Armen A. Avanessians ’83SEAS, P: ’12CC, P: ’16CC is the global head of Goldman Sachs Asset Management’s quantitative, rules-based, and indexing businesses. He earned a bachelor of science in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1982 and a master of science from Columbia University the following year. Avanessians is a member of Columbia’s Board of Trustees and chairs its Audit Committee. In addition, he is chair of the Columbia Campaign for Engineering. He has served as vice chair of the Columbia Alumni Association Board as well as chair of the SEAS Advisory Board, after having been a member from 2001 to 2006. Avanessians has been a benefactor of the University since 2000, when he endowed the Alexander and Hermine Avanessians Professorship in the Department of Industrial Engineering / Operations Research at The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science. He and his wife, Janette Avanessians, have two children.

Stephen L. Buchman ’59CC, ’62LAW retired from the law firm Chadbourne & Parke LLP in 1994, where he still serves as ombudsman and attorney advisor. Since then, he has been an Assistant Director of Career Advising at Columbia Law School and an active member of the New York City Bar Association. As a Columbia student, Buchman was a member of the fencing team and continues to be actively involved in that program. In 1969, he joined the Columbia College Alumni Association, where he has served as a board member, vice president, and chair of its Education Policy Committee. He now sits on the Association’s Career Education Committee and discusses career interests with undergraduates. Buchman was a member of the search committee that selected Arnold Collery as Columbia College’s 10th dean. He has been on the Varsity ‘C’ Club’s Executive Committee since 1984 and received the organization’s Alumni Award. Buchman was also a member of the University’s Advisory Committee on Athletics from 1973 to 1985 and, more recently, the class of 1959’s 45th and 50th reunion committees.

Toni Coffee ’56BC, who in 2006 received the Award for Service to Barnard for her decades as an alumnae leader, served as president of her class in the 1960s and again for the five years leading up to her 50th Reunion, which set a record for attendance and annual fund participation. She has chaired the Class Fund several times, sat on its committee, and regularly participates in Fund drives. Coffee has been a member of the Barnard President’s Circle Council, the selection committee for Alumnae Fellowships, and newsletter editor for the Project Continuum committee. She continues to serve as a member of the AABC Awards Committee. In 2008, she spoke on behalf of the Remembrance Committee at the dedication of a plaque honoring Columbia alumni who lost their lives in all of our nation’s wars. Since 2005, she has been a trustee of the Columbia University Club Foundation and is its secretary. Her family’s ties to Columbia are numerous and include her late husband, Donn T. Coffee ’55CC, ’56BUS, and his older brother, Joseph D. Coffee, Jr. ’41CC. She established a scholarship at Barnard in memory of her mother and, with her children, a memorial scholarship for Donn at Columbia.
Keith Goggin ’91JRN joined Columbia Journalism School’s Alumni Association Executive Committee in 1992 and has been an active volunteer at Columbia ever since. In 2003, he stepped down from the Executive Committee to co-chair the Journalism School’s Alumni Annual Fund Campaign, the School’s first peer-to-peer fundraising effort. He currently serves on the Journalism School’s Board of Visitors and represents the School on the University Alumni Trustee Nominating Committee. Earlier this year, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Columbia University Club of New York. In addition to his board and committee work, Goggin endowed the Class of 1991 Scholarship Fund and, as a class agent, hosted his class dinner during the past four reunions. Following a brief career in journalism, Goggin forged a successful second career in trading and private investing and is currently a partner at Integral Derivatives, a New York Stock Exchange-based options specialist firm. He is married to Charlene Goggin, and they are the proud parents of Keira, Erin, and Miles.

Daniel Hirsch ’84BUS founded the Columbia University Business School Club in his native Argentina in 1985. Two years later, it was expanded to the Columbia University Club of Argentina and welcomed the membership of all Columbia University alumni. For the past 15 years, Hirsch has served as the Club’s president. With support from an all-Columbia board of directors, it has become the largest Columbia alumni club in Latin America. Hirsch was a member of the Business School’s squash team, which won the Ivy League trophy in 1984. For the past decade, he has been a GSB Ambassador who interviews MBA applicants. Hirsch is the managing director of MRA, a management consulting firm in Buenos Aires, and the founder and director of the National Parks Foundation, which helps fund projects in Patagonia for the Argentine National Parks Administration. Hirsch edits a Patagonia adventure magazine, climbs mountains, and spends as much time as possible ski touring. He is married to Claudia Hirsch and is a father of four children.

Marvin M. Lipman, MD, ’49CC, ’54PS, as an undergraduate, won King’s Crown Awards for his Varsity Show performances with the Columbia Players and for his work on Jester, the College’s humor magazine. In his senior year Lipman was named to the Society of Sachems. As co-director of the Columbia College Fund, in 1966 he received the Bronze Lion Award. In medical school, he directed the class shows and was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, the medical honor society. He has been class chair since graduating from P&S. For their 50th reunion, in 2004, Lipman and his classmate P. Roy Vagelos raised $1.5 million—with an unprecedented 100 percent of the class participating. In 2009, he received the Gold Medal Award for meritorious service to the P&S Alumni Association. He is now treasurer of the P&S Alumni Council. Since 1967, Lipman has been the chief medical adviser and editor of Consumer Reports magazine. He is a clinical professor emeritus at New York Medical College, where he taught for nearly 30 years, and is in his 52nd year in the practice of medicine with the Scarsdale Medical Group. Lipman and his wife, Naomi Loeb Lipman ’51BC, ’52GSAS, whom he met in the Columbia Players’ John Jay Hall rehearsal room in 1948, are the parents of Barry; Amy ’80BC, ’90GSAS; Mark; and Harry ’86CC, ’90LAW.
Ira Brett Malin, '75CC, P: '11CC, P: '17CC is co-chair of the Columbia College Fund and a member of the Executive Board of the Columbia College Alumni Association. From 2006 to 2010, Malin chaired the College’s Class Agent Program. He led successful 30th and 35th class reunions as gift and program co-chair. Malin has served on numerous alumni committees, including the Alumni Welcome Center Task Force, is a member of the Fund Development Council, and interviews undergraduate applicants for the Alumni Representative Committee. As an undergraduate, Malin majored in political science and history, was chair of freshman orientation, and received the Van Am and Charles Beard Prizes. He holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and is a co-founder and COO of hospitality and travel companies. He and his wife, Janet B. Serle, MD, live in New York City. They are proud parents of Allison ’17CC and Beth ’11CC, a King's Crown Award recipient.

Roxana I. M. Sasse ‘92NRS, ‘11NRS, who holds a master of science and a doctorate of nursing practice, is a nurse anesthetist at the Roger Williams Medical Center in Providence, Rhode Island. She served as director of the School of Nursing’s Alumni Association from 2000 to 2003 and two terms as its president. During her tenure, she worked to unite all Nursing alumni under one organization. Sasse regularly represented the School of Nursing at the CAA Annual Leadership Weekends. She was honored with the first Distinguished Young Alumni Award from the Nursing School in 2001. She is an associate editor for Clinical Scholars Review. Sasse returns frequently to the School of Nursing as an Alumni Association volunteer, guest lecturer, and supporter of current students. As a doctoral student, she was a TA for the Nurse Anesthesia Program. Following graduation, Sasse remained at the School as an assistant professor for nurse anesthesia. She and her husband, Richard Sasse, have one daughter, Gail.

Leslie W. Seldin, DDS, ’66DM has been chair of the College of Dental Medicine’s Board of Visitors since 2001. He is an associate professor of dentistry and serves in numerous supporting roles within the College of Dental Medicine. Among his many honors, Seldin was the recipient of the School’s Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1987 and the Distinguished Service Award from the American Dental Association in 2008. Seldin was a student leader during his pre-doctoral years, serving as president of the student government and editor of Dental Columbian, the yearbook. He has served in leadership positions within organized dentistry, including president of the New York State Dental Association and first vice president of the American Dental Association. Since 1991, Seldin has been a spokesperson for the American Dental Association. A recognized expert in the medico-legal aspects of dentistry, Seldin has lectured widely and published many articles in peer-reviewed journals. Seldin and his wife, Constance P. Winslow, an orthodontist who has served on the Dental faculty for many years, established a need-based scholarship within the School to support promising students.
Jack B. Weinstein '48LAW, '04HON taught at Columbia Law School as an associate professor from 1948 to 1949, as a full-time member of the Law faculty from 1952 to 1967, and, after being appointed a Federal District Judge, as an adjunct professor from 1967 to 1998. Weinstein was known for serving students coffee and doughnuts during his 8 a.m. lectures on evidence and then taking the students to visit his courtroom. He also taught seminars on mass litigations, civil practice, and state constitutional law. He continues to deliver lectures to students and alumni and works with the Law School and the School of Social Work to integrate the teaching of law and social justice. Many members of Weinstein’s family have earned degrees from Columbia University, including his late wife, Evelyn Weinstein ’45SW, son Seth ’68CC, daughter-in-law Debora Davies ’91GS, granddaughter Kelsey ’11GSAS, and nieces and a nephew.