**FROM THE DIRECTOR**

**CAHN FELLOWS PROGRAM RAISES OVER $10,000 FOR ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN**

Over the past decade, through each of our 250 participating school leader’s dedication and commitment, the Cahn Fellows Program has flourished into a national leadership and professional development program for distinguished principals in New York City, Newark and Chicago.

Throughout 2013, we sought to raise $10,000 on behalf of the program’s 10th anniversary, and at our first annual fundraising reception in October, we affirmed what the program is all about as we more than accomplished our fundraising goal!

Over 100 people attended the event (see photos on page 3), including Cahn Fellows, Allies and Board members as well as other leaders in education. Newly appointed New York City School Chancellor Carmen Fariña (pictured right), an outgoing member of the Cahn Fellows Program board, hosted the reception at her Brooklyn home. Fariña said, “The networking that took place was impressive; the exchanging of ideas and brainstorming reminded us why we work so hard to maintain the Cahn Fellows Program and to cultivate such an environment of professionals and leaders for education in New York.”

Teachers College President Susan Fuhrman was amongst the attendees and gave a heartfelt speech about the program’s impressive impact. Chuck Cahn, the honoring program founder and chairman of the Cahn Fellows Program board, expressed his deep appreciation to the Fellow and Ally principals whose work and accomplishments have improved schools in three cities.

We hope to make this fundraising reception an annual event, and look forward to receiving matching donations this coming year from all Cahn Fellows and Allies. Attached is the donation form for your annual gift.

I hope that each and every Cahn Fellow and Ally will be among the contributors to our fundraising goal for 2014. Enjoy the photos of the event on page 3.

All the best, Bill
2014 Donation Form

>> Yes, I’d like to support the Cahn Fellows Program with my annual gift

My/our gift/pledge for the Cahn Fellows Program will be:

* $25  * $50  * $75  * $100  * Other: $________

Enclosed is a check to the Cahn Fellows program for $______

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I would like information on additional ways to support The Cahn Fellows Program

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OCTOBER 3rd FUNDRAISING RECEPTION IN HONOR OF PROGRAM FOUNDER CHUCK CAHN
CAHN BOARD REPORT:  CHUCK CAHN

MAYOR BILL DEBLASIO NAMES CAHN BOARD MEMBER CARMEN FARINA SCHOOL CHANCELLOR

It is with great pride and honor that we congratulate our former Cahn Fellows Board Member Carmen Fariña on her new role as New York City School Chancellor.

As most of you know, Carmen has been an influential board member who has not only nominated countless Cahn Fellows over our ten-year history but has been instrumental in steering our program’s mission and goals.

I want to personally thank Carmen for her dedication and perseverance over the years. Whether a school visit, an Alumni gathering or meetings with city officials, Carmen has always gone above and beyond to share her time and talents with the Cahn Fellows Program. Although she will no longer sit on our board because of her new duties, we look forward to working with her at Tweed and to watching her leadership journey as School Chancellor.

Thanks Carmen, you are and will always be not only a transformational leader but an exceptional educator.

Sincerely, Chuck Cahn
NYC SCHOOL CHANCELLOR FARINA ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS AT DOE

CAHN FELLOWS PHIL WEINBERG AND ANNA COMMITANTE NAMED DEPUTY CHANCELLORS

Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña has named two veteran educators and Cahn Fellows to help her lead Tweed into a new era of school support, with new leadership that will renew emphasis on improving instruction to enhance learning.

Fariña has appointed 2006 Cahn Fellow Phil Weinberg, previously the principal at the High School of Telecommunication Arts and Technology in Brooklyn, as Deputy Chancellor for Teaching and Learning. “This is a new era for our schools, and these appointments send a clear message: our focus is on improving each and every classroom across the five boroughs. Having three educators with such extraordinary expertise about our City’s schools will help us channel all of our energy into quality instruction,” said Fariña.

With more than a dozen years as a principal and nearly three decades of experience in New York City public schools, Mr. Weinberg will oversee all professional development and curriculum, performance and accountability, Common Core and college-readiness initiatives, Career and Technical Education, and instructional support.

“I started my career as a teacher over 28 years ago, and I’m so proud to be named to this instrumental new role today. I first became a teacher because I believed it was the most authentic way I could contribute to our community.” In this new role as Deputy Chancellor, I have the ability to work with, support, and empower those on the ground doing the hard work of educating our students each day,” said Weinberg.

The high school Mr. Weinberg has led since 2001 has achieved a more than 35 percent increase in graduation rates since 2005.

The recipient of a 2012 Sloan Award for Public Service, Mr. Weinberg previously served on the DOE’s Division of Academics, Performance, and Support Advisory Group.

In one of his first acts as Deputy Chancellor for Teaching and Learning, Mr. Weinberg named Anna Commitante as his Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development. A 27-year veteran educator and 2003 Cahn Fellow, Commitante was previously a Deputy Cluster Leader of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development.

“This is a time of renewal for our schools, and I’m thrilled to be in in this role to help our schools during this transition to Common Core,” said Anna Commitante, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development. “I’ve dedicated my career to the development of principals, teachers, and schools, and I look forward to continuing to do that. With our renewed focus on professional development, we will prepare our teachers like never before for the important work that lies ahead.”

In her new role, she will provide leadership in curriculum development, assist schools as they transition to the Common Core Learning Standards, and direct a comprehensive professional development training program using research-based instructional methods.

Dorita Gibson, previously the Deputy Chancellor for Equity and Access, will assume the role of Senior Deputy Chancellor and the Chancellor’s second in command.
CAHN FELLOWS 2014 CAREER EVENT & AUCTION

On Tuesday, February 4th from 4 to 7 p.m., The Cahn Fellows Program will hold its annual Career Event and Auction at Teachers College from 4 to 7 pm in Everett Lounge.

The event will be a valuable opportunity to provide Cahn principals, assistant principals and lead teachers with career development information from leading educational organizations and programs. The objective is to cultivate our next generation of education leaders, encouraging Cahn Fellows and Allies who are New York City’s top principals to remain in the public education sector.

From 4 to 6pm, school leaders will meet with recruiters who will discuss various career paths as you share your approach and immediate next steps for an effective job search.

The final hour of the event will feature a silent auction of items to raise funds for the Cahn Fellows Program.

Kindly RSVP to cahnfellows@tc.edu

AUCTION ITEMS LIST

4 Tickets to a NY Yankees home game in the YES network LEGENDS seats  
Opening Bid: $400

Timber Creek/Mount Snow Vermont Villa (Summer Weekend in 4 bedroom home with a pool, gym, tennis, racquetball)  
Opening Bid: $350

Diamond Resorts/Interval International Resort Williamsburg Villa (2-bedroom and full kitchen, living room, dining room) weeklong trip to the Greensprings Plantation in Williamsburg, Virginia.  
Opening Bid: $300

Resorts International Orlando Villa (2-bedroom and full kitchen, living room, dining room) weeklong trip to Orlando, Florida.  
Opening Bid: $300

2 VIP Devils/Rangers tickets in March  
Opening Bid: $300

2 Yankees vs Rangers Tickets on Wednesday, July 23  
Opening Bid: $200

Metropolitan Museum of Art Yearlong Membership  
Opening Bid: $100

Metropolitan Opera (2) tickets for a March 31st, 1030am performance of Arabella (Metropolitan Opera)  
Opening Bid: $100

Teachers College Signature Item  
Opening Bid: $100
CAHN ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:
2008 Cahn Fellow Shirley Matthews
Principal, High School for Environmental Studies, NYC

ERASING THE SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT GAP AT HSES

Manhattan's High School for Environmental Studies (HSES) fosters excellence in its diverse student body with a supportive staff and innovative curriculum focused on the sciences. The large A-rated high school opened 13 years ago in a regal art-deco walkup once owned by 21st Century Fox, but now the old movie studio is a cutting-edge STEM academy.

HSES Principal Shirley Matthews, a 2008 Cahn Fellow, admits students from all backgrounds. Half of the school's 1,300 seats are reserved for kids admitted through a random lottery. But Matthews is erasing the achievement gap in science education faced by girls and black and Hispanic students by offering support they need to graduate and go to college.

“This is a very caring and nurturing school,” said Matthews, who began her career as a city teacher in 1983. “We give our students everything it takes to succeed.” Students benefit from hands-on teaching and access to resources ranging from a fully functional genetic lab to a rooftop rose garden and bee hive.

The school also places students in research programs through partnerships with a variety of organizations such as the Museum of Natural History. “It’s a very welcoming environment,” said HSES senior Mariah Apollon, 16, of Riverdale, who wants to become a chemical engineer. “They encourage you to learn here.”

Environmental Studies posts high marks on Regents exams and impressive graduation rates across all demographic groups, even though it does not screen applicants for admission. HSES Students from the class of 2013 were accepted to 241 different colleges including Columbia University, Princeton University and the Polytechnic Institute of New York University. Nearly 96% of students from the class of 2013 are now attending college, thanks in part to a guidance counselor who walks kids through the entire application process. Students from the class of 2013 also won a whopping $12,841,944 in scholarship money that they’ll use to pay for four years of college.
CAHN ALUMNI PROFILE:
2011 Cahn Fellow Paula Holmes
Principal
The Susan S. McKinney School of the Arts

The New York Times

5-Part Series: Invisible Child
Girl in the Shadows:
Dasani’s Homeless Life

The matriarch of the Susan S. McKinney School of the Arts, Miss Paula Holmes, is a towering woman, by turns steely and soft. She wears a Bluetooth like a permanent earring and tends toward power suits.

She has been at McKinney’s helm for 15 years and runs the school like a naval ship, peering down its gleaming hallways as if searching the seas for enemy vessels. Students stammer in her presence. She leaves her office door permanently open, like a giant, unblinking eye.

A poster across the hall depicts a black man in sagging jeans standing before the White House, opposite President Obama. “To live in this crib,” the poster reads, “you have to look the part.”

Miss Holmes has no tolerance for sagging — sartorial, attitudinal or otherwise. McKinney’s roots run deep. Dasani’s own grandmother studied there as a girl. It is still September when Dasani’s temper lands her in the principal’s office. “Please don’t call my mother,” Dasani whispers.

Holmes is seated in a rolling pleather chair held together by duct tape. She stares at the anguished girl. She has been at McKinney long enough to know when a child’s transgressions at school might bring a beating at home.

The principal slowly scoots her chair up to Dasani and leans within inches of her face. “O.K.,” she says softly. “Let’s make a deal.” From that day forward, Dasani will be on her best behavior. In turn, Miss Holmes will keep what happens at school in school. With that, she waves Dasani off, fighting the urge to smile. She can’t help but like this feisty little girl.

Principal Holmes is also taking note. She can already see in this “precocious little button” the kind of girl who could be anything — even a Supreme Court justice — if only she harnesses her gifts early enough.

“Dasani has something that hasn’t even been unleashed yet,” Miss Holmes says. “It’s still being cultivated.”
I want to thank your principal here at P-TECH - Rashid Davis - who I am pretty confident is the coolest-looking principal in America.”

President Barack Obama

While visiting a classroom at the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) in Brooklyn, President Barack Obama and Education Secretary Arne Duncan recently talked with P-TECH students and Principal Rashid Davis (center), a 2012 Cahn Fellow. P-TECH is one of several new transformative high school designs that incorporate innovative approaches to curriculum that help lead to higher academic outcomes, greater student engagement, and future student success.

As President Obama said during his visit, schools like P-TECH are the “ticket to the middle class.” These schools will help ensure every student—regardless of background—has an enriching educational experience that gives them the knowledge necessary for success in today’s global economy and the skills to better themselves and their communities.

P-TECH’s rigorous course of academic study was co-designed by IBM, the New York City Department of Education, and the City University of New York's College of Technology to provide software support, mentors, and internship opportunities which allow students to get a head start on their postsecondary education with college-level math and science courses.

The school will graduate its first class of students who, over six years of STEM study and training, earn a joint high school diploma and associate's degree in computer information systems and electromechanical engineering technology.
CAHN ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:
2012 Cahn Fellow Stacey Gauthier
Principal, The Renaissance Charter School, Queens

The Blackboard Awards 2013
NAME STACEY GAUTHIER
OUTSTANDING MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
2009 Cahn Fellow Brian O’Connell Named Outstanding 2013 High School Principal

The 2013 Blackboard Awards For Schools honored 20 of the finest schools and principals among them, two Cahn Fellows from Queens, Principal Stacey Gauthier of the Renaissance Charter School and Brian O’Connell, Principal of The Scholars Academy.

The longest-running and most prestigious celebration of excellence in local education, the Blackboard Awards honors schools and educators from all sectors (public, private, charter, and parochial) and grade levels (nursery through high school). This year’s group of honorees were marked by their academic achievements, devoted faculties, and the diversity of their school communities and educational philosophies.

In addition to the fall ceremony for schools and principals, there is a spring celebration for teachers and guidance counselors. The Blackboard Awards have two primary goals: to honor the work of dedicated and wonderful educators and school communities, and to serve as an ongoing resource for parents.

Profiles of this year’s honored schools and principals are posted on newyorkfamily.com.

Scholars Academy Principal and 2009 Cahn Fellow Brian O’Connell
Blackboard Awards 2013 Outstanding Middle and High School Principal
THE ALLIES CORNER:
2012 Cahn Ally Michael Silverman
Aspiring Principal, New Leaders, P.S. 32, Brooklyn

Michael Silverman is currently an Aspiring Principal with New Leaders at P.S. 32, The Samuel Mills Sprole School in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn.

Previously, Michael had been a special education teacher for the New York City Department of Education at P.S. 15 in Brooklyn, where he was a Cahn Ally under the mentorship of Principal Peggy Wyns-Madison, a 2012 Cahn Fellow.

At P.S. 15, Silverman was Chair of the Grant Committee and teacher representative on The Friends of P.S. 15. His work helped connect the school with community organizations, local businesses and politicians. Michael also co-founded the Boys Club, with the overall mission to provide second through fifth-grade boys the opportunity to engage in activities with male business leaders, artists and professionals from the community.

Michael is a graduate of The Summer Principal Academy (SPA) at Teachers College, Columbia University where he received his M.Ed., in Organizational Leadership.

Silverman also holds a Master’s in special education from The City University of New York, College of Staten Island and holds an undergraduate degree in Film from Ithaca College.
CAHN-GRATULATIONS ON YOUR FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

BARBARA SANDERS
2009 Cahn Fellow

Former Principal
J.H.S. 383
Brooklyn

NAMED
Adjunct Professor
TOURO COLLEGE

REGGIE LANDEAU
2013 Cahn Fellow

Principal
George P. Ryan School
Queens

NAMED
ASSISTANT
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
ST. JOHN’S UNIVERSITY
CAHN-GRA conditional ON YOUR RETIREMENT

STEPHEN DUCH
2006 Cahn Fellow

Hillcrest High School
Queens

LAVERNE NIMMONS
2011 Cahn Fellow

P.S. 335
Granville Woods School
Brooklyn
IN THE NEWS

ANTHONY BARBETTA
2010 Cahn Fellow
Townsend Harris High School
Queens

The principal at a top Queens high school has banned homework and tests on certain days of the week

BETTY GONZALEZ SOTO
2004 Cahn Fellow
C.S. 211
Brooklyn

SUMMER QUEST GRANT

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