

Meet the HCHSAA Board Candidates 2024

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present this slate of endorsed candidates for membership positions on the HCHSAA Board (class C, terms ending 2027):

[Sherman Chan '97](#)

[Mari Hoashi Franklin '84](#)

[Andrei Ignat '06](#)

[Taneem Kabir '04](#)

[Jake Langbecker '07](#)

[Jake Price '15](#)

These candidates have engaged the process published in the HCHSAA Call for Nominations as follows: 1) submission of cover letter, resume, and completed interest survey; 2) participation in an interview with at least two members of the nominating committee; 3) expressions of their intent to take on the board responsibilities discussed, and request for inclusion on the ballot.

It is the opinion of the Nominating Committee that these six individuals have the capacity and intention to fulfill the expectations of the HCHSAA of all board members with regards to the work, expertise, and fundraising. Their names will be published on the ballot. A seventh candidate was also endorsed by the Committee, but regrettably withdrew his name due to a material change in his availability at this time.

The Nominating Committee received two additional applications after the submission deadline, one of whom appears qualified to serve as an effective Board Member. While this candidate's name will not be printed on the ballot, we include his bio for your consideration as a write-in candidate. Dave Kerpen '94 (write in candidate). No other applications for inclusion on the ballot were received. The other late applicant chose not to be on the ballot after discussion of the time commitment necessary for the Board.

The following photos and bios were submitted by the candidates for your consideration.



Sherman Chan '97

After Hunter, I attended NYU and SUNY Downstate Medical School. I currently reside in New York City and am a physician in private practice. I am completing my first term on the Board of Directors and am thrilled to have the opportunity to continue serving the Hunter community.

I currently serve as Treasurer and have been a member of the Executive, Audit, Finance/Investment and Grants Committees. As a Hunter Parent I also bring the perspective of the needs of the student body and a direct understanding of the impact the AA's support has

for the faculty and students. In my three years on the board, I have helped to navigate the AA out of the chaos post-COVID, to expand on its mission of engagement and support for our members and students and to help create a lasting structure to ensure continued Board operations.

Through activities, events, and programs, I have seen an enthusiastic and eager membership with tremendous love and gratitude for Hunter. I want to ensure that current and future students have the unique Hunter experience and the world of opportunities that a Hunter education offers. I would be honored to have a second term to continue to help guide the organization to new heights and continue our mission. I thank you for your support for me, the AA and Hunter.



Mari Hoashi Franklin '84

HCHSAA Board Member July 2021 - June 2024

Member of Diversity & Membership Committees

Chair of Governance Committee

Running for my second three year term

When I joined the board, we discovered a significantly impaired operational capacity at the HCHSAA. We rolled up our sleeves to literally pick up the pieces, hire new staff, and improve governance practices, while expanding the AA from a NYC-alums-only organization to one for all alumnae/i, wherever we may be in the world. Personally meeting and befriending alums at gatherings in Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, and New York has reinforced my sense of my shared bond with all Hunterites. I encourage you to attend or host an event in your local area ... we are truly everywhere.

During my second term, I will continue to develop geographically-based relationships amongst Hunterites, while fostering new initiatives to develop relationships across generations sharing affinity identities, such as identities rooted in our Hunter experience as athletes, performers, policy nerds, etc., and our professional and vocational passions developed as adults. At the same time, I will work to ensure our business practices continue the improvements we have made that equip the HCHSAA to support Hunter and its students while building our alumnae/i community. As I approach my 40th reunion, I am more certain than ever that we have been extremely privileged by our education as gifted and talented students, and that our fellowship as Hunterites is the best vehicle for us to support the current generation of Hunter students through our work and our fundraising. Thank you for this opportunity to serve.



Andrei Ignat '06

Andrei Ignat is extremely passionate about creating educational opportunities for all children, especially those coming from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds. Having come to the United States as a one-year old immigrant fleeing communist Romania with his family, he found an unbelievable opportunity, a source of

curiosity and interest, and most importantly, a sense of community at Hunter. He credits his success in not only his career, but also in his family life, to the skills and values he learned at Hunter, and is eager to do everything he can to give back to the school that shaped his life.

Today, Andrei is very active in educational initiatives, particularly those targeting diverse backgrounds and individuals with entrepreneurial or artistic aspirations. He serves on various Alumni boards at Harvard Law School and is active with New York businesses to recruit talent based on ability, merit, and diversity. He currently serves as Global Head of Strategy and M&A at Hunter Douglas, and on the Board of Blue Standard Inc., a sustainable material science company. Prior to joining Hunter Douglas in 2022, Andrei was an investment banker in Credit Suisse's M&A group.

Andrei obtained his JD from Harvard Law School in 2018, following a career in private equity, real estate, and infrastructure investment. He is an alum of not only Hunter College High School, but also Hunter College.



Taneem Kabir '04

Taneem Kabir is a 2004 alum of Hunter College High School. He was raised in the Bronx and graduated from Brooklyn College of the City of University of New York with a B.S. in Biology. He then attended New York Law School and graduated with a specialization in intellectual property law, earning recognition as a Public Interest Fellow, a Certificate in Public Service, and a Certificate in Patent Law. Taneem now manages his own practice at Kabir Law PLLC, where he guides business owners, creators, and

companies in enforcing their intellectual property rights and formulating creative ways to reduce liability.

During his time at Hunter, Taneem was a member of the Track and Field team for four years and served as captain during his senior year. He trained with his teammates at Central Park nearly every day, and led them to success during the Indoor, Outdoor, and Cross-Country seasons. He attributes much of his work ethic and outlook on life with his transformative experience on the track team. He lives in NYC and still runs regularly, albeit a lot slower!

Taneem recalls having skipped many events and opportunities at Hunter due to financial hardship. His primary goal in serving as a board member is to ensure that the AA is more involved in meeting school needs, so that current students never have to face those same obstacles.



Jake Langbecker '07

Jake Langbecker is a business development executive in consumer technology. He is the Senior Director of Business Development at Gopuff, where he is responsible for overseeing the company's growth, payments, product, and driver partnerships.

Prior to Gopuff, he worked in business development roles at Uber (2013-2018) helping to scale that company globally.

He currently serves as treasurer on the board of his co-operative building and manages a multi-million dollar budget. He serves on the board of a CPG startup co-founded by another Hunter alum. Prior board experience includes serving as the Interfraternity Council president while attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison (Go Badgers!). He served as a mentor in the Girls Who Code organization. His professional background includes a stint at an ad agency where he met his wife. They reside with their two daughters on the Upper East Side, not far from the hallowed grounds of Hunter.

Jake earned a B.S. in Journalism and Psychology from the University of Wisconsin and received the Meyerhoff Undergraduate Excellence Award.

“My time at Hunter was incredibly valuable and helped me grow both as a student and as a person. I made many lifelong friends at Hunter. I want to ensure future classes are able to have similar experiences while also providing a robust alumni network. After 15 years of building my career, I believe it is my responsibility to give back and pay it forward by actively participating in initiatives that strengthen our alumni community and further the HCHS experience for students.”



Jake Price '15

Jake Price joined Ropes & Gray's corporate department in 2022 as a member of the private capital transactions group.

While at Vanderbilt University Law School, Jake interned with Guernica 37 International Justice Chambers working on a number of international criminal and human rights issues, and worked for Professor Brian Broughman conducting research into risk detection in venture capital-backed

companies. Jake also served as President of the Jewish Law Students Association and was a member of the Honor Council and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

Jake served as a Board Member and the Vice President of the HCHSAA 2021-2024.

Education

JD, Vanderbilt University Law School, 2022; Law and Business Certificate

BA (Economics; minor in Finance), The University of Texas at Austin, 2019



Dave Kerpen '94 (write in candidate)

Dave Kerpen is a serial entrepreneur, NY Times bestselling author of 5 books, investor, and global keynote speaker. He graduated from Hunter in 1994 and got degrees in education and psychology from Boston University on a full merit scholarship. While he taught math for 3 years in NYC, for most of his career he has been an entrepreneur and author, having started and built seven companies.

He sold Likeable Media, a marketing agency he started with his wife in 2007, in 2021 for 8 figures. Dave has written 5 books, most notably Likeable Social Media, a NY Times bestseller, and Normal, a YA fiction book about 4 kids who end up at Hunter, which he wrote with his HCHS classmate Lindsay Brockington.

Dave currently serves as the CEO of Apprentice, a marketplace which connects college students with entrepreneurs, which he co-founded with another Hunter alum. He is also the Chairman of the Board of The Nursing Beat, a privately held company. He also serves on the Board of Grateful Giving, a nonprofit. Previously Dave served on the Port Washington School Board and the Board of another local nonprofit, The Education Foundation.