

# AADC

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June 2023

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Associate Alumnae of Douglass College - Established in 1922

## THE POWER OF OUR AADC COMMUNITY

Message from AADC President Jeanne M. Fox '75, Esq.  
and Executive Director Valerie L. Anderson '81, MBA

Throughout our centennial year we have seen what the power of our beloved AADC community can do together as we look to our bright future and another century of success. It's been a spectacular celebration as our great alumnae organization, one of the few remaining women's college alumnae associations, turned 100-years-young just over a year ago on June 10, 2022.

As we enter into our new century of success, we are ever focused on strengthening our future leaders. We are encouraging our young alumnae to carry on our future just as our founders set the stage for us, as we embrace our next century of leaders. There is power in the community of all women. We are educated, engaged, and empowered agents of change.

All that we do speaks to the importance of women staying focused on the work that needs to be done to ensure the successful future for all women and our world. We have persevered in spite of formidable barriers, with a determination and a will to overcome and to succeed.

When women come together to learn, support each other, network, uplift and encourage each other, laugh and sometimes even shed a tear, the power of women excels. Each and every one



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of our Douglass alumnae, our friends, and our community partners demonstrates this. We are so proud.

Women have been at the forefront of advancements and changes in our homes, our communities, our nation and the world. We have been the first, and we will continue, even through struggles, to ensure that we will not be the last. We will not be an afterthought.

Women's voices matter. We have something to say. We will continue to be champions to keep the hope for equity and inclusion moving forward in all areas. We respect the differences and the values of all. We are not going back. Reversals of rights for which we have fought long and hard must not be tolerated. Together we make the world a better place.

As women, we are stronger when we move forward together. We thank our AADC community for helping us to celebrate the proud history of the AADC and our bright future through your participation, contributions and engagement.

Learn more about your alumnae association!

Visit us at [douglassalumnae.org](http://douglassalumnae.org)

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# SUPPORTING WOMEN'S EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT

## AADC ALUMNAE FELLOWSHIPS

The AADC remains committed to ensuring support to Douglass alumnae and graduating Douglass Residential College seniors for post-graduate studies through fellowships. Through these opportunities, our mission impacts alumnae seeking to achieve at the highest levels. We share some highlights from just a few of our many current recipients, who are among the more than 600 fellowships awarded since 2001. For more information visit [www.douglassalumnae.org/alumnae/fellowships](http://www.douglassalumnae.org/alumnae/fellowships).

### Making Education Equitable



**Catherine Sackey '22** higher education journey began at Raritan Valley Community College before graduating as a student in the Mary I. Bunting Program at Douglass. She is driven to improve access to college and shape "educational policy to make education equitable." Catherine is the recipient of the Julia Baxter Bates Fellowship, the Margaret Denton Wagner

Fellowship, and the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Continuing Education Fellowship.

Catherine is a Master in Public Policy graduate student at Rutgers' Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, where she has a concentration in educational policy.

"I believe in contributing to the spaces I occupy," says Catherine. In addition to her studies, she is the communications director on the Bloustein Social Justice Committee and an intern at the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education of the State of New Jersey. She is also making an impact serving as Chair of the AADC's 2023 Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace & Professional Development Symposium and as a member of the AADC Young Alumnae Network.

### Managing Pain as a Veterinary Surgeon

**Ankita Gupta '17** is in the sixth-year of her studies for a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) and as a Ph.D. candidate in the Comparative Biomedical Sciences Program at North Carolina State University. She is the recipient of the Hedwig Hass Turkenkopf Fellowship, the Margaret Denton Wagner Fellowship, and the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club Fellowship.



"I want to build a career as an independent clinician-scientist conducting neuroscience research at the human-animal interface and to be a surgeon," says Ankita. "What we learn from our pets is amazing as a model."

Her experience in the former AADC Extern Program working with a veterinary doctor was transformative. "It helped me realize my passion for veterinary medicine," says Ankita, who was born in India and moved to New Jersey at 16.

"Growing up, I saw people living with pain," she says. "As a surgeon I want to help patients with soft tissue and orthopedic diseases and find new therapies for managing pain in pets and

also for their owners," says Ankita whose cat is named after her favorite suture, Vicryl.

### Addressing Disparities Through Policy



**Medha Krishnagiri '21** received the AADC Fellowship, and the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Holland and Political Science Fellowships. She is pursuing a Master of Public Health focused on Public Health Practice and Policy at the University of Maryland.

"I want to build a career as a health policy analyst to make tangible changes

to benefit marginalized groups," says Medha.

Currently as a full-time policy analyst for the National Institutes of Health, she sees "firsthand how policies shape the healthcare people across the nation receive."

"Fellowship support allows me the flexibility to volunteer in ways that directly help me in my career," she says. She volunteers for an organization that connects Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia area high schoolers with mentors in science and health careers. She is also a writer for the Special Populations Research Forum newsletter, where she has researched and written about health conditions impacted by health disparities, such as PTSD and diabetes.

### Better Care and Outcomes in Midwifery

**Hana Hamdi '14** has been a birth doula for nearly a decade and is pursuing a Master of Science in Nurse-Midwifery because she wants to "provide holistic care to new parents and create access to high quality, culturally responsive care." She is the recipient of the Margaret Denton Wagner Fellowship, the Ruth Adams Fellowship, the AADC Fellowship and the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club Science Fellowship.



"I was raised in poverty by a single mother, so I have never had financial support from family," says Hana. "Fellowship support helps me make and manage this career change."

She was accepted into accelerated programs at Yale and Columbia. She earned a Master's in Public Health from Columbia 2016 and has experience working with public health organizations, including a fellowship in public health in Uganda. Hana is compelled by the increasing maternal morbidity and mortality in the world.

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"My family has always been dedicated to service professions," says Hana whose mother is a professor. "I hope to find avenues to reform healthcare and health policy to help improve the lives of and in service to others."

### Furthering Education is a Social Responsibility



**Kaila Boulware-Sykes '15** is pursuing a Master's in Global Public Health at the Rutgers School of Public Health. She is the recipient of the Jason David Cayne Fellowship, Catherine Dorn Weisberg '68 Fellowship, and the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Political Science and International Exchange Fellowships.

"These studies will allow me to make practical expansions to the non-profit, public health work I currently do, and to impact more people and communities globally," says Kaila.

She established the Hidden Gems Literary Emporium, a non-profit bookstore based in New Brunswick, NJ, whose mission is to empower the mental health of communities through access to books and education. The books are free. Her work, which she does with her husband Ray, has been featured on some of the largest news platforms. In addition, over the last five years, Kaila has spent Sundays distributing free food to food insecure individuals in the New Brunswick community.

Kaila visited a small village school in Soweto during her undergraduate years, which helps inform her work today. "I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to academically explore public health on a global scale," she says.

### Health Touches Every Part of Life

**Megan Maniar '21** is wrapping up her first year as a medical student at Rutgers' Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She is the recipient of the AADC Fellowship, the New Jersey State Federation Fellowship, and the New Jersey State Federation Holland Fellowship.

"Support has decreased the financial burden of my medical education and has allowed me to prioritize my academic pursuits," Megan says.

She has immersed herself in clinical settings. "As a student doctor at RJWMS Promise Clinic for underinsured patients in the New Brunswick community, I get to know patients and form a connection that helps build trust," says Megan.

"I am invested in becoming a physician to advocate for my patients, to serve my community and bridge gaps in care,"



says Megan. Her passion for accessible, patient-centered care motivated her to pursue medicine.

"Healthcare is central to everything, because health touches every part of life," she says.

### Promoting Justice and Positive Change



**Joanne E. Igbinosun '21** is the recipient of the Honorable Rosalie B. Cooper '52 Fellowship. She is a rising second year student at The University of Mississippi School of Law.

"Being a first-generation college graduate, it seemed like just a dream to get into law school, but here I am," she says.

"My goal is to use my legal education to empower individuals and communities by increasing their knowledge of their rights and providing them with the tools they need to protect themselves," says Joanne. "I am passionate about creating positive change and promoting justice in society."

She is one of the top six negotiators invited to serve on the Negotiation Board at the law school and the Moot Court Board, which consists of just 11 law students out of 173.

Joanne shared her experience at the AADC Virtual Event to Honor AADC Benefactors in the spring. "My parents are Nigerian immigrants, and I am truly blessed to be a first-generation college graduate and soon-to-be law school graduate. Their sacrifices inspire me to work hard and pursue my dreams."

### Driven by the Mysteries of Ancient Egypt

**Julia Fuchs '22** is the recipient Gail Pihlblad Wittman Humanities Fellowship, the Ruth Adams Fellowship, and the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Fine Arts/Art History Fellowship.

"My goal is to combine my academic interest in archaeology with my budding interest in computer programming," says Julia, who is earning a Master of Arts in Cultural Heritage and Preservation Studies through the Art History Department at Rutgers University School of Graduate Studies. Her thesis will explore topics and the mysteries of early collections like Egyptian mummification, including the remains of the Egyptian Priestess Iset-Ha at the Rutgers Geology Museum. She is also working on a digital catalogue of artifacts and contributing to the Museum's website.

Julia is inspired by an extended family of "persistent women." She has done mission work in Columbia, worked with the National Park Service and calls her studies a "passion project," which these fellowships help nurture and support.



## New AADC Website Coming to Your Favorite Device: Fall 2023!

On behalf of the AADC Board of Directors, Vice President of Marketing and Communications Judy Meyenhofer Musa '89, please look for a robust, revamped AADC website that you will be able to access on any device.

We would like to thank our small (and mighty) Website Committee: Tina Gordon '72, Christina Crovetto '84 and Mallorie Medley '08 for volunteering their time and talent. Together with AADC Director of Marketing and Communications Anne Marie Russo, the committee helped select a web developer, create content and provide valuable insights to improve the experience and highlight all that the AADC offers. We are continuing our work on the new website throughout the summer with AADC web developers EP Connects, co-owned by Sheila McWeeney La Magra '84 and business partner Kathy Collins.

### Can You Give Us an Hour

Many hands make work light! Please consider giving one or two hours of your time to proofread, review content, and help with the final polishing of this new user experience. If you would like to share your expertise, get involved and contribute to our efforts, please reach out to Anne Marie Russo at the AADC at [amrusso@douglassalumnae.org](mailto:amrusso@douglassalumnae.org).



## Results of AADC Elections for Board of Directors and Appointments to the Board

The results of the ballots cast by active members of the AADC for the election of Board Officers and General Board Members for the term of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025 were reported to the Spring Alumnae Council on April 1.

Elected to serve are **Mary Zimmerman Chyb '71**, Vice President for Development; **Judy Meyenhofer Musa '89**, Vice President for Marketing and Communications; **Debbie Lynch '79**, Vice President for Alumnae Relations, and **Tina B. Gordon '72**, Secretary. **Denise K. Busby '76** was appointed by the Board President to serve as Annual Appeal Chair, and **Bertha Lee Aiken '81** was appointed to

serve as Alumnae Engagement Chair.

In addition, elected General Board Members to second terms are **Mallorie Medley '08**, **Tiffany Toliver '04**, and **Ikecia Lenese Mapp '01**, and to first terms are **Lauren Nathan LaRusso '03**, **Christine Esposito Sargent '09**, and **Linda Caldwell Epps '73**, whose term as Vice President for Development ends on June 30, 2023.

We thank Board Members **Linda Swenton Naselli '81**, **Ruth Toni Armstead '74**, and the outgoing Alumnae Engagement Chair **Karen Lynch '79**, whose terms end June 30, 2023.





## AADC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Women's Conference

# WOMEN MOVING FORWARD

March 18, 2023 | Conference Benefactor Blanche & Irving Laurie Foundation, Inc.

Our alumnae community and friends came together for this historic event on Saturday, March 18, for the **AADC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Women's Conference: Women Moving Forward** as we celebrated women's history month. Nearly 300 participants gathered at the East Brunswick Hilton Hotel and Conference Center for the day-long conference.

We left transformed and empowered by deeply inspirational educational workshops and panel discussions, and the **powerful keynote address by Valerie Jarrett, CEO of the Obama Foundation**. We also featured remarks from **Rutgers President Jonathan Holloway**, and our conference brought women and allies together from across industries ranging from finance, health care and academia to politics and law.

Thank you to conference **Chair Amanda Hugelmeyer '04** for her leadership and to committee members, to **AADC President Jeanne Fox '75, Executive Director Valerie Anderson '81, to our workshop presenters and panelists**, and to all those who participated from our AADC community and beyond. Special thanks to **conference benefactor the Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation, Inc.** We are so proud to have dedicated alumna **Laura Zagoren Baron '70** as a Trustee of the Foundation and express our gratitude. We also thank **Margaret "Marty" Gillis '75** for sponsoring the conference tote bag, **M. Wilma Harris '66** for sponsoring Douglass Residential College future alumnae to attend, and **PSEG** for their support to our mission.



Enjoy event photos @ Douglass Alumnae on Flickr

## Make a Gift to the AADC Annual Appeal Today!

Every year thousands of alumnae and friends make contributions to the AADC Annual Appeal. These gifts allow the AADC the flexibility to seize unique opportunities which empower and strengthen our sisterhood, to direct funds to alumnae initiatives that are of the greatest priority, and to support general administration which allows us to be a self-funded, best-in-class alumnae organization. Make a gift between June 20 - 29 to celebrate **The AADC: Where Connections Blossom** June crowdfunding.



[www.douglassalumnae.org/MakeAGift](http://www.douglassalumnae.org/MakeAGift)

To donate by phone or for questions, please contact Associate Director of Annual Appeal Beata Souders at 732-246-1600, Ext. 14 or [bsouders@douglassalumnae.org](mailto:bsouders@douglassalumnae.org)





# Reconnecting and Making Memories at Reunion!

We welcomed alumnae and friends back to campus for a festive Reunion Weekend, where we celebrated on Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3. The **Class of 1973 was inducted into the Vanguard Fifty Society on its 50<sup>th</sup> Vanguard Reunion and this year's Milestone Classes ending in 3s and 8s were heralded.** Reunion got underway in Traves Hall at the Douglass Student Center with the **Vanguard Luncheon** on Friday, along with a warm welcome from AADC leaders and **remarks from Douglass Residential College (DRC) Dean Meghan Rehbein.**

Members of the Class of 1973 processed into Traves Hall to cheers and applause! The **Vanguard Service Award was presented to Tina B. Gordon '72.**

We kicked off Saturday's events with the **popular Jazz Brunch with live music**, the **Procession of the Vanguard Class** and lots of special **Reunion activities throughout the weekend.** Alumnae enjoyed activities, including a lively game of Bingo, the popular Rutgers Bus Tour of New Brunswick/Piscataway and visits to Rutgers' Zimmerli Museum. Other activities were author Michael Gabriele's Book Talk: "Colonial Taverns of New Jersey - Libations, Liberty and Revolution"; Genealogy 101: Find Your Ancestors with Ruth Toni Armstead '74; Horticultural Therapy with Jean D'Amore '09; A Taste of the Mediterranean - Fun with Phyllo with Elena Anastasiou Rossi '78; the AADC Pride Network's Diversity and Belonging Workshop; and Update Sessions from leaders of the AADC and Douglass Residential College. The Alumnae Snack & Social Patio in front of the Douglass Student Center with its red



AADC tent was a gathering spot to connect and get refreshments in the afternoon.

Our exciting **Alumnae Awards Ceremony** on Saturday afternoon in Traves Hall honored our 2023 recipients, followed by **Cocktails & Conversation in the NJC Lounge.** **Congratulations to recipients** from left to right, standing with AADC Executive Director Valerie Anderson '81, far left, are: Alumnae Recognition Award recipients Ikecia Lenese Mapp '01 and Elizabeth "Beth" Martin Novak '75; Kathi Love '75, Margaret T. Corwin Award, the highest for

service; Bertha Lee Aiken '81, Alumnae Recognition Award; Dori Miller '17, Young Alumna Award; Tina B. Gordon '72, Vanguard Service



Award; with President Jeanne Fox '75 and Awards Chair Isabel Goll Drzewiecki '61. Seated, from left, AADC Medal recipients are: AADC attorneys Eric Carosia, Lawrence T. Neher and Lance Eisenberg from the law firm of Berkowitz, Lichtstein, Kuritsky, Giasullo and Gross LLC.

Thanks to all of our milestone classes for celebrating! Special thanks to **Reunion Planning Chair Elena Anastasiou Rossi '78, AADC Director of Alumnae Relations Lorrie Delaney '18 and the entire Reunion Committee.** We will see you at Reunion next year!



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# Gifts To Honor

December 2, 2022 – June 15, 2023

**55th Reunion of the Class of 1968**, from Lyn Geller Stein '68

**60th Reunion Year**, from Esther Schachter Barcun '63

**Class of 1973, Vanguard 50th Reunion**, from Barbara L. Helmich '73, Deborah W. Hipkins '73, Valerie Smith Paul '73 and Brenda Bright Snyder '73

**Class of 1978**, from Rochelle Saperstein Ohring '78

**Class of 1983**, from Nancy Hubner Mitchko '83

**100th Anniversary of the AADC**, from Paul S. Spychala

**AADC Attorneys, Lance T. Eisenberg, Eric A. Carosia, Lawrence T. Neher**, 2023 AADC Medal Recipients, from Valerie L. Anderson '81

**Bertha Lee Aiken** '81, 2023 Alumnae Recognition Award Recipient, from Valerie L. Anderson '81

**Valerie L. Anderson** '81, from Alice B. Herman '70

**Andrea Lucibello Atno** '73, from Lois J. Gregory '69

**Kathleen "Kathy" Pecha Brozyna** '85, from Mary Kelleher DiMartino '85

**Carol Gordon Carlson** '68, from C. Britt Carlson

**Chong Hwa Chang**, Happy Birthday, from Genevieve Y. Sison '95

**Cheryl Daly** '69, from Lois J. Gregory '69

**Diane Roberts Easton** '70, from Lois J. Gregory '69

**Margaret "Marty" Gillis** '75, from Jocelyn Francis-White '72, Peggy L. Cave-Harriot '75, Sheila A. Miller '75, Jeanine Michele Brooks '78, Valerie L. Anderson '81, Dale Booker, Sharilyn and Noel Brown, Frank Glien, Louise Gorham-Neblett, Rita Mack, Gary Moye, Edith Rolle, Nellie Thomas, Kiana Montgomery, Sidney Wiggins Jr. and Judy Young

**Tina B. Gordon** '72, 2023 inductee Rutgers Loyal Sons & Daughters, from Carol Hansmann Hamlin '61, Lois J. Gregory '69, Sheila Kelly Hampton '70, Valerie L. Anderson '81 and Marianne A. Ficarra '88

**Tina B. Gordon** '72, 2023 Vanguard Service Award Recipient, from Valerie L. Anderson '81

**Sheila Kelly Hampton** '70, from W. Michael Murphy

**Honorable Jaynee LaVecchia** '76, upon receiving the Mary Philbrook Award from Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey, from Marianne A. Ficarra '88

**Rosemary O'Leary**, from C. Britt Carlson

**Belle Pretter Liss** '75, from Lois J. Gregory '69

**Kathi Love** '75, 2023 Corwin Award Recipient, from Valerie L. Anderson '81 and Marianne A. Ficarra '88

**Kathi Love '75 Fellowship in honor of Virginia "Aunt Ginny" C. Reeves**, from Jack Aiello '72, Tina B. Gordon '72, Valerie L. Anderson '81, Judith Meyenhofer Musa '89, John and Eileen Bauer, Sara Dunn, Stephen Goodreds, Anne Marie Kelly, Bill Livek, Darnell Newsum, Mark Principato

**Jo Ann Lucibello** '69, from Lois J. Gregory '69  
**Dr. Debra A. Lynch** '79, from Paul S. Spychala

**Jean F. Maliszewski**, from Jane F. Maliszewski '79

**Ikecia Lenese Mapp** '01, 2023 Alumnae Recognition Award Recipient, from Sheila Kelly Hampton '70, Valerie L. Anderson '81 and Marianne A. Ficarra '88

**Diane Menditto** '70, from Lois J. Gregory '69

**Dori Miller** '17, 2023 Young Alumna Mabel Award Recipient, from Valerie L. Anderson '81 and Marianne A. Ficarra '88

**Elizabeth "Beth" Martin Novak** '75, 2023 Alumnae Recognition Award Recipient, Valerie L. Anderson '81

**Myra "Myke" Dimetrosky Slachetka** '69, from Lois J. Gregory '69

**Shulamith Berlin Weisman** '49, from Lois S. Weisman '74

**Mothers**, from Judith Meyenhofer Musa '89

## Stay Connected with the AADC

We need your help to collect and maintain our alumnae database so you can stay connected to the AADC — your alumnae association — and to our alumnae community! Share your contact updates with us at

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or call the AADC at **(732) 246-1600**.

# Memorial Gifts

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**Barbara Kiser Beacham** '53, from Janet E. Yocum

**Bernice Weinstein Becker** '58, from Sandra Weinstein Preis '57

**Ruth Berkow** '33, from Judith Porges Hollander '63

**Eda Polacco Borghi and Joseph Borghi**, from Mary Borghi Luther '65

**Ruth Ann Shea Burns** '67, from Janice Donelon Ballou '66 and Marianne A. Ficarra '88

**Alyse Kamy Cantor** '58, from Ellen Miller Samuel '58

**Bernice Wells Carlson**, from C. Britt Carlson

**Rose Musumeci Cipriano** '49, from Sheila Kelly Hampton '70

**June Benjamin Coates** '82, from Marjorie W. Munson and Janet E. Yocum

**Lashelle Cross** '08, from Jocelyn D. Briddell '81

**Louise Duus**, from Kathi L. Grasso '77

**Sue Estler** '66, from Trudy Feidelseit Burdman '66

**Irene Rankell Farkas** '69, from Marsha Kobre Anderson '69

**Helen Galt** '69, from Jennifer C. Bender '93

**Annette Fuks Glance** '78, from Donna C. Coulson '77

**Barbara Straus Goldstein** '51, from Robert A. Goldstein

**Sarah Gordon**, from C. Britt Carlson

**Janet Rosenblatt Gordon** '60, from Cynthia Gordon

**Sandra Gordon Herman**, from Christine Carlson Umberger '60

**Gail Phillips Houlihan** '58, from Lynn Schwarz Cooper '58

**Elizabeth Murphy Hughes**, from W. Michael Murphy

**Dr. Mary Ann Conover Jensen** '71, from Peter Jensen

**Dr. Byerte W. Johnson**, from Margaret P. Cunningham '85

**Saima Karp Kint** '62, from Patricia Imbach Bruce '62

**Stuart J. Klein**, from Janice Donna Brodman '68

**Janet Koontz**, from Janet E. Yocum

**Dr. Maurice Dupont Lee**, from Jennifer C. Bender '93

**Carol Weaver McCracken** '68, from Bonnie Conover Frost '68

**Dorothy Allen Mills** '43, from Dianne Mills McKay '69

**Patricia Daley Neuhaus** '73, from Patricia Dredge Heimall '73

**Mary Casey O'Connor** '76, from Maureen Paprota Pickering '86

**Jo Anne Paige** '76, from Colleen O'Connor Paige '76

**Irene Figarotta Pearse** '59, from Marion Engelman Munk '59, Sheila Kelly Hampton '70, Ferris Olin '70, Tina B. Gordon '72, Valerie L. Anderson '81 and Marianne A. Ficarra '88

**Janet Pegg** '78, from Sheila Kelly Hampton '70, Tina B. Gordon '72, Valerie L. Anderson '81, Rachel Ingber '83 and Mary A. Papamarkou '90

**Anna Berkow Porges** '30, from Judith Porges Hollander '63

**Anna M. Prentice** '95, from Valerie L. Anderson '81, Marjorie W. Munson and Janet E. Yocum

**Barbara Krieger Ringler**, from Marian Shapiro Filan '80

**Lois Manger Sarles** '59, from Elizabeth Wake D'Aversa '60

**Joyce Kovatch Albers-Schonberg** '65, from Georg Albers-Schonberg

**Judith Adoff Schwartz** '56, from Deena S. Ball

**Joyce Kotler Schwartz** '63, from Leonard H. Schwartz

**Theresa Fitzpatrick Smallacombe** '77, from Donna C. Coulson '77

**Rosemary Brennan Smith**, from Karen Smith Thiel '70

**Olga, Paul, and Janet Syby**, from Paula Syby Buchak '59

**Daryl Winland Thomas** '73, from Virginia H. Reed '73

**Joyce Pommer Tobenkin** '52, from Steve and Patti Tobenkin

**Audrey Brown Walton** '38, from Wendy Walton Reichenbach '74

**Robert Bruce Walton**, from Wendy Walton Reichenbach '74

**E. Joyce Zimmerman**, from Mary Zimmerman Chyb '71



# In Memoriam

December 2, 2022 – June 8, 2023

**Audrey Walker Warfield** '42  
November 17, 2022

**Ruth Raynor Mace** '44  
July 31, 2022

**Selma Patt Shure** '44  
December 13, 2022

**Ann Marie Wistrup French** '45  
February 3, 2023

**Rosemary Brady Monagan** '46  
February 23, 2023

**Virginia Hansen Rau** '46  
April 6, 2023

**Marilyn Mc Ginnis Edwards** '47  
January 6, 2023

**Helen Rotkewicz MacKenzie** '47  
February 15, 2023

**Dorothy Thompson West** '47  
August 4, 2022

**Edith Warner Galloway** '48  
November 29, 2022

**Sally Brown** '49  
August 31, 2022

**Rose Musumeci Cipriano** '49  
June 8, 2023

**Carmela Renda Haas** '49  
May 11, 2023

**Clare Smith Broadbent** '50  
August 24, 2022

**Patricia White DeLorenzo** '50  
December 28, 2022

**Colleen Monastra Gahres** '51  
February 6, 2023

**Evelyn Atkinson Williams** '51  
May 7, 2023

**Shirley Moore Barnes** '52  
January 1, 2023

**Geraldine Moreland Brockett** '52  
April 8, 2023

**Kathleen Scanlon Neidhart** '52  
July 2, 2022

**Maggie Price Riesz** '52  
December 9, 2022

**Joyce Pommer Tobenkin** '52  
February 8, 2023

**Barbara Kiser Beacham** '53  
December 21, 2022

**Joan Mooney Curtin** '53  
February 25, 2023

**Louise Ruehl Orlowski** '53  
February 5, 2023

**Darlene Perkins Caseiro** '54  
August 20, 2022

**Jacqueline DeCoster Christy** '54  
August 22, 2022

**Debra Newman Lotz** '54  
January 30, 2023

**Ann Farry Tark** '54  
January 21, 2023

**Jacquelin Buckler Wellen** '54  
February 23, 2023

**Nancy Decker Ehrle** '56  
November 29, 2022

**Katherine Bohi Smith** '56  
April 14, 2023

**Marcia Morris Johnston** '57  
April 1, 2023

**Mary Lou Van Duyn Vorndran** '57  
April 20, 2023

**Alyse Kamy Cantor** '58  
January 12, 2023

**Joan Mc Cance Grover** '58  
December 23, 2022

**Bette Loebel Baer** '59  
December 17, 2022

**Anne Gloria Mosca Havens** '59  
April 8, 2023

**Rose Ann Borichewski Howarth** '59  
April 4, 2023

**Marie Grober Kosko** '59  
September 12, 2022

**Irene Figarotta Pearse** '59  
April 3, 2023

**Betty Wheeling Butler** '61  
April 29, 2023

**Eva Barczay** '62  
February 7, 2023

**Diane Mason Davenport** '63  
August 28, 2023

**Phyllis Kernoff Mansfield** '63  
October 12, 2022

**Barbara Dicke Vermilyea** '63  
January 15, 2023

**Susan Humprey Jackson** '64  
February 17, 2023

**Anita Brown Pinkus** '64  
February 2, 2023

**Dorothea Skevington Schlegel** '64  
February 19, 2023

**Gayook Mary Ann Liou Wong** '64  
September 1, 2021

**Virginia Dickinson Gittelman** '66  
September 9, 2022

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### AADC Board of Directors

Note: Listing as of June 15, 2023

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December 2, 2022 – June 8, 2023

**Vicki Zak '66**  
December 6, 2022

**Sherilyn A. Bredin '76**  
July 23, 2022

**Kathleen M. Clark '84**  
April 14, 2023

**Carol Zlotkin Rippepoe '66**  
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April 8, 2023

**Andrya M. Edwards '86**  
July 25, 2022

**Ruth Ann Shea Burns '67**  
April 9, 2023

**Mary Casey O'Connor '76**  
February 14, 2023

**Christian Maloney  
Cicimurri '93**  
May 28, 2023

**Eileen Kramer  
Wilkinson '67**  
March 21, 2023

**Susan Berman  
Levinsky '77**  
August 6, 2022

**Eliseba "Beth" Haviland  
Stratmann '95**  
December 11, 2022

**Winifred Sonn Lucas '68**  
July 5, 2022

**Janet L. Pegg '78**  
December 2, 2022

**Laura A. Bennetti '00**  
March 9, 2023

**Betty Hays Raby '68**  
January 24, 2023

**Joyce Kierce Brewer '80**  
May 7, 2022

**Lashelle R. Cross '08**  
May 8, 2023

**Laurie Gilbert '69**  
May 2, 2023

**Carol G. Chernin '81**  
August 13, 2022

**James B. Hastings**  
September 4, 2022

**Ellen Lepore Weinstein '69**  
January 6, 2023

**Irene E. Denning '81**  
March 9, 2023

**Lois E. Wright '70**  
May 15, 2023

**Kathleen Jones Austin '83**  
August 14, 2022

## Volunteer & Get Involved with the AADC!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization.

Our AADC volunteers get involved where they can make the biggest impact in ways that combine their interests and expertise with vital work that supports our mission.

Join an AADC committee, volunteer at the Alumnae Center, help match mentors and mentees for Douglass Alumnae Mentoring, help on the Lectures Committee, organize the Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace & Professional Development Symposium – plus so much more!



The AADC needs you to help bring our vibrant event and program offerings to fruition. Please contact AADC staff member Lizethe Martinez '13 at [lmartinez@douglassalumnae.org](mailto:lmartinez@douglassalumnae.org) or (732) 246-1600.





# Get Involved, Participate, Be Inspired!

## Your Life's Passion is Your Legacy



### Submit Your Proposal to Present a Workshop Deadline: June 22, 2023

We are looking for a variety of speakers for workshops and as panelists, based on this year's theme, "Your Life's Passion is Your Legacy," for our in-person symposium on campus. Submit your workshop proposal for review via our online form on the AADC website. Symposium Planning Committee Chair Catherine Sackey '22 invites you to join the team that brings Victoria's vision to life by volunteering on the committee! To get involved, email AADC Director of Alumnae Relations Lorrie Delaney '18 at [ldelaney@douglassalumnae.org](mailto:ldelaney@douglassalumnae.org). We thank Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 whose major funding, generosity and support makes the symposium possible. Event registration will be available soon.

Submit your workshop proposal online at  
[www.douglassalumnae.org/workplace-symposium](http://www.douglassalumnae.org/workplace-symposium)

### Featuring AADC Society of Excellence Induction Ceremony



During our symposium luncheon, we will feature the induction ceremony with our 2022 and 2023 honorees to the AADC Society of Excellence. Join us to recognize our distinguished honorees!

## AADC NYC Regional Connection Group

### Luncheon & Broadway Theater Outing "Good Night, Oscar"

**Sunday, August 27, 2023:  
12:30 pm luncheon | 3:00 pm Matinee**

Act now, limited seats available until sold out! Don't miss this Broadway performance starring Emmy Award and Tony Award winner Sean Hayes. We will also hear insights from Sharon Matlofsky Karmazin '67, one of the show's producers, who will join us. See registration for full details.

## Virtual AADC Smart Talk

**Creating Your Playbook:  
How to Reduce Debt and Increase Wealth**  
Thursday, June 29, 2023 | 7:00 pm ET

Get expert advice on where to begin your financial journey, from investing to debt reduction, and much more! Our session features presenter Marshall McLean, Managing Director and Private Client Advisor at Bank of America.



## Lunch & Guided Tour at the National Portrait Gallery

**Saturday, June 24, 2023: 12:30 pm lunch | 2:00 pm guided tour**

Join the AADC and our Washington D.C. Area Regional Group for lunch at Clyde's of Gallery Place and then a guided tour of the National Portrait Gallery, where we will see the painting of Former Dean Dr. Jewel Plummer Cobb. The portrait was commissioned by and is on loan from the AADC. See registration for details.

## Save the Date:

**Virtual AADC Sisterhood Book Club**  
Thursday, September 28, 2023

Discussion of "The Dictionary of Lost Words: A Novel," by Pip Williams.

**AADC Fall Alumnae Council**  
Saturday, November 4, 2023

## Make Morocco Your Next Destination with Alumnae Travel

We are pleased to offer many exciting travel opportunities through our Alumnae Travel program, including Morocco this fall, where you can see the world and connect with sister alumnae. Join AADC Executive Director Valerie Anderson '81, who will host some of our exciting upcoming travel!



### Upcoming Trips Include:

**Normandy, France:** September 30 - October 8, 2023

**Morocco:** November 10-19, 2023

**Wonders of Peru:** February 15-26, 2024

**Havana: The Afro-Cuban Experience:** November 15-22, 2024

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