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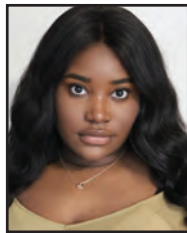
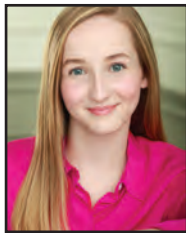
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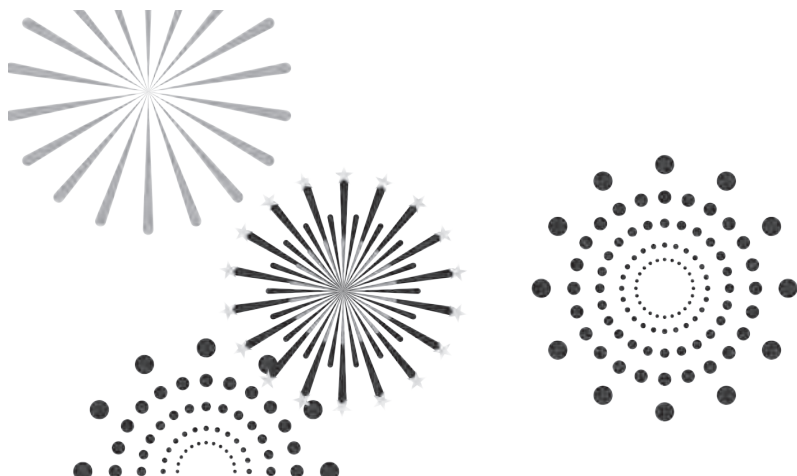
The Edward and Rose Berman Hillel Jewish University Center of Pittsburgh (Hillel JUC) is the center of Jewish life for students from Carnegie Mellon University, University of Pittsburgh, Chatham University, Duquesne University, and other area colleges and universities, serving an estimated 2,200 undergraduate students. For a diverse market of students from various backgrounds and interests, the Hillel JUC provides a nurturing environment where students can both explore and participate in the vibrant world of Jewish life on campus.

Based on the premise that college life involves much more than attending classes, the Hillel JUC provides

the environment and tools that empower students to help shape their future as Jewish young adults. Our student-designed and student-led programs challenge them to learn and grow, choosing from an array of religious, cultural, political, and social options based on individual interests.

By engaging and empowering students to help create their own center for Jewish life on campus, the Hillel JUC serves as a training ground for future Jewish leaders and committed members of the community.

For more information, please visit www.hilleljuc.org.



Executive Director and Board Chair Message



Daniel Marcus
Executive Director & CEO

Welcome to Campus Superstar 2023! We are so happy to have you join us for another incredible event. Each year we are mesmerized and enthralled by the remarkable talent of our Pittsburgh area students. It is a privilege to see and hear them perform. As you know, Campus Superstar is the annual fundraising event for The Edward and Rose Berman Hillel Jewish University Center of Pittsburgh. The mission of our Hillel JUC is "to enrich the lives of Jewish students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world." Our fantastic staff and phenomenal student leaders strive each day to meet this ambitious goal.

The essential funds raised by Campus Superstar provide us with the resources to engage with every Jewish student and to build authentic relationships. These crucial funds allow us to host Shabbat and Holiday experiences, provide leadership training, social justice activities, Jewish learning fellowships, to host Challah for Change, Israel programming and klezmer rehearsals—and so much more. We believe that every Jewish college student has an important



Aaron Leaman
Board Chair

chapter to write in the story of the Jewish people. With your partnership, we can ensure that they have the resources and support to write their meaningful chapter. We know that our commitment to every Jewish student is our best investment in ensuring dedicated Jewish leaders for tomorrow.

Our immense gratitude goes to everyone who has made this event possible. A special thank you to our honoree, Chancellor Patrick Gallagher, whose service and leadership has fostered a safe and vibrant environment for Jewish students on Pitt's campus. The Chancellor has always been available and supportive to our Hillel and the needs of Jewish students, and we know they have enjoyed the occasions when he has joined us for Shabbat dinner. We are grateful for the excellent and meaningful relationship.

Lastly, a huge thank you to the performers, audience, donors, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh for supporting Hillel JUC and Campus Superstar.

About

Chancellor Patrick Gallagher



As the University of Pittsburgh's 18th chancellor, Patrick Gallagher directs one of the nation's premier public institutions for higher education and research. In this role, Gallagher oversees a community of nearly 34,000 students at five distinct campuses. He also supports the work of more than 14,000 faculty and staff members who are committed to advancing the University's legacy of academic excellence, community service and research innovation. Under his leadership, Pitt has strengthened its status as one of the nation's premier public institutions for higher education and research,

including being named a top public school in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Prior to his installation at Pitt, Gallagher spent more than two decades in public service. In 2009, the president appointed him to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology. While in this role, Gallagher also served as acting deputy secretary of commerce before leaving for Pitt in the summer of 2014. Gallagher holds a Ph.D. in physics from Pitt and a bachelor's degree in physics and philosophy from Benedictine College in Kansas.

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Presidents' Messages

Hillel has given me the space to find my place on campus and create a home for myself and other students, which to me is the most important part of Hillel: it is incredible for students to have their own Jewish experience on campus. Hillel at Pitt has classes for students who want to engage educationally with Judaism, multiple growing prayer communities for students who connect religiously, and expansive programming for students who want to casually interact with other Jewish students. I deeply appreciate the opportunities Hillel at Pitt has provided me and other students and could not imagine my Pitt journey without it.

I am so grateful for the support, opportunities, and community that CMU-Hillel has continuously worked to foster for me and my friends. There is no understating the importance of being able to meaningfully engage in our shared culture be it through celebrating Shabbat dinners, holidays, food, music, or language! Hillel is a home away from home.



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Campus Superstar

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Finalists



Jack Ducat

Carnegie Mellon University

Jack Ducat (he/him) is ecstatic to be a part of Campus Superstar this year! Jack is from Carmel, IN and is a current Sophomore BFA Music Theatre Major at Carnegie Mellon University. He was most recently seen as an Actor and as the Dance Captain at the Texas Shakespeare Festival, where he simultaneously performed in 4 shows including *The Music Man* and *The Tempest*! Other favorite credits include a reading of *Hamlet, A Pop Musical* (Discovering Broadway) and *Billy Flynn in Chicago* (Summer Stock Stage). Jack would like to thank Hillel JUC for this opportunity, as well as his family and friends for their love and support.



Matty Palmer

Carnegie Mellon University

Matty Palmer is so grateful and excited to share the stage with many talented singers in Campus Superstar! A current freshman in the Musical Theatre program at Carnegie Mellon University, he calls both Southern California and Southeast Kansas his home. When not singing or acting, Matty loves rock climbing, learning all types of different instruments, cooking, and nerding-out with video games. Recently, he played Will Bloom in *Big Fish* and Jack Kelly in *Newsies* during his time in St. Louis. He'd like to thank his whole family for their love, Jon Garrett and Gary Kline for teaching him to sing, and the entire acting and dancing faculty and CMU for the opportunity to chase his performance dreams!



Mackenzie Wrap

Carnegie Mellon University

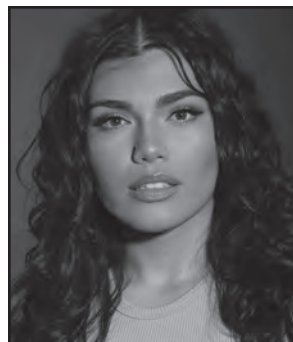
Mackenzie Wrap is thrilled to be performing as a finalist alongside so many incredible artists this year for Campus Superstar. Originally from Southern California, Mackenzie attended the Musical Theatre Conservatory at the Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA) and is now a First-year Musical Theatre major at Carnegie Mellon University. Some of her favorite theatre credits include Judy Bernly in *9 to 5 the Musical* and The Lady of the Lake in *Spamalot*. In addition, Mackenzie loves to sing on stage every chance she gets and has been a guest soloist at the Tijuana Cultural Center as well as performed with acclaimed songwriter, Ken Hirsch in Hollywood. Along with her love of musical theatre, you can catch her voice on the Netflix English adaptations of *Merlí: Sapere aude* and *Misfit: The Series*. When Mackenzie is not performing, she is busy teaching singing lessons to young students between the ages of 5-15. Mackenzie is so grateful to Hillel JUC for this opportunity and would like to thank her family, friends, mentors, and CMU community for the endless amounts of support, love, and encouragement.



Renee Agben

Point Park University

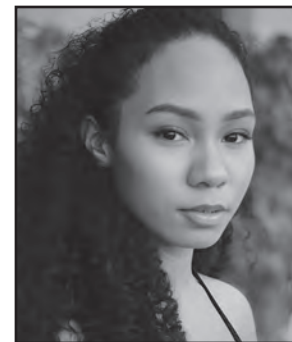
Renee Agben is a second-year BFA Musical theatre student at Point Park University's Conservatory of the Performing Arts. She is originally from Clarksburg, Maryland, and is the proud daughter of first-generation Ghanaian immigrants. Her most current musical productions include Exit Left's production of *Hair* this past summer and *Ragtime* with Ovations Theatre Company. She is also very excited to complete her first conservatory production in the Pittsburgh Playhouse's 2023 production of *Newsies!*



Gabriela Garza

Point Park University

Gabriela Garza is originally from South Texas. Garza is a junior musical theatre major at Point Park University. Most recently, she has been seen in *Curtains The Musical* as well as *Sondheim On Sondheim* at the Pittsburgh Playhouse. She performed on the Campus Superstar finals stage last year. She is happy to have the opportunity to perform again at Stage AE, in hopes of winning the grand prize. She is so thrilled to be a part of this process and wants to give thanks to everyone that contributed. She hopes you enjoy tonight's performance! To keep up with Gabby follow her on Instagram @gabbyrgarza



Angela George

Point Park University

Angela George: Currently a Senior and Musical Theater Major at Point Park University, Angela grew up in the Philippines where her love of music was first cultivated. There she first learned to sing Tagalog songs and then slowly transitioned to singing English songs. Since then, she has been inspired to explore different genres of music. You may have seen her in a couple of productions at the Pittsburgh Playhouse. She played Persephone/Semele in their virtual production of *Polaroid Stories*, then joined the cast of *Little Children Dream of God* as part of their ensemble, and most recently she played Marie/Fairy Godmother in *Cinderella*. She has also worked with other regional theater companies such as Real Time Intervention and Lincoln Park Arts. When she isn't performing, she loves to play her guitar, roller skate, and play volleyball. She is thrilled to be able to perform with some of Pittsburgh's finest vocalist as well as be given the opportunity to compete in this prestigious competition.



Jordan Tidwell

Point Park University

Jordan Tidwell is a junior musical theatre major at Point Park University's Conservatory of the Performing Arts. She is thrilled to be a finalist for Campus Superstar 2023. She is originally from Dallas, Texas where she was involved in community theatre at North Texas Performing Arts for over 10 years, receiving the (Sara Akers Award). Last year she portrayed (Harper) in *Angels In America* at the Pittsburgh Playhouse and will be portraying (Medda Larkin) in *Newsies* at the Playhouse this semester. She also dedicates her time to her visual art and spending time with her loved ones. She would like to thank Hillel JUC for giving her this wonderful opportunity. She would also like to thank her friends and family who continue to support her.



Alondra Trinidad-Colon

Point Park University

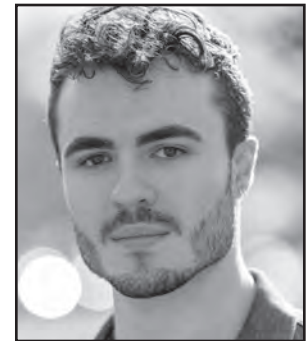
Alondra Trinidad-Colon (she/her) is currently a junior Musical Theatre major at Point Park University. Performing is her passion and she is so honored and excited to be a part of Campus Superstar once again. This time as a finalist! She would like to thank her friends and family for always uplifting and encouraging her on her artistic journey. @alondra.t.c



Corisa Saitta

Seton Hill University

Corisa Rose Saitta (she/they) is absolutely delighted to be performing as a finalist alongside her peers at this year's Campus Superstar event! Corisa was born and raised in Pittsburgh and is currently a Senior at Seton Hill University and will be receiving her B.F.A in Musical Theatre. Some of Corisa's favorite theater credits include, Mopsa in *Head Over Heels*, Sheila in *A Chorus Line*, and her work in *Pippin* this past fall. Outside of performing, Corisa enjoys creating tactile art such as pottery and knitwear. Currently, Corisa is rehearsing for Seton Hill's Dance Spectrum. Corisa would like to greatly thank Hillel JUC for this incredible opportunity, her friends and professors, but most importantly her family and partner for their continuous support and encouragement in pursuing her performing dreams.



Sean Whitney

University of Pittsburgh

Sean Whitney is a junior computer engineering major at the University of Pittsburgh. He is a native of the 'Burgh, raised in Squirrel Hill! He spends most of his free time singing in the Heinz Chapel Choir and Pitt Men's Glee club. When not in choir, he also sings and plays guitar for his band, Clay Coast. Music has always been a passion of his, and he always will gladly take any opportunity to perform on any stage. He's so excited to have this opportunity to perform alongside so many incredibly talented individuals!



Alternates



Cami Caldwell

Point Park University

Cammi Caldwell is a Junior musical theater major at Point Park University and this is her first year participating in Campus Superstar! She is super excited to hit the stage and participate in the group medley. You might have seen her in *Sondheim on Sondheim* or *Madame* at the Pittsburgh Playhouse. Cammi is from Cincinnati and thanks her friends and family for their support.



Claire Meachen

University of Pittsburgh

Claire Meachen is currently a first-year student at the University of Pittsburgh pursuing a neuroscience degree, with a minor in theatre, and two certificates in German and Conceptual Foundations of Medicine. Originating from "just outside Philly," she has most recently been in PAHS's production of *The Wizard of Oz* as the Wicked Witch, Schroeder in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and competed with her school's championship-winning marching band as a solo vocalist. She would like to thank the staff of Hillel JUC for the opportunity to participate in Campus Superstar, and her friends and family for their constant support. Hopefully you enjoy the show!



Who's Who



Larry Richert

Emcee

Larry Richert has been a constant in Pittsburgh radio and television since the early '80s. Since September of 2001, he has hosted the KDKA Radio Morning News. He has long been an Ambassador for the City of Pittsburgh and was winner of the Vector's Richard Caliguiri Award for that reason. Graduating from Clarion University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications, Larry originally came to KDKA in November of 1988 and has worked in both TV and Radio ever since, including a ten-year stint as a Weather Anchor with CBS affiliate KDKA-TV.

His hosting speaking engagements include: Pittsburgh Speaker Series for ten years, President Bill Clinton and former British Prime Minister Theresa May. He has been the Master of Ceremonies for: Ambassador Daniel Rooney Robotic & Technology Awards, University of Pittsburgh Hall of Fame, American Cancer Society International Gala, National Football League Hall-of Honor / Steelers, JDRF Annual Gala, and Regional Construction Industries "Academy Awards."

Larry Richert is also an accomplished stage actor, having appeared in "A Few Good Men" at Pittsburgh Public. Richert is the voice of NFL Films/Steelers Highlights, narrating his first film in 1985, and now he is the Public Address announcer at Heinz Field for the Steelers. Plus, he joined the Pitt Panthers Football network broadcast team where he hosts the pre-game show and reports from the sidelines. Larry also co-wrote and co-produced a feature family film in worldwide distribution called "Amazing Racer" starring Lou Gossett Jr., Charles Durning, Eric Roberts, Jason Gedrick, Daryl Hanna, Scott Eastwood and many more. He also co-produced and narrated a "Bruno Sammartino" biographical documentary.

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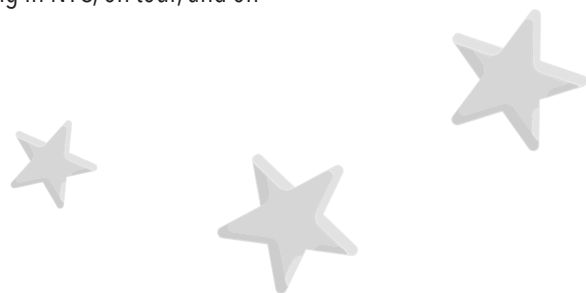


Jill Machen

Talent Coach, Writer and Director of Campus Superstar

Jill Machen has returned to direct and produce her 15th Campus Superstar after launching the first Hillel production. Ms. Machen is a director and choreographer and has received Gene Kelly awards and nominations locally for her work on *Pippin*, *The Hot Mikado*, and *Urinetown*. Jill writes and directs original material as well. Her inventive revue "No Reservations" received critical acclaim and recognition in the Post-Gazette. Jill spends time participating in a series of Broadway workshops each summer, attending master classes with current Broadway casts and production teams. It has been especially exciting over the years to watch the progress of the many former Campus Superstar contestants working and performing in NYC, on tour, and on

Broadway! In addition to directing, Jill is a private audition coach for actors and students looking toward careers in acting and musical theatre. Though she has many other credits of which she is proud, Jill's favorite and greatest productions (which she co-directs with husband Michael) are the smash hits, "IT'S A GIRL," starring Lindsay, and the sequel, "IT'S A GIRL 2" starring Jennifer. A new spinoff from the "Girl" series is now affording Jill the opportunity to play her greatest role yet; that of Granmummy to Baby Jackie Ann. Jill hopes for such great success in all future productions.



Who's Who

Special Guest Performers



ISA ANTONETTI

*Campus Superstar
2022 Winner*

Isa (she/her/ella) is a Latinx, Indigenous, Mixed Race LGBTQIA+ actress/singer from the Greater Rochester NY area and attends Carnegie Mellon University pursuing her BFA in Musical Theatre. She recently starred as the lead actress, Mili, in the feature film, *Gift of Fear*. Some of her recent stage credits include female ensemble in the Off-Broadway production of *EVITA* at the New York City Center, and her role as Diana Morales in *A Chorus Line*. She is a member of the Actors' Equity Association. Isa has had the honor to audition for movie directors Steven Spielberg, Tony Kushner and Jon Chu. When she is not on stage or on the screen, she is on the catwalk modeling for Fashion Week.



LIZ LECLERC

*Campus Superstar
2022 Second Runner-Up*

Liz is a current sophomore at Carnegie Mellon University pursuing a BFA in Acting/Music Theatre. At last year's Campus Superstar competition, Liz performed "Don't Forget Me" from the hit series *SMASH*, which won her the title of second runner-up. Originally from New Jersey, she has performed at many of NJ's most prominent theaters including the Paper Mill Playhouse and the Mayo Performing Arts Center. In her senior year of high school, she was awarded the Young Musicians Scholarship by the Music in the Somerset Hills and was invited by the organization to perform as a featured vocal soloist at their 2021 Outdoor Summer Concert alongside Hamilton's Okieriete Onaodowan and a full Broadway orchestra. Favorite credits include Cassie in *A Chorus Line*, Janet van de Graaf in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, and Elaine Harper in *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Liz is so grateful to Hillel JUC for inviting her back to perform again this year. She sings tonight for her family and friends that are here in support of her. Best of luck to the finalists!

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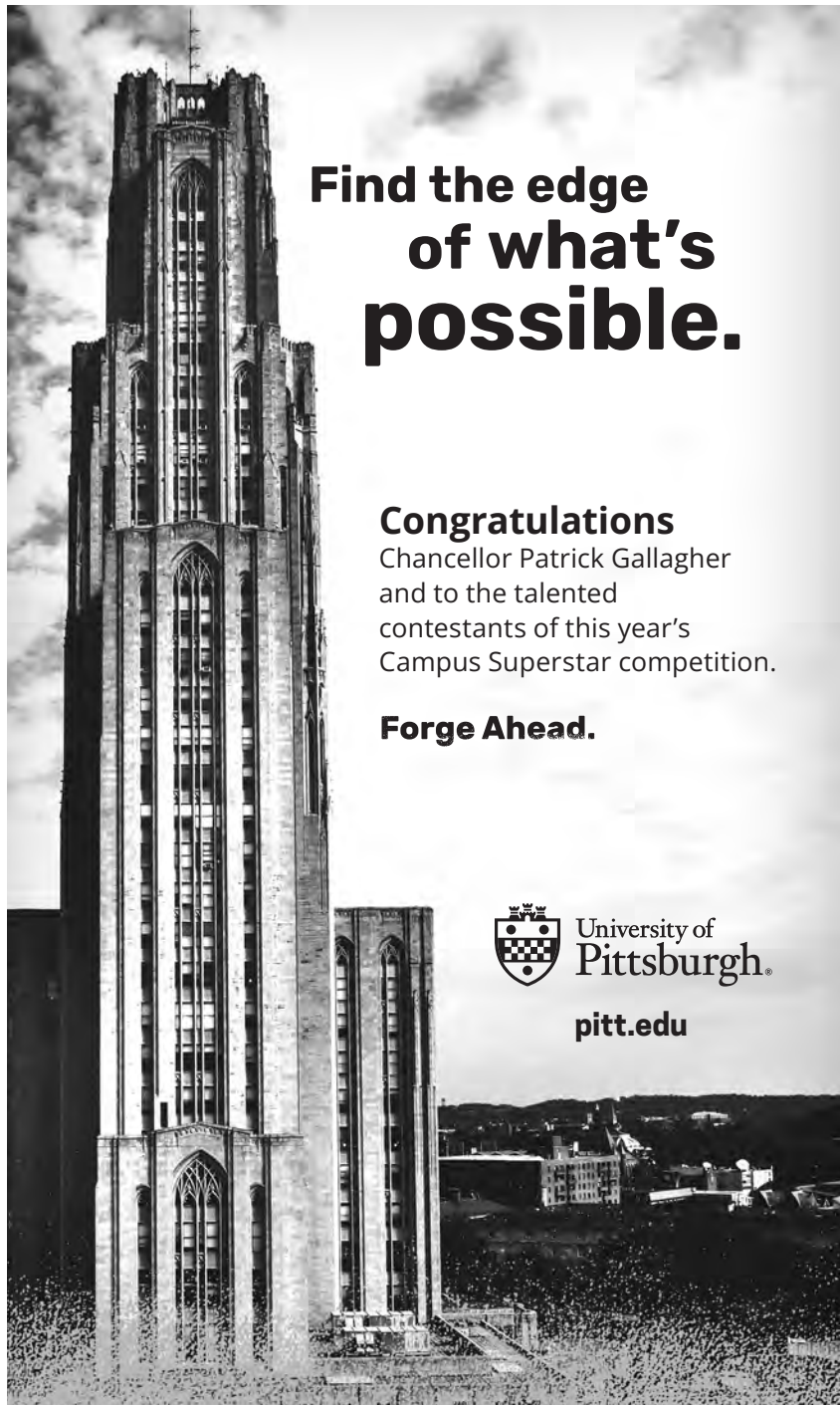
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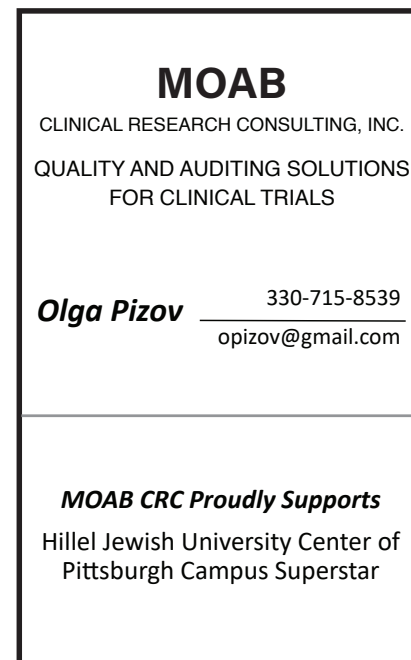
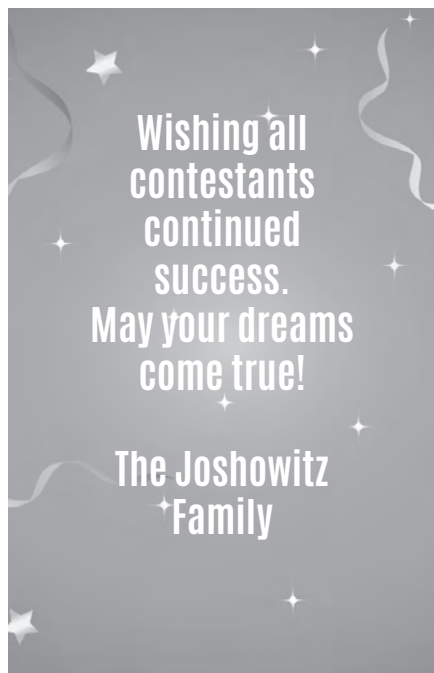
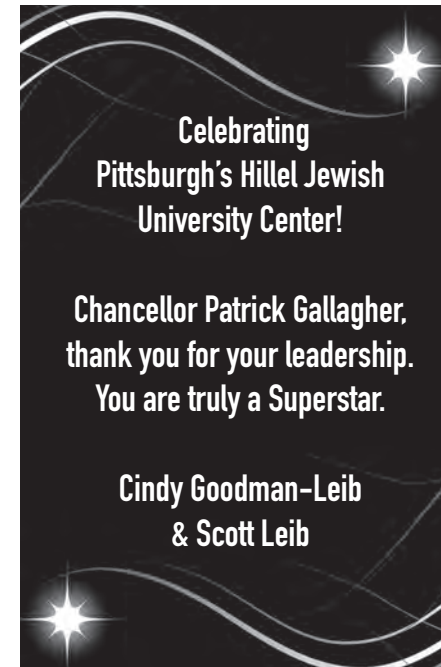
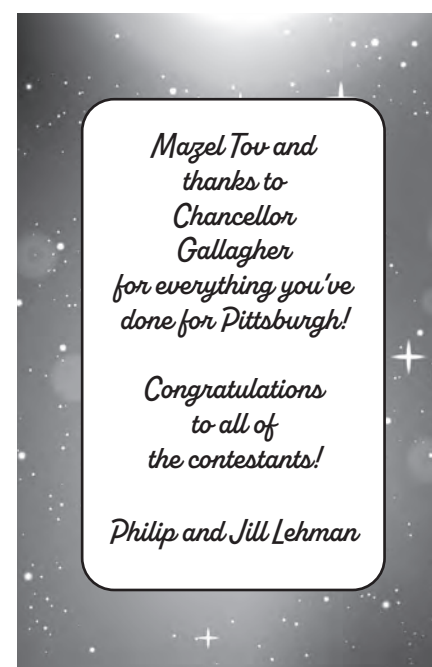
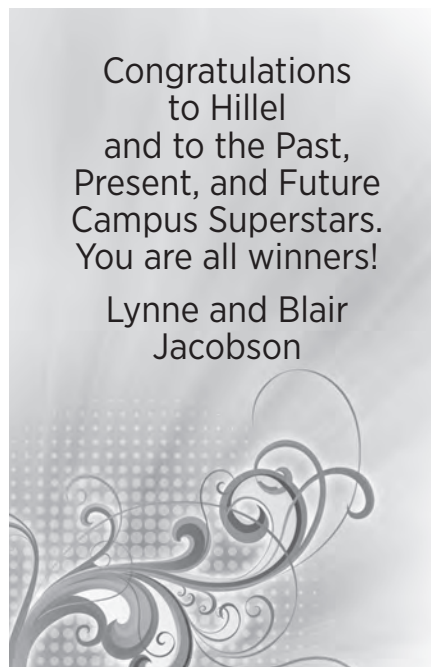


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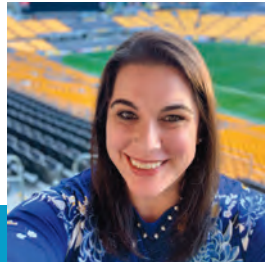
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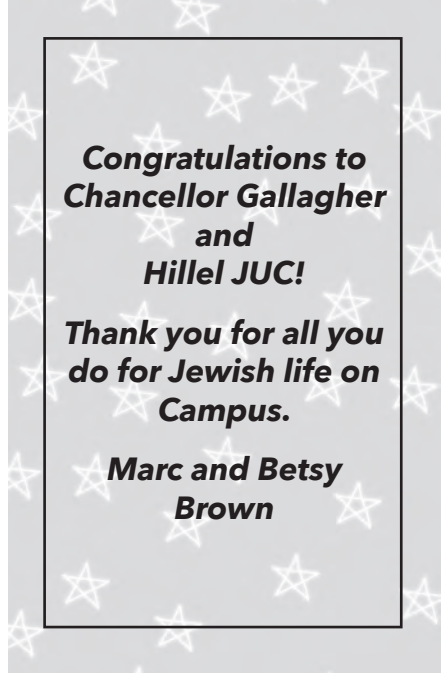
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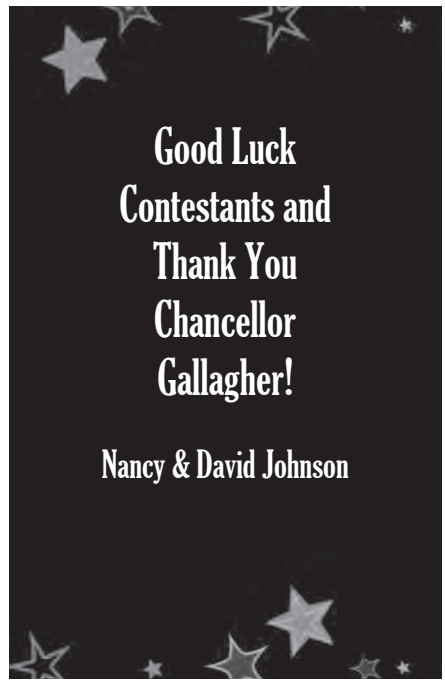
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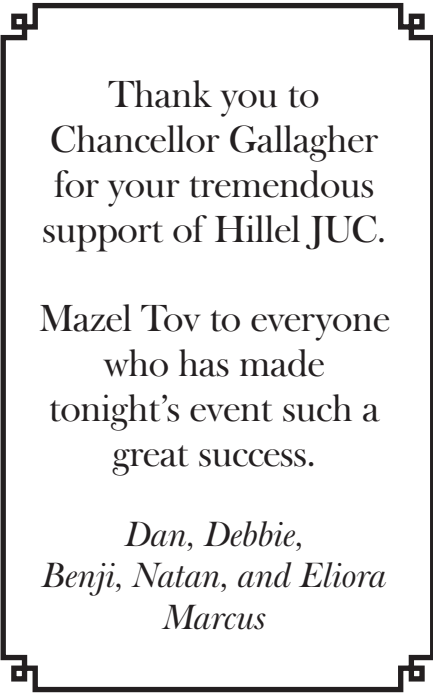
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