouaffa T'Souli – Nina E. Maloy Stacy Stuart – Anne Clougherty – Sara Faulkner Cara Marshall – Pam Cummings – Joan Blair Marcia Blondel – Andrika Donovan – Allen Lybrook Louise Marshall – Vivian Mook – Christopher Sanders – B.J. Williams

**1983** Carol Ann Brown – Nita Brown – Sara Faulkner – Helen Rhadigan – Karen Marlene Tholl – Sarah Flannery – Louisa Terry – Kathy Welch – H.E. Rhadigan – Fred Cabot – Eileen T. Hughes Aletha McHugh – Cynthia Craton – Laura Maria Cortes Emily H. Sader – Phoebe Hoyt – Kathy Welch – Sarah Flannery – Virginia Freeman – Gina Gervasoni – Ruthanne Lowry – Liz Stasinos – Renee Harrison – Diane Drons Marjorie Braunstein – Marilyn Dillman – Laura E. Morgart – Tori Walker

To read more about Merle Linda Wolin '68 and to see the full list of published students, visit: [www.pmc.edu/published](http://www.pmc.edu/published)

What sparked Quintin to explore the concept of survival? The answer is simple, his life experience as a young black man in the context of today's Black Lives Matter movement. Having grown up in the outskirts of Chicago, Quintin had little experience with the natural aspects of the environment. Sure, there were trees, but for Quintin, that was about the extent of it. Except, there was always the dandelion. In lawns and gardens.



"My mentor, Iain Haley Pollock, told me, 'Don't be afraid to write dangerous poems.'" Quintin Collins

Sidewalks and driveways. Pushing up through the cracks and continually coming back. So, his choice was made. He would use the dandelion as a natural aspect of his own experience to represent persistence and affirmation. The dandelion's struggle to survive became a message of universality and one that especially resonates with Pine Manor College students and alumnae/i.

**Meet Jenny Valdez '14.** In her academic and professional choices and in her commitment to social action, Jenny Valdez embodies the resiliency and passion described in Quintin's poem. Just like Quintin, Jenny found a warm and supportive community at Pine Manor College, a home away from home. In her Commencement speech, Jenny described the challenges she faced and the help she received from her Pine Manor College family. She had lost her mother to cancer, yet supported by many in the PMC community, she was determined to make her mother proud. She recalls the encouragement and the support that she received at a painful period in her life. While working a full-time job, she was able to complete her studies and move on to a meaningful career.



Jenny Valdez '14, Class Speaker, at her graduation. Currently, a Neighborhood Trauma Team lead

Shortly after graduating, Jenny worked as a Victim and Witness Advocate with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. More recently Jenny has joined the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Trauma Team (JPNTT) where she is working as the lead for the JPNTT, supporting residents and the community impacted by trauma and violence.

Jenny continues to invest in her career and her professional growth and is currently pursuing a Master's in Social Work at Simmons University in Boston.

As our students advance their skills and refine their professional aspirations, mentorships provide added breadth and depth to the knowledge that they acquire. Quintin describes how the Solstice MFA Program offers an avenue into the Boston literary scene and opportunities for conversations with different writers and people within the industry. Quintin came out of his last semester with a book manuscript. Proud to accomplish what he set out to do, Quintin had created a cohesive body of work, and since graduating in June of 2018, he has had 11 poems accepted for publication. "I am very glad to be part of a school that fosters voices that otherwise may not have space out in the world... creating equal opportunities so all voices can be heard."



Summer 2018 Solstice MFA in Creative Writing Program graduating class

And for Jenny, beyond a thriving and meaningful career, she cherishes her relationships with members of the Pine Manor College community and welcomes opportunities to visit her Alma Mater to help guide future PMC alums on their career paths.



A citation presented to the 2018 Honorary Degree recipient

## RENÉE WATSON

by Hannah Baker-Siroty, M.F.A.

Assistant Professor of English: Writing and Literature

Renée Watson is the author of picture books, young adult novels, and anthologies as well as a faculty member in Pine Manor College's Solstice MFA in Creative Writing Program. Her recent novel, *Piecing Me Together*, is a *New York Times* best seller. The novel received a Newbery Honor award, which is given annually to the most distinguished contribution in American literature for children. It was also the 2018 winner of the Coretta Scott King Book Award, which honors an outstanding contribution to young adult literature by an African American author.

Her children's picture books and teen novels are dedicated to social justice and have received several awards and international recognitions, including for her novel *This Side of Home*. For her picture book *Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills*, Watson earned an NAACP Image Award nomination as a New Voice in middle grade fiction. She has received the American Library Association Best Teen Novel Nomination in 2015 and 2017, and in 2014 she was a Keynote Speaker at the International Symposium for Cultural Diplomacy at the United Nations Headquarters. She received a bachelor's degree and a Creative Arts Therapy Certificate in Drama and Art Therapy from The New School in New York City.

Renée Watson's characters are vibrant, nuanced, and reflective of being a young person today, so it is no wonder that she has been recognized as an important voice for her remarkable contribution to literature. Her activism is reflected in her work, like her novel *This Side of Home*, which explores gentrification in Portland, Oregon—where she was raised.

In addition to Watson's literary achievements, she was featured this past April on CBS This Morning for her work founding the "I, Too Arts Collective," an organization committed to nurturing underrepresented voices in the creative arts. She launched and helped crowdsource funding to open up Langston Hughes' Harlem brownstone as a public arts space. This example of her passion to nurture new voices as well as preserve important landmarks in our collective cultural legacy are significant achievements. As an instructor here at Pine Manor College she has enlightened many about issues of social justice and everyday struggles of young people—especially teens of color.

We are honored to count Renée Watson as one of our faculty and are pleased to award her an honorary degree for her tireless work improving social justice in our community through her writing, activism, and teaching.

To watch the 2018 Commencement visit: [www.pmc.edu/commencement-2018](http://www.pmc.edu/commencement-2018)



# PINE MANOR COLLEGE HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS



Jonathan Higgenbotham '18, recipient of the President's Cup



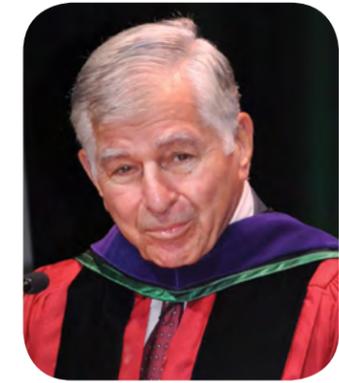
Professor William Stargard with Siera Robinson '18, recipient of the Pine Manor College Award



Renée Watson and Janine Dailey



Marcelina Nidaisy '18, delivering a reflection



A citation presented to the 2018 Honorary Degree recipient

## GOVERNOR MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS

by William B. Vogele, Ph.D.

Professor of Political Science

Governor Michael S. Dukakis is a native son of Brookline, Massachusetts, a former governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a nominee for President of the United States, and a tireless champion of the public good and public service.

Governor Dukakis earned his Bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania and his law degree from Harvard University School of Law. He has been awarded a number of honorary degrees, including from his alma mater and from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

His long career of public service began early. He enlisted in the United States Army and served in Korea from 1955 to 1957. Almost as soon as he finished law school, he was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, serving for eight years in the 1960s. He was elected Governor of Massachusetts three times – in 1975, 1983 and 1987. For his gubernatorial leadership in 1986 he was voted the Most Effective Governor in the United States by his peers of the National Governors' Association.

His leadership and character were also instrumental in securing his nomination as the presidential candidate of the Democratic Party in 1988. In the past thirty years he has served on the board of Amtrak and he has mentored emerging leaders, such as former Governor Deval Patrick and Senator Elizabeth Warren.

Today, Governor Dukakis continues to share his experience and insight as a Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Northeastern University, and a Visiting Professor at the Luskin School of Public Affairs at UCLA.

Accomplishments and awards are important recognitions of achievement. Of these, Governor Dukakis has many, all richly deserved. It is character and passion, however that define a person. Governor Michael S. Dukakis embodies the values of public service, community, and persistence that Pine Manor College represents. Like many of our students, he is the son of immigrants who clearly instilled in him a passion for education. And, like many students and like Pine Manor College itself, he cares deeply for community. He strives to make connections among individuals and communities and seeks to promote the public good.

Governor Dukakis follows in the footsteps of his late mother, Euterpe Boukis Dukakis, who accepted an honorary Doctorate of Letters from Pine Manor College in 1993. Pine Manor College is proud to have him join our community with the award of an honorary degree.



## 2018 ALPHA CHI AND HONORS CEREMONY

Pine Manor College's top academic achievers were recognized on Wednesday, February 28th, 2018, in the annual Alpha Chi Honor Society Induction and PMC's Academic Honors Ceremony, led by **William Stargard, Ph.D.**, Professor of Art History and Alpha Chi Faculty Advisor.

Professor Stargard opened the evening by remarking on the significance of the event to an audience of student honorees, their families and friends, faculty, staff, administrators and members of the Board of Trustees, "This evening is a celebration of academic excellence, both for Alpha Chi inductees as well as Dean's List students. Ceremonies like tonight are central to Pine Manor College because they allow the College community to come together and re-confirm the principles of academic learning and accomplishment that guide us."

Led in by **Lisa Rodrigues '06, M.Ed.**, four students were inducted into the Alpha Chi Honor Society. This year, Pine Manor College added the following students' names to the list of more than 400,000 members who have joined Alpha Chi since 1922:

Karoline D'Brito '19 ■ Atazhanna Furtado-Triplett '20  
 McCala McDonald '18 ■ Dona Romain '18

Professor Stargard and **Susan Bear, Ph.D., Professor of Biology**, presented the Alpha Chi recipients with Alpha Chi pins and framed certificates. Professor Stargard asked the inductees to accept the recognition and congratulations of the community. This year's Alpha Chi Honorary Inductee was **William Vogeles, Ph.D.**, Professor of Political Science.

Professor Vogeles was introduced by the Dean of the College, **Diane Mello-Goldner, Ph.D.**, who described his 22 years of dedication to Pine Manor College and his commitment to his students. Professor Vogeles addressed his fellow inductees and the audience, speaking to the value of truth in scholarship and in the world today. For Professor Vogeles' full speech, click here: [www.pmc.edu/honors2018](http://www.pmc.edu/honors2018)



## PMCA PINNING CEREMONY

On May 3rd, we recognized members of the College Ambassador's Program (PMCA) including First Year Success Mentors, Orientation Leaders, and Resident Assistants, in a pinning ceremony.

PMCA aspires to build a community of student leaders who will represent the mission, vision, and values of the College. The PMCA Program offers students training to develop their leadership skills, and through their work, the College hopes to foster a greater sense of community among all students, develop a more socially just learning environment, and create more opportunities for students to access support services and resources.

To read more: [www.pmc.edu/recognizing-our-pmc-ambassadors](http://www.pmc.edu/recognizing-our-pmc-ambassadors)



## WELCOME NEW FACULTY



**Brendon Albertson**, Assistant Professor of Foundational Learning and English Language Learners at Pine Manor College, graduated from Central Connecticut State University with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology in May 2008 and an M.S. in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) in 2011. Brendon comes to Pine Manor College from the YMCA International Learning Center in Boston and the TEFL Academy in Boston, where he has been a Teacher Trainer.

**Raquel Lopez**, Assistant Professor of Business and Management at Pine Manor College, is a graduate of Federal University of Mato Grosso in Brazil with a B.A. in Business Administration and Management, 1999, Everest University, an M.B.A. International Business, 2005, and Nova Southeastern University Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership with a minor in Brain-based Leadership, 2012. Raquel has been a lecturer at multiple local colleges and universities including: Fisher College, Lesley University, Salem State University, and Merrimack College. Raquel is also a local business owner and consultant.



**Christopher Rivera**, Assistant Professor of English at Pine Manor College, is a graduate of University of Delaware (B.A. Spanish 2001, Indiana University M.A. Hispanic Literature, 2003, and Rutgers University Ph.D. Interdisciplinary Studies, 2010. Christopher was most recently employed by Essex County College in Newark, NJ as the Chair of the Division of Humanities and Bilingual Studies.

**Michelle Barreto Wilson**, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology at Pine Manor College, is a graduate of Florida International University with a B.A. in Psychology in 2003, an M.S. in Life Span Developmental Science in 2007, and a Ph.D. in Life Span Developmental Science and Health Psychology in 2009. Michelle was most recently an Associate Professor at Mt. Ida College where she held the following administrative appointments: Chair of Social Sciences, Chair of Psychology and Sociology, and Chair of Psychology.



## HALF A CENTURY OF TEACHING AND MENTORING

### ABOUT PMC 2018 RETIREES

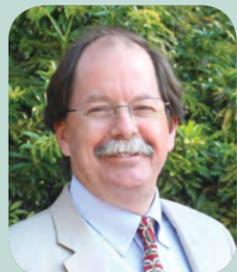


#### SARAH WOOLF

Director of the Annenberg Library

Began at PMC in 1993

**Sarah Woolf, MLS**, has shaped the Annenberg Library for 25 years, creating a welcoming, comfortable and relevant place for generations of Pine Manor College students. Through innovative programming and close relationships with faculty and staff she embedded academic programs into the Library and oversaw instruction. As Library Director she initiated the digitization of library collections and created a partnership with the Minuteman Library Network Consortium.



#### WILLIAM VOGELE

Professor of Political Science

Began at PMC in 1996

**William Voegel, PhD**, has devoted his academic career to peace and conflict studies and has contributed to numerous publications on the subject. He has been instrumental in the development of interdisciplinary curriculum programs and of ways to build student success through experiential learning. He served as Dean of the College from 2011 to 2014, providing leadership through a period of change at PMC. The Board of Trustees bestowed Emeritus status on Professor Voegel in September of 2018.

Help support their legacy.  
Make a gift today at [www.pmc.edu/giving](http://www.pmc.edu/giving)  
Read more at [www.pmc.edu/note-from-2018-retirees](http://www.pmc.edu/note-from-2018-retirees)



In August we marked an exciting start to the new academic year. Convocation officially kicked off the fall semester with a welcome celebration in Ellsworth Theatre. This year's theme centered around **mindfulness** and the community was treated to a "Be Mindful" rock (see picture) as a reminder of positive motivation, thoughtfulness, and care. Following Convocation, GatorFest was held on the lawn of the Ferry Administration Building and the Ashby Student Center patio. A great celebration to the start off the year.

Read more at: [www.pmc.edu/convocation2018](http://www.pmc.edu/convocation2018)

## CONVOCATION 2018



#### Diane Mello-Goldner, Ph.D., Dean of the College

As "Be Mindful" gator rocks were offered to students, Dean Mello-Goldner explained that the college is focusing on mindfulness this year. "Each rock looks slightly different from the other which also represents the great diversity on our campus. We are asked to be mindful, to care for members of the community, our peers, our friends, and equally important, ourselves."



#### Welcome: Thomas M. O'Reilly, M.B.A., President

"We are here for only one reason, to help you graduate. We believe in your ability to do the work, to learn and to grow. That means that if we work together, you will graduate. We are committed to helping you succeed, during your college career and beyond."



#### Alumna Greeting: Jammy Millet '11, Director of Restorative Practices and Community Standards

"If it wasn't for my Pine Manor family of professors and faculty and staff who helped me see myself as a woman of the world, I would have never felt empowered to become this authentic version of myself I had always envisioned, and that's a fact."



#### Upperclass Student Speakers: Wendy Napoleon '20

"Evergreens never die, resembling the fire burning in you and me. It never dies."



#### Upperclass Student Speakers: Edwin Osias '18

"Smooth seas never made a skilled sailor."



#### 2018 Ruth Allinger Gibson Teaching Award Speaker: Kelly DeFao, J.D., Assistant Professor of Sociology and Political Science

"All of us have the capacity to be successful."



#### Lisa Rodrigues '06, M.Ed., Associate Dean of Student Affairs

"We have diversity of thoughts, ethnicities and races, genders and gender expression, religions, sexual orientations, socioeconomic backgrounds, and abilities. The students on this campus bring resiliency, persistence, and the ability to navigate and overcome obstacles. This diversity enriches our learning and our thinking. It makes us stronger and richer."



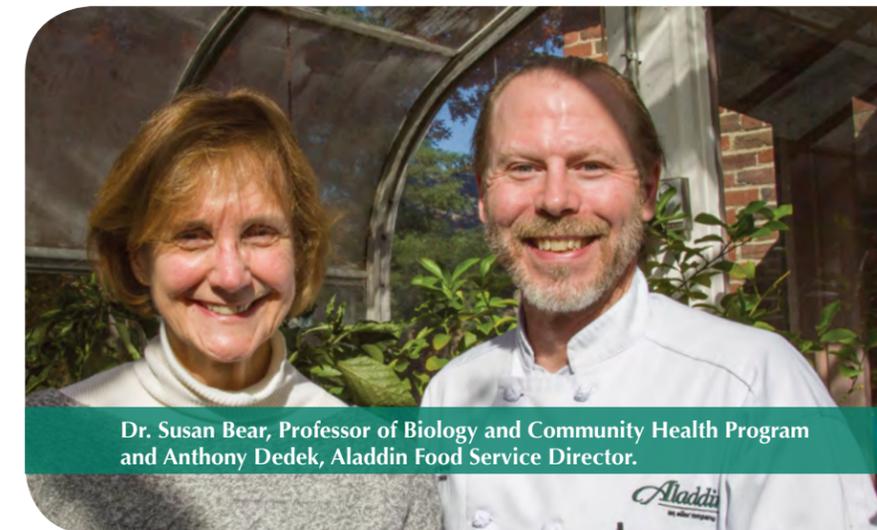
## FARM TO TABLE

**FRESH NEW IDEAS ARE GROWING IN THE GREENHOUSE.  
A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT  
AND OUR FOOD SERVICE PROVIDER ALADDIN BROUGHT  
CAMPUS-GROWN HERBS AND VEGETABLES TO THE DINING HALL.**

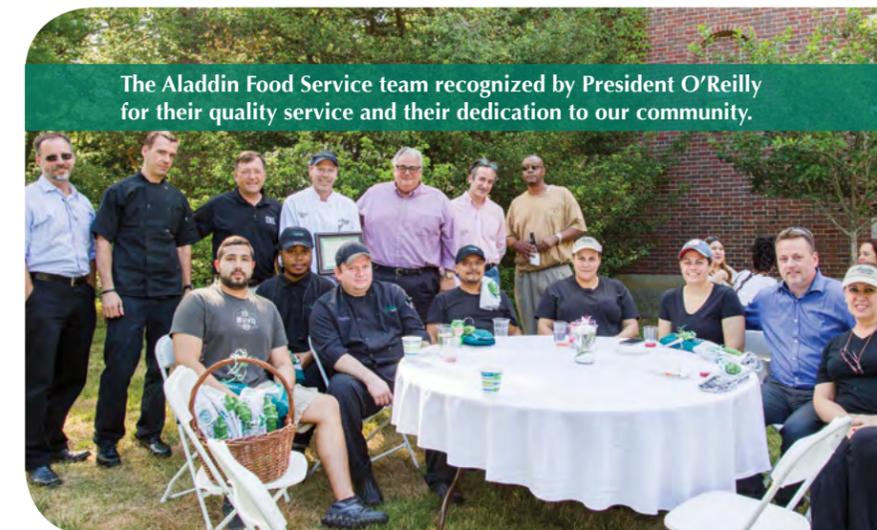
With a contribution from Aladdin Food Services, the PMC greenhouse received an exciting make-over this summer. Collaborating on the efforts were Anthony (Tony) Dedek from Aladdin and Dr. Susan Bear, Professor of Biology. The goal was to transform the greenhouse and work together to grow herbs and vegetables that will be used in the PMC dining hall.

Aladdin funded a new bench and trays, and much of the work was accomplished thanks to Tony's dedication. Tony got a helping hand from his daughter, Sophia Dedek, a sophomore at Needham High, who painted the herb signs and also helped to paint the entry way to the greenhouse. Thank you, Sophia!

The greenhouse produced a lot of basil, parsley, chives, grape-tomatoes, and peppers this summer, allowing our Aladdin chefs to make fresh basil pesto and use other herbs and peppers for garnishes and enriching ingredients in salads and pastas. More veggie winter crops are in the works!



Dr. Susan Bear, Professor of Biology and Community Health Program and Anthony Dedek, Aladdin Food Service Director.



The Aladdin Food Service team recognized by President O'Reilly for their quality service and their dedication to our community.



Are you ready for wonderful culinary experience? Stop by the dining hall and you are sure to come by a tasty meal using some ingredients grown right on campus.

Summer crops of basil, chives, grape-tomatoes, and peppers

WANT TO START YOUR OWN BUSINESS? BE YOUR OWN BOSS?

## LET'S GET TO BUSINESS!

"Let's get to Business" is a new program initiated by Assistant Professor Joe Fagnoli, of the Business and Management Department, to offer an intimate setup for expert presentation. Hosting distinguished speakers, the events allow for informal Q&A, and interaction with PMC students.

November's presentations highlighted experiences, lessons learned, and unique challenges faced by entrepreneurs as they are building new businesses and adjusting to changing demands and priorities.



Gregory Stoller with Business and Management students



### Gregory Stoller

**Senior Lecturer -  
Strategy and Innovation  
Boston University Questrom  
School of Business**

Gregory Stoller is actively involved in building entrepreneurship, experiential learning and international business programs at Boston University. He also actively mentors student teams which participate in business plan and venture capital competitions. He is the owner of a commercial real estate holding company and speaks, reads and writes seven different languages. He holds a BS from Cornell University and MBA from Harvard Business School.



### Joe Caruso

**Investor/Advisor/Advocate -  
Bantam Group**

Joe Caruso has served as mentor, coach, and personal advisor to CEOs and entrepreneurs. In recent years, he has served as investor, advisor and active director with dozens of companies, public and private. Bantam Group investments have included software, web services, materials/semiconductor, energy, security, analytical instrumentation, business services, life science and retail/consumer businesses.

To read more: [www.pmc.edu/lets-get-to-business](http://www.pmc.edu/lets-get-to-business)



Thomas O'Reilly, LeRoy Watkins, Joe Fagnoli, Donna Chaplin, Janine Dailey, and Ben Krysiak

### IN YOUR BACKYARD

In Your Back Yard is a Pine Manor College program designed for the greater PMC community. Most recently, the program hosted local entrepreneurs **LeRoy Watkins**, **Donna Chaplin**, and **Ben Krysiak** for a lively discussion about entrepreneurship. Moderated by Assistant Prof. Joe Fagnoli, the topics included personal accounts of business challenges, resiliency, and many practical tips for all aspiring entrepreneurs.

Read more at: [www.pmc.edu/in-your-back-yard](http://www.pmc.edu/in-your-back-yard)

"I learned so much more than I had expected, not only about science but about myself and the path I want to take in my future" - A College-Bound Explorers Student



## COLLEGE-BOUND EXPLORERS

### A SCIENCE SUMMER PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

With support from the Healthcare and Biomedical Science Advisory Council, Pine Manor College ran the inaugural summer program for high school students called "College-Bound Explorers." The 2-week summer science program recruited Boston Public School high school juniors and seniors and focused on the theme "Healthy Individuals - Healthy Environment." The program featured hands-on science activities and experiments in indoor laboratories and outside environmental settings. For this pilot program, PMC collaborated with Dr. Addy Alt-Holland, scientist and researcher at Tufts Dental

School, and developed a new partnership with environmental scientists and facilitators at Hale Reservation. One of the central themes throughout the program was to connect the health of the environment to the health of those living in it. The program hosted 14 students from 10 schools (and one home-schooled student) with many supported by a full scholarship. Plans are underway for next summer, expanding the program to 3 weeks and incorporating additional partnerships into the curriculum. [Learn more: www.pmc.edu/college-bound-explorers](http://www.pmc.edu/college-bound-explorers)



Rahsaan Hall with Students

### INSPIRE SPEAKER SERIES WITH RAHSAAN HALL

Pine Manor College's Inspire Program was honored to host **Rahsaan Hall**, Esq, Director of Racial Justice Program, American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts (ACLU).

Mr. Hall spoke of the journey that led to his current role at the ACLU. Through a narrative of past events, Mr. Hall captured the origins of racial injustice and advised students to: "Learn as much as you can, or in other words, 'Do the knowledge.'"

The PMC Inspire Speaker Series hosts accomplished leaders and advocates who can provide a role model by sharing the story of their journey to a successful and fulfilling life.



Ambassador Caroline Kennedy, Tom O'Reilly, and PMC students

### CAROLINE KENNEDY WITH PMC STUDENTS AT THE HARVARD INSTITUTE OF POLITICS

In the Spring of 2018, President O'Reilly and Pine Manor College students were invited to participate in a welcome reception for **Mark Gearan**, the new Director of the Harvard Institute of Politics. The event was held in the Wexner Commons in the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. During the reception, President O'Reilly and students **Rafael Baez '19** and **Alan Zamora '21**, met with Ambassador **Caroline Kennedy**, and Political Consultant **David Axelrod**, the founder and Director of the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics.

# FROM THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (ELI)



## A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER AT ELI

The summer season at ELI is always an exciting time, as students come into the program to study English, deepen their understanding and appreciation of American culture and to explore the sights and heritage of Boston!

This past summer season saw some 450 students from more than a dozen countries come into our welcoming campus, including students from Argentina, Brazil, China, Colombia, Ecuador, France, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Spain, Taiwan and Vietnam. While many came as individuals, ELI also hosted a dozen groups of mainly high-school aged students. The students were challenged to improve their English by engaging in lively classes that encouraged them to learn from each other by sharing their cultural insights. Not only does this help them to improve their English, but it draws the student community closer together as they bridge cultural divides.

For diversions, the program offered trips around the cities of Boston and Cambridge, showing off Harvard, MIT, the North End, Museum of Fine Arts, Freedom Trail, museums, shopping, sporting events, and more during the week, and then weekend excursions to such places as Salem, Newport Rhode Island, Six Flags amusement park, and whale watching. While the excursions off-campus were exciting, many students enjoyed more than anything else the time that they spent on-campus interacting with new friends from different countries in interactive games, dances, or pick-up soccer or volleyball matches. Many students made new lifelong friends during their short stay this summer at ELI.

“We look forward to another high-energy summer in 2019 allowing more students to have enriching and transformative experiences,” said ELI Program Director, Dan Bohrs, “We’re excited to report that we already have groups putting in reservations to join us next summer!” [www.pmc.edu/ELI](http://www.pmc.edu/ELI)



From “Do I Make You Happy?” performance



Artist Jessica Liggero



Photographer Marky Kauffmann '72



Artist & former faculty, Carole Rabe

“**Outspoken: 7 Women Photographers**” Curated by Pine Manor College alumna and recent Massachusetts Cultural Council fellowship winner, Marky Kauffmann '72. Marky invited seven nationally and internationally known women photographers to show work that touches on many facets of feminism and women's experience.

“**Faculty and Friends**” Distinguished current and past faculty, and friends of the Pine Manor College Art Department exhibited together at the Hess Gallery.

“**Do I Make You Happy?**” Adria Arch's installation art was exuberant and joyous, as though her abstract paintings grew, morphed, and sprang off the wall in a flamboyant riot of color. Adria worked with dancers from the Luminarium Dance Company (pictured on the top is Jennifer Muffin Roberts) to create a brand-new, premiere performance combining dance and sculpture for Pine Manor College's ArtsFest events! [www.pmc.edu/hess-gallery](http://www.pmc.edu/hess-gallery)



## A GIFT FROM CONGRESSMAN KENNEDY

U.S. Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy III, who visited the campus last spring, generously offered a gift to the College, a U.S. flag that has been flown over the dome of the U.S. Capitol Building. President O'Reilly accepted this special gift on behalf of the College, and in a note to the community he wrote: “We would fly it proudly knowing that it represents all of the United States, including the Pine Manor College community, and the values we hold dearly. We will fly it as a reminder that our community counts equally among our country's people, and of our commitment to preserve and protect our inalienable rights. We will fly it as a reminder also that the United States is the home of a diverse people, celebrated for their individuality, who together help ensure a better future for all – E Pluribus Unum!”

To read the President's complete letter: [www.pmc.edu/a-gift-from-congressman-kennedy](http://www.pmc.edu/a-gift-from-congressman-kennedy)



*Congratulations*  
**TO THE PMC MEN'S  
BASKETBALL TEAM FOR  
WINNING THE ACAA  
CHAMPIONSHIP!**



Our Basketball team is following a great tradition of sportsmanship at PMC. Above our women's team playing the first game at the new gym that was opened in 1983.



**MULTICULTURAL MAGIC  
AT THE CHILD STUDY CENTER**

For many years, the The Ann Pappajohn Vassiliou Child Study Center (CSC) has attracted families from all over the world. Many come to Boston for job opportunities and may reside in Brookline, Newton, and surrounding communities. They find the Child Study Center to be a welcoming environment for their young children as well as for the entire family. Many times they comment on the multicultural student body and the enriched experiences that it brings to the classroom. This year, CSC has students whose parents are from Australia, Belarus, Canada, China, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, India, Japan, Romania, South Korea, Switzerland, and the U.S.

This winter, the center will host Family Sharing, where families visit the classroom and share something about their culture. Parents often focus on a holiday and teach the children in the class about their family traditions. "It is a wonderful way for us to learn more about the families," said CSC Director, Lynne Love, "and the children are able to engage in many different art projects, cooking, playing musical instruments from other countries, listening to stories from different corners of the world."

In 2018, the Ann Pappajohn Vassiliou Child Study Center (CSC) once again offered a summer program, providing child care services year-round. To learn more visit: [www.pmc.edu/CSC](http://www.pmc.edu/CSC)



Boston Latin School summer intern, Alex Kim, enjoys a swing at the CSC.



Double the care: the summer program enrollment included 4 pairs of twins!



## ALUMNAE/I EVENTS:

### MARCH 2018

Alumnae from different generations gathered to network and socialize at Papa Razzi in Wellesley, Massachusetts.



Jonathan Higgsbothen '18 and family, Napa, CA alumnae/i event

### APRIL 2018

President Tom O'Reilly hosted a Meet & Greet for alumnae/i at the Mark Bar in New York City.

### MAY 2018

Kathleen Healey Willcox '89 hosted a beautiful alumnae/i luncheon where guests had the opportunity to meet President Tom O'Reilly at the Apawamis Club in Rye, New York.



Northern California alumnae/i event

### JUNE 2018

The Northern California Pine Manor College Alumnae/i Club held their annual lunch at Delancey Street restaurant in San Francisco, California.

### SEPTEMBER 2018

Elizabeth "Betts" Neuhaus Armstrong '75 and Marjorie "Margie" Lunder Goldy '81 hosted a luncheon for alumnae/i to meet President Tom O'Reilly at the Cumberland Club in Portland, Maine.

Betsy Van Orsdel Moulds '64 and her husband Steve hosted an event at their vineyard in Napa, California welcoming President Tom O'Reilly to Northern California and welcoming Jonathan Higgsbothen '18 to becoming a brand new alumni.

### OCTOBER 2018

Pine Manor College Trustee Tim and Sarah Acer Allen '79/'81 hosted a Meet and Greet cocktail party for alumnae/i, neighbors and friends of the College at their home in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.



Gwynne Rivers '88, Courtney Wallace Peterson '07, Marjie Parsons Lavendier '70, Lori Mann Brightman '89, Portland, Maine luncheon.



Margie Lunder Goldy '81 and Courtney Wallace Peterson '07, Portland, Maine luncheon.



Susie Scurich '68, Steve and Betsy Van Orsdel Moulds '64, Meredith Pine-Baky '68 at an alumnae/i gathering, Napa, CA.



Liz Cary Blum '92, Jacquie van Haelst '55, Jan Law '66, Dole Keefrider Galvin '93, Sarah Acer Allen '79/'81, Gwen Baker '74, Wellesley, MA alumnae/i event.



Alumnae/i listening to Tom O'Reilly speak about Pine Manor College today, Napa, CA.



Kathleen Healey Willcox '89 yearbook picture



President Tom O'Reilly and Kathleen Healey Willcox '89, Rye, NY.

# KATHLEEN HEALEY WILLCOX '89, HOST

Early in 2018 Kathleen (Kathy) Healey Willcox '89 reached out wanting to help Pine Manor College by hosting an alumnae/i event. Kathy, a proud Pine Manor College alumna living in Darien, Connecticut, found the architectural beauty of the buildings at the College incredibly meaningful as well as the dedication and devotion of the faculty and staff whom she credits for shaping her into the person she is today. Kathy keeps in touch with many friends from Pine Manor College, and is a busy mom to Lyosha who is in middle school, has an interior design business called Hampton Roads Interiors and travels with her husband quite often. She also has four dogs! And her sister Noreen Healey '85 is an alumna!

After researching options, Kathy secured a beautiful room at her country club, picked the menu options, and together we invited alumnae who are local to the area. On May 30th, 17 people come together, ranging from the Class of 1954 to the Class of 1992, for a wonderful lunch and to hear President Tom O'Reilly give an update on Pine Manor College today. Everyone enjoyed meeting the President, and had a lovely time connecting (or reconnecting) with each other.

We would like to thank the many alumnae/i who took time out of their busy schedules to generously host a PMC event including Elizabeth (Betts) Neuhaus Armstrong '75 and Marjorie (Margie) Lunder Goldy '81 who co-hosted a beautiful alumnae/i lunch at the Cumberland Club in Portland, Maine. It is always a very enjoyable time connecting with each other and sharing old stories and hearing new updates.



Alumnae/i luncheon at the Apawamis Club, Rye, NY. Standing: Liz Cary Blum '92, Tracy Roland Alexander '91, Lisa Jo Hurbaugh '89, Lise Leist '73, Allison Smyth Dunn '91, President Tom O'Reilly, Sharon Smyth Libman '88. Sitting: David Preston, Sallye Taylor Stephenson '54, Barbara Biddulph Preston '58.

## WANT TO HELP HOST EVENTS?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ALUMNAE/I TO HELP HOST EVENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST AN EVENT,

PLEASE CALL LIZ CARY BLUM '92 AT 617-731-7006 OR EMAIL [ECARYBLUM@PMC.EDU](mailto:ECARYBLUM@PMC.EDU)

# GIVING WITH PURPOSE

## A WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT

“Tom, I’m coming over, maybe I can help,” so began the phone call between Bill Schawbel and fellow Boston Latin School Alumnus, President Thomas M. O’Reilly, upon Tom’s appointment to Pine Manor College. Mr. Schawbel, who focuses his philanthropic support on diversity, education, and entrepreneurship, found touch points for all three on his visit to the PMC campus. While observing changes to small higher education institutions, he is quick to note that “the timeliness [of Pine Manor College’s work] couldn’t be better. We’re finding that similar colleges of the past are disappearing, so Pine Manor is truly one of the few that is successful.” The ability to adapt the College’s programs and provide the education and support needed by underserved populations continue to be a hallmark of Pine Manor College. At first, taking his time to learn about the College, Mr. Schawbel noted the College’s focus on student success, as well as recent financial improvements, and while exploring the campus itself, he then dove straight into assessing the current needs of the school. As a first step, he suggested the creation of a development plan that would aim to raise a minimum of \$10 million for infrastructure upgrades, improvements to the learning experience for students, and growth of external name awareness of Pine Manor College. He explains, “There are so many things of value here: the incredible faculty and staff who mentor and teach College-capable students; a wonderful, educationally-oriented location which offers so many off-campus opportunities and resources close at hand; and a collective community commitment to ensuring all students are creating bridges to a more prosperous future.” As a successful entrepreneur, Schawbel offers his support, “Pine Manor College is working with a diverse student body that deserves that chance.” He points out that people who are mission-aligned should financially support the College’s programs, concluding, “they will get a huge return on investment. Pine Manor College is an opportunity for investment.”



**Bill Schawbel**, *Businessman, philanthropist and Roxbury native*



## SUPPORTING THE STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVE

Representing the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation, Christopher Oddleifson, CEO of Rockland Trust Company and the President and Chief Executive Officer of its parent, Independent Bank, presented a \$10,000 donation to Pine Manor College in support of the College’s **Initiative for Student Success**. Launched in 2017, the program provides each Pine Manor College student with a personal academic advisor and a personal success coach. This exceptional support system was intentionally designed to maintain a graduation rate of 3 times the national average for the student population the College serves.

“We’re grateful for the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation’s investment in this important initiative,” said President O’Reilly, “This will strengthen our efforts and help the College to maintain its success rate in graduates’ employment, and ensure that our graduates go on to careers or advanced studies.”

Building on the College’s history of providing student support, and through a holistic and collaborative institutional approach, the Initiative for Student Success aims to increase students’ likelihood of graduating by offering enhanced support and resources. By hiring new staff who focus on each student’s individual needs, the program helps students to succeed by streamlining many of the College’s services. Through experiential learning opportunities, mandatory internships, service-learning projects, and unlimited professional tutoring, students develop both skills and confidence that help them achieve their academic, professional, and personal goals.

“The Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation is proud to help Pine Manor College support their students’ growth and success through this extraordinary initiative,” said Edward Seksay, Chair of the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation Board of Directors. “Life-long learning is a priceless gift that benefits everyone and supporting Pine Manor’s mission helps us deliver on our promise to serve as a good community partner.”

## ENSURING STUDENTS’ CAREER READINESS

Brant Binder moved into the Chestnut Hill neighborhood in 2004. He spent years walking past Pine Manor College taking his children to the playground, and to their bus stop. He even ventured on campus a few times to see his children perform in Ellsworth Theatre, but it wasn’t until meeting President Thomas O’Reilly at a Town Hall Meeting in 2017 that he began to learn about all that was happening at PMC.

As a Biotech Executive and ardent supporter of HMS MEDscience, a high school STEM program, the Healthcare and Biomedical Careers Pathways at Pine Manor College was a natural point of interest to Mr. Binder. Over half of the participants in the HMS MEDscience are students in the Boston Public Schools and Mr. Binder had recognized that after completing the MEDscience semester there was often not a clear next step for these students to pursue their interests in the sciences. In speaking with President O’Reilly, it became clear that the programs available at Pine Manor College could be a bridge for these students. However, in order to best prepare them for jobs in the biotech sector, a sector that is only predicted to grow in the coming years, and to expand our Biology and Chemistry offerings, upgrading the lab space at Pine Manor College is necessary.

To support this effort, and the College’s mission of *Educating with Purpose*, Mr. Binder, making use of his extensive knowledge and network, has engaged a team to assess the current lab conditions, and to identify the upgrade requirements that will allow the highly skilled training necessary to better prepare our students to enter to the labor force. Going forward he will spearhead a group that will ensure these recommendations are implemented, and that Pine Manor College can continue living our mission, making certain that all graduates are prepared to take meaningful steps in their lives engaging in new jobs and careers, continuing to learn, and positively contributing to their communities.



**Brant Binder**, *a PMC neighbor, is the Founder & Chief Financial Officer at SRU Biosystems, Inc. and Co-Founder and President at X-BODY, Inc.*

# A LEGACY OF PURPOSE

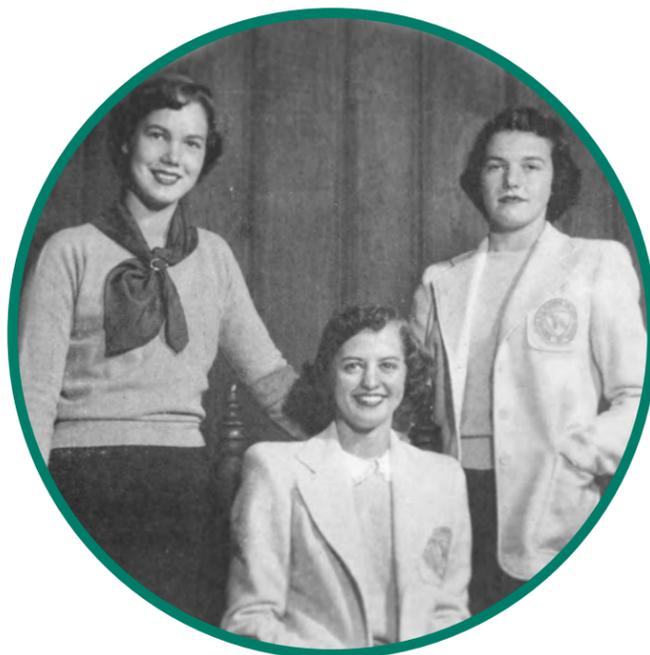
## BARBARA GRAY KOCH '50

When Barbara (Babs) Gray Koch, '50 was recently asked about her decision to support Pine Manor College with a legacy gift, she replied, "I put a lot of credit to the small, wonderful, cozy environment and cultural life that was there." However, at first, she recalls, "I didn't want to go." Her father suggested a visit to campus, a two-year school at the time, but Babs thought it may be too "fuffy" for her. Her father eventually convinced her to make the journey, and what she soon realized was that "it was fabulous for me. It gave me a very good bounce to my life, and a good foundation."

As with her initial hesitation about her own enrollment, each transition for the school has also given Babs pause. The change from a two-year to a four-year school, from a women's college to co-educational made her ponder, "how are they going to change?" I wanted to "make sure it is for the better," she says.



Barbara Gray. Pine Log 1950



Service League Officers: Barbara Gray, President, (center)  
Francine Murphy (left) and Jean Anderson (right)

It took time, she continues, to "get over my own hurdles with the school moving in, what seemed on the surface, a completely different direction from the days when I was there." But a piece in last year's Bulletin about the Business/Management program piqued her interest in what was happening at PMC. A meeting with President Thomas M. O'Reilly expanded her knowledge about the Business Major and introduced her to the Pathways Program to careers in Healthcare and Biomedical Sciences. "I was excited to be able to support programs like those," she says "where we could educate young people to love more than just the arts. The Pathways Programs open the students' eyes to all aspects of health services. They enable students to go out and get a good job that will help the world. Anyone having the chance to go to PMC should expect it to give them a solid start."

"I want PMC to be looked up to," she continues, "the small size and cozy atmosphere, the warmth, the beautiful, historic campus" all these things remain the same as in my day." The changes that have been made only enhance Pine Manor College's ability to be a "far-reaching future-minded college. I know what Pine Manor College brought to my life," Babs states, "and I want it to do the same for others that's why I want to ensure my support continues well into the future."

## PLAYING ON THE SAME TEAM

Brookline Paddle Club (BPC) President, Jeff Ward, presents President Thomas O'Reilly an honorary membership at their season opener on September 30, 2018. President O'Reilly thanked Jeff Ward and the BPC for the fruitful relationship they have enjoyed over the years as well as the generous contribution the BPC made to the College in 2018.



## Every student benefits when you give!

*Gifts to Pine Manor College have a transformational impact on the life of every student. Students are able to embrace and embark on academic and career paths that impact their lives and bring positive change to their families and their communities.*

*When you give to Pine Manor College, it translates into meaningful outcomes that are evident in the lives of each and every student.*

## Your gift matters!

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### Securities

*Giving appreciated securities to Pine Manor College can be more tax advantageous than giving cash. If you donate appreciated securities held longer than one year, you can deduct the full fair market value, regardless of what you originally paid for them, and you pay no capital gains tax on the donated securities. With these tax savings, the actual cost of your gift can be less than if you had made a cash gift.*

### Planned Gifts

*Planned gifts can be an effective means of providing tax savings and financial benefits to you and your family, while also providing ultimately for a substantial charitable gift to Pine Manor College. Gifts made under a variety of options, including bequests and trusts, may provide you with significant tax savings when you make the gift, and provide savings to your estate in the future.*

### Matching Gifts

*Many companies match charitable gifts made by employees, retirees, and directors. You can increase the impact of your contribution by applying to your company for a matching gift. Check with your human resources department for details about your company's matching gift program.*

**We'd love to hear from you.  
Contact us at 617-731-7113  
or email: [development@pmc.edu](mailto:development@pmc.edu).**

**We are grateful for your interest and support.**

## Support Today's Students and Tomorrow's Leaders

Your gift to the Pine Manor College Annual Fund makes a real and tangible difference in our students' lives.

Your support allows us to continue the important work of educating a unique and inspiring group of young people, providing them with opportunities to realize their dreams.



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