

THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
JESSICA  
COSGRAVE  
AWARDS



TUESDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2011



# PROGRAM

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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL JESSICA COSGRAVE AWARDS  
FINCH COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION  
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011

## HONORING

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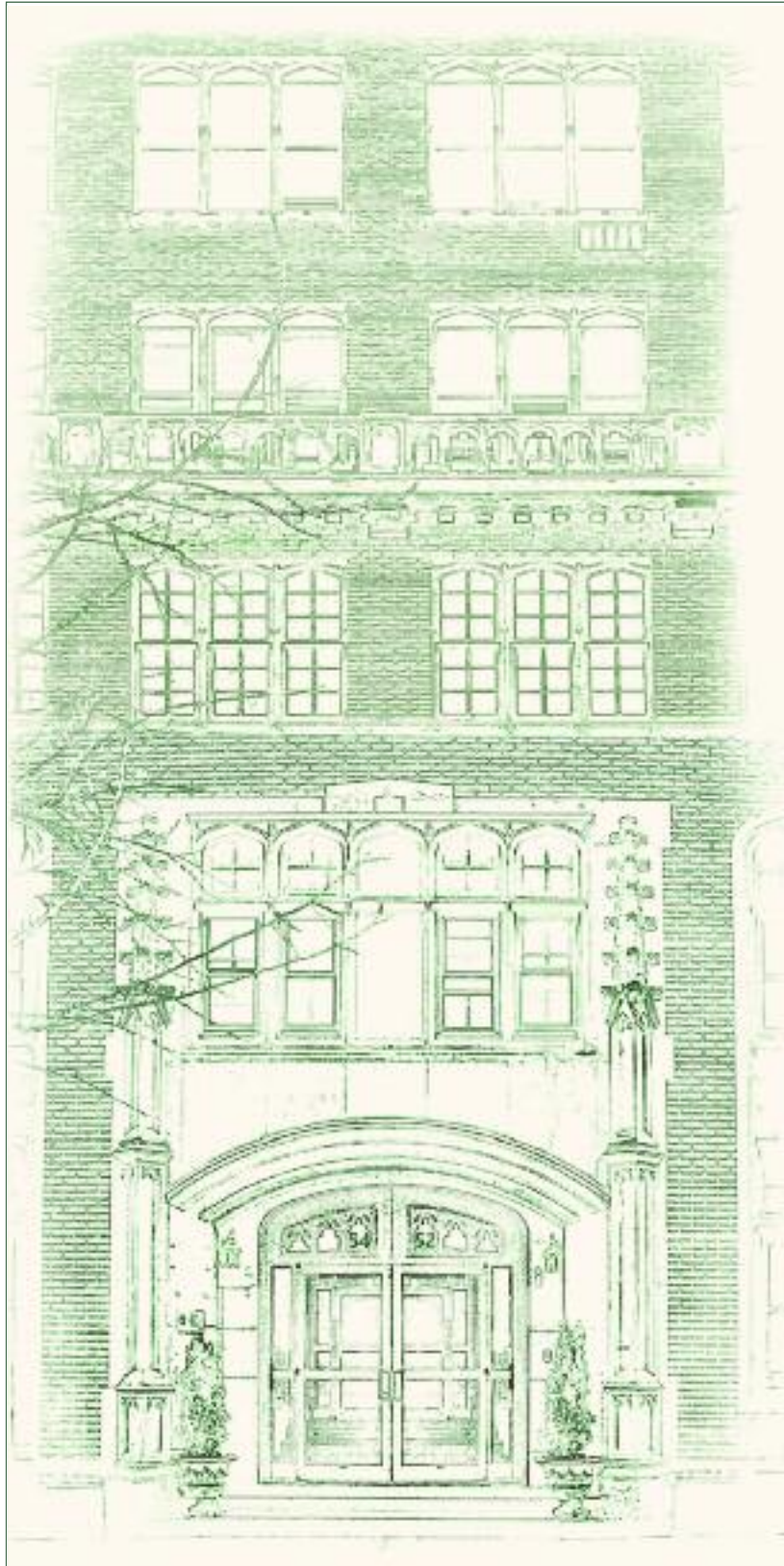
BARBARA ROBINSON BUCKLAND  
DENISE MULARONI DECKER  
NINA DIGIOVANNA LABRUNA  
LAURA STOBER LARSEN  
MARJORIE R. SCHULMAN

AWARD PRESENTATION  
RECEPTION & COCKTAILS  
GRAND BALLROOM  
6:00 PM

DINNER  
DINING ROOM  
FOURTH FLOOR  
8:00 PM

THE COSMOPOLITAN CLUB  
122 EAST 66TH STREET  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10021

## FINCH FACADE



*This image was created by Margaret Stein Nakamura (class of '72 and recipient of a Jessica Cosgrave Award in 2007) as an homage to the Finch building at 52-54 East Seventy-Eighth Street. She created the image using a combination of photographs, drawings and computer graphics.*



## TONIGHT IS A TRIBUTE TO THE FINE EDUCATION PROVIDED BY FINCH COLLEGE!

WE HONOR A FINCH COLLEGE PROFESSOR  
AND FOUR OUTSTANDING FINCH COLLEGE GRADUATES

THE JESSICA COSGRAVE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
Proudly stands for all Jessica Garretson Finch Cosgrave wanted for women:

SHE BELIEVED:

*A well-educated woman is worldly.*

*Is interested in today's world and current events.*

*Education is learning through workshops, an exposure to the arts.*

*A fine academic base is vital to it all.*

*Women should give back to their communities.*

*And all women should be prepared for a "recurrent career"*

THE FINCH COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION  
ENABLES TODAY'S YOUNG WOMEN TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATIONS  
THROUGH THREE PROGRAMS:

THE FINCH GRANT

THE FINCH SCHOLAR, funded by Finch College alumnae  
THE FINCH/BIRCH WATHEN LENOX SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP,  
fully funded by the private school also founded by Jessica Cosgrave.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2011  
JESSICA COSGRAVE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS!

Sincerely yours,

Lois Moran Ziegler  
Chair, Finch College Foundation

Sincerely yours,

JoAnn Cricchio Kubat  
President, Finch College Alumnae

## BARBARA ROBINSON BUCKLAND

The former Barbara Robinson was teaching French and Spanish to high school students in Westchester County, N.Y., when she met Dean Rodney Felder of Finch.

"I had been to Europe and told him I was dying to go back, when he suggested I be the assistant for Bob Diffenderfer, the director of the Finch Intercontinental Study Plan (FISP)," she said. "We left New York by boat at the end of August (1965) and sailed to southern Spain. Then on to Italy, France and England. The girls studied language and art history with wonderful faculty from the different countries."

Barbara, who married her British-born husband, Leslie Buckland, 34 years ago, asked to accept her Cosgrave Award in honor of all former Finch FISP students. She served as assistant FISP director, 1965-66, and director, 1967-71.

"She was fabulous," said Cheryl Young Deknatel, past Alumnae president, who took her junior year abroad in 1969. "Taking art history classes in the Louvre was spectacular."

Former Cosgrave honoree Alba Farber Francesca was a FISP student 1970-71.

"Barbara was our 'chaperone' but she was close to us in age and youthful spirit," said Alba. "She offered friendship as well as leadership, and, of course, she was a great-looking and elegant young woman, so opportunities flew in our direction. She set a superb example of how to get what you want by always acting like a lady and knowing how to ask. And she was a wealth of valuable information."

"She taught us to pack using tissue paper to keep clothes from wrinkling. I still follow this tip. She advised that drinking red wine is good for women because we lose so much iron during menstruation. She stood with us in freezing rain as we studied church after church facade. She showed by example how to be a respectful guest in a foreign country."

"Barbara was the heart of my FISP experience and I send her congratulations on this well-deserved recognition."

Barbara grew up in Pelham, N.Y., earned her B.A. in French from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and her master's in education from Teachers College, Columbia University. She taught high school French and Spanish before joining Finch. After completing her FISP duties, she stayed in Europe and was working for an American student travel/study program when she met Leslie Buckland in London. He needed an assistant for his company that produced sales conventions for major corporations, including IBM, Pfizer and the Ford Motor Co. They were married 13 months later in Pelham and worked together until he sold his company several years ago.

With her marriage, Barbara inherited six children, which she adopted as her own with the blessing of their mother, who died of multiple sclerosis in England 12 years ago. Barbara and Leslie, who live in New York, now have 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Both devoted to student education, the Bucklands are funders of the Bronx Charter School for Children in the South Bronx and the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, which has recognized the talents of millions of teen-agers since 1923. The Alliance grew out of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, founded by Barbara's father, the late Maurice R. Robinson.

In their spare time, Barbara and Leslie trek all over the world, exploring mountains from Yosemite National Park to Nepal.





## DENISE MULARONI DECKER

Denise, retired corporate banker, may be one of the few people in the world who is a citizen of both the tiny Republic of San Marino (Italy) and the United States.

“San Marino is the oldest democracy in the world, an hour south of Bologna,” she said. “My father was born there. My husband and I have been there many times. I have lots of family there. It is beautiful, built on a mountaintop. I have passports for San Marino and the United States.”

Denise, who is fluent in Italian, was born and reared in New York. Her father, the late Gene Mularoni, owned real estate and restaurants, including (the former) Chez Cardinale, on West 46th Street, “Restaurant Row” in the theater district. It was a favorite of Finch faculty and executives.

Always good in mathematics, Denise went from the women’s world of Finch into the men’s world of banking immediately after graduating in 1971. She had always loved mathematics, majored in it at Finch, graduated and trained as a corporate banker and was soon handling huge accounts, including Philip Morris, Nations Bank (now Bank of America), American Express and IBM.

While with Wells Fargo in New York, she spearheaded the bank’s role in one of the largest transactions of her 25-plus years in banking.

“Philip Morris was buying General Foods,” she said, “in a billion-dollar transaction. Nearly 30 banks were involved but Wells Fargo was one of the three leading banks.”

Denise attended New York University for two years before transferring to Finch for her junior and senior years (1969-71).

“I was very shy and didn’t care for the big university atmosphere at NYU,” she said. “My parents met Dr. De Marco and he said for me to come talk to him. So I did. The smaller environment of the all-women’s college was just what I wanted.

“Rosalyn Wallace was my math teacher/advisor at Finch. She was wonderful. I had studied math at NYU, too. My high school teacher had encouraged me and realized I had a facility for it. Anyone is lucky to have a teacher like that.

“Banking started opening up to women in the 1970s but there is still a glass ceiling for women in banking leadership positions. I am grateful to have had a very successful career.”

A highlight of that career was meeting R. Thomas Decker, who before retiring as executive vice president of Bank of America, was executive vice president and director of Wells Fargo’s Corporate Banking Group. In the latter capacity, Tom traveled from California to visit the bank’s operations in New York. He met Denise and she “married the boss” 18 years ago. They have maintained homes in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York but recently sold their home in L.A. in favor of S. F. as a permanent West Coast address. But before they moved, they were among several generous hosts for the Finch Alumnae visit to L.A. (Nov. 3-7, 2010).

Both have been major philanthropists and volunteer leaders for art and education in Los Angeles. Their beneficiaries include the: Los Angeles Public Library Foundation, the Henry Mancini Institute, L.A. Music Center, the Getty Center, Children’s Burn Foundation and the California Science Center Foundation. Tom is a past chairman of the L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce, one of his many leadership roles.



## NINA DIGIOVANNA LABRUNA



Nina said she wasn't crazy about science in college but she loves to cook and there is a lot of chemistry to cooking. One day she was entertaining Finch colleagues at her spacious beach house on the Jersey Shore, when Magda Stark Katz brought out her video camera and started interviewing Nina. Magda, a marketing/media producer, explained that a television station was looking for a new personality for its show, "Cooking With Nonna (grandma)".

"I had prepared a buffet of Italian dishes, including my chicken with lemon and wine, and Magda interviewed me and the others about the food, sent it in and the television station loved it," said Nina. "They wanted me to be on the show. I did two shows for \$250 each. I was the Nonna from Tuscany. I cooked my chicken and

wine dish and Tuscan vegetable soup with sausages, vegetables and cabbage. They wanted me to stay on, but I said no."

Nina has been cooking for her family, particularly her husband, orthodontist Dr. Vincent V. LaBruna, since before graduating from Finch in 1960. They were married in 1958 in a double wedding with her sister, Hon. Maria (Chicky) DiGiovanna, 2008 Cosgrave honoree and Class of '62 at Finch.

"Going to college as a married student was kind of a lonely trip," said Nina, "but I did enjoy going with Yvonne (Hammond) Roome and Barbara (Ziet) Glickman to lunch at Stark's and sometimes to the Carlyle (bar). I couldn't join in as many Finch activities because I needed to get home to fix dinner for Vinnie. He was going to Columbia University at the time. We were living in Brooklyn, around the corner from my parents.

"I had to take two (subway) trains to get to Finch and usually had to stand up. After I became pregnant, I had a red Pontiac convertible and parked it in a garage next to Finch."

Nina majored in child study at Finch and later, when her two sons were older, she went back to school at 37 to earn a graduate teaching degree in elementary education from New York's Bank Street College of Education. When she got home, her older son had helped put dinner on the table.

Devoted to her husband, her family and her church, Nina has been honored by the Catholic Church and, with Vinnie, has had two interviews with Pope Benedict XVI. In conjunction with her husband's profession, she has traveled throughout the country with him and served for many years on the Greater New York Dental Meeting Ladies Hospitality Committee. Her volunteer roles have been numerous, working 22 years with the New York Junior League and with the U.N.'s International Visitors Bureau, Brooklyn Museum of Art, Italian Welfare League, Boys Town of Italy and as a past president of the Italian Dental Society Ladies Auxiliary.

Nina's family now includes two married sons and five grandchildren. Her first child, Dr. Vincent Anthony LaBruna, is an orthodontist like his father, who still practices, and her younger son, Dr. Anthony Nunzio LaBruna, a plastic surgeon, is director of facial plastic and reconstructive surgery at Weill Cornell Medical Center & New York Presbyterian Hospital and is medical director of New York's Center for Specialty Care.

"Vinnie and I have two grandchildren at the Birch Wathen Lenox School, founded by Jessica Finch Cosgrave," said Nina. "She believed that with a nourishing environment, nothing could hold you back."



## LAURA STOBER LARSEN

After mastering two very different fields of learning, Laura devised a way to combine her vocation, nursing, with her avocation, art history. While working in hospitals at night, she often was leading museum tours during the day. As a clinical nurse in gerontology, she met “fascinating, wise, interesting people with complex medical problems”. Those problems often pointed toward dementia.

“I’ve found that taking patients with dementia to an art museum gets them out of the house, where they are confined, and gives them the freedom to socialize and appreciate a painting, such as a beach scene, that may inspire rich memories,” she said. “An art museum is like a cathedral of beautiful objects for them to look at. It awakens their senses and they don’t have to be bothered with any rights or wrongs. Family members are often correcting them at home, but art has no rules that matter. The art is just there for them to look at and enjoy.”

At one of the museums in Baton Rouge, LA., where she lives, Laura said a show of pocketbooks triggered vivid memories for women patients in their 80s and 90s.

“They remembered their mothers’ pocketbooks which led to a discussion of lipsticks, powders, lace handkerchiefs and hat pins,” she said.

Growing up in Brooklyn and New York, Laura graduated from Finch in 1974 with a degree in art history. She went on to CUNY for a master’s.

“I didn’t just study art history at Finch, I fell in love with it,” she said. “That was all due to my professors and their enthusiasm for it: Marshall Mount, Jeanne Chenault (Porter) and Cynthia Nachmani. They made it so real and alive for me. It was like a spiritual experience.”

Laura transferred to Finch after graduating from Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn Heights. Her uncle, an obstetrician, influenced her to go into nursing and her mother and aunt instilled a love of art by taking her to museums and galleries. Her graduate degrees in art history are matched in nursing with a M.S. from Indiana University, Indianapolis, and a doctorate from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (formerly LSU Medical Center) in New Orleans.

She focused her doctoral studies on the physical and emotional strain felt by caregivers who devote their energy to relatives with chronic or terminal illness. Her work inspired awards and research grants.

“In research, caregivers are called the ‘hidden patients’. They are sort of a lost group,” she said. “They have no knowledge of services available. One of every three people over 80 will get dementia. Who is taking care of them? Family members are. As more baby boomers take care of their parents, it’s going to become a big issue. There’s going to be a loud noise about it. People are living longer and longer. That can’t be prevented. It would be wonderful if a First Lady would take on family care giving as her mission.”

Laura was working in intensive care at the Brooklyn VA Medical Center 30 years ago when she met her husband, Dr. Richard Larsen, a specialist in pulmonary medicine. Both are now retired but still active contributors to the medical field. They established a primary care clinic to help patients understand their medications and receive follow-up care, such as those with congestive heart failure.

“We were able to streamline care so that patients wouldn’t get lost in the system,” said Laura. “They could have comprehensive hope along with the care.”



## MARJORIE R. SCHULMAN

As chairperson of the Finch Ball in her senior year (1970), Marjorie got a slight taste of the responsibilities she would shoulder years later as treasurer of the Finch College Alumnae Association Foundation.

In this role for the last six years, Marjorie has put in countless hours of volunteer time, keeping track of hundreds of events and detailing every cent coming into the Foundation to be scrutinized annually by a CPA. It is a thankless job, requiring most of the time she can spare away from her demanding career as a financial services professional with the New York Life Insurance and Annuity Company.

"It has been very gratifying to see the amount of alumnae support increase for Finch in recent years," she said. "It used to be that we would make just enough to cover our expenses. Now, because we have significant amounts left over, we have been able to increase our scholarship grants. They grew from \$1,500 to \$2,000 two years ago."

The Finch Grant, which assists a woman with a two year college degree to continue on for a B.A. at a four year campus, was initiated for \$1,500 about 10 years ago under Sally Arthur, said Lois Moran Ziegler, chairman of the Finch College Alumnae Association Foundation.

"Two years ago, the Finch Scholar Program at The New York Women's Foundation, also increased to \$2,000," said Lois. "Marjorie's care and leadership have been outstanding. She helped initiate the Cosgrave Journal and ads, lifetime dues and Ineamus Meliora Society donations - all major fundraisers.

"She has given great detail to maintaining our financials and working annually with our accountant. She is on top of everything."

Marjorie must keep track of every item linked to Finch. Every check and cash receipt paid to Finch and expense disbursement paid by Finch must be itemized and every deposit slip matched to copies of the corresponding checks. Costs for invitations, stamps, labels, cookbooks, the Finch News, alumae directory, the Cosgrave Journal, Cosgrave reception/dinner - all must be listed in spreadsheets. Every site for a Finch event must be paid for its use. Funds raised from trips, dues, other donations, credit card receipts and checks for Finch Grants must be recorded and reported to the CPA.

"I have gotten quite good at spreadsheets and can go back several years to check on anything," said Marjorie, who never mentions the hours she sacrifices for Finch.

Marjorie still lives near 79th and East End Avenue, where, as a day student, she would take the 79th Street Crosstown bus to Finch. This was like her own "private car" because it began near her front door and she could always find a seat.

"When I was a freshman at Finch, I did not attend the annual ball, but my father bought lots of raffle tickets and I won a three month old miniature white poodle," she said. "The puppy, who we named Alfie, was staying at Tricia Nixon's home, near 60th and Fifth Avenue, where I went to pick him up. "I took Alfie home to my bedroom, where I covered the carpet with newspapers. But somehow he managed to find the one unpapered spot. My father said Alfie would have to be walked every morning before I got on the bus for school and in the evening when I came home. I soon realized things were not going to work out. So Alfie went to live with my aunt, uncle and their two little girls in New Jersey. He came to all family events and lived quite a charmed life for almost ten years."





# *17th Annual Jessica Cosgrave Lifetime Award Honorees*

## 1995

Mark Piel  
Nancy Azara  
Dr. Ronny Cohen  
Joannie Plevritis Danielides  
Marjorie Schlesinger Deane\*  
Henrietta Rothblatt Santo  
Rita Thompson

## 1996

Dr. Margaret Maxwell\*  
Suzanne Ludey Bayley\*  
Martha Goodyear Mason  
Frances Gable Villere

## 1997

Mary Beth Baker Busby  
Susan Grace Galassi  
Eileen Bluestone Sherman  
Frances Fish Tompkins

## 1998

Dr. Marshall Mount  
Felice Forer Axelrod  
Catherine Robertson Claiborne  
Kathleen McFadden Guzman  
Gene Kincheloe Ritchie  
Christa C. Mayer Thurman Sala  
Lois Moran Ziegler

## 1999

Franchelle Stewart Dorn  
Francine LeFrak Friedberg  
Catharine Cline Hamilton  
Marcy Syms Merns  
Mary Kim Sull  
Mary McDowell Webb

## 2000

Betty Low  
Dr. Carol Garnett Abraham  
Alba Farber Francesca  
Doris Buttry Haire  
Laura Rollins Hockaday  
Dr. Barbara Sbilis Katsos  
Diana Gale Zwirn DeMarco

\*Deceased

## 2001

Sally Arthur  
Elba Vargas-Colbert  
Elaine Friedman  
Thelma Wigoder Frye  
Nohra Haime  
Suzanne Pleshette\*  
Marianna Pelligrini Sottosanti\*

## 2002

Dr. Ardelle Odone Striker\*  
Ceil Gavin Ainsworth  
Mosette Glaser Broderick  
Margaret Stewart Hedberg  
Jennifer M. Lee-DeLaurentis  
Van Negris  
Natalie Skeet

## 2003

The Hon. Gertrud Sinzheimer Mainzer\*  
Audrey Schlang Diamond  
Helene Weisberg Rudnick Horwitz\*  
Diana O'Rourke Jacoby  
Tennie Bernstein Leonard  
Vilma Polakova Wiesenmaier

## 2004

Robert Diffenderfer\*  
Darcie Denkert  
Marianne Carey Edwards  
Hijoo Limb  
Anastasia Tsamisis Moss  
Margaret Ann Craig Robinson

## 2005

Dr. Carol A. Hawkes  
Freear Pollard Barnwell  
Ruth Eriksen Barto\*  
Sandra Haas Berler  
Susan L. Davis  
Suzanne Stern Salomon

## 2006

Dr. Jane Miller Ross  
Julia Berwick  
Paula DiBenedetto Caravelli  
Melanie Rose Cohen  
Barbara Ziet Glickman  
Sally Kraftmeyer Hallows

## 2007

Dr. Charles Bahn  
Pamela Dammann Adams  
Shea Gordon Festoff  
Margaret Stein Nakamura  
Susan Embree Parker  
Virginia Wattiker Sheerin

## 2008

Dr. Cynthia Wolk Nachmani  
Patricia Flicker Addiss  
Hon. Maria DiGiovanna  
Audrey Greene  
Joyce Nounou Reuben  
Yvonne Hammond Roome

## 2009

Helen Mead Platt  
Phyllis Gregory Heard  
Susan Wright Hight  
Susan Stover Hill  
Emilie- Mary Puzio  
Dr. Joanne Brecher Rosenberg

## 2010

Dr. Jeanne Chenault Porter  
Stephanie Brody-Lederman  
Lady Hilary Winant Glidewell  
Antoinette Walker Hamner  
Ann M. Holmes  
Barbara Richards Pitney

# *Remembering Margaret Wright Maxwell*



*September 13, 1913 – April 17, 2007*

Time at Finch: 1953-1975

Beloved professor, mentor, friend, adviser and founder  
of the Finch College Alumnae Association (reborn), 1993

And inspiration behind the Jessica Cosgrave  
Lifetime Achievement Awards, initiated 1995

And the Finch College Alumnae  
Association Foundation, established 2001

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
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APPLAUD THE 2011 RECIPIENTS OF  
THE JESSICA COSGRAVE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
AND THE 96 SUCCESSFUL FINCH COLLEGE GRADUATES AND FACULTY MEMBERS  
WHO, IN THE PAST 17 YEARS HAVE BEEN HONORED.

WE CONTINUE THE FINCH COLLEGE SPIRIT THROUGH:  
THE FINCH GRANT  
THE FINCH SCHOLAR PROGRAM  
THE FINCH/BIRCH WATHEN LENOX SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

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THE FINCH SCHOLAR  
THE FINCH-BIRCH WATHEN LENOX SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP  
THE FINCH GRANT

THE FINCH SCHOLAR is a program developed in collaboration with The New York Women's Foundation®, an organization established to support women and children. THE FINCH SCHOLAR is a current college student selected annually to work part time in their offices, The Finch College Foundation donation pays her salary. The Scholar learns the discipline of an office, she meets women executives as mentors, and she is given responsibilities. Current Finch Scholar is Rozie Cejovic, a double major student at Pace University, in the Financial District, studying English Literature and Applied Psychology. Her duties include creating media contacts, writing press releases; creating, composing and disseminating email news; helping to maintain and make updates to the NYWF website and the e-news letter. What a great way to learn and receive a salary for a part time job!

THE FINCH-BIRCH WATHEN LENOX SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: is fully funded by the secondary school, also founded by Jessica Garretson Finch Cosgrave. It provides full tuition for the remainder of a student's studies. In 2010 Eden Laura Toporek, a seventh grade student who excels in her studies and is recognized as a leader received the scholarship. Eden earned High Honors and enjoys creative arts, is a determined soccer and tennis player and also volunteers at the 92nd Street Y and the Henry Ittleson Center PALS program. What an all-around girl!

Two generous donations will provide two additional FINCH GRANTS in 2011:  
REBECCA TABAJOVICH EVEN-ZOHAR has donated a full Finch Grant of \$2000.

MARJORIE "COOKIE" MICHEL and sister SUSAN HUGHES MICHEL, both who attended Finch College, donated a full \$2000 Finch Grant in honor of their late mother KATHRYN SCHLESINGER MICHEL, also a former Finch College student.

# THE FINCH GRANT

**\$2000 is awarded annually to four or five young women, over age 22, who are community college students transferring to an accredited four year college.**

The recipients' applications are reviewed by a panel of college professors who independently make the selection of the prestigious awards: Dr. Mary Raddock, Norwalk Community College, Dr. Cecilia Macheski, LaGuardia Community College and Dr. Tricia Lin, Southern Connecticut State University.

## **FINCH GRANT RECIPIENTS 2010**

### **EMILY M. CARR: COLUMBIA-GREENE TO SUNY ALBANY COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & FORESTRY**

Emily's major is bioprocess-engineering, studying climate change and fossil fuel alternatives. She is interested in creating a sustainable way of living so hers and future generations will be able to enjoy all the beauty and happiness found in nature.

### **KLARA KANG: LAGUARDIA CC TO FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

Klara has wanted to be a marine biologist since she was a little girl in the Czech Republic. She studied accounting and worked in the field while attending LaGuardia CC, more practical for a married mother of two. Now 30 years old, she and her family moved to Florida to pursue her degree and enter the field she loves.

### **TATIANA SAUROVA: ERIE CC TO UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO, PROGRAM OF PHARMACOLOGY AND TOXICOLOGY**

When Tatiana's husband was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, she knew life would never be the same and she enrolled at Erie Community College and discovered she was captivated. Her goal is to eventually be involved in research. Age 34

### **BONNIE STAS: THREE RIVERS CC TO UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT**

Eight years ago, with a child who could not speak and was diagnosed with classic autism and apraxia, she became interested in speech and language therapy and how to effectively treat autism and apraxia concurrently. Has two children and husband is on active duty with the navy. Her true passion as a Speech and Language Pathologist. Age 37

### **JENNIFER DALTON VINCENT: TUNXIS CC TO BROWN UNIVERSITY**

The single mother of a five-year-old boy, Jennifer has been both working and attending college full time, plus volunteering at the offices of the Connecticut General Assembly. Her passion for the future is as a college level instructor in continental philosophy and comparative literature. Age 28

# THE FINCH COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

A tax-exempt non-profit 501(c)3 organization  
greatly appreciates your continued support through:

Attending Finch College fundraising events  
Support through annual dues \$50  
or lifetime dues, \$300  
or Ineamus Meliora, a \$500 minimum supplementing  
either dues levels and  
through generous donations.

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Is fully self-supporting. There is no executive director or paid staff.  
All event planning, newsletters, mailings and committees are volunteer alumnae.  
All donation and fundraising monies go directly toward:  
The Finch Grant and  
The Finch Scholar programs.

*Generous donations are fully tax deductible.*

We believe today's young women should have the many educational opportunities  
we all had and thank you for helping educate tomorrow's successful women  
who benefit from our Grants and Scholarships.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COSGRAVE HONOREES FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE INEAMUS MELIORA SOCIETY



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THE FINCH COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF A NEW INEAMUS MELIORA SOCIETY IN DECEMBER, 2007 - SAME NAME AS THE ORIGINAL ONE BUT WITH A NEW DEFINITION. ALL ALUMNAE WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES, EITHER ANNUALLY OR LIFETIME, ARE ELIGIBLE TO BECOME MEMBERS.

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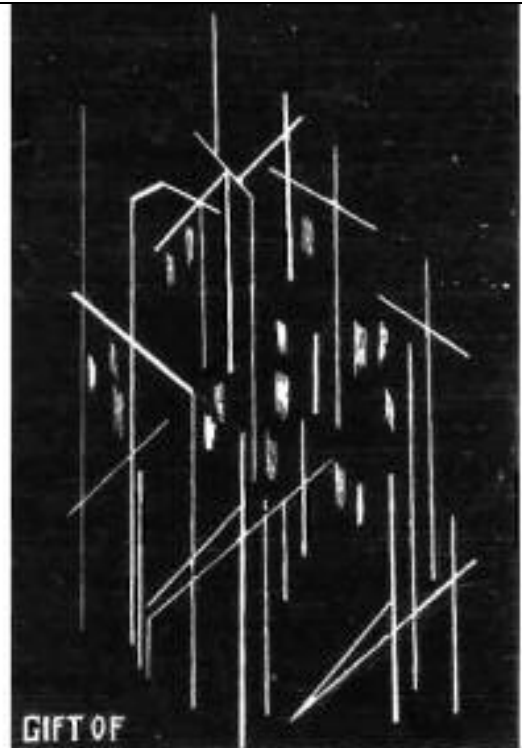
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