



Council of
LAFAYETTE
WOMEN

Mission

The mission of the Council of Lafayette Women (CLW) is to strengthen the connection between Lafayette women and the College, and among one another, through increased participation in campus and alumni activities. CLW encourages the involvement of all female-identifying members of the Lafayette community—alumnae, students, faculty, friends, parents, and staff.

2024 Council of Lafayette Women Leadership

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Kristin Anderson '14

*Bachelor of Arts-Psychology
Nutley, N.J.*

After Lafayette, Kristin went on to Columbia University to get her master's in social work. In 2019, Kristin joined Clarity Therapy, working as clinical director to help the practice gain recognition as a premier NYC-based private practice. Most recently, in 2023, Kristin opened Madison Square Psychotherapy, a boutique private psychotherapy practice in Manhattan. Kristin is the chair of the Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC) for the Lafayette Pi Phi chapter and the current president of the Lafayette Alumni Interfraternity Sorority Board (AISB), a part of the Alumni Association.

Abby Burkholder '84, P'14

*Bachelor of Arts-Government and law
Silverthorne, Colo.*

Abby retired in 2017 after 33 years in the financial services industry, the last 24 years as vice president of communications for Wells Fargo Advisors. This is Abby's eighth year on the Council for Lafayette Women. She is a past volunteer for N.J. Special Olympics, the Sparta Education Foundation, and N.J. Sharing Network. She is currently a guest services attendant at Breckenridge Resort and a volunteer at the Summit County Animal Shelter in Frisco, Colo. In her spare time, Abby enjoys skiing, hiking, and spending time with family and friends. Abby is married to Jon Epstein '85, and her daughter, Melissa, graduated in the Class of 2014. She was a founding member of Delta Gamma sorority. Her son, Stephen, is a 2017 graduate of Syracuse University.

Audrey DaDalt '15

*Bachelor of Arts-Government and law
New York, N.Y.*

Audrey is the communications lead for Brigaid, a team of professional chefs who help institutional food service programs thrive by providing strategic program assessments, hands-on staff training, and full-time chef placements. Prior to this role, she attended the Fletcher School at Tufts University where she studied international politics and earned a master's in law and diplomacy. She joined CLW in 2020 and is excited to attend her first in-person conference.

Francine Della Badia '91

*Bachelor of Arts-International affairs and French
Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.*

Fran loves transformative times, building exceptional teams, and managing the intersection of technology and brick and mortar, and all the complexities of integrating retail, digital, and virtual platforms. She is a board adviser and C-suite executive, and an expert in consumer brand building and repositioning. As a brand adviser for early-stage consumer lifestyle footwear and accessories companies, Fran advises and coaches CEOs on strategic growth, brand strategy, product development, raising capital, talent acquisition, and stakeholder communication. Fran was the CEO and president of leading brands including Karl Lagerfeld Paris, Donna Karan and DKNY, and Bonobos. She spent 16 years at Coach Inc. holding progressive leadership roles from merchandising to the president of North America Retail. Prior to Coach, Fran worked at great American brands such as Victoria's Secret/L Brands, J. Crew, and Banana Republic. She is passionate about mentoring and coaching women in the industry and doing good. Throughout her career she has supported organizations such as Human Rights First, Step Up Women's Network, the Grace Institute, and Project Morry. Fran is currently vice president of the Alumni Association board for Lafayette College, where she earned a B.A. in international affairs and French, and has taken leadership and finance programs for executives at Harvard Business School and at the Center for Creative Leadership. Fran lives in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., with her partner, Todd Kahn, and her son, Alexander. She also has two stepdaughters, Zoe and Allegra, who live on the West Coast.

Laneta Dorflinger, Ph.D. '75

*Bachelor of Science-Chemistry
Cary, N.C.*

Laneta is a distinguished scientist and director of Reproductive Health Product Innovation and Introduction at FHI 360, one of the largest and most active international nonprofit organizations in human development with activities in more than 60 countries. For over 30 years, Laneta has been a passionate advocate for expanding reproductive choice and has spent her career advancing contraceptive technology research, development, and introduction with a focus on the developing world. Laneta received her undergraduate degree in chemistry from Lafayette College and her Ph.D. in physiology from Yale University. She was a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard School of Public Health. She has received several noteworthy awards, including the prestigious Science and Technology in Development award from USAID, and the George Washington Kidd Award for career distinction (2012) and an honorary Doctor of Sciences (2017) from Lafayette – an award that is her most cherished. She is a member of Lafayette's Board of Trustees, and vice chair of the Educational Policy Committee. She is a former member of the board of directors of Cary Academy, a private college preparatory school. Laneta has been a member of the Council of Lafayette Women (CLW) since 2000 and the Class of 1975 co-class fund manager. Her passions are her work, mentoring young women, and spending time with family and friends.

Kristen Gibbons Feden, Esq. '04

*Bachelor of Science-Neuroscience
Philadelphia, Pa.*

Kristen is a nationally renowned litigator specializing in representing victims of crime and tackling sexual and gender-based misconduct. Her legal prowess led to a notable \$22 million verdict against a pediatrician for extensive child sexual abuse and a \$10.5 million verdict against R. Kelly, underlining her dedication to justice for survivors. Additionally, her impactful closing argument in *Commonwealth v. William H. Cosby*, praised by *The New York Times*, highlights her skill in high-profile cases. Currently a shareholder at Anapol Weiss, Kristen focuses on sexual abuse and high-stakes litigation. Previously, she founded the sexual abuse practice group at Saltz Mongeluzzi & Bendesky and worked in complex litigation at Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young. Kristen's career began with a strong track record as a prosecutor, achieving convictions across a spectrum of challenging cases, including homicides and sexual abuse, often in support of vulnerable survivors. Her work underscores a commitment to advocacy and excellence in litigation.

Esther Flavien '20

*Bachelor of Science-Psychology and French minor
Philadelphia, Pa.*

Upon completing her Lafayette College experience at the height of a pandemic, Esther continued her education at Teachers College, Columbia University, pursuing her master's and license in counseling psychology. In the future, she plans to pursue her academic interest in exploring neurodiversity and mental health in communities of color. She is local to Philadelphia and works with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, serving immigrant and refugee/asylum communities across the city's integrated behavioral health centers. Her focus in counseling and her work with the Department of Public Health is to equip and support underserved communities to have personal agency to promote mental and physical wellness. During her time at Lafayette, Esther was a recipient of the McDonogh scholarship, a first-year PARDner, and a Grossman House resident. She hopes to continue her involvement with CLW and the McDonogh Network at Lafayette College as an alum.

Terry Heaney Galla '83, P'15

*Bachelor of Science-Biology
Haworth, N.J.*

Terry earned a B.S. in biology from Lafayette and went on to earn a degree in surgical physician assistant studies from the University of Alabama-Birmingham. She is currently employed as a surgical PA in the department of cardiothoracic surgery at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center in Englewood, N.J. While at Lafayette, Terry was an active member of numerous clubs and organizations including Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. After graduation, she spent 10 years as the 1983 class correspondent, winning an alumni award for her efforts, and was co-chair of the 1983 Reunion committee for 10 years. She enthusiastically joined CLW five years ago. She is married with two sons, the older of whom is also a Lafayette grad. She enjoys reading, skiing, and gardening, and is the owner of The Potted Garden, LLC, a small landscape design and container garden firm she manages in her spare time.

Katie Livornese '14

*Bachelor of Arts-International relations
Philadelphia, Pa.*

After graduating from Lafayette in 2014, Katie joined SHE Global Media, the gender equality solutions and media company behind the renowned global women's conference S.H.E. Summit. Katie served as the director of events and global partnerships for five years, growing S.H.E. Summit to a globally celebrated women's leadership and lifestyle event. Katie is currently the vice president at Jennifer Brown Consulting, a diversity, equity, and inclusion consulting firm. Working with Fortune 100 companies to create inclusive workplace cultures, Katie supports interdepartmental, sustainable solution-development.

Courtney Matthews '91

*Bachelor of Arts-English and economics
Emmaus, PA*

A graduate of the Lafayette Class of '91, Courtney enthusiastically applies her rich Lafayette experience in her life—personally and professionally. As a double major in English and economics, Courtney has had a successful 25-year career in sales, marketing, and communications spanning from publishing to real estate. Courtney has been an active member of the Council of Lafayette Women for more than 10 years. As a mother of two daughters, Courtney enjoys staying connected to the Lafayette community. She makes the most of college events and the Council's interaction with the women's experience in college and beyond.

Mimi MacLean '93

*Bachelor of Science-Mathematics and economics
Greenwich, Conn.*

Mimi is an angel investor and podcast host for the Badass CEO. After a long battle with chronic Lyme disease, she started featuring doctors in a Lyme podcast called Lyme360. Mimi serves on the boards of Domus in Stamford, Conn., and the Happy Birthday Foundation. She recently moved from Los Angeles with her five children and husband, Malcolm, to Greenwich, Conn.

Libby Roman '09

*Bachelor of Arts-French and psychology
Lancaster, Pa.*

Libby has been teaching French at Linden Hall School for Girls for the last five years. She is excited to be joining the Council of Lafayette Women and conference planning committee for the first time this year, and looks forward to further engagement with CLW and Lafayette. In addition to the time she gives to CLW, Libby is president-elect of the Junior League of Lancaster, Pa., and is actively involved in planning the Central PA St. Jude Run/Walk to End Childhood Cancer. When she isn't teaching or volunteering, she enjoys traveling with her husband and spending time with friends and family.

Melanie Schor '11

*Bachelor of Arts-International affairs and French
Parsippany, N.J.*

Melanie graduated in 2011 with an international affairs and French double major. She resides in Parsippany, N.J., with her husband, Stefan, and is a payroll manager for *U.S. News & World Report*. Her Lafayette pastimes include Council of Lafayette Women and watching the annual Lafayette-Lehigh football game.

Renée Schneck Tesauro '82, P'12

*Bachelor of Arts-Psychology
Vero Beach, Fla.*

Since 1992, Renée has owned and operated RCB Communications. She is also editor at large, a feature writer, and a monthly columnist for *Vero Beach Magazine*. A member of the Council of Lafayette Women since 2010, Renée chaired the 2021 CLW Conference celebrating 50 Years of Lafayette Women. She is a past chair of Lafayette's Career Services Committee and a former member of the Lafayette Alumni Council and Marquis Parents Council. In 2021, Renée received Lafayette's Woodring Volunteer of the Year Award; and in 2013, she received the Lois and Neil Gagnon Award for distinguished service to Lafayette's Career Services Department. In addition to her volunteer efforts on behalf of Lafayette, Renée currently serves on the board of directors of the Ocean Ridge Property Owners Association. She has also dedicated her time and talents to the Cultural Council of Indian River County, Kent Place School, Jacobus Vanderveer House and Museum, Bonnie Brae School, and the United States Equestrian Team. Renae graduated from Lafayette with honors in psychology. She lives in Vero Beach, Fla., with her husband, Jay.

Ellen Poriles Weiler '83

*Bachelor of Arts-Art history
Ambler, Pa.*

Ellen is chair of the Council of Lafayette Women. She began her service on the council in 2007 and served as chair of the CLW Conference in 2016. In addition, she has served as president of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter (twice), was head of the Alumni Council's Volunteer Committee from 2007-10, and serves on the leadership committee of the Class of 1983 and as co-class fund manager. Ellen currently serves on the Alumni Association board. She received the Alumni Association's George T. Woodring '19 Volunteer of the Year Award in 2007; William E. Greenip Jr. '44 Award in 1996 and 2014; Clifton P. Mayfield '09 Outstanding Young Alumni Award in 1998; Chapter Event Chairperson of the Year in 1993 and 2002; and Chapter of the Year for the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter in 2004, when she served as president. She is a two-time recipient of the Daniel H. Weiss Award for Leadership and Vision, once when it was presented to the Council of Lafayette Women in 2018 and again for her work on the 50th Anniversary of Coeducation Committee. She holds a B.A. in art history from Lafayette and received an M.A. in liberal studies from Duquesne University. Ellen enjoys gourmet cooking and entertaining, trips to New York City for museum visits and dining, going to the beach, fashion, and volunteering for the Breathing Room Foundation. Ellen is married to Kurt, and they are the proud parents of Karr, a graduate of Skidmore College and a master's degree candidate at University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education.



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