

Mission Minded, Oliver Strong!

Navigating a changed world...

Despite the ongoing pandemic and an ever-changing world, Oliver Scholars hit the ground running in 2021! With the support of the Oliver community, parents, scholars, and friends we were able to pivot to a virtual "reality" and instead of having our students feel isolated, we provided a deeper, more meaningful, fun, and frequent path to education, communication, and support.

We've celebrated holidays together through virtual events, completed community service and even tackled hard national issues and challenges through our CEO Salon Series, Alumni or, Scholar-led panels and discussions.

Navigating the new norm has not been easy but together, staying mission-minded, we are succeeding! Join the Oliver Scholars movement as we forge ahead into the remainder of the year, celebrate our scholars, welcome in a new class, and of course advocate for their future!

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED ARTICLES

The CEO Corner: Anti-Hate
Alumni Teachers Appreciation
New Board of Trustee Members



THE CEO CORNER:

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

Oliver Scholars stands in solidarity with the Asian American community in the wake of a significant increase in the number of racist attacks. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, anti-Asian hate crimes have escalated both nationally and in New York City.

Many of these attacks are specifically targeting elderly Asian Americans, including some that occurred around the traditionally celebratory Lunar New Year. Violence against employees of restaurants and other workers has been reported. These attacks are a cruel blow to hardworking families, individuals, and a community already ravaged by the pandemic. They are in direct opposition to the true spirit of New Yorkers—and an insult and threat to us all.

At Oliver Scholars we emphasize the simple but profound motto: “Spread love, not hate!” As we have throughout our history, we will continue to elevate social justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. We denounce racism and hatred in all its manifestation. And we at Oliver Scholars continue to be the change we want to see for our scholars, the city, the nation, and the world.



**STOP
ASIAN
HATE**



CEO Salon Series Coming May 25th - Join the Conversation - LIVE on FaceBook

THE CEO CORNER:

New Members! Board of Trustees

Please join Oliver Scholars as we welcome four new Board of Trustee Members! [Click Here](#) to get to know our members a little better.



Eric Epstein

President / Davidson Kempner Capital Management

Eric P. Epstein serves as Managing Member; President; Sales, Client Service and Investor Relations at Davidson Kempner Capital Management. Mr. Epstein joined Davidson Kempner in February 2000 and became a Managing Member in January 2004. [Click Here](#) for full bio.



Shirley Rumierk '95

Actress

Shirley Rumierk was born and raised in New York City of Puerto Rican and Colombian descent. Shirley is a Board Member and alumna of The 52nd Street Project and an alumna of Oliver Scholars. Shirley is a graduate of Harvard University and Trinity School. [Click Here](#) for full bio.



Nicholas Doering-Dorival '98

Managing Director / Apollo Global Management

Nicholas Doering-Dorival is a Managing Director at Apollo Global Management. He is responsible for acquisitions in the firm's US Real Estate opportunity fund, and helps set the fund's strategy. Nick earned his MBA with Distinction from Harvard Business School, and is a proud alum of Oliver Scholars ('98) [Click Here](#) for full bio.



Edward Olanow

Portfolio Manager and Director of Investment Solutions

Edward Olanow joined Weiss Multi-Strategy Advisers in 2005, where he worked for almost a decade as a member of the firm's Macro strategy. In 2015, he assumed the role of structuring new products for the Weiss platform and is currently the Director of Investment Solutions and Co-Portfolio Manager for the Weiss Alternative Multi-Strategy Fund. [Click Here](#) for full bio.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

Teacher Appreciation Week!

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, Oliver Scholars is recognizing a few of our alumni teachers that rock! This is also a great time to reflect on how your teachers have unlocked opportunities for you! Take a moment to think of your favorite childhood teachers and how they've contributed to your personal and educational growth. Teachers make all the difference in the lives of their students. They educate, mentor, inspire, and support their students in a variety of ways. Here at Oliver Scholars, we highly value and appreciate everything teachers do for our scholars and our community. Come celebrate teachers with us!



Isis Semaj-Hall

'00 Lawrenceville School

Isis is an Assistant Professor at The University of the West Indies where she teaches Caribbean Literature and Popular Culture. Previously, Isis taught at The University of the West Indies, at American University and the University of Maryland, College Park as an Adjunct Professorial Lecturer.

Additionally, she is the Co-Founding Editor of PREE: Caribbean Writing: an online platform for lively writing from the Caribbean.

Isis has helped unlock opportunities for others by dedicating her career to education.



Camar Robinson

'01 Dalton

Camar is a Middle School English teacher; and a member of the Anti-Racism Task Force at Spence designed to dismantle racial hierarchies at The Spence School. Prior to his time at The Spence School, Camar taught Middle School English at The Windward School, Ethical Culture, Fieldston School, and The Dalton School.

Camar unlocks opportunities for others by dedicating his career to education and helping to maintain an inclusive educational environment.

SUSTAINING OLIVER:

With social distancing our (temporary) “new normal,” the Development team kicked off 2021 with creative ways to stay connected to our Oliver friends and family. The Alumni Spotlight series, our Black History Month events, and our Annual Winter Open House invited unique opportunities to engage and support - thank you for showing up and contributing so generously!

As we continue to move through these ever-changing times, we will remain **#OliverStrong** as we balance the challenges of the moment while celebrating the achievements and bright futures of our next generation of young leaders. To do this, we need your support - we invite you to [make your gift today!](#)

HOW CAN YOU HELP

Your gifts allow Oliver to plan responsibly so that we may deliver seamless services to our scholars and families. The only gift too small is no gift at all!

#OliverCares: Gifts of any size are welcomed and encouraged! We depend on your annual contributions to keep our work going.

Club 1984: Small monthly contributions add up to a huge annual impact! A recurring gift allows you to make a larger investment by spreading payments over a year.

Major Gifts, Underwriting and Estate Planning: Programs underwriting, event sponsorship, multi-year commitments, and planned giving are vehicles that offer unique impact and recognition opportunities for individuals or companies. For more information on how to make major gift investments that can have long-lasting impact and significance, please contact the [Development Office](#).

Thank you for supporting Oliver Scholars!

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STAY CONNECTED:



Stay connected with Oliver Scholars all year long! Volunteer to become a panelist, a social media ambassador, join the Alumni Council or take part in a community conversation. We hope to see you at one of our events coming soon.

2021 COLLEGE DECISION DAY

Wednesday, May 19th - 6pm ET

CEO SALON SERIES

Tuesday, May 25th - 6:30pm ET

Oliver Scholars Facebook Live!

OSP BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, June 15th - 6pm ET

Visit our book club website page for more information: OliverScholars.org

2021 SENIOR TRIBUTE

Thursday, June 17th - Time TBD

100% of our college-bound scholars have received admission to at least 2 schools and over \$3 million dollars in scholarships and grants have already been secured to date. Join us as we celebrate!

2021 ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION

Thursday, June 24th - 7pm ET

OLIVER SCHOLARS

WE'RE HIRING

- Senior Accountant
- Administrative Assistant
- SIP Teaching Assistant
- Gender Studies Instructor
- Computer Science Instructor
- Associate Director for Alumni and College Relations
- Algebra Instructor
- Grant Manager
- STEM Instructor
- Scholar Counselor

