



# A FRESH NEW LOOK

Following the completion of our strategic plan, we were eager to get going. So this past summer our campus was buzzing with renovations, and space re-design. Here are some of the highlights:

### A NEWLY RENOVATED DINING HALL

A grand opening ceremony (pictured above) in celebration of the dining hall renovation and the introduction of Aladdin, our new food service partner.

### "THE LIVING ROOM"

A new and comfy space for students at the Ashby Student Center.

### **THE LIBRARY**

Our beautiful library saw transformation in several spaces, and now provides more collaborative areas, group and quiet study, and sunny seating.

### THE DANE SCIENCE BUILDING

90 new and upgraded computers in the lab.

### AT THE ANN PAPPAJOHN VASSILIOU CHILD STUDY CENTER:

A new deck, a new sign and white fence at the Child Study Center.

### EVEN MORE EXCITING CHANGES ARE COMING, SO STAY TUNED!

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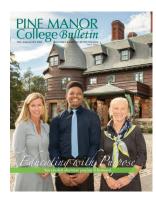
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Alumnae Karen Fish-Will, '79 (right) and Melissa Fish-Crane, '94, (left) with current student Kingsley Calixte, '19. (See cover story on page 5)



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Alumnae/i, Friends and Neighbors,

Since Pine Manor College's inception over 100 years ago, the College has embraced change while maintaining a mission that educates and empowers the underrepresented. The founder of Pine Manor College, Helen Temple Cooke, saw a need to provide unique educational opportunities for women, a largely underrepresented population in her time. Pine Manor College continues with its commitment to the underrepresented by addressing the needs of a unique student population. Our mission is 'Educating with Purpose,' a committment to a purposeful, individualized education that leads to great career opportunities.

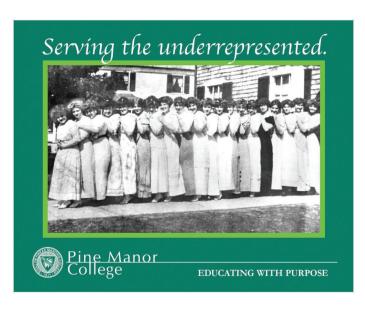
Today, 85% of PMC students are students of color, 84% are the first in their family to attend college, and 80% are from low income households. They are hardworking, active learners committed to advancing their careers and their communities. 53% come from Massachusetts, with over half of them from Boston. 100% of our first-year students participate in service learning opportunities that benefit our local community and, for the second year in a row, 100% of our graduating class was employed or enrolled in graduate school within six months of graduation. As in past years, our staff and faculty are a dedicated group of people who find meaning in investing in and supporting our students. I hope that you do as well.

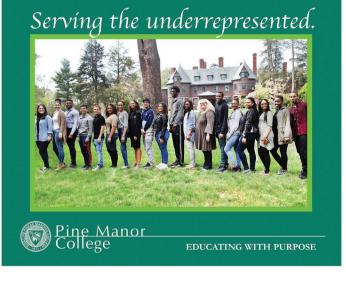
In this magazine you will find stories of the people and programs that make it happen. And most of all, you will come to know and love our students.

Very truly yours,

President

Thomas M. O'Keilly Thomas M. O'Reilly







"PMC GAVE ME BOTH THE SECURITY AND THE FREEDOM TO TAKE RISKS. EVERYONE HERE WANTED TO SEE ME SUCCEED BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED IN ME. "

MELISSA FISH-CRANE, '94



On a bright and crisp fall day, two Pine Manor College alumnae visited the campus they once called home. As they toured the campus and met with various faculty and administrators, they recalled the many fond memories of a time that was both transformational and liberating. Karen Fish-Will, '79, and her sister, Melissa Fish-Crane, '94, are both successful businesswomen and partners at Peabody Properties, Inc., a real estate company serving the greater Boston community which provides employment to 500 employees. They took time from their busy schedules and came to discover all that is new at the College.

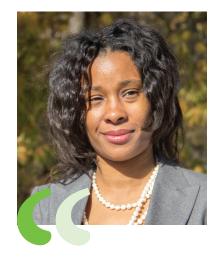
One of the highlights of their afternoon was poring over their respective yearbooks. They each pointed to several photos with joy, declaring, "She is still one of my best friends," or "I just had lunch with her last week." It was clear that Pine Manor College played a major role in their lives during those formative years. "PMC gave me both the security and the freedom to take risks," says Ms. Fish-Crane. "Everyone wanted to see me succeed because they believed in me. Professors went out of their way to care and help." They both recounted fond memories of old traditions, and in a conversation with President O'Reilly, were happy to learn that some of those traditions remain or have evolved to meet the needs of today's students.

Giving students opportunities to grow and reach their full potential is the hallmark of a Pine Manor College education, throughout its century-long history. Through individualized, caring support, the College advances its mission of "Educating with Purpose", and develops programs which are centered around that mission, one of which is the PMC Internship Program. This program allows students to gain work experience, connect their learning to potential career paths, and develop new competencies that are workplace specific. These opportunities help students discover their passions and reaffirm their career paths, so that they feel empowered and driven to succeed in their chosen fields.

The program is vibrant because of the commitments of many individuals within the Pine Manor College community. Meaningful contributions have been made by many of those who have walked this path before. PMC is fortunate to have passionate, involved alumnae, including Ms. Fish-Will and Ms. Fish-Crane, who have gone on to have successful careers; they believe that giving back to the College—not just in capital but also in opportunities for students—is the best way to "pay it forward."



Kingsley Calixte '19



"THE CAREER **DEVELOPMENT OFFICE** OFFERS SUPPORT TO ALL **CURRENT STUDENTS** AND ALL PMC ALUMNAE/I IN NEED OF CAREER **CONSULTATION AND GUIDANCE.**"

IESHIA KARASIK, CAREER DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR www.pmc.edu/career-development



One of the beneficiaries of this bold vision is Kingsley Calixte '19, a Business and Management major, who was introduced to Peabody Properties at a presentation on internships opportunities at the College. As one of the largest and most respected management companies in the Northeast, Peabody Properties was poised to offer a valuable real-world opportunity for Kingsley, and the Fish sisters, as PMC alumnae, were in the perfect position to make that happen. "It's important for students to think about the future through the lens that an internship provides," says Ms. Fish-Will. "It allows them to explore and think outside the box, to see if they want to be in a particular field." Kingsley had always been interested in real estate, and he knew that an internship at Peabody Properties was exactly the kind of opportunity PMC encourages.

An outgoing and confident young man, Kingsley left Haiti four years ago just in time to complete his senior year at Randolph High School in Randolph, Massachusetts. Kingsley landed in Massachusetts in November, completely unprepared for the cold that awaited him. Yet his positive attitude and resiliency helped him adjust quickly to an unfamiliar climate and culture, and he entered Pine Manor College just six months later.

What helped prepare Kingsley for academic and campus life in a new country? Without hesitation, he says, it was the one-on-one attention he received from his professors. He smiles, recounting how the faculty and administration have shown a genuine interest in him, inspiring him to engage and take advantage of opportunities that will help him grow.

PMC students never "go it alone." The College's approach is to offer personalized support every step of the way. "The Career Development Office offers support to all current students and all PMC alumnae/i in need of career consultation and guidance. We supported Kingsley with coaching, resume preparation, interviewing, and connecting him with internship opportunities," explains Career Development Director, Ieshia Karasik. "However, the thing that stood out about Kingsley was his determination. He set a goal, planned out actions to reach the goal, and followed through." As a result, Kingsley landed the internship at the Braintree offices of Peabody Properties. There, he reviewed lead paint reports to make sure various properties were in compliance with state law. He learned about the dangers of lead paint for children and saw firsthand how his role contributed to an important aspect of the business and had a positive impact on people's lives.

Now, as vice president of the College's Student Government Association (SGA), Kingsley wants to expand his leadership skills to make life better for other PMC students. He plans to launch an initiative to increase student extracurricular activities. His comfort within the PMC community has given him an optimistic outlook on life. After graduation, he plans to pursue a master's degree and then work in the United States to get more business experience before returning to Haiti to help the island rebuild its infrastructure through a real estate venture: opening a beach resort with his brother on family property.

Kingsley's internship at Peabody Properties was instrumental in providing an important foundation as well as a sense of personal agency. "There are things you need to learn, that are above and beyond what you can learn in the classroom," he says. "You need to go out into the field to learn them."

PMC is dedicated to providing experiences that go beyond the classroom for all its students. Developing these opportunities into fruitful internships is the work of some very dedicated PMC faculty. "We listen carefully to each student," says Diane Mello-Goldner, Dean of the College. "We work in teams to identify our students' passion and potential and help create paths for their success. Our 'Educating with Purpose' approach infuses our work with this bigger goal. The intent is to help our students grow, dream big, and acquire the knowledge and skills to become active contributors and leaders in our global society."

# Brianna



"I REALLY DIDN'T THINK THAT I WOULD BE ABLE TO GO TO COLLEGE AT ALL. I CAME TO PINE MANOR COLLEGE AND EVERYTHING CHANGED. PMC BECAME A SECOND HOME FOR ME..."

BRIANNA GONSALVES, '18



Carole (Pelletier) Thompson '81, Community Programs Director at The Second Step

Brianna Gonsalves' (Psychology, '18) story reflects the essence of the transformational program that Dean Mello-Goldner describes. Her internship experience was so valuable that it redirected her career trajectory. A soft-spoken young woman, Brianna projects confidence, and in her warm and attentive manner, she explains that she started off at Pine Manor College in Early Education, "I always wanted to work with kids, especially teenagers, in middle school and high school," she says, "but I quickly realized that becoming a teacher is not my calling." Freshman year, she met Dean Mello-Goldner, and that relationship proved to be vital to rethinking her path to a

"When I finished high school I thought that I would just get a job somewhere, earn some money, and try to find my way in the world on my own. I really didn't think that I would be able to go to college at all," she says. "I came to Pine Manor College in January of 2014, and everything changed. PMC became a second home for me; it's a place I find comfort in. I get a tremendous amount of support, talking to people who really care. I have grown, dealt with some ups and downs, and my experiences have shaped me in to what I am today."

It was exactly that level of individualized support that helped Brianna with her decision to switch majors. "I kept having conversations with Dean Mello-Goldner and she suggested I take other psychology classes, which I both enjoyed and learned a lot from. The direct help that one can provide in the psychology field resonated with me, and made me realize that it is really what

Michele Ramirez, Ph.D., Assistant Dean for Foundational Learning and Professor of Psychology, agrees, "We see great value in exposing our students to real-world opportunities, and we rely on many of our alumnae to bring relevant and exciting opportunities back to us. I can name many former students who are eager to give back in that way. For example, our relationship with alumna Carole Thompson '81 has been enormously beneficial to our students." As the Director of the Community Programs at "The Second Step", an organization dedicated to helping survivors of Domestic Violence, Thompson invited our students to evaluate her program as part of a communitybased research course. She was also instrumental in bringing to campus the "IMAGINE Program", where PMC students mentor children ages 2-10 years old while their mothers participate in a support group for survivors of domestic violence. Brianna was a mentor in the program during her junior year and developed a strong bond with one of the girls in the program. Professor Ramirez recalls, "Brianna was like a second mother to the girl. They were inseparable during their time

With encouragement from her professors, Brianna interned at the Codman Academy Charter School in Dorchester, Massachusetts. She still got to work with children, but from a therapeutic perspective, managing a caseload of ten students who were dealing with anxiety and depression, and meeting with each one of them weekly. "My classes were so helpful in my internship," she recounts. "I wouldn't say that I automatically thought about my textbooks and the theories I've learned as I was talking to my kids, because for the most part my conversations with them were almost intuitive, but it confirmed the things that the kids were experiencing and expressing. I thought, 'Wow, I actually learned about this in class!'"

She quietly shares hints of a challenging childhood, with a strong determination to make a difference in the world. "This internship confirmed my decision to be working with kids and teenagers facing mental illness," she reports. "It was exactly what I hoped for—and more."





"AT PMC, YOUR PROFESSORS REALLY KNOW YOU AND THEY **ENCOURAGE YOU TO** TAKE THE STEPS THAT YOU NEED TO TAKE TO GET AHEAD."

ATAZHANNA FURTADO-TRIPLETT, '20



### POLICE PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS PANEL DISCUSSION HOSTED BY PINE MANOR COLLEGE

In April, Pine Manor College in collaboration with the Brookline Police Department Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations, hosted a discussion on policing and community relations. The panel included: Daniel O'Leary, Brookline Police Chief; David McDonald, Newton Police Chief; William Evans, Boston Police Commissioner; and Christine Elow, Cambridge Deputy Superintendent.

This event led to a partnership with the Newton Police and the establishment of an internship program that was launched this fall. Atazhanna is one of a small group of students who are taking part in this new internship.

Atazhanna Furtado-Triplett (Sociology and Political Science, '20) similarly feels a strong sense of purpose, which PMC nurtured through an innovative internship opportunity that has been a perfect match. A sophomore from Dorchester, Massachusetts, Atazhanna is on a special track to complete a Criminal Justice degree. Her dream is to become a police officer, inspired by her uncle, who works for the Boston Police Department creating opportunities for young kids to engage in age-appropriate healthy activities. "He is focusing on future generation's citizenship, making sure that they grow up to make good choices," she says proudly.

Her academic advisor, Kelly-Anne DeFao, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Political Science, directed her to an internship that was a perfect fit with her goals: a 12-week pilot program specially developed through a partnership with the City of Newton Police. "This collaboration evolved through a mutual commitment by Newton Police and Pine Manor College to create civil service/law enforcement opportunities for our diverse and ethnically rich student body," says William Vogele, Professor of Political Science and one of the faculty members leading the partnership along with Professor DeFao. "Chief David MacDonald of Newton immediately recognized that working with Pine Manor College could help draw more young people into law enforcement and strengthen an existing internship program. It is these connections between the classroom and the real world, along with the skills developed through this exposure, that will help prepare students for careers," he continues. "As one of our first placements, Atazhanna has already seen our classroom concepts come to life on the streets of Newton."

Atazhanna readily agrees. The internship involved spending four weeks with each of three departments within the Newton police force. Atazhanna chose Police Patrol as her main focus however, the internship offered her a close introduction to a range of departments, including Dispatch and Legal Services, which are now other areas she is considering. She continues to be surprised at the level of involvement and hands-on experience at her internship. She expected there to be a lot of office work, but in reality, she shadowed the officers on their patrols and saw their dayto-day work, their thought processes, and how they impacted the lives of real people in real time. "It is remarkable to see, and it makes me want to be a part of it and contribute to the service," she says.

It seems destined that PMC would help shape Atazhanna's path. She recalls that she received her acceptance letter to Pine Manor College two weeks after her grandfather passed away. She felt that

> it was his wish for her to attend, as he had worked for the College in the 1970s. "I love all my professors, I really do. Even though sometimes I get an assignment and I think: 'Really? I need to do THAT?'" she laughs. "I do believe that all of my professors want to see me succeed."

> Kelly DeFao is one of those professors. Atazhanna is thankful she helped her have the opportunity to intern so early in her college career. "Professor DeFao said to me, 'You have to take this opportunity. It is perfect for you, and I already put your name in," she chuckles. "All of my professors are truly interested in me," she continues. "Professor Ramirez wants to know everything about her students, and she takes the time to talk and ask questions. My English professor, Shelly Linso, offers one-on-one support, and she is just so generous with her time. At PMC, your professors really know you and they encourage you to take the steps that you need to take to get ahead."

> Many alumnae, including Ms. Fish-Will and Ms. Fish-Crane, recount similar experiences of supportive, individualized attention. Former students often relate that their time at the College was instrumental in their development, both personally and professionally, and credit PMC with helping them find their paths in life. But just as "it takes a village" to raise a child, it takes the entire PMC community—faculty, staff, administrators, and, importantly, alumnae—to provide the transformational education that present and past students experience at the College. These shared experiences are the bridge that connects alumnae, today's mentors and role models, to current students about to embark on lives and careers that will carry Pine Manor College's mission and values into the future. For more information: www.pmc.edu/my-internship



# THE INITIATIVE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

The Initiative for Student Success is a new program that will provide each Pine Manor College student access to centralized and programmatic coaching and advising. Through a collaborative institutional approach, the initiative will increase students' access to a variety of support, resources, and services both on- and offcampus. The primary goal of the initiative is to increase every student's likelihood of graduating by ensuring that our students thrive in the classroom and in their communities. At the heart of the initiative is research-

> based recognition that a holistic, collective approach and individualized mentorship will give students the concrete opportunities to reach their academic goals and, more broadly, to realize their potential.

> The Initiative for Student Success was developed from Pine Manor College's Strategic Plan and the newly defined mission which commits "to make[ing] 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." Through a collaboration between the Dean of the College, Diane Mello-Goldner, Ph.D., and the Dean of Students Affairs, Staci Weber, Ph.D., the initiative brings about a new advising and coaching structure.

> "Many of the aspects of the Initiative for Student Success have been drawn from our supportive First-Year Seminar and Academic Advising programs that have been in place for over 20 years. This initiative builds on the strength of our academic advising by providing additional support that helps define our student success goals and direct resources in an intentional and structured manner," explained Dean Mello-Goldner.

> The new model provides both a Student Success Coach and an Academic Advisor to every student. The Academic Advisor is responsible for helping students process their learning experiences and ensure that their academic pursuits align with their future academic goals. Academic Advisors will also direct students to the various opportunities that can enhance their

learning experience, such as internships, service-learning, and career pathways.

The newly created position of Student Success Coach compliments the work of the Academic Advisor by overseeing the overall well-being of each student, in the broadest sense of the term. Similar to life coaches, Pine Manor College Student Success Coaches will help students identify their goals, promote self-efficacy and their abilities to self-advocate, problem-solve, as well as manage stress and conflict. To that end, Pine Manor College's Student Success Coaches will connect students to the various resources both on- and off-campus, and provide workshops and campus activities that will specifically target students' interests and needs.

Dean Weber added, "While this initiative builds upon the work of Academic Affairs, it realigns Student Affairs to best support the students we serve. We know our students thrive through individualized mentorship. This new model provides students with both, allowing them to be healthy and engaged in our community. For students to be successful in the classroom, they need to be successful outside of the classroom, as well."

To launch this initiative, the College realigned current administrators and hired additional staff. A summerlong renovation project that re-designed and re-purposed spaces in the Ashby Campus Center coincided with the realignment. The Ashby Campus Center is now home to Pine Manor College's Student Success Coaches, the "Living Room," a space that encourages student interaction and provides student resources, our new food service provider, and the newly renovated dining hall. For more information: www.pmc.edu/student-success-initiative





# **MEET OUR NEW VP OF ADVANCEMENT** & ALUMNAE/I RELATIONS, JANINE A. DAILEY

Pine Manor College has announced the appointment of Janine A. Dailey as Vice President of Advancement and Alumnae/i

Dailey brings to Pine Manor College over 15 years of development experience, serving in various leadership positions in Higher Education and non-profit originations. Most recently she served as the Vice President of Institutional Advancement at the Episcopal Divinity School where she was in charge of developing and implementing a strategic fundraising plan. A Boston native, Dailey has held leadership positions in some of Boston's most renowned organizations including Boston University, Children's Hospital, Harvard School of Public Health, and METCO.

Introducing Dailey to the campus community, Pine Manor College President Thomas M. O'Reilly said that Dailey "brings expertise and enthusiasm in creating and leading a strategic effort that will advance the College's relationships with our alumnae, neighbors, and those who are mission-aligned", President O'Reilly noted that "Janine's background uniquely positions her to understanding the needs of our student population. We are thrilled that she is bringing her wealth of experience to the college and her track record and commitment to supporting missiondriven institutions such as Pine Manor College.'

Dailey was selected from a strong pool of applicants by a search committee that included faculty, staff, alumnae, and

"In meeting with members of the search committee, I was struck by the profound spirit of community and dedication to the Pine Manor College mission," said Dailey, adding that she found the team at Pine Manor College to be "exceptionally focused on empowering students." Dailey noted that the same sense of spirit was evident as she visited with students, faculty, and staff on campus, "I am truly excited to join Pine Manor College. Advancement is a team effort, and I am looking forward to working closely with faculty, staff, alumnae, trustees, and friends of the College. It is a wonderful opportunity to work on strategic initiatives that will promote a mission that is close to my heart, and support the student experience that Pine Manor College has been providing for generations."

Dailey earned an M.B.A. from Simmons Graduate School of Management, an M.A. in Psychology from Boston College, and a B.A. in Psychology from UMass Boston. She is currently a Master of Divinity candidate at the Andover Newton Theological School. She lives in Dorchester with her husband of 24 years, and their three young adult children.





medical fields, as Professor Collen Krieser, Ph.D., Biology Program coordinator, explains: "The Biology program recognized the potential uses of 3D printing in several different courses across the program and how valuable it would be for students to gain hands-on experience with this new technique to help prepare them for careers in biomedical fields". The reasons for investing in this technology were many, said Biology and Chemistry Professor, Ujwala Panse, Ph.D., "3D printing is a job-oriented skill to learn. It is gaining its popularity due to its possible Eco-friendly option, and is now in use by most large manufacturing and product design companies. The printers use a polymathic acid (PLA) which is a corn-based Eco-friendly plastic. It's a renewable type of thermoplastic material that produces considerably less toxic emissions during the printing

stage than others, and there's even less waste product with PLA."

Because of the fast-growing applications of 3-D printing technology in medical fields, the Biology Program decided to invest in 3-D printers. Such an addition of innovation and current technology not only enhances the quality of the Biology Program, but also benefits students as they acquire skills that are essential in today's workplace. The excitement by PMC students is equal to that of the faculty, said Dean of the College, Diane Mello-Goldner, "Adding 3D printing to the chemistry curriculum came in direct response to Pine Manor College's mission of providing a purposeful education to our students".



# **AMERICAN FRENCH TOOL PRESS**

Pine Manor College is thankful for the generous donation of an American French Tool Press by Eleanor Rubin, accomplished Newton artist (For her work, visit: www.ellyrubin.com). The 40"x70" press was purchased in the early 70's from the maker, Andre Eugene Beudoin. The American French Tool Press was used by famous artists and printers including Michael Mazur, Joseph Wheelwright and Constance Jacobson.

This amazing piece of machinery was moved into its new home at the print studio in July. For our Halloween-inspired project, one of our students, Puzhou "Terry" Wang, took the first print from the press. Professor Stephanie Stigliano will be teaching Printmaking and the visual arts students will host a dedication in honor of Eleanor Rubin.

For more information: www.pmc.edu/eleanor-rubin

# Pine Manor College

# Ellis Woods '19 Adriana Morales '19 Major: Business & Management Major: Psychology Hometown: Brockton, MA Hometown: Perth Amboy, NJ I came to Pine Manor College to The students and faculty made be able to do better and get ahead. The it feel like there is a family on campus, campus is beautiful. It gives me a sense of You can't go back to the room unhappy freedom and inspires me to achieve more. because they are always willing to make

For the Fall 2017 semester, 421 undergraduate and 30 graduate students were enrolled at Pine Manor College from 26 states, the District of Columbia, and 15 countries outside of the United States. Approximately 37% of the College's undergraduate students are from out-of-state. International students account for 40% of the total undergraduate student population.

- Graduation rate we graduate 3x the National Average for the population served
- First Generation 84% of our undergraduate students are first in their family to attend college
- Pell Grant eligibility 80% of our students are eligible for Pell Grants (Federal Student
- Employment Since 2014, 100% of our graduates were either employed or pursuing post-Baccalaureate degrees within 6 months of graduation
- Dedicated Faculty full-time faculty average 12 years of service at PMC, demonstrating a high commitment to the Pine Manor College mission.

it work for you and themselves."

Diversity - 85% students of color. PMC has ranked among the most diverse campuses among liberal arts colleges in the United States, according to U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges.

For more information: www.pmc.edu/fast-facts

# = OUR HOME



Oscar Estrada '18 Major: Business & Management Hometown: Nokomis, FL

Pine Manor is my home away from home. Pine Manor is one of the most caring places I have ever been a part of."



Mary Owen '18 Major: Psychology

**Hometown:** Houston, TX

Pine Manor College has been quite an experience for me, I think the best part of this school are the professors. They genuinely want you to succeed!."



Rafael Baez '19

Major: Business & Management **Hometown:** Roslindale, MA

Pine Manor College has allowed me to arow as an individual and create memories that I will never forget."



Nadia Obiesie '19

Major: Early childhood education & Psychology

Hometown: Bronx, NY

I never had teachers who were so involved with my success in and out of the classroom. If it were not for my professors, I would not be a double major."



Kendra Williams '20

Major: Undeclared **Hometown:** Citrus Heights, CA

The faculty and staff at PMC provide us with continuous encouragement, advice, and help us identify opportunities for career and personal growth. They are helping us find our own unique paths to success."



Ellis Reid '19

Major: Criminal Justice Hometown: Hartford, CT

I love the professors and the staff here. They are big supporters and you can always have really good conversations with them."



Rudline Pierre Toussaint '19

Major: Community Health & minor Psychology **Hometown:** Walpole, MA

My peers set limits and expectations for me to succeed throughout my study and to present myself well in life."



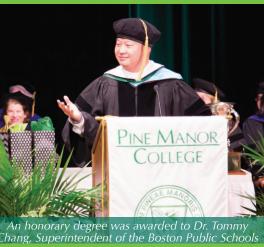
Ionathan Higgenbotham '18

**Major:** Biology Hometown: Oakland, CA

This isn't just an institution, it is a family."

Learn more at: www.pmc.edu/my-home









### **NOTES FROM**

# **COMMENCEMENT 2017**

Pine Manor College's 106th Commencement took place on a rainy yet joyful day, Sunday, May 14th, 2017.

William Stargard, Ph.D., College Marshal and Professor of Art History opened the ceremony and invited President Thomas M. O'Reilly, M.B.A., to give welcoming remarks. In the spirit of Pine Manor College, the president addressed the guests by saying "Welcome" in many of the languages represented by our students. He continued by quoting the two honorary degree recipients - Katrina Shaw, M.S.W., and Tommy Chang, Ed.D. - who embrace the important role that families and communities play in student success. Addressing the graduates, President O'Reilly said "thank you for having had the courage to come to college, the commitment and the grit to get through college, and the vision and aspiration to believe in your future after college." (Read more: www.pmc.edu/commencement-2017).

### **AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREES**

An honorary degree was awarded to Dr. Tommy Chang, Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools. Rob Utzschneider, Chair of the Board of Trustees, escorted Dr. Chang to the podium.

Dr. Tommy Chang is the Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools and a prominent leader in promoting excellence in education. His long-standing commitment to improving high school graduation rates and creating a culture of partnerships and collaboration is an inspiration to us all.

Dr. Chang is a former high school biology teacher and a founding principal of a charter school in Venice, California. He also served as Local Instructional Superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), before accepting his position with the Boston Public Schools in July of 2015. A native of Taiwan who immigrated with his family to the United States at the age of six, he has risen to influential roles through hard work and determination. Dr. Chang holds an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Loyola Marymount University, an M.Ed. from the Principals Leadership Institute at UCLA, an M.Ed. from the Teachers Education Program at UCLA, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania. (Read more: www.pmc.edu/dr-tommy-chang-citation).

An honorary degree was awarded to Katrina Shaw, CEO of Freedom House. Lise Leist '73, Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees, escorted Ms. Shaw to the podium.

Katrina Shaw is the Chief Executive Officer of Freedom House, Inc. and shares a deep commitment to promoting social justice through education. The granddaughter of Alabama sharecroppers and the daughter of survivors of the Jim Crow South, Ms. Shaw has an impressive record of working on social issues, from increasing the academic achievement and graduation rates of students in Baton Rouge and New Orleans public schools, to working on combating homelessness.

At Freedom House, Ms. Shaw is actively engaged in advancing the organization's mission to transform the economic and cultural fabric of Boston's high need communities through education, with a focus on helping young people access and succeed in postsecondary educational opportunities. Shaw is a visionary leader who can see the challenges and potential in the journey ahead for each young student and can translate students' needs into concrete programs and offerings. Her commitment to improving college access and opportunity for first-generation college students ensures college readiness for many high school students in the Boston area, and proves to be one of the key predictors of students' success. The partnership between Freedom House and Pine Manor College has led to innovative new programs aimed at ensuring post-secondary educational and personal success to all students as well as professional development training for staff and faculty. (Read more: www.pmc.edu/katrina-shaw-citation).



# **CONGRESSMAN KENNEDY**

On Monday, April 25 2017, Congressman Joe Kennedy III met "I need you to speak up," he said, "these challenges are on your with students, staff, and faculty of Pine Manor College. A truly an open conversation about the issues that are on students' minds. The students raised many concerns from education policies and student loans, to healthcare, immigration reform, equality, and voter suppression. Echoing our international and diverse community, the issues spanned from local community perspective to international diplomacy and world peace. After running through the long list of topics, Kennedy challenged: "So what do you do about it?" He then urged students to take an active part in the conversations:

plate to solve. With all its complexity, politics is about people, and inspirational public servant, Kennedy took the time to engage in people are driving it. Engage in discussion with your family, your friends, and your neighbors. More importantly, speak with those who hold a different view than yours. Ask them why? And be ready to answer that question as well, because your voice matters."

> Thank you, Congressman, for all of your work on our behalf and for motivating so many of us to roll-up our sleeves, stand up and speak up.

www.pmc.edu/a-conversation-with-congressman-kennedy



### **MORE THAN WORDS**

Pine Manor College has proudly kicked off a partnership with More Than Words, a non-profit "social enterprise that empowers youth who are in the foster care system, court involved, homeless, or out of school to take charge of their lives by taking charge of a business." Pine Manor College will support More Than Words through sponsoring a donation bin on campus (located next to the Child Study Center, behind the Theatre) for gently used books.



### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

At Pine Manor College you are encouraged to take an active part in community service and advocacy. We would like every one of our students' voices to be heard - and one way to express one's opinion is by casting a vote. Registration to vote made easy by bringing the process on campus. Thanks to the League of Women Voters of Brookline, we were able to make that an easy and pleasant process for all. In the picture with President O'Reilly are League of Women Voters members: Janice Kahn, Lois Green, and Betsy DeWitt.

# SPOTLIGHT ON THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

# SHELLEY DROPKIN HR DIRECTOR

Shelley Dropkin, Pine Manor College's new Director of Human Resources, is highly experienced HR professional with both higher education and corporate experience. Shelley joined the team in June 2017, and she feels fortunate to be part of the PMC community, "I love the clear sense of purpose our team shares, and

A long-time member of the Broomstones Curling Club, Shelley has held

## **TIMOTHY JOHNSON DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**





Jim Piermarini with his daughter and PMC alumna, Ashley Piermarini '17.

### **JAMES PIERMARINI DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

This coming January Jim Piermarini will be marking seven years of service

# **HEALTHCARE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES ADVISORY COUNCIL**



Barbara "Babs" Grey Koch '50, P'87 has been a life-long friend of Pine Manor College. Babs, a trustee emerita, and her late husband David have a long history of commitment to philanthropic work, and through the Greycoach Foundation, they have supported a wide range of educational, human welfare, youth development, wildlife and animal welfare causes. Babs has been leading by example for many years, including chairing the first Pine Manor College Capital Campaign and funding many initiatives and projects at the College over the years, most recently, with a generous gift to launch the Healthcare and Biomedical Sciences Initiative.

The Healthcare and Biomedical Sciences Initiative Advisory Council was established to help leverage the College's program strengths in Biology, Psychology, and Community Health, and to build a sustainable pathway from high school, through college and into defined healthcare-related careers. The initial meeting, brought together a select group of esteemed professionals from across the greater Boston area from academic, corporate, and not-for-profit organizations. The group engaged in discussion on ways to promote and strengthen Pine Manor College's Healthcare and Biomedical Sciences initiative and partnerships. The group convened for a second time in September and presented highlights of its strategic plan and upcoming programs, including a Summer Bridge program, which the College plans to launch in summer 2018.

Peter Dunphy, a partner at Commonwealth Health Advisors, and a champion of the initiative, chairs the committee and is supported by both Rob Utzschneider, Chair of Pine Manor College Board of Trustees, and Tom O'Reilly, President of the College.

"The Healthcare and Biomedical Sciences Initiative at Pine Manor College is an incredible opportunity to make a difference in the lives of students," said Peter Dunphy. "The Advisory Council members are all eager to support the College and this initiative in order to help meet the needs of students as well as share insight on

the needs of healthcare and biomedical organizations in the area. It's a true win-win situation."

Sciences Initiative Advisory Council meeting included: Stanley Berman, VP of Academic Affairs, William James College

Attendees for the September 19th Healthcare and Biomedical

**Peter Dunphy**, Partner, Commonwealth Health Advisors Christy Egan, Director of MGH Boston Partnerships

Nancy Hanrahan, Dean and Professor, Northeastern University, Bouve College of Health Sciences

Betty Johnson, Assistant Dean for Faculty and Staff Diversity, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health

Joe Knowles, President and CEO, Institute for Heath Metrics Beth Rogan, Associate Director of Marketing and Outreach, William James College

Gemima St. Louise, Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology, William James College

**Rob Utzschneider**, Chair, PMC Board of Trustees

Louis Woolf, President and CEO, Hebrew Senior Life Additional advisory council members include Stephanie Browne, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA; Sera Godfrey-Kaplan, Riverside Community Care; and Naomi Rosenberg, Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences, Tufts University. Pine Manor College representation include President Tom O'Reilly; Dean Diane-Mello Goldner; Susan Bear, Professor of Biology; Janine Daily, VP of Advancement and Alumni Relations; and Bridget Gardner, Director of Academic Partnerships.

To find out more about this initiative and about other ways to partner with Pine Manor College, please contact Bridget Gardner, Director of Academic Partnerships, at bmgardner@pmc.edu. Read more:

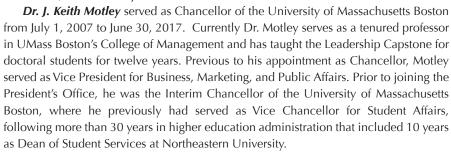
www.pmc.edu/healthcare-and-biomedical-advisory-council

# **INSPIRE SPEAKER SERIES WITH** DR. KEITH MOTLEY



The Pine Manor College *Inspire Program* invites people who have beaten the odds and achieved significant success to come and share their stories and inspire our students and our community. It was a great honor and much fun to host Dr. J. Keith Motley as the Fall 2017 Inspire Speaker. Through personal encounters Dr. Motley shared stories of his childhood, his mentors and his career, encouraging everyone to get engaged and "move to the front of the classroom - where success happens".





As Chancellor, Motley oversaw a strategic planning initiative to enhance the university's academic offerings and research enterprise, grew enrollment to meet the increasing demand for a well-educated workforce, and built the university as a resource of knowledge and public service. As the first African American chancellor of UMass Boston, which is considered the most diverse public university in New England, Motley highlighted academic excellence, access, and inclusion among its key missions. Motley also oversaw UMass Boston's 25-year master plan to enhance the campus and improve its layout on Columbia Point.

Motley also serves on numerous boards of organizations with local, regional, and national reach. For the past five years Motley has been named to the Boston Business Journal's "Power 50" list of Boston-area influencers. In 2016, he was named to the "Get Konnected! 100" list of Boston's 100 Most Influential People of Color.

A product of the Pittsburgh public schools, he is also a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh Upward Bound Program. Motley holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Northeastern University and a doctor of philosophy from Boston College. He also holds honorary doctorate degrees awarded by Northeastern University, Stonehill College, and Robert Morris University and the President's Award for Distinguished Civic Leadership from Emerson College. He is married to Angela Motley and is the proud father of Keith Allyn, Kayla Iman, and Jordan Kiara. Read more: www.pmc.edu/inspire-program







# **GATORS WINS 2017 ACAA CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Pine Manor College Gators won the 2017 ACAA Men's Soccer Championship that took place in Phoenixville, PA on the entire PMC Men's Soccer team displayed athleticism and Sunday, November 5th.

Conference Championship for the second straight year by winning in a thrilling double overtime game against the Kangaroos of SUNY Canton 4-3

With an impressive 12 wins and a total of 42 goals scored, sportsmanship throughout the season. Defensive Player Noah The Gators of Pine Manor College captured the 2017 ACAA Nixon, who scored the winning goal, was named the tournament's

www.pmcathletics.com















# SOLSTICE MFA IN CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM

Program celebrated its 18th Commencement! Our five new graduates hail from Massachusetts, Vermont, and Pennsylvania, and bring our body of alumnae/i to 127. We thank our commencement speaker, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Vijay Seshadri (pictured sixth from left), for giving our grads inspirational words to take with them as they head out into this great, big writing world. Congratulations to Eric Boermeester (fiction, fourth from right), Priscilla Cash (fiction,

On Monday, July 25 2017, the Solstice MFA in Creative Writing fifth from right, front), Garvan Giltinan (fiction, second from left), Karen Koretsky (creative nonfiction, center), and Kemal Onor (fiction, 5th from left). And thanks to President Tom O'Reilly (far left) along with presenting faculty members Anne-Marie Oomen (third from left), Steven Huff (fourth from left), Robert Lopez (second from right), and David Yoo (fifth from right, back). Also pictured are MFA Program Assistant Director Beth Grosart Cho Little (third from right) and founding Director Meg Kearney (far right).

# DENNIS LEHANE VISITS THE SOLSTICE MFA





Pictured with Dennis Lehane, on the left, Sterling Watson. On the right, (left to right) Faculty member Anne-Marie Oomen, Dean Diane Mello-Goldner, MFA Director Meg Kearney, Dennis Lehane, President Tom O'Reilly, and faculty member Renée Watson.

at Pine Manor College last July. He taught a course on "The The End of the Affair. Lehane's most recent novel, Since We Fell, stars an unreliable narrator, so he was able to speak to

Founding faculty member and writer-in-residence **Dennis** the group about how best to incorporate this aspect of fiction Lehane visited the Solstice MFA in Creative Writing Program strategically. Lehane also gave an inspiring and engaging reading from his new book alongside two of our Solstice MFA Unreliable Narrator" in which he discussed The Bible, Othello, faculty (Anne-Marie Oomen and Renée Watson). We are so Stewart O'Nan's A Prayer for the Dying, and Graham Greene's glad that Dennis Lehane is part of the Solstice family, and we can't wait to have him back!

PMC alumni are welcome to audit a select number of our MFA Program's craft classes during its January residency. For detailed course descriptions and an online registration form, go to: www.pmc.edu/mfa-classes-for-audit. The deadline for enrolling is Friday, December 22, 2017.

# **HESS GALLERY EXHIBITS**









### **CURRENT EXHIBITION**

**OUTSPOKEN: 7 WOMEN PHOTOGRAPHERS.** Curated by

Pine Manor College alumna Marky Kauffmann, '72, a recent Mass. Cultural Council fellowship winner. Marky invites seven nationally and internationally known female photographers to show work that touches on many facets of feminism and women's experience. The Opening Reception was held on November 10th as part of the Pine Manor Arts Festival.

For more information, visit: www.pmc.edu/hess-gallery

### PREVIOUS EXHIBITIONS

LAVAUGHAN JENKINS, NEW WORK, Prize-winning Mass. College of Art and Design alumnus Lavaughan Jenkins brought his first major solo show to Pine Manor College last spring. See more: www.pmc.edu/lavaughan-jenkins

RESIST, Artists: Gordon D. Chase, Lola Chiasson, L'Merchie Frazier, Stephen Harper, Erika Hess, Amy Janowitz, Alissa Lerman, Karen Meninno, Rebecca Schena, Lee Smith, Carolyn Wirth, Anonymous. The turmoil of the recent presidential election produced a new outpouring of protest, and with it, a new generation's political artwork is seen on the streets. See more: www.pmc.edu/resist

C.A. STIGLIANO AND S.M. STIGLIANO, Pine Manor Fine Art Professor Stephanie Stigliano and her husband Chuck, a sculpture professor at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, brought their prints and puppets to the Hess this fall. Subtitled "A Work in Art and Life," the show explores the evolving nature of artwork by an artist couple.

See more: www.pmc.edu/Stigliano-and-Stigliano



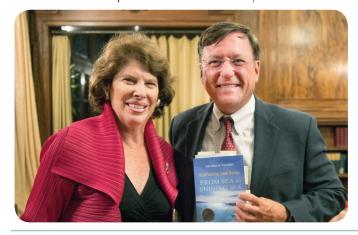
Pine Manor College 2017 ArtsFest took place in early November. The brain-child of the performing arts program coordinator, Deborah Kronenberg, and her enthusiastic collaborators Michelle deSousa Moore, and Latoya Johnson, the event offered a borderless approach to building community and creating learning opportunities through art. This show included dance, theatre, spoken word, rap and music, and was enhanced by visual arts presentation by Pine Manor College's young artists at Ellsworth. "It is a symbolic display of the diversity that lives within our community", the event's program explained, "As the actor, artist, and civil rights activist Ossie Davis said, "Any form of art is a form of power; it has impact, it can affect change - it can not only move us, it makes us move." See more: www.pmc.edu/arts-fest-2017





# PROFESSOR PONDER BOOK TOUR LAUNCH

Professor Emerita Melinda Ponder, discussed her latest book: Katharine Lee Bates: Sea to Shining Sea, at a PMC book reading event in September, and an event hosted by PMC Alumnae Club in San Francisco took place on October 29th. If you missed these wonderful events, you will have more opportunities to experience it as Professor Ponder takes her book on the road. You can also follow her tour and learn more about the book on her website: www.melindaponder.com





# **JEFFREY ROSS ENTREPRENEUR-IN-RESIDENCE**



The Entrepreneur-in-Residence program's goal is to assist in the development of an entrepreneurial community at Pine Manor College. The program was established to address the growing needs of PMC students - and more specifically of students who are majoring in Business and Management - to have an in-depth understanding of building and growing a business. Professor Joseph P. Fargnoli sees this program as a great opportunity to bring business leaders and innovators to share their knowledge and experiences to benefit our students.

Pine Manor College is fortunate to have Jeffrey Ross, a leading business entrepreneur, as its inaugural Entrepreneur-in-Residence. Ross is Managing Partner of Glenoe Associates LLC, and his extensive business experience includes management, acquisitions & sales of businesses, with a focus on corporate restructuring and strategic business growth.

Ross has been responsible for operation and development of three mid-sized retailing and retirement services corporations. He brings vast experience in building management teams and creating successful growth strategies for significantly increased revenue. Among his management team's achievements are growing companies to significant enterprises, for example growing a Drug Store Chain to 31 stores (the chain was sold to CVS); business development of Pet Store Group to 17 stores (the company was sold to PetSmart), and restructuring of Assisted Living Corporation with nationwide expansion of its operations.

"We are excited to have Mr. Ross join our community as Entrepreneur-in-Residence", said President Tom O'Reilly, "His wealth of experience is sure to enrich and broaden the scope of entrepreneurial thinking at Pine Manor College. We encourage and empower our students to dream big - having access to the knowledge and skills that Mr. Ross can offer is invaluable in expanding one's possibilities."

Through his consulting company, Glenoe Associates (www.glenoeassoc.com), Ross now focuses on helping mid-size businesses ranging from \$5M to \$200M, with strategic planning, operational reorganization, bank financing, and purchase & sale of assets. Founding investor and board member of Boston Market, Jeff is a graduate of Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, BS in Pharmacy, and Harvard Business School, OPM-5 Executive Education Program. See more: www.pmc.edu/Entrepreneur-in-Residence-program

# **CLASS NOTES**

To read and update your Class Notes, visit www.pmc.edu/class-notes

# **Every student benefits** when you give!

Gifts to Pine Manor College have a transformational impact on the life of every student. Each student is able to embrace and embark on academic and career paths that impact their life 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.

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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.

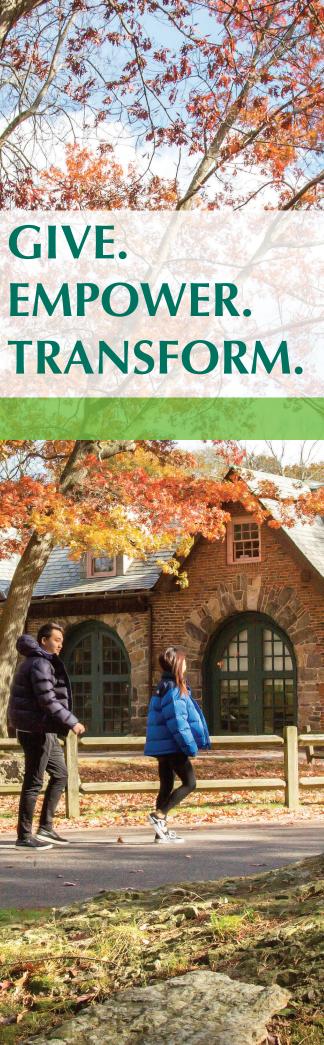
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Planned gifts can be an effective means of providing tax savings and financial benefits to you and your family, while also providing ultimately for a substantial charitable gift to Pine Manor College. Gifts made under a variety of options, including 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. We are grateful for your interest and support.





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