



SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF CLEVELAND

Fall 2019

The Gracious Ladies of Senior Smith



They are the glue of our Club, those gracious, beautifully grey-haired “ladies of a certain age!” Ever present at our gatherings, they provide our collective historical memory of who we are as a club and offer careful and gentle guidance for our present-day decisions that move us soundly into our future.

As president of our club, I had the honor of attending my first Senior Smith Luncheon this past May, and while we are mostly inter-generationally engaged, it was there that I saw them as the magnificent force that they are, in and of themselves.

With our eldest member, Clara Rankin representing the class of 1938, these are the ladies who have nurtured, programmed, funded and held our club together for eight decades, more than half the life of our 121-year existence. We are thankful.

I would like to recognize Senior Smith members who are past presidents of our club: Donna Reid Smith '51, Barbara Yoelson Galvin '57, Judith Fowell Cadou '59, Kathleen Hennessey Stoll '58, Suzanne Williams Stratton-Crooke '61, Marilyn Hopkins Langmack '67, Virginia Parker Dawson '65, Suzanne Meckes Hartford '65, Betsy Kaufman Sampliner '62, and Susan Dunn LaPine '68. Thank you for your past leadership, your faithful and steadfast presence and for helping to pave my way.

Mittie Imani Jordan '75

Susannah Howe, PhD
*Director of the Design Clinic
and Senior Lecturer in
Engineering*

November 7, 2019, 5—8 PM
CWRU Think Box
1201 Cedar Avenue



Susannah Howe joined the Smith College Engineering Department in 2003 where she coordinates and teaches the Capstone Engineering Design Course. On Thursday, November 7, Dr. Howe will join us for a joint program with Case Western Reserve University where she will give a presentation on Engineering at Smith and the exciting developments of education meeting the demands of engineering design in today's business and manufacturing world. Light refreshments will be served. (Continued on page 7)

Annual Holiday Party
Sunday, December 8, 5—8 p.m.
Jim & Su Meck '14, Hosts



Save the date for our annual holiday party which will be graciously hosted this year in the home of one of our newest Club members, Su Meck AC '14.

Invitations with details for our festive evening with Smith friends, food and fun will mail out in November. We look forward to seeing you during this most wonderful time of the year!

In Memoriam

Mary Jean Galvin Miller '53, October 20, 1931—March 15, 2019 Daughter of Vera & Sidney Galvin, beloved wife of the late Dr. Joseph A. Miller, loving mother of Thomas, Robert (Sherry), Richard, Emily (Rick) and Andrew (Kerri), loving grand and great grandmother of fifteen, sister of Peter (**Barbara Yoelson Galvin '57**). An avid gardener, golfer, bridge player and volunteer for many organizations including the Gathering Place and Cleveland Jobs Works. First woman board member of Oakwood Club. Donations in her honor may be made to The Gathering Place www.thegatheringplace.org and Temple Tifereth Israel's Hunger and Social Justice Fund www.ttti.org/social-justice.



Katherine (Kay) Mason Ingersoll '43, April 18, 1921—August 10, 2019 Daughter of Edwin and Gretchen Mason, beloved wife of the late Jonathan Ingersoll, loving mother of Kim (Frank), Jon (Claire), Bob (Becky) and Peg (John), doting grandmother and great-grandmother of eighteen. Skilled sportswoman in field hockey, tennis and golf. Active member of Fairmount Presbyterian Church and an officer of the Fairmount Women's Guild. Volunteer in many organizations including Big Brothers & Sisters' Project Friendship, Laurel School, University School, Junior League, P.E.O, and Breckenridge Village. She served as treasurer and fundraiser for many of those organizations. Donations in her honor may be made to Laurel School www.laurelschool.org or Encore Campaign Ohio Living Breckenridge Village www.ohioliving.org.

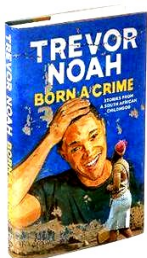


Smith Cleveland Book Club



We have an exciting and varied selection of books this year including a “read the play, then see the play” trip to the Playhouse followed by a discussion with Rachel Lerner-Ley '08, Literary Manager and Resident Dramaturg at the Playhouse and a Smithie to boot! You are welcome to come to one, several or all of our meetings depending on your time and interest in the book to be discussed. Book Club is a welcoming and casual group. If you have questions about a book, a meeting location, or would like to be on our email list please contact **Joanne Mortimer '70** at mdrajimor@aol.com with questions or to add your name to the mailing list!

Wednesday September 11 -- *Born a Crime* -- by Trevor Noah, Host: Susan Dunn LaPine '68,



Wednesday October 16 -- *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison, Host: Ruth Strauss Berger '58, Moderator: Juanita Dalton-Robinson '51

Wednesday November 13 -- *Rising Out of Hatred: The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist* by Eli Saslow, Host: Marilyn Hopkins Langmack '67, Moderator: Ruth Berger '58,

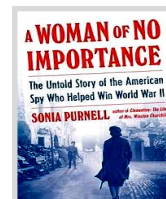
Wednesday December 11 -- *Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead, Host: Judith Brown Bryan '76, Moderators: Judith Bryan and Joanne Mortimer '70

Wednesday January 8 -- *Elegy for Iris* by John Bayley and *Jackson's Dilemma* by Iris Murdoch, Host and Moderator: Patricia Moore Ashton '53

Wednesday February 12 -- *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* by Kathleen Rooney, Host: Nancy Duff-Boehm '73, Moderator: Marilyn Hopkins Langmack '67

Wednesday March 11 -- *Becoming* by Michelle Obama, Host: Ann Tillinghast Herbruck '56, Moderator TBD

Wednesday April 15 -- *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win I I* by Sonia Purnell
Host : Betsy Kaufman Sampliner '62,
Moderator: Caroline Henton Morgan '47



Wednesday May 20 -- discussion of the play *A Doll's House Part 2* by Lucas Hnath, Host TBD, Moderators: Rachel Lerner-Lay '08 and Playhouse staff

Wednesday June 10 -- *The Pioneers* by David McCullough, Host: Eileen Gisser Gold '55, Moderator: Ginnie Parker Dawson '65

Association of Continuing Education Lecture Day

Syria: Past, Present & Future

October 14, 2019 ~ 9a.m.—2 p.m. Mayfield Sand Ridge Club

ACE's annual Lecture Day 2019 will focus on the rich history and background of Syria and how it influences present day issues including the Syrian War, the combatants, the government and other situations. Heather Hodges, President & Ambassador in Residence for the Cleveland Council on World Affairs will moderate the discussion, assisted by Faysal Itani, Resident Senior Fellow at the Rafik Harir Center for the Middle East and Adjunct Professor George Washington University; Wael Houry, M.D., Head of Cardiology at Marymount Hospital, Cleveland and Chairman of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs and President of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation. For information contact our ACE representative **Ruth Berger '58** at ruthberger3@gmail.com or visit <http://case.edu/lifelonglearning/ace-programs>

Cleveland Smith Club Admissions Recruiting



Sara Ramasastry '17 and Leen Ajlouni '18 representing Smith and our Cleveland Club at Northeast Suburban College Fair

This fall Smith welcomed two new first year students from Cleveland into the class of 2023:

Jasmine Hanna from Cleveland and **Katie Doherty** from Concord Twp. Both students are graduates of Hathaway Brown School.

It's rewarding but hard work to build a pipeline of applications to net 2 or more enrolled students. Last year 200+ leads produced 21 applications. Out of 21 applications, 12 were denied admission, 5 were admitted and 3 were waitlisted. That means approximately 10% of the leads apply and only 1% progress to enrolled students! If we want to see more students from Cleveland enroll at Smith, we need to increase the number of applications. There are three easy ways to help:

- You can encourage friends and family to seriously consider Smith and refer them to us.
- You can volunteer to talk with our Book Award recipients or other prospects
- You can interview an applicant and share your recommendation with Admissions

The college application process is increasingly complex and stressful for high school students. **Help us bring the Smith experience and Smith's impact to life by volunteering.** Your small investment in time, 30 minutes or less, has the potential to significantly impact a talented, young woman who in turn might just change the world! We look forward to hearing from you soon! **Mindy Maxwell Baierl '85** mmbaierl@gmail.com and **Leen Ajlouni '18** leen.y.ajlouni@gmail.com

Smith College Club 2019 Book Awards

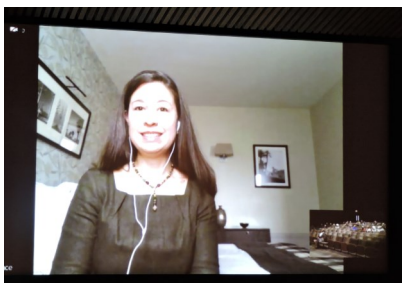
Each year the Smith College Club of Cleveland recognizes outstanding young women in area high schools by presenting book awards to juniors or sophomores who exemplify academic achievement, leadership qualities and concern for others. This year, a copy of former Smith president Jill Ker Conway's *The Road from Coorain* was presented to 30 exemplary students:

Olivia Augustine, Euclid HS
Emmaline Baron, Brush HS
Brooke Brengartner, Strongsville HS
Ruth Brown, Beachwood HS
Rohan Bruce, Cleveland Hts.-University Hts. HS
Shauna Burkes, Villa Angela St. Joseph HS
Grace Chilton, Bay HS
Alexis Christie, Chagrin Falls HS
Daijanae Crenshaw, Cleve Sch of Science and Medicine
Annie Crocker, Andrews Osborne Academy
Danyel Crosby, Cleveland Early College
Emi Cummings, Laurel School
Anna Donsky, Beaumont HS
Emily Gorman, Cleve School of Architecture and Design
Lauren Hawkinson, Avon Lake HS
Daria Khramkova, class Berea-Midpark HS
Shannon McKinney, West Geauga HS
Amelia Milner, Rocky River HS
Esher Nzomo, Lutheran West HS
Catherine O'Haimhirgin, Gilmour Academy
Emma Owens, Lakewood HS
Madison Owens, class Shaker Hts. HS
Catherine Rock, Mayfield Hts. HS
Lauren Marie Sands, Oberlin HS
Marissa Scerbo, Chardon HS
Violet Sherhag, Bard HS
Natalie Soliman, Padua Franciscan HS
Connie Tian, Lake Ridge Academy
Megan Wisner, Solon HS
Zoey Yelsky, Orange HS

The Smith College Club of Cleveland shared the award recipients' information with the college and has encouraged these women to consider Smith as an excellent choice in pursuing their post-secondary studies. Our Club's young alumnae are following-up with these recipients to help promote a contemporary perspective of Smith.

To volunteer with the selection and presentation of our 2020 Book Awards, please contact **Joanne Trespacz Bonder '76** at jbdb008@gmail.com

Smithies Get It Done!



When **Sonya Rhie Mace '93** was unexpectantly called to Paris just days before her scheduled presentation for the Club's Spring program, it never

occurred to her to even think about postponing the event. The Cleveland Museum of Art's Curator of Indian and Southeast Asian Art and her staff immediately went to work constructing a virtual program for our viewing pleasure, complete with her appearance from her Paris hotel for the Q & A.

The distance learning program took us step-by-step through the exciting and challenging process of envisioning, selecting, locating, authenticating and installing works of art for exhibition. Her presentation was breathtaking, with the consensus being that knowing what we know now about the amazing work and dedication involved, we will never look at an exhibit the same way, as before.

Hats off to our team who helped Sonia in coordinating this program: our Vice President/Director of Programs Amy Miller '99, Programs Co-Chair Katie Collin Moore '01 and Kylie Fisher '13, our Young Alumnae Co-Chair and CWRU PhD candidate in Art History.



Annual Meeting Farewell to a Faithful Friend



Thanks to our Vice President Amy Miller '99 and Program Co-Chair Katie Collin Moore '01, we were introduced to a wonderful new venue for our June Annual Meeting. The light-filled Acacia dining room in the beautiful North Chagrin Reservation

was perfect as we greeted one another, welcomed a new class of SOTC interns, reflected on a year full of exciting programs and gatherings, honored the memory of our passing alumnae, then settled in for Dale Robinson Anglin's poignant sharing of the journey in public policy and philanthropy that led her to the Cleveland Foundation as Program Director for Youth and Social Services.



Dale Anglin '86 and Grace Irungu '20

Our meeting also included bitter-sweet news from Pam McNulty, a familiar face and faithful friend to our club, who announced that she was retiring from her position as Senior Philanthropy Officer for Smith. She was accompanied in her final official visit by our new Development Office liaison, Sharon Looney-Armstrong.



Pam McNulty & Sharon Looney-Armstrong

Pam has worked closely with our club over the years to help ensure our strong participation in the Smith Fund, the growth and stability of our own endowed scholarship funds and was key to our deliberations with the College when establishing our SOTC program endowment. We are thankful for her years of support and wish her well as she enters the mythical realm of retirement. (We all know that a woman's work is truly never done!)

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Annual SOTC End of Summer Celebration: A Treasured Tradition!

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Tucked beneath the towering trees and bright red umbrellas in the courtyard of Hal and Susan Dunn LaPine's wonderful home, we come together for the annual potluck and time of fellowship to hear reports and words of appreciation from our interns as they prepare to return to Northampton for their new school year. Indeed, it is a great gathering time for all!



SUMMER ON THE CUYAHOGA!



Marjorie Roth '67, Summer On The Cuyahoga Board member and Smith SOTC Chair and champion with 2019 interns:

Back row l—r:

Grace Irungu '20

Phoebe Farrell-Sherman '21

Emma Schubert '20

Michelle Tsai Gomez '20

Paula Torre-Nieto '21

Center row l—r:

Iris Wei '20

Lauren Raimunde '20

Front row l—r:

Dana Barry '20

Callie Swain-Fox '21

Marjorie Roth

Ratie Vashe '21

Not pictured:

Eden Phillips '20

Our fifteenth anniversary summer of SOTC Smith was a great success! We welcomed 11 students to Cleveland for substantial and meaningful work experiences, an introduction to myriad opportunities for explorations and recreation, and an understanding of Cleveland's challenges.

Highlights of the summer included the interns' attending our Club's June luncheon and introducing themselves to our community, Callie Swain-Fox's '21 and Paula Torre-Nieto's '21 leading tours for our alumnae at the Ingalls library and archive at Cleveland Museum of Art and Karamu house respectively, and a delightful closing summer gathering hosted annually by Hal and Susan Dunn LaPine '68 where the interns shared in detail their rich and meaningful summer experiences.

Many thanks to our twenty-one alumnae hosts who provided hospitality, mentoring and TLC for our interns. We are also grateful to alumnae Dale Anglin '86 of the Cleveland Foundation, Sonia Rhie Mace '93 of CMA, Rachel Lerner-Ley '08 of Playhouse Square and Mittie Imani Jordan '75 of



CMA Ingalls Library tour Susan Lapine '68, Marjorie Roth '67, Callie Swain-Fox '21, Elizabeth Bolman '82

The National Institute for Restorative Justice for speaking to our interns and SOTC community at-large.

We now have seventeen former SOTC interns on the Smith campus and look forward to another active recruiting season for SOTC Smith 2020. The SOTC Smith outreach committee: Sara Ramasastry '17, Chloe Lee '17, Leen Aljouni '18, Emily Matz '18 and Natalia Perkins '19 is gearing up for 2020.

This summer for the first time we funded SOTC Smith through the new Cleveland internship endowment. We are grateful for this funding source and to all the Cleveland alumnae who have made this funding possible by generous contributions to Cleveland's scholarship endowments held at Smith over many years.

As SOTC launches plans for 2020, we look forward to continuing with many of our loyal employers and are also



Mittie Jordan '75 with Smith, CWRU and Oberlin SOTC interns following Social Justice discussion

eager to develop new opportunities for our cohort of interns from eight Colleges and universities. If you would like to explore an SOTC internship at your company or non-profit, please contact me, **Marjorie Roth '67** at rirth@comcast.net all ideas are welcome!

Young Alumnae News!

The club's young alumnae had another wonderful summer hosting the eleven SOTC interns that were here in Cleveland. In early August, before the interns concluded their busy summers, a few of us took a scenic hike through the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley National Park enjoying peaceful, breathtaking views like the waterfall pictured here.



This fall, young alumnae co-chairs, Erin Davis '07 and Kylie Fisher '13 have organized several events for recent graduates to connect with one another and experience all that the greater Cleveland area has to offer this season. On **Saturday, September 28th at 7:30 pm**, Smithies can enjoy a night out at **Cleveland Play House** to see the comedy, *Into the Breeches*, which features an all-female theatre troupe rallying together to produce Shakespeare during WWII. A special shout out goes to Rachel Lerner-Ley '08 who arranged for the Seven Sisters discount.

On **Sunday, Oct. 6th from 10:00 am-1:00 pm**, alums of all classes and their families are welcome to join us at **Patterson Fruit Farm** located at **11414 Caves Road in Chesterland** for a day of apple picking, pony rides, and wandering through a corn maze! You can find more information about the farm's activities at <http://www.pattersonfarm.com>.

Per tradition, on the **afternoon before the annual holiday party**, young alums are invited to **prepare the care packages for the current SOTC and NEO Smithies** at Kylie Fisher's apartment in Cleveland Heights. More information and updates about these events will be posted to the club's Facebook page and sent via email in the upcoming weeks. We hope you will join in the fun! **Kylie Fisher kmf109@case.edu and Erin Davis erinkathleendavis@gmail.com**

Need A Ride To Club Events?

If you are missing out on our programs because you don't drive, or you have limited your driving to daytime only, sign up for our carpool list by contacting **Amy E. Miller '99 216.314.4098** or by email at amyemiller@gmail.com.



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We encourage alumnae to visit our College website, especially the **Smith Fund** and **Alumnae Gateway** pages to keep up with campus events, students and alumnae in the United States and abroad.



Cleveland Club Board of Directors

Your Cleveland Club board is elected during our Annual Meeting for a two year term of service. The Board routinely meets monthly to plan programming and attend to general club business. If you are interested in serving on the Board, contact our immediate Past President / Nominating Chair, **Lynn-Ann Ries Gries '84 @ lagries@aol.com**

Seated l-r

Ruth Straus Berger '58, Amy E. Miller '99, Suzanne Stratton-Crooke '61, Erin Davis '07, Kylie Fisher '13

Standing l-r

Joanne Mortimer '70, Katie Collin Moore '01, Mittie Imani Jordan '75, Joanne Trespacz Bonder '76, Susan Dunn LaPine '68, Mindy Maxwell Baierl '85

A full Board listing including those not present for this photo is on page 8.

Susannah Howe (continued from page 1) Since joining the Smith faculty in 2003, Dr. Howe has coached numerous student design teams across a wide range of engineering disciplines and collaborated with multiple sponsoring organizations from both industry and government. Her favorite part of the job is working with students during their senior year and being part of their transition into life after Smith. She stays in contact with engineering alumnae and hosts many of them back on campus as guest speakers in the capstone course. She is also involved with efforts to foster design learning in middle and high school students and to support entrepreneurship at primarily undergraduate institutions. Her background is in civil engineering with a focus on structural materials; she holds a bachelor of science in engineering degree from Princeton University, and master in engineering and doctoral degree from Cornell University.

Howe's Cleveland visit will take place at Case Western Reserve University's innovative Think Box located at the foot of Cedar Hill adjacent the RTA Rapid Station, where we will be joined by CWRU students and participants of the Women in Science and Engineering Roundtable. Dr. Howe is interested in learning more about internships and permanent employment opportunities for her Engineering students. In addition to her presentation, Dr. Howe will be in Cleveland for several days and will visit her former students and SOTC interns Chloe Lee '17 at Nordson and Emily Matz '18 at Steris, their intern employers Waxman Industries and Cecilia Render '82 at Nordson as well as engineering grad Leen Aljouni '18. This is important outreach from Smith to Cleveland and a very positive outgrowth of our work with SOTC. We are thankful for our programs team and **Mindy Maxwell Baierl '85**, Senior Director of Corporate Relations and Strategic Projects and former Executive Director for the Institute for Management and Engineering at CWRU, for coordinating this collaborative program. We are also thankful for Marjorie Roth '67 for her initiating a conversation with Dr. Howe for this visit.



Meet Smith's new Vice President for Alumnae Relations Denise Wingate Materre '74, Ed.D

Smith College welcomes Denise Wingate Materre as its new Vice President for Alumnae Relations. Denise joins Smith as it enters a new phase of partnership with the Alumnae Association, in alignment with an integrated and combined Office of Alumnae Relations and Development. As a member of the President's Cabinet, her office will contribute to the future vision and course of Smith College.

Denise returns to Smith College with a master's degree in education from the College of New Jersey and a Doctor of Education from the University of Colorado, Denver; her dissertation examined the conditions contributing to Black women becoming firsts and thriving in positions of leadership and authority. She is responsible for engaging alumnae through compelling programs that reinforce Smith's standing as a thought leader on global women's issues. She works with administrative and academic offices across the college, as well as with the Alumnae Association of Smith College board of directors, to align alumnae programming with the college's strategic objectives and to enhance alumnae professional and volunteer networks. A member of the Smith class of '74, Materre serves as an ex officio member of the AASC board.

Member Dues and Donations

With nearly 300 alumnae in the Greater Cleveland area, we take pride in being one of the largest and more active Clubs of the Smith Alumnae Association, which boasts over 55,000 members residing in all 50 states, and over 120 countries.

Through the generosity of our dues paying members, scholarship and program fund contributors we are able to help underwrite annual spring, fall and winter holiday programs for our alumnae and guests, prospective student events and book awards to area high school students, full and partial scholarships and care packages for current students, SOTC internships, our Senior Smith and Annual Meeting luncheons, gifts honoring alumnae at the time of their passing, our newsletters and other special mailings.

We encourage those who have not paid their dues to please do so in order for us to keep our assessment at this comfortable level. We are especially appreciative of members who contribute to our scholarship fund and volunteer their time in support of our club. **Dues payments are for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.** You may send your **check payable to the Smith College Club of Cleveland** in the envelope provided with this mailing, or payments may also be made **online at <https://www.smithclubofcleveland.org>**.



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Since 1898, the **Smith College Club of Cleveland** has provided a variety of opportunities for multi-generational Smith alumnae in the greater Cleveland area to meet, work for the college, enhance the wonderful education received on campus, and enjoy the company of people with similar backgrounds and interests.

Our Mission:

To encourage a sense of connection and continuity with Smith past, present, and future, to promote an awareness of Smith in the Cleveland community, to encourage qualified students to apply to Smith, and to contribute to the college's scholarship fund.

FALL/ WINTER 2019—2020

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**6 Apple picking @
Patterson Farm**
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NOVEMBER

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13 Book Club

DECEMBER

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8 Holliday Party
11 Book Club

JANUARY

8 Book Club

FEBRUARY

12 Book Club

MARCH

11 Book Club

Mittie Imani Jordan '75, President
Susan Dunn LaPine '68, Recording Secretary
Betsy Kaufman Sampliner '62, Treasurer
Arminé Thompson '07, Assistant Treasurer
Lynn-Ann Ries Gries '84, Past President / Nominating
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Amy E. Miller '99, VP/Director of Programs
Katie Collin '01, VP/Member Development Programs
Ruth Strauss Berger '58, Association of Continuing
Education Representative (ACE)
Joanne Mortimer '70, Book Club Chair
Suzanne Stratton-Crooke '62, Senior Smith Co-Chair
Jane Quayle Outcalt '59, Senior Smith Co-Chair
Marjorie Berson Roth '67, SOTC Chair
Musette Vincent '78, SOTC Co-Chair
Erin K. Davis '07, Young Alumnae Co-Chair
Kylie M. Fisher '13, Young Alumnae Co-Chair

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Mindy Maxwell Baierl '85 Candidates Chair
Leen Ajlouni '18, Candidates Co-Chair
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