

PAULA K. BRAVERMAN, 1974

Paula K. Braverman is a Professor of Pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine specializing in Adolescent Medicine. She received her BA in Biology from Brown University and her M.D. from Yale University School of Medicine. In 1987, following a residency in Pediatrics at Yale-New Haven Hospital and a fellowship in Adolescent Medicine at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, she joined the faculty in the Department of Pediatrics at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, where she developed the Adolescent Medicine program. In 2003, she was lured back to Cincinnati Children's Hospital with an opportunity to grow the community programs for the Division of Adolescent Medicine which has included: medical care for youth at the local juvenile detention center and Cincinnati Job Corps; assisting in the expansion of school-based health clinics into the middle and high schools; and providing health education programming at schools and other community venues such as Boy's and Girl's clubs and recreation centers. Her health education team trains and provides technical assistance to teachers and front line providers at community settings to deliver health education programs to youth. She and her colleagues developed two long-standing programs: one on healthy eating and physical activity, and another on reproductive health specifically for adolescent and young adult males. In addition to providing talks locally and regionally, she has been on the faculty for numerous national pediatrics courses addressing adolescent health issues.

On the national level, Paula has held leadership positions in the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, and is also a member of other national committees for the American Board of Pediatrics and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. In 2011, Paula was the Adele Hofmann Visiting Professor for the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, and in 2014 was awarded the Founder's Award for her work on community programs from the Section of Adolescent Health of the American Academy of Pediatrics. On the state level, Paula has played a prominent role with the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Education, and the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. These activities have included being part of the state team that formed the Ohio Adolescent Health Partnership, which is working to improve adolescent health on a state level through strategic planning.

Looking back on her time at Amity, Paula credits her 9th grade biology teacher as a particular inspiration for her long career of public service in adolescent medicine. Mrs. Jean Burkus was a teacher ahead of her time, devoted to the welfare of her students including teaching the latest information on topics such as the structure of DNA to being an advocate for students to have access to medically accurate information on human sexuality and reproductive health.

NEAL G. DELAURENTIS, 1979

Neal DeLaurentis is a graduate of Amity Regional High School class of 1979. Since then, DeLaurentis has more than 20 years of experience working in international economic development. He is currently a Vice President at the Soros Economic Development Fund (SEDF), a \$250 million social investment fund which supports and promotes economic opportunities and access to information, products and services for underserved populations. SEDF is part of the [Open Society Foundations](#), a network of charitable foundations created by investor and philanthropist George Soros. DeLaurentis manages SEDF's portfolio of SEDF investments in Eastern Europe and West Africa. He serves on the boards of directors of selected SEDF portfolio companies and previously served on the board of several non-profit organizations supporting the global microfinance sector. Prior to coming to SEDF in 1998, DeLaurentis was a Program Manager at Partners in Economic Reform, a USAID-funded project working to help restructure the coal mining industries in Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan. He was also part of the first group of Peace Corps Volunteers in Russia after the fall of the Soviet Union, focusing on small business development and municipal infrastructure issues. Additionally, he has worked in community banking focusing on small and medium enterprise lending. DeLaurentis has a BS in Finance from Villanova University and an MPA from the University of New Hampshire.

ALAN FLAUMENHAFT, 1984

Alan is a graduate of the class of 1984. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in English with a business emphasis from Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL.

After graduation, Alan moved to Miami and began his professional career as a Sales Representative with Eastern Business Forms, Inc. In 1990, he returned to Connecticut and started in the healthcare industry as a Sales Representative for US Healthcare (USHC). During his tenure with USHC, he was promoted to Sales Manager and then to Regional Broker Director of New England. He left USHC in 1996 to join Health Insurance Plan of NY or HIP (which is now Emblem Health) as Director of Broker Sales in NYC. In 1998 he was promoted and relocated back to FL as Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Health Insurance Plan of FL. He then returned to the northeast with HIP as Corporate Vice President of Customer Service.

In 2000, Alan made a life-changing decision to leave the corporate workforce behind and fulfill his longtime desire to put his entrepreneurial spirit to the test. He founded a for-profit, social advocacy company called Social Service Coordinators, Inc. (SSC). SSC, which was funded by Medicare Advantage health plans, provided assistance to low-income seniors to help them enroll in the social service programs for which they were entitled. The company experienced exponential growth over the next decade until it was sold to a private equity firm in January 2011.

Today, Alan continues to stoke his entrepreneurial passion with several business ventures, but is equally passionate about the many philanthropic organizations in which he and his family support, including the Jamie Hulley Foundation, Make a Wish Foundation, Camp Sunshine and Give Kids the World Village. He is also a proud and active member of the Florida State University Booster program.

Despite any business success Alan has achieved, he feels by far his greatest achievement in life is the love and happiness he has experienced in his marriage to his wife Carol and the four wonderful children they have the privilege of raising.

WILLIAM ARTHUR GALSTON, 1963

William A. Galston holds the Ezra Zilkha Chair in the Brookings Institution's Governance Studies Program, where he serves as a Senior Fellow. He is also a College Park Professor at the University of Maryland. Prior to January 2006 he was Saul Stern Professor and Acting Dean at the School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, Director of the Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy, founding Director of the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE), and Executive Director of the National Commission on Civic Renewal, co-chaired by former Secretary of Education William Bennett and former Senator Sam Nunn. A participant in six presidential campaigns, he served from 1993 to 1995 as Deputy Assistant to President Clinton for Domestic Policy.

Galston is the author of eight books and more than 100 articles in the fields of political theory, public policy, and American politics. His most recent books are *Liberal Pluralism* (Cambridge, 2002), *The Practice of Liberal Pluralism* (Cambridge, 2004), and *Public Matters* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2005). A winner of the American Political Science Association's Hubert H. Humphrey Award, he was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2004.

Galston has appeared on all the principal television networks and is frequently interviewed on NPR, and writes a weekly column for the *Wall Street Journal*. He is a graduate of Amity from the class of 1963, and is thrilled to be receiving his award tonight.

JEFF “GITTY” GITELMAN, 2000

Jeff "Gitty" Gitelman is considered by many to be one of the most promising, versatile and unpredictable musicians in the world today. With a career consisting of performance, production and composition, Jeff continues to break ground and contribute his vision to some of the world's biggest artists.

After graduating from Amity Regional High School in 2000, Gitty went on to attend the prestigious Berklee School of Music. As a performer, Jeff has shared the stage with the likes of Alicia Keys, David Bowie, Lauryn Hill, Stevie Wonder, Adele, Justin Timberlake, Justin Bieber, Lenny Kravitz, and many others. Gitty has also found success behind the scenes, namely as a writer and producer, for which he has lent his vision to modern artists including J.Cole, Alicia Keys, Frank Ocean, Mary J Blige, Karmin, Chance The Rapper and more.

In addition to helping craft the sound for other artists, Jeff has released two full-length albums and one EP with his own band "The Stepkids." These productions have been praised and revered by musical legends such as Radiohead and Jimmy Jam.

Currently living in Los Angeles, CA, Gitty is on his way toward becoming one of the most unique and important contributors in the music industry and looks forward to a long and successful musical career.