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HOTCHKISS



Alexis Bryant La Broi 1991

Washington, D.C.
B.S. Northwestern University
Production Resource Group,
Director of Sales

What did attending Hotchkiss mean for you?

Attending Hotchkiss was a very unique experience for me. No one else around me had attended a boarding school and no one I knew at home could relate to my experiences. Hotchkiss opened doors and opportunities that would not have been an option had I stayed in my home town for high school. I credit classes in the theater department as the foundation for my interest in stagecraft and theater technology, which eventually led me to the AV industry as a career. I stay connected with the School by volunteering as a Class Agent and planning multiple Washington, DC- area Hotchkiss Day of Service events. I have attended every one of my class reunions and look forward to my 30th in June.

Alexis Bryant La Broi found her way to Hotchkiss via the A Better Chance program as a Prep. She is a native of Gary, IN. She is one of the founding members of BaHSA and served as its President during the 1990-1991 school year. After Hotchkiss, she attended Northwestern University, where she graduated in 1995. Alexis has enjoyed a career in the Audiovisual Technology/ Live Events industry for most of the past 25 years. She is currently the Director of Sales for the DC/ Boston metro areas at Production Resource Group (PRG), one of the largest providers of AV and production services in the world.

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Ofori Amponsah 2009

United Kingdom
University of Oxford:
Said School of Business

How did your time at Hotchkiss help prepare you for where you attended college and your profession, career, or interests?

Life is often saturated in waters' reflection. I often try my best not to make ripples in anyone else's lake, but I often forget the water is distorted to begin with. Hotchkiss allows those who attend to see this saturation, revel within its possibilities and allow the crestfallen leaves, kids skipping stones, and bugs sprouting into existence to solidify and fortify your bedrock. I was fortunate enough to attend Hotchkiss following in my older brother's footsteps. You cannot become what you can't see. Joining the Hotchkiss community allowed me to see so much farther into my future than I ever had before. From the speakers who present in auditorium, to the diverse cuisines offered in the dining hall, Hotchkiss consistently broadens the limits of your human experience.

At Hotchkiss I discovered two things: 1) the world is a lot smaller than you think, and 2) anything you want to accomplish is possible with practice. Even today, at every step of my professional & academic journey, a fellow Hotchkiss alumnae, teacher or friend has made my numerous transitions, explorations and setbacks a bit easier. Hotchkiss instilled in me, the confidence to take risks, to ask questions and a learning mindset. Following my time at Hotchkiss I matriculated to Amherst College, majoring in Economics. After graduating in 2013, I went on to explore numerous career paths from Fashion Design, Commercial Real Estate and even Music. Most recently I worked in Aerospace & Defense in Washington, D.C. Following this, I am currently at the University of Oxford: Said School of Business here in the United Kingdom. I like to say Hotchkiss is the world's best training ground. The intellectual, physical and emotional growth you are encouraged to engage in allows you to enter subsequent academic and professional settings with immense curiosity and knowledge of self. And these lessons truly last a lifetime.

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HOTCHKISS



Colin Pennycooke 1989

Des Moines, IA
J.D. Harvard
Principal Financial Group
In-house Counsel

How did your time at Hotchkiss help prepare you for where you attended college and your profession, career, or interests?

Hotchkiss's rigorous academic environment definitely prepared me for many of the challenges ahead for me. I worked harder at Hotchkiss than at any other academic institution that I attended. In particular, when I came to Hotchkiss, my creative writing skills were underdeveloped. The writing tools instilled in me at Hotchkiss were critical to my ability to pursue a career in law. In addition, the focus on critical analysis and classroom interaction were a foundation upon which I developed both the legal and interpersonal skills that have served me throughout my career.

My time at Hotchkiss has also influenced how I give back to my community. Knowing the importance that education has had in my life has motivated me to focus my community service on education. Helping to provide support to those who have barriers to educational success is my way of paying it forward.

What did attending Hotchkiss mean for you?

When I was attending Hotchkiss, I knew it was an opportunity of a lifetime. Coming from a school where I was one of only two African-Americans on the entire upper school campus, the relative diversity was a breath of fresh air for me. I cherished the opportunity to live and learn with peers from around the world. Their influence, along with the outstanding facility and staff, on my development into the person I have become cannot be overstated. It was overwhelming at times, but with their support I learned just how much I could accomplish. The "structured independence" was something in which I thrived. As a child of immigrants who placed a high value on education, and made huge sacrifices so that I could attend Hotchkiss, I am forever grateful to my parents, Basil and Elaine, for all that they did to provide me the opportunity to attend Hotchkiss.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, I was raised in Freeport, NY and Port St. Lucie, FL. I graduated from Hotchkiss in 1989. After Hotchkiss, I attended Duke University, graduating with degrees in Economics and Political Science. I then went on to graduate from Harvard Law School. I worked for Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft in New York City for six years, and have worked as an in-house counsel at Principal Financial Group since. I am a member and former trustee of the American College of Investment Counsel.

In the Des Moines community, I have served on the Investment Committee for the United Way of Central Iowa's Educational Leadership Initiative since 2011, and have been chair of the committee since 2016. I am a member of the Iowa National Bar Association, where I previously served as treasurer, and Iowa State Bar Association. I also serve on the Foundation Board of Trustees of the Des Moines Metro Opera and the Board of Directors of One Economy Financial Development Corp.

HOTCHKISS



Rhonda Trotter 1979

Los Angeles, CA
J.D. University of California:
Berkeley
Arnold & Porter Law Firm,
Partner
Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

How did your time at Hotchkiss help prepare you for where you attended college and your profession, career, or interests?

I have often told people that I was no more academically challenged in my life than I was at Hotchkiss, and that includes college, law school, and the California Bar Exam. Prior to Hotchkiss, I typically earned “As”— with an occasional “B”— in the classes at the public schools I attended prior to Hotchkiss. Much to my surprise and dismay, my first progress report as a Lower Mid at Hotchkiss was dismal: 3 “Cs” and 2 “Ds.” Fortunately, over time, I was able to develop the study habits, and build writing and analytical skills that served me well in my Upper Mid and Senior years, and ultimately in college at Stanford, law school at UC Berkeley, and in my professional life as a lawyer. Hotchkiss English instructor Geoff Marchant exhorted us to look for the “DIM”— the deep inner meaning – in the literature we read and discussed in each class; AP Biology instructor Jim Morrill guided us through multi-week dissections of fetal pigs and other specimens, ensuring that we understood the functions of all organs; French instructor Peter Beaumont, in an entirely good-natured and jovial manner, could strike fear in class as he called on each student in order in a round robin exercise of conjugating the verb of the day, with a wrong answer resulting in said student moving to the last chair in the last row, with a grade for the day to match. Intense? Absolutely. But, those of us blessed with a Hotchkiss education leave Hotchkiss with a level of preparation and confidence that is not easily matched.

I am a native of Los Angeles, and attended Hotchkiss through the A Better Chance program. I graduated from Hotchkiss in 1979. After Hotchkiss, I attended Stanford University for undergrad. After working for about six years for California Tomorrow, a non-profit organization, I attended law school at the University of California, Berkeley. I am currently a partner in the law firm of Arnold & Porter, where I represent principally corporate clients in a variety of litigation matters, including intellectual property, products liability, and employment disputes. Amongst my most favorite “non corporate” clients was the late, great musical artist Prince, who I represented in both litigation and transactional matters for the four years prior to his untimely passing. I currently serve as a trustee of Hotchkiss and also serve on the national board of directors of A Better Chance.

HOTCHKISS



Wayne Curtis 1972

Washington, D.C.
Ph.D. Antioch University
Curtis Concepts, LLC,
Managing Partner
Pazima Technologies, LLC,
President and CEO

What did attending Hotchkiss mean for you?

I owe so much to my time at Hotchkiss. I came there from being a ward of the Shawn Acres Children's Home in Dayton, Ohio, which landed me there from very impoverished means. The school opened me to a world I only heard about, and set me on a life-long course of learning that is with me today. I truly do not know what would have come of my life without the Hotchkiss experience. Most likely a track scholarship at Ohio University or Miami of Ohio, then a job with General Motors; not that any of those options are horrible, just rather basic. I could go on, and maintain healthy relationships from my short time at the school, more than those from college, or both graduate degree programs.

Current Role: President & CEO of financial technology startup Pazima Technologies, LLC.

Mission: to disrupt the payday lending industry by providing working class Americans access to affordable credit in a reputation friendly structure.

Founder: Curtis Concepts LLC, a full service financial advisory firm for real estate deals.

Most rewarding public service: Economic development advisor to the Mayors of New York and Philadelphia to retain and recruit businesses, and expand the effectiveness of the central economic development agency.

Volunteer: Board Chair for the Mentor Capital Network, a network of our entrepreneurs and mentors supporting social entrepreneurs. Board Chair, Washington Parks and People. (Dr. Curtis is also regular volunteer for Hotchkiss in numerous capacities.)

Education: PhD in Leadership and Change, Antioch University. Master of Science in Urban Planning, Columbia University. BA, Harvard University.

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Karriem Lateef 1991

Alexandria, VA
B.A. Mathematics
University of Pennsylvania
Microsoft,
Senior Cloud Solutions Architect

What did attending Hotchkiss mean for you?

I really loved my time at Hotchkiss. To come from an urban environment at 14 to this bucolic campus, with a golf course, a lake, an indoor and an outdoor hockey rink (to say nothing of the campus today) was culture shock, but in the best way. There was tangible danger in the environment I was coming from, and Hotchkiss was an oasis of safety, where all you had to worry about, was school.

How did your time at Hotchkiss help prepare you for where you attended college and your profession, career, or interests?

Hotchkiss was one of the most impactful periods of my life. Hotchkiss taught me how to think, how to prepare, how to co-exist, and those lessons have stuck with me. From learning how to be self-sufficient, learning how to interact with people of different races, cultures, socioeconomic strata, Hotchkiss made my entry into Univ of Penn, and the world at large a much easier process.

After graduating from Hotchkiss, I moved to the California Bay Area for a year before returning to the East Coast where I went to the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA. After four years at Penn, I got hired by Oracle Corporation where I stayed for the next five years before striking out on my own as an independent consultant for the next 12 years. After 12 years, I was tired of being a company of one, and went to Microsoft where I have been for the past six and a half years.

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Erika Hairston 2014

San Francisco, CA
B.S. Computer Science
Yale University
Edlyft,
Co-Founder

What did attending Hotchkiss mean for you?

Attending Hotchkiss meant opening my eyes to a world beyond my small town in New Jersey. As a Hotchkiss student, I had the privilege of traveling to six of seven continents (yup that includes Antarctica). I saw Kenya, London, Argentina, Brazil and more all before the age of 18. I met students who grew up vastly different than me and became close friends with people I never would've imagined. Hotchkiss pushed me to think bigger about what I could accomplish and also how to be a responsible global citizen.

Moreover, my love of learning was fostered by caring teachers who created a safe space for us to question society. My time at Hotchkiss was some of the most formative years of my life. Though it was often a struggle being one of few Black girls on campus, where my self-love was abysmal, Hotchkiss did set the tone for me to fully accept my identity in college. Now I'm a proud Hotchkiss and Yale alum who is an even prouder Black woman computer scientist and entrepreneur. I no longer shy away from my culture nor dim my authenticity for anyone else's comfort. That's what attending Hotchkiss meant for me—learning to love myself, education and an incredibly diverse world of people.



Arnelle Ansong 2014

San Francisco, CA
B.A. Symbolic Systems
Stanford University
Edlyft,
Co-Founder and CTO

How did your time at Hotchkiss help prepare you for where you attended college and your profession, career, or interests?

Hotchkiss was really amazing because it gave me the opportunity and space to really stretch myself. I got to try a lot of things I wouldn't have had the opportunity to otherwise. And that process, of trying something new, giving it my all, and continuing to iterate and practice until I got better, carried me throughout college and my time at Bain as a consultant, and is fueling me now through my journey as an entrepreneur.

Arnelle is a founder of Edlyft, a startup that is helping create the next million computer science college graduates. She received an undergraduate degree from Stanford in Symbolic Systems, where she studied decision making and rationality through the lenses of CS, philosophy, psych, and economics. After this she worked as a consultant for Bain & Co. on cases in retail, tech, and healthcare. She's passionate about education, and is excitedly building Edlyft to help more students get in-demand skills.

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**Elie
Smith
Déu
1989**

Brooklyn, NY

B.A. History and Spanish

Duke University

Williamsburg Northside School

Head of School

How did your time at Hotchkiss help prepare you for where you attended college and your profession, career, or interests?

My time at Hotchkiss was positively transformative. I arrived at Hotchkiss as a Prep from a small parochial school in Brooklyn Heights, where class discussion was far from the norm. The nuns honestly preferred silence. At Hotchkiss, I found my voice and was not only encouraged to ask questions and participate in class discussion, but that was, in fact, the expectation. I became a more profound, more critical thinker at Hotchkiss, and after Prep English with The Hawk, and the daily themes as a Lower Mid, plus a Teagle Senior year, I also ended my time as a much better writer.

My four years at Hotchkiss gave me confidence. At Hotchkiss, I gained a solid understanding of who I was as a student. Arriving on Duke's campus as a freshman, I felt infinitely well-prepared. I knew not only how to manage my time well but how to learn well. Hotchkiss had allowed me to feed my intellectual curiosity, face challenges, engage with the world around me, and with guidance and support from my advisors, to begin to discover my passions by selecting courses, extra-curricular activities, and summer opportunities aligned with my strengths and interests. I benefited tremendously from the quality of instruction I received from some truly gifted educators who demonstrated an interest in my success and inspired me to follow in their footsteps. As a young educator, I sought to create the same sense of community where students were seen and heard that I had felt in their classrooms. At Hotchkiss, I realized that great teachers' influence and excellent teaching don't stop at the end of the class period nor within the classroom walls but instead knows no borders and follows students, providing a road map for self-discovery and personal growth throughout the years. This discovery has served me well as a school leader.

Elie Smith Déu is a multilingual school educator with over twenty years of experience in program and curriculum design, teaching and learning, and student development in independent schools in the United States and abroad, including traditional and progressive settings, boarding, and IB schools. A member of the class of 1989, Elie went on to graduate from Duke University in three years with a double major in History and Spanish.

Elie has been the head of school of the Williamsburg Northside School, an N-8 independent school, in Brooklyn, New York, since 2017. Before her time at Northside, Elie was a founding faculty member at Avenues: The World School (NY Campus). She held various roles, including head of grades 6 and 7, director of middle and upper school admissions, and dean of students. An alumna of Duke University, Elie began her career teaching, coaching, and doing admissions work at boarding schools, including Phillips Exeter Academy and Milton Academy. She then taught Spanish and History at La Jolla Country Day School (CA) and was the founding lower school Spanish teacher at Greenwich Academy (CT) before heading overseas. During her over a decade long stint in Europe, Elie taught every grade from first through twelfth. She was the world language chair and head of lower school at the Agora International School of Andorra. She was the Social Studies department chair at the American International School in Cyprus.

She has been the recipient of a Teachers College Klingenstein Head of School Fellowship and is currently pursuing an Ed.M. in School Leadership at Harvard's Graduate School of Education. An avid people watcher, walker, Netflix binge-watcher, and reader, Elie has two daughters and two cats. At Northside, her favorite things to do are visit classes and greet students during arrival.

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Nichole Phillips 1989

Atlanta, GA

Ph.D. Philosophy

Vanderbilt University

Emory - Candler School of Theology

Associate Professor in the Practice of

Sociology of Religion and Culture;

Director of Black Church Studies

How did your time at Hotchkiss help prepare you for where you attended college and your profession, career, or interests?

Outside of church and school settings, I was not a public speaker nor would I be identified as a public intellectual. Many do not realize that I was somewhat shy before attending Hotchkiss. I think I definitely fit into the description of what NYC public school students, at the time that I was growing up, would identify as a “Brainiac.” Though no one would label me as the supervillainous and fictional character of DC Comics, young people my age would, throughout my elementary and intermediate school years, describe me as quiet, studious and highly intelligent. That is how I landed at Hotchkiss from Philippa Schuyler (a mixed race-black child prodigy, pianist, author and journalist) Intermediate School for the Gifted and Talented where I graduated as salutatorian. The first person who took my public speaking skills seriously (or figured I had something to say about U.S. culture and society) was Mr. Lou Pressman. I will always vividly remember when he invited me to address both Chapel services in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Of course, I was flattered and hesitant. But for this “brainiac,” one who was shy and studious, that experience would remain an indelible memory because it was the first time that I was asked to deliver my thoughts --publicly and no less about a historical figure and that figure’s importance to the history of civil rights in America. Now, my more developed public voice has taken on the form of being a professor, preacher, scholar of religion, author, writer--and public intellectual. I will always cherish that memory and credit that invitation and opportunity extended by Mr. Pressman as being one of the firsts, if not the first experience, for others to hear my critical commentary on race, religion, and the nation, that now includes reading my thoughts on social and religious issues--all of which adds to my being a public speaker and public intellectual.

In addition to her role at Candler, The Rev. Dr. Nichole R. Phillips is associate faculty in the Department of Sociology at Emory College of Arts and Sciences, and a senior faculty fellow at the Emory Center for Ethics. A sociologist of religion and public theologian, she teaches courses in community and congregational studies.

Her research interests lie at the intersection of religion and American public life with a focus on community and congregational studies where she investigates the moral commitments and vision of community and congregational members. Her scholarship treats religion, critical race, gender, and cultural memory studies. She is also developing new research interests in the sociology of science and religion.

Her first monograph, *Patriotism Black and White: The Color of American Exceptionalism* (Baylor, 2018), is a study of Black and white evangelicals in a rural southern community and their shifting interpretations of American national identity and U.S. exceptionalism with the election of Barack H. Obama as America’s first President of African descent and at the height of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. *Patriotism Black and White* was on The Christian Century’s Best Sellers List in 2019.

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Sean Heywood 1996

Palo Alto, CA
M.B.A Business Administration
Stanford University,
Graduate School of Business
Amazon
Principal, Business Development

What did attending Hotchkiss mean for you?

I believe graduating from Hotchkiss to be one of my earliest and most substantial accomplishments. Hotchkiss placed me on an academic and professional track that exposed me to a world far beyond anything I could have envisioned prior to arriving in Lakeville. The Hotchkiss community could also be quite harsh at times - particularly from the vantage of a 13-year-old, Black male from the pre-gentrified, working class neighborhood of Bushwick, Brooklyn. Despite some of the issues I encountered, my four years at Hotchkiss were unambiguously invaluable. The experience cemented my beliefs that I possessed the mettle to thrive in any environment and that I could realistically achieve the professional and socioeconomic dreams many of my classmates had been raised to understand as their destiny. I left a community where less than 5% of residents had a college education, and joined one where I would record the Brandenburg Concerto as a violinist, win two New England Tennis Championships, and eventually gain admittance to an Ivy League university. Most importantly, Hotchkiss is where I'd begin to cultivate deep-relationships with a handful of classmates who would remain among my dearest friends nearly three decades later.

Sean Heywood is a Principal at Amazon and leads global business development efforts for Alexa involving the interoperability of Alexa with other artificially intelligent voice assistants. Prior to Amazon, Sean worked at Facebook where he led strategic partnerships for the Messenger app and grew the community of developers from 0 to more than 100,000 while the Messenger app grew from 300 million to 1.2 billion monthly active users. Prior to Facebook, Sean was an entrepreneur, Market Manager at Google, and an analyst at McKinsey & Company and Morgan Stanley. Sean holds a B.A. from Brown University (magna cum laude) and the London School of Economics and an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

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Ray McGuire 1975

**RUNNING FOR
MAYOR OF NEW YORK
Hotchkiss Board of Trustees**

“I marvel at the rare strength of a place like Hotchkiss. It fostered diversity, encouraged us to achieve academic and sometimes athletic excellence, yet it allowed us to learn from each other and to make some life-long friends. It is all too obvious to me that without Hotchkiss my education as a student and as a man would have suffered. I will always feel a great indebtedness to the School and an enormous affection for the Hotchkiss family.”

Since McGuire spoke these words in 1985, he has become one of Hotchkiss’s greatest stories of success. Now running for Mayor of New York as a moderate Democrat, Ray retired in 2020 from a tremendously successful Wall Street career as Vice Chairman of Citigroup. Now serving in his second stint as a Hotchkiss trustee, in 1985 McGuire was the first African American elected to the Board. He entered Hotchkiss as an upper mid on scholarship, arriving from Dayton, OH where he had been raised by his mother. When asked why he transferred, he replied he wanted to “test myself against the best in the country.” He did so academically, socially, and athletically, having been named to the Prep School All-American Team in basketball. Proudly saying he might be the only member of the “4-H” club in the world, from Hotchkiss Ray went on to Harvard College, Harvard Business School, and Harvard Law. He is outspoken on the importance of education.

His most recent role within the Hotchkiss Board is most fitting: he is co-chairing the committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. His charismatic personality has always brought together people from different walks of life. A former Hotchkiss English teacher said, “He was just so charismatic, he just attracted all kinds of people...Ray could talk with ease with anyone; he has the ability to make people belong.” Likewise, former board chair John Thornton ’72 once noted that McGuire’s “magnetism and ability to cut across prejudices and perceptions to reach people on a level they’re willing to understand” was disarming and powerful.

HOTCHKISS

A portrait of Annika Lescott, a Black woman with dark hair styled in braids, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue top and a small blue earring. The background is a gradient of grey and blue.

Annika Lescott 2006

Brooklyn, NY
M.P.A. Public Administration
Columbia University
New York City Housing Authority
Executive Vice President &
Chief Financial Officer
Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

How did your time at Hotchkiss help prepare you for where you attended college and your profession, career, or interests?

As a native New Yorker, I learned about inequality and the housing affordability crisis at a young age. The juxtapositions were stark: public housing and luxury apartments located within blocks of each other. My own life followed much of the same pattern. I lived in a working-class, immigrant neighborhood in Brooklyn and attended Hotchkiss, one of the most prestigious prep schools in the country. I knew how lucky I was, and it was important for me to pay it forward. Public policy decisions affect everyone – rich and poor. My experience operating in both worlds gave me a unique perspective and allowed me to advocate for those who don't have a voice throughout my career.

Annika Lescott is a dedicated public servant with local and national experience. Annika currently serves as Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of the New York City Housing Authority, the largest public housing authority in the country serving 400,000 low-income New Yorkers through a \$4 billion annual operating budget. Previously, Annika was a Presidential Management Fellow in the Executive Office of the President of the United States, where she worked on non-partisan housing policy and the President's Budget under the Obama and Trump administrations.

Annika came to Hotchkiss through Prep for Prep, a program that prepares low-income students in the inner city for private boarding and day schools. After graduating from Hotchkiss, she earned her bachelor's degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master of public administration from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. Annika serves on the Board of Trustees and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

HOTCHKISS



Liz Hines 1993

New York, NY
Yale College, Bachelor of Arts
Harvard University, GSAS
Author, editor, and strategic
communications specialist
Hotchkiss Board of Trustees,
Co-president

How did your time at Hotchkiss help prepare you for where you attended college and your profession, career, or interests?

There is no doubt in my mind that Hotchkiss prepared me exceptionally well for every academic challenge I faced post-graduation. Because of the rigor of the education I received at Hotchkiss, I entered classrooms in both college and graduate school truly prepared for the work put before me — an advantage not many students in this country have. Hotchkiss taught me how to think, and how to think about thinking; I learned how to analyze texts and how to craft persuasive arguments — both written and oral — about a wide range of ideas. I learned here the habits of mind and being that have formed the foundation of all of my future pursuits, and I remain deeply grateful to the many teachers who invested their time and care in helping nurture both my intellect and character.

Elizabeth G. Hines is an author, editor, and strategic communications specialist. She was the founding education editor at AlterNet, a syndication service and online community of the alternative press. Her work has appeared in the Huffington Post, Women's eNews, AOL's Black Voices, Black Enterprise Magazine, and babble.com. Hines is the co-author of the best-selling biography, *Black Titan: A. G. Gaston and the Making of a Black American Millionaire*, winner of the 2004 Non-Fiction Book Honor from the American Library Association.

Previously, Ms. Hines served as the communications director for the White House Project, a 501(c)3 organization that worked to increase female representation in American institutions, businesses, and government. She was also a senior member of the communications team at the Ms. Foundation for Women, and now heads her own communications and consulting business, which works with foundations and advocacy organizations to advance their communications capabilities and improve their messaging effectiveness.

Throughout her career, Ms. Hines has dedicated herself to helping non-profits grow, in part by serving on the boards of a wide variety of organizations, including: The Third Wave Fund, The Women's Media Center Advisory Board, LIFT (Legal Information for Families Today), People's Production House and The Independent Media Institute. She currently serves as co-president of the Board of Trustees at Hotchkiss. Previously, she chaired the board's Gender Task Force and its Community Life Committee and also led the effort to rewrite the School's mission statement. In 2018, Hines was named a fellow of the New World Foundation, where she oversaw the organization's research on the state of local media, investigating opportunities to support local journalism and journalists in the face of widespread corporatization.

Ms. Hines holds a B.A. from Yale College and conducted her graduate studies at Harvard University. She lives in New York with her partner and their three children.

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ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Marcellus “Gus” Winston ’55

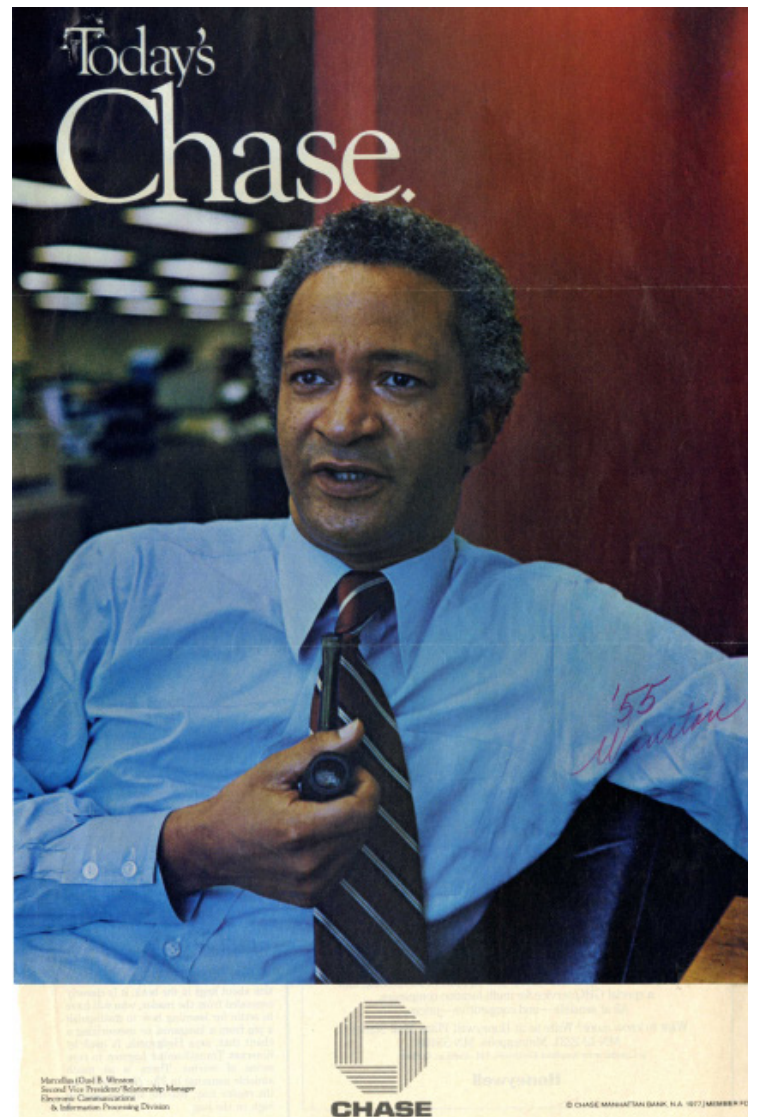
Gus was born on January 5, 1937, the son of Marcellus A. Winston and Eva L. Howe in Washington, D.C. According to his admission application, Gus’s father was a post office clerk and his mother was a clerk for the Veterans Association.

Gus came to Hotchkiss from Banneker Junior High in Washington, D.C. in 1951. This school was considered to be the best and most prestigious segregated high school in the country. He entered as a prep, and was **the first African American admitted to Hotchkiss**. Reference *Hotchkiss: A Chronicle of an American School** for more information regarding Gus’s acceptance, and the racial climate of the School at that time. Gus was a financial aid student, and worked summers tending to the ducks and wild birds at the hockey rink.

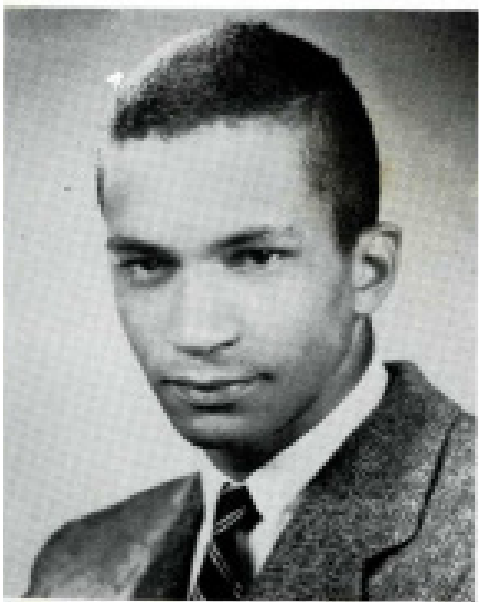
Gus was a good student and excellent athlete. He lettered in football, basketball, and track. He was captain of the basketball team and co-editorial chairman of *The Record*. He was a member of the H.D.A. Business Board, and the auditorium committee. He was awarded the Jadwin Trophy, the Poetry Prize, and the Edwards Prize. Gus graduated cum laude and in his *Mischianza* was voted biggest bluffer, most versatile, most brilliant, most talented, best athlete, and biggest operator by his class.

Gus attended Harvard, also on scholarship, and was graduated in 1959.

In 1965, Gus reported working as an editor at Random House before starting his banking career with Chase Manhattan Bank. In 1978, Gus was featured in a series of marketing ads in the *Wall Street Journal* and *Business Week* with a photo and the caption, “Today’s Chase.” At that time Gus was second vice-president and relationship manager for the bank. After a long career with Chase Manhattan, he then became a private investor and writer. In 2005, in his 50th reunion Misch II entry, Gus reported his primary career/occupation as: Teaching/Banking.



From the 1955 Misch



MARCELLUS BOYD WINSTON

2647 15th St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

“Gus”

“Wa-a-it a minute! Let’s talk it over before we get too wild,” “Let’s think about it, men”

Harvard

1951-52: Monahan Heavyweight Football; School Basketball Squad; School Track Squad; *Mischianza* (Heeler).

1952-53: School Football Team; School Basketball Squad; Undefeated School Track Squad; Edwards Prize; Third Honor Roll; *Record* (Heeler); H. D. A. Business Board (Heeler); Lower-Mid Debating Team.

1953-54: School Football Team; School Basketball Team; School Track Team; Associate Editor *Record*; H. D. A. Business Board; Press Club; Alumni P. C.; Third Honor Roll.

1954-55: School Football Team; School Basketball Team (Captain); School Track Team; Co-Editorial Chairman of *Record*; H. D. A. Business Board; Auditorium Committee; Cast of “Othello”; Third Honor Roll.

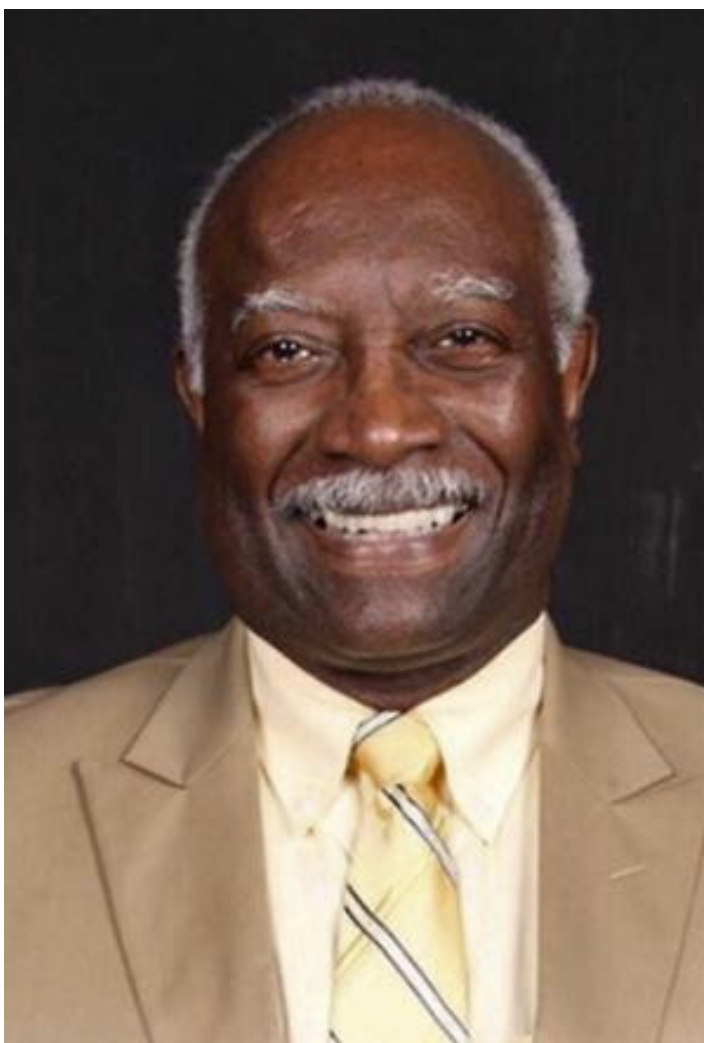
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Alum of the Month

In an effort to raise awareness of the meaningful contributions of Hotchkiss alumni, we offer this monthly feature for your enjoyment.

December 2020

Richard S. Freeman '61



is an attorney, educator, and a human and civil rights activist. His long career has been focused on providing social and educational services to undeveloped communities and underserved African-descendant populations, and he is recognized throughout the U.S., South America, Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean for his many contributions. Freeman is the current President of the Joe Beasley Foundation, Inc., an international humanitarian organization.

Born in New Haven, CT, Freeman is the youngest of five children. His parents divorced shortly after his birth, and the absence of his father in his formative years made a profound impact on him, resulting in a lifelong dedication and passion for serving as a surrogate father to young people.

Having demonstrated exceptional academic and athletic ability in his youth, Freeman was accepted into Yale University's Ulysses S. Grant Scholarship Program, established in 1953 by Hotchkiss graduates at Yale. This program affords talented and motivated middle school inner-city students in New Haven enrichment activities and intensive tutoring to prepare them for future success. After completing a rigorous two-year course of study with an emphasis on math, English, Latin, and French, Freeman was awarded a scholarship to Hotchkiss.

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Community Service Award

Giving of oneself--whether it be time, talent, or resources--is crucial to making the world in which we live a better place. The idea of service at Hotchkiss can be found in the School's oldest student organization, St. Luke's Society, whose primary goal is to render social service. Every year, Hotchkiss recognizes the service contributions of one or more of its graduates to their respective communities, whether local, national, or international.

Established in honor of Hotchkiss' centennial in 1992, the Community Service Award recognizes alumni who "in the estimation of the nominating committee of the board of governors of the alumni association, demonstrate through their volunteer and/or vocational endeavors an exemplary sense of caring, initiative, and ingenuity."

2020 HONOREE:

Joyful Clemantine Wamariya '09



Clemantine Wamariya '09 has been selected as the 2020 Community Award Recipient. Clemantine, who recently added Joyful as her first name, is an internationally renowned speaker, a New York Times best-selling author, and an accomplished human rights advocate. Her memoir *The Girl Who Smiled Beads* debuted in April 2018 and is published in eight languages. The book describes Clemantine and her sister Claire's journey from an idyllic childhood in Kigali, Rwanda up until 1994, to fleeing war conflicts and seeking refuge in eight different countries throughout Africa, to receiving refugee status in the USA in 2000.

Hotchkiss was one of many steps Clemantine took as she built her life in America. When she first arrived in Lakeville for a postgraduate year before enrolling at Yale, she found herself alone, for the first time in her life, in her single room on the third floor of Wieler Hall. She was 20 years old.

"I had lived so many places, adapted so well, but I had never lived alone," she wrote in *The Girl Who Smiled Beads*.

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