

ALUMNAE NEWS



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“Define success on your terms, achieve it by your own rules, and build a life you’re proud to live.”

Anne Sweeny

Happy Women’s History month!

Celebrating women is what we do at Fontbonne and this month’s newsletter is all about just that! On Monday, March 8th, we enjoyed a virtual celebration of *International Women’s Day*. This year’s theme was “Choose to Challenge”...challenge gender bias, choose to challenge your own thoughts...and as the organization’s website stated, “ a challenged world is an alert world”... We stayed alert with our seven alumna guests who share their story and journey from Fontbonne to their successes. This month, to celebrate you, we are sharing their stories.

Fontbonne Hall Alumnae



LIZ BERGER '03

Liz Berger is a finance and accounting professional based in New York City. A graduate of Fordham University’s undergraduate and graduate Gabelli School of Business, she holds multiple professional certifications including Certified

Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), and Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA).

At Fordham, she was actively involved in extracurricular activities and served as an officer in Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting honors society. Liz started her career as a public accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers serving large international corporate clients in the financial services industry. After a successful five years with the firm, she left PwC to pursue managerial positions with several other companies, including AlixPartners and Capital One.

Liz is currently an Internal Audit Director with Protiviti, a global consulting firm. At Protiviti, Liz assists banking and insurance clients with enhancing their processes, assessing and mitigating risks, and creating operational efficiencies. She divides her time between Protiviti's NYC headquarters and client sites across the country.

In addition to her client work, she is passionate about helping her teams accomplish their goals and succeed in their careers. Liz is also actively involved in Protiviti's college campus and experienced hire recruiting efforts. In addition to her day job, Liz has participated in various speaking engagements sponsored by professional organizations. She most recently served as a guest speaker for the Institute of Internal Auditors New York Chapter annual conference and spoke about the impacts of COVID-19 on the accounting profession and the future of auditing.

Outside of her career and professional life, Liz enjoys traveling the globe for fun. She has traveled to such distant places as Southeast Asia and the Middle East. Her favorite travel memories include trekking 500 stairs to experience the Nungnung Waterfalls in Bali, Indonesia and exploring the Souq Waqif market at night in Doha, Qatar. Liz is also an avid runner. Liz has successfully completed over six marathons, including the NYC Marathon, Long Island Marathon, Marine Corp Marathon, and Richmond Marathon. Finally, Liz is a self-proclaimed foodie. Her favorite activities include trying new restaurants wherever she goes and sharing a meal with family and friends.



Christine Carlozzi is an Alumna of Fontbonne Hall Class of 1978. She attended

and graduated from St. Vincent's School of Nursing and embarked in her nursing career encompassing several fields, including medicine, finally settling in the behavioral sciences. She worked in both Adult and Child Mental Health Units, and the Psychiatric Emergency Room.

Looking to secure her future and having an interest in law enforcement, she made a change and began training for her second career as a New York City Police Officer. She was sworn into the NYPD on April 5, 1990. Her background in nursing opened doors to several specialty units within the NYPD. After spending 4 years on General Patrol, she joined the Homeless Outreach Unit and in conjunction with other City Outreach Teams, began assisting the most vulnerable of the City's population. After several years she became a team member in the NYPD Counseling Unit where she assisted members of the service and their families when coping with different issues. While in this unit, she earned her CASAC and was promoted to Police Detective. She was honored to assist in the aftermath of 9/11.

Christine retired on June 28, 2009 after completing 20 years of service and is currently enjoying her retirement.



ASHLEY DANIELLE HUNTE '12

Ashley Danielle Hunte is an Interior Designer, as well as the CEO and Founder of **Style Meet Strategy**, a Creative Studio and an online digital platform for creative entrepreneurs. Style Meets Strategy began in 2018 as an online digital platform and resource outlet to connect young creative professionals in their transition to an entrepreneurial journey.

Ashley was able to grow her online digital presence during that time. Reputable brands were reaching out to work with her for digital content creation and tips on how to grow their online presence in a creative strategic way. This became a pathway for Ashley to work on brand campaigns for companies such as Raymour & Flanigan, The Container Store, and TJ Maxx just to name a few.

Along with Style Meets Strategy, Ashley is also the owner of The Little Shoppe. The Little Shoppe was born in 2020 to highlight and support small artisans both locally and globally. The essence of The Little Shoppe is to bring together unique artisans from around the world and carry a unique selection of their best products. It is a curated collection of mindful and beautifully crafted pieces for a well-designed home.



PAIGE INNAMORATO '12

Paige Innamorato is a Process Engineer at The Estee Lauder Companies. She graduated from Fontbonne Hall Academy in 2012 and went on to receive her Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering in 2016 from Villanova University where she is currently pursuing a Master's Degree. Her interest in chemical engineering stemmed from mentor programs introduced to her at Fontbonne, the ACE Mentorship Program, and Manhattan College Summer Engineering Program. It was through these programs that she was able to explore the possibility of being an engineer.

When she arrived at Villanova, she felt the presence of home that she had at Fontbonne and knew that this was where her journey would continue. In her academic career she was challenged to become a problem solver and an out-of-the-box thinker, the foundation of every engineer's education and skills she began to develop at Fontbonne. Like Fontbonne, Villanova provided the support and guidance to flourish. Through the network she built at Villanova, she began working in the medical device industry which was only the starting point for her career. The industry experience learned in that position coupled with her academic background brought her to her dream career, an engineer for the leading company in prestige beauty, Estee Lauder. Since the Fall of 2018 she has continued to grow in her position where project management, interpersonal skills, and problem solving are critical. Each day she continues to grow, learn, and consider herself very blessed to be able to do what she loves which is to be a part of empowering women.



LISA M. SANTORO '02

Lisa M. Santoro, AICP is an accredited urban planner with over thirteen years of experience working on urban planning and policy initiatives, large-scale infrastructure projects, and capital programs. She is currently the Manager of the Brooklyn Office for Hatch LTK, where she provides project and contract management support for myriad rail vehicle procurement and engineering projects as well as supports business development and strategic planning efforts for the New York market. Her expertise also includes project implementation, grant management, financial analysis and transportation policy. Prior to her current position, she has worked for SYSTRA Consulting, URS Corporation, the NYC Department of Sanitation, NYC Department of City Planning and the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation.

From 2018 to 2020, she served as Co-Chair of the Women's Transportation Seminar New York Mentoring Program, a year-long program designed for women with mid-level experience within the transportation profession. In addition, she was selected for the 2018 Rudin Center Emerging Leaders in Transportation Fellowship. She is also a freelance writer focusing on architecture and urban history and has written for such publications as the Architectural League of New York (Urban Omnibus blog), Untapped Cities, The Wooden House Project and was the featured writer for the "Curbed Classics" column for Curbed New York. She holds a Master of Science degree in City Planning and Historic Preservation from Pratt Institute and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Government from Manhattan College.



LISA M. TANZI '94

Lisa M. Tanzi is a SVP, Deputy General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer & Corporate Secretary of Sirius International Insurance Group, Ltd. Lisa advises Sirius Group on a wide-variety of corporate and compliance matters including corporate governance, SEC disclosure, corporate transactions and economic and trade sanctions. She is the executive responsible for overseeing the implementation of a multinational group-wide compliance and ethics program.

Prior to joining Sirius Group, Lisa was Vice President, Assistant General Counsel, Co-Chief Compliance Officer & Corporate Secretary at Outfront Media Inc. and Vice President, Counsel at CBS Corporation. She began her career as an Associate in the Global Corporate Group of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP where she specialized in corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions and technology outsourcing. Prior to joining Milbank, Ms. Tanzi spent one year as a law clerk to the Hon. Steven M. Gold, United States District Court, Eastern District of New York.

Ms. Tanzi graduated from Brooklyn Law School, Magna Cum Laude, where she served as the Executive Notes and Comments Editor of the Brooklyn Journal of Law and Policy and Binghamton University, Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa, where she studied Political Science and Italian.

Ms. Tanzi lives in New York City with her husband, son, and rescue dog, Gypsy.



DR. SUSANN VARANO '86

Dr. Susann Varano was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, and is a proud graduate of Fontbonne Hall Class of 1986. Dr. Varano attended St. Joseph's College with a BS in Biology in 1990. She would go on to graduate from The Chicago Medical School in 1994 and be accepted at Yale University in Connecticut in an Internal Medicine Residency position. After completing The Yale University Primary Care Residency Program, she was selected to be Chief Resident at Yale University's Affiliate, Norwalk Hospital. Dr. Varano completed her chief residency and continued her education as a Yale University Geriatric Medicine Fellow. Upon completion, Dr. Varano was the only Fellow selected out of her class to work for Yale New Haven Hospital as Medical Director of the Yale Nursing Home Practice, and Yale New Haven Hospital as Co-Program Director and Geriatrician for The Hospital Elder Life Program.

Dr. Varano was selected to work in the Yale University Hospital Affiliated Program, a position where she would give the prestigious Medical Grand Round lectures to Medical Staff as well as community physicians. She would run Ward Teaching Rounds and give numerous lectures to the medical residents and medical students. Dr. Varano served on the speakers bureau for Forest Pharmaceutical and Pfizer Pharmaceutical as an expert in her field from 1998- 2011, and in 2012 became a part of the Trans Con family as a Medical Consultant, giving back to the community by providing education and memory screens to Hamden Health and Candlewood Valley Health Care communities. In 2013 she would help create the first ever Yale New Haven Hospital Inpatient Geriatric Consult Service, working as the consulting physician for the new program. After 19 years at Yale, Dr. Varano stepped down from her Yale position to focus on consulting work with nursing homes, and her principal investigator responsibilities in clinical research. Dr. Varano has presented her clinical research work at several international conferences

In 2020, The World Health Organization declared COVID 19 to be a pandemic; finding a vaccine to prevent COVID-19 was an urgent need. Dr. Varano and her team were selected as one of 152 sites globally to participate in Pfizer's 26 month study with enrollment goal up to 43,998 patients. Due to the critical nature of the pandemic, Dr. Varano is no longer with Maplewood and now spends most of her time dedicated to ending this pandemic via vaccine trials. She does however continue to serve as an adjunct faculty member for Sacred Heart University Master of Physician Assistant Studies program, and as

adjunct at the University of Bridgeport Physician Assistant Institute. Dr. Varano's involvement in the Covid 19 trials has led to TV stations and Assisted Living and Long-Term Care facilities requesting her to share her story.

Clearly these women have built their successes their way...and we are proud of them. A special thanks goes out to these seven women for inspiring our students...

Also inspiring are our current students:

Congratulations to Elise Tugander, a senior in our Science Research Program, for her third place finish in the category of Behavioral and Social Sciences at the 2021 New York City Metro Junior Science and Humanities Symposium.

Elise's project is entitled "Linguistic Attributes of Stuttered Speech" and was conducted under the mentorship of Dr. Eric Jackson at New York University.



ARMANI MEZA '22

Finalist in the 2021 Poetry Out Loud competition in New York



Faith Breslin '22

**Recipient of the Greater New York NCWIT
Award for Aspirations in Computing**

Each of these women exemplifies the characteristics of a
Bonnie...we are proud!

FHWoCA

If you identify as a woman of color, I encourage you to join our newly formed Women of Color Alliance by emailing me at musto@fontbonne.org.

The FH Women of Color Alliance(FHWoCA) aims to celebrate, empower, and advocate for women of color at Fontbonne Hall. This caucus focuses on how Fontbonne can serve both current students and alumnae of color.

Through the FHWoCA the hope of the Fontbonne community is to continue to live the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of “all-inclusive love, unity, reconciliation, justice and peace”, and to provide an environment rich in the fulfillment of that mission.



Get your zeppole San Giuseppe and your Guinness (or whatever dessert and cocktail you enjoy) ready and join us for a fun virtual night of camaraderie and fabulous raffle prizes while we raise money for our Bonnies!



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Maxim of the Month

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The moments of your life are precious. Use them well!

...until next time!



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