

Faculty & Friends



“We chose science!”

Watson School of Biological Studies Ph.D. students Anja Hohmann (right) and Maria Nattestad (left) rallied the crowd of 200 science philanthropists at the 14th annual Women’s Partnership for Science luncheon in late September. “We Chose Science” was their cry, extolling the unique training opportunities that CSHL offers to aspiring biomedical researchers. The event, which since 2002 has raised \$1.5 million for research and education at CSHL, honored Cathy Soref (center), visionary of the Double Helix Medals Dinner event and entrepreneur for all things DNA. Thanks to event co-chairs: Elizabeth Ainslie, Lori Bahnik, Kristina Perkin Davison, Irene Klein—the Claire Friedlander Family Foundation, Virginia Knott, Mickie Nagel, Jamie C. Nicholls, Louise Parent, Dr. Marilyn H. Simons, Cynthia Stebbins and Marjorie van de Stouwe, M.D.

Innovation breeds innovation

The Pershing Square Foundation (PSF) awarded Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory \$10 million in support of exceptional leadership and innovative organizations that are catalyzing change in their respective industries. Uniquely structured, the fund’s principal will be managed as an endowment by Pershing Square Capital Management. CSHL will receive an annual income of 5% of the principal to support its cutting-edge research and education. In 2040, the appreciated principal will be released to CSHL as an unrestricted endowment named the Pershing Square Innovation Fund to support research at CSHL in perpetuity.



“As one of the leading biomedical research centers in the world, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory deeply understands the investments and calculated risks necessary for breakthrough discoveries in the life sciences,” says Bill Ackman, co-founder with Karen Ackman of the Pershing Square Foundation and CEO of Pershing Square Capital Management, L.P. “With this long-term investment, CSHL will have the freedom and flexibility to pursue bold research that would not have been possible within a traditional funding structure.”



CSHL alumna wins Lasker

Ninety-four-year-old Evelyn Witkin, Ph.D., was awarded one of science’s top achievement prizes—the Lasker Award in Basic Science—for research that she pursued while at the Laboratory in the 1940s (pictured left with A.H. Sparrow at CSHL in 1953). Eighty-six Lasker laureates have received the Nobel Prize. Witkin identified the mechanisms of DNA repair and recombination through experiments on bacteria. “Along with her Cold Spring Harbor colleague at the time, Barbara McClintock, Evelyn was a pioneer in understanding fundamental aspects of genetics,” says CSHL President Bruce Stillman. For more on Witkin and her accomplishments, please visit the CSHL Library & Archives pages at www.cshl.edu

The Drive for 125

Celebrate Our Past, Preserve Our Future

In celebration of its 125th anniversary, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL) wants to grow the Helix Society to 125 members. Helix Society members have made planned gifts to CSHL. Join the Drive for 125 and be a part of the legacy!

Lisa Manche, a dedicated CSHL employee for over 30 years, recently made the Laboratory a beneficiary of her estate. Her gift provides financial resources for future scientists to pursue cutting-edge research in cancer and other genetic diseases.

To discuss making a gift to CSHL, contact Diane Fagiola at 516-367-8471 or email fagiola@cshl.edu

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New Helix Society member Lisa Manche congratulated by Assistant Professor Mickey Atwal

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CSHL Association comprises some 1000 neighbors and friends of the Laboratory who contribute to the Annual Fund, an essential source of unrestricted support for outstanding young scientists. Association members get to know CSHL scientists at lectures, concerts, dinners and other social events that support the Laboratory. Membership levels start at \$100 per year. For more information please contact Karen Orzel, Director, Annual Giving and Donor Relations, at 516.367.6886 or orzels@cshl.edu.

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Nicholls Biondi Hall

Every year, more than 12,000 scientists from all corners of the world are drawn to Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory's renowned scientific conferences and advanced technology courses. These gatherings offer intimate opportunities for scientific exchange on the latest research developments and are often the spark for new collaborations.

Opened in 2015, Nicholls Biondi Hall is a central venue for the Meetings & Courses Program on the CSHL Bungtown Road campus—a facility dedicated to enhanced communication among scientists who present their research findings in a visual format during what are called “poster sessions.” Over the full 2-year meetings cycle, more than 5,000 posters are on display.

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