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As you can see, we’ve made a few changes to The Forum.

This Fall 2018 edition, which comes on the heels of our highly successful Membership and Board of Directors Meeting and Alumni Summit in October, showcases our commitment to keeping you fully up to date on the Association’s latest activities, news, and events.

The Forum was originally launched in 1988 as a vehicle for open discussion and the exchange of ideas among the Board, membership, and Friends of the Association. Its goal today remains the same and as you delve into this issue, you will see that we have reimagined The Forum to feature more stories of our Members and Scholars. Within these pages you’ll find new sections—such as “Five Minutes With,” “Philanthropy Philosophy,” and “Where Are They Now”—which, we hope, you will find to be as engaging as they are informative.

Equally as exciting, this issue unveils the 2019 Class of Horatio Alger Award recipients, who together represent a diverse group of entrepreneurs, entertainers, and business leaders. To introduce these exceptional inductees, we have called upon their nominators to share why these individuals will make excellent additions to the Association. And because this year marks a special moment for our organization, the feature story profiles the life of Col. Vance Cryer, our first-ever Alumni Scholar to be inducted as a Member. As Col. Cryer shares in this feature, “It is better to be a giver than a taker.” We couldn’t agree more. We are a community of givers.

As you read through these reinvigorated pages, it is our hope that the stories within will reaffirm your commitment to our purpose and pursuit of helping all to achieve the American Dream.
SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 72ND ANNUAL
HORATIO ALGER AWARDS

April 4–6, 2019 • Washington, D.C.

The Association will continue to carry out its proud traditions during the 72nd Horatio Alger Awards Induction Ceremonies on April 4–6, 2019. We hope all Members, Life Partners, and Friends will be with us to welcome the newest class of distinguished Members and our National Scholars from the United States and Canada.

Schedule of Events

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4**
4–6 pm
INAUGURAL CEREMONY
U.S. Supreme Court

6:45–9:30 pm
INAUGURAL DINNER
National Portrait Gallery

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**
8–9:15 am
MEET THE NATIONAL SCHOLARS BREAKFAST
Ritz-Carlton Hotel

9:30–11:30 am
MEMBERS FORUM
Ritz-Carlton Hotel

12:15–2 pm
MEMBERS LUNCHEON
U.S. Department of State

6–10:15 pm
72ND ANNUAL HORATIO ALGER AWARDS INDUCTION CEREMONY
DAR Constitution Hall

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**
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Get to know these 13 inspiring men and women and learn why they were chosen for membership, as told by their nominating sponsors.
If I were to try and conjure up the ideal candidate for our organization’s prestigious Horatio Alger Award, David Abney would be the first person to come to mind.

In 2014, David was named CEO of United Parcel Service (UPS), Inc., a global company with more than $66 billion in annual revenue and more than 454,000 employees. In 2016, he added chairman to his title. David now heads this tremendous business, but he began with UPS as a part-time package loader at night. You don’t start at the bottom and rise to the top of a company like UPS without exceptional leadership skills, intelligence, integrity, and unrelenting hard work. But as far as David has come, he is a person who has never forgotten his roots.

The son of an insurance salesman, David grew up in the Mississippi Delta, one of the poorest regions in the country. When David attended Delta State University, he was the first in his family to pursue higher education. A passionate believer in strengthening the communities in which we live and work, David’s commitment to American youth is exemplified by his efforts at Delta State to broaden the experiences of students so that they can see all the opportunities the world affords. What more could you ask for in a Horatio Alger Member?
What I most admire about Jim Ayers is his belief in the power of opportunity. Raised in a poor, rural area of Tennessee, he learned the value of hard work growing up on his family’s farm. For extra cash, he shined shoes on the streets of the small town of Parsons. Throughout his youth, Jim had a keen determination to pursue an education. He worked three jobs while attending Memphis State University, graduating in 1965 with an accounting degree. He wasted no time launching himself into business interests in healthcare, real estate, automotive dealerships, manufacturing, and banking. Today, he serves as chairman of the third-largest Tennessee-based bank with assets of approximately $5 billion.

Jim took every opportunity that came his way and now he is determined to provide opportunities to young people in his home state—and beyond. He is considered to be a driving force for change across the educational landscape of Tennessee. His business success and his commitment to helping others come from a man who is legally blind—a condition that would limit many. He is an inspiration to me and I’m sure he and his story will serve to inspire all who come to know of him.
Amy Dickinson is a prevailer—a characteristic she learned from her mother. Born in Ithaca, New York, Amy grew up on a small dairy farm in the tiny village of Freeville. When she was 12, her father abandoned the family. The farm was heavily leveraged, and the family lost nearly everything. Amy was impressed by her mother who went back to work and, in her words, prevailed through her devastating loss. After going to Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts on a scholarship, Amy later transferred to Georgetown University, graduating with honors in 1981. She was married and living in London with her husband and baby daughter, when she was suddenly faced with a divorce she did not want. Like her mother, Amy prevailed. Today, she is the author of two best-selling memoirs; serves as the Chicago Tribune’s signature advice columnist of “Ask Amy,” which is syndicated throughout North America; and has been published in The New York Times, The Washington Post, Esquire, and Time Magazine—to name a few.

I nominated Amy Dickinson because she is a person who understands that when challenges come your way, you work through the problem. Later, when you come out on the other side of it, you are a stronger person for having had the experience. I believe Amy will be a strong Member and a wonderful mentor to our Scholars.
I have had the privilege and pleasure of working with John Haley since 2002. He has a unique ability to balance his respect for tradition while pursuing the innovative and creative ideas that distinguish Willis Towers Watson, a global multinational risk management, insurance brokerage and advisory company, from its competition. He has served in a variety of roles since he joined the company in 1977 and was named CEO in 1998. Under his leadership, the company went public in 2000, and completed three historic mergers in 2005, 2010, and 2016—all tremendous business accomplishments.

As the first in his family to attend college, he paid his way through with his earnings. He also received grants from the National Science Foundation and earned his degree in mathematics from Rutgers University.

I know him to be an outstanding leader, mentor, and role model to many. His leadership style is humble, and he uses every opportunity to showcase the talents and accomplishments of those around him. His innate sense of humor and optimism are qualities that have helped him rise in his career and in the eyes of all who know him. He values teamwork, integrity, and respect—all admirable qualities for Horatio Alger membership.
Jay Hennick is a born entrepreneur. He grew up in a modest home in Toronto, where his parents encouraged him and his siblings to be ambitious and to look for opportunities to launch a business. It didn’t take Jay long to embrace the idea of being a businessman. At the age of 15, he was hired as a lifeguard. Noticing there was a large need in his community for lifeguards, Jay quickly pursued what he saw as an opportunity. He started an agency to supply lifeguards, and that expanded into other services to apartments, hotels and condominiums in the greater Toronto area. Eventually, the business grew into the largest provider of staffing and amenity management services to residential, commercial, and hotel properties in North America.

His earnings allowed him to pay his way through York University as well as law school at the University of Ottawa. In 2015 Jay split his FirstService Corporation into two independent companies and now his Colliers International is one of the top-tier global players in commercial real estate and investment management. All of this was accomplished during two diagnoses of cancer.

I nominated Jay Hennick because of his entrepreneurial spirit and for his courage in facing life’s challenges. I know his membership will be highly beneficial to the Horatio Alger Association of Canada.
Michael Ingram knows something about perseverance in the face of adversity—not only in his childhood, but also later in life when he lost everything and had to start over.

Born in a small farming community in New Mexico, Michael helped his parents run a motel called The Navajo. After his father died when he was only 11, Michael became the maid, desk clerk, and pool and maintenance man. To get himself through New Mexico State University, he worked 40 to 60 hours a week—graduating without any debt. A born salesman and entrepreneur, Michael did well in business and owned several companies. But the oil crisis in the 1980s caused him to lose it all. Undaunted, he rented a U-Haul and moved to Arizona with family for a fresh start.

Today, his company, El Dorado, is one of the region’s largest private land-holding companies with assets exceeding $1 billion. I’d say that’s quite a comeback. But business aside, Mike is passionate about giving back to his community and country. His philosophy is that if you aren’t actively giving back, you are missing out on one of the true joys of life. His innate optimism, visionary entrepreneurial skills, and inspirational approach to life will be a true asset to the Association.
A multi-platinum album singer, songwriter, guitarist, best-selling author and actress who has experienced abuse, sexual harassment, homelessness and severe poverty. Born in 1974 and raised in rural Homer, Alaska, Jewel grew up in a log home with no running water, an outhouse and coal stove for heat. She was on her own by age 15.

At the age of 18 while homeless and singing in a San Diego, California café for tips, Jewel was discovered and soon became a national recording phenomenon with tens of millions of albums sold—not to mention over a million copies sold of her book of poetry, “A Night Without Armor.” Jewel has been nominated for dozens of national music awards including a Grammy for “Best Female Pop Vocal Artist” and Billboard’s “Top Artist” award.

Jewel is a true Horatio Alger rags to riches story. Her New York Times best-seller memoir, Never Broken: Songs Are Only Half The Story, is a journey through adversity by pure determination, tenacity and character.

I am truly blessed to call Jewel and her son, Kase, friends. Jewel is a totally authentic person and she is passionate about helping youth of adverse backgrounds manage their way through life’s challenges. The following quote from Jewel says it all: “I gained a skill set where no matter what I was faced with, I realized I can overcome it, and I can pick myself up, and I can figure out what I can do better and I can forgive and move on and go back to the drawing board and never felt like a victim.”
I nominated Ron Kruszewski because he is a man of great integrity. His life illustrates that with determination and hard work, you can go all the way to the top. Ron grew up in a blue-collar neighborhood. His father was a firefighter who worked two other jobs to support the family, and his mother worked for a telephone company. Most of the kids in Ron’s neighborhood either took factory jobs or worked in the steel mill after high school, but Ron was determined to be the first member of his family to attend college. He did that by mowing lawns and working as a bouncer at a bar. He earned his degree in 1981, graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Indiana University, and then earned his CPA designation. Ron worked his way up the corporate ladder and in 1997 became CEO of Stifel Financial Corp., a small, regional firm at the time. Today, it has $2.9 billion in revenue and more than 7,000 employees. Ron credits much of his success to his higher education and believes strongly in helping young people who have the desire to go to college. He will make a great Member.
Daniel Lubetzky first learned about overcoming strife and prejudice from his father, who was a Holocaust survivor. When American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp, his father immigrated to Mexico, where he made a new life for his family. Daniel was born in 1968 in Mexico and moved to San Antonio, Texas, in his teen years with his family. From there, he went on to earn a degree in economics and international relations from Trinity University, and in 1993, received a law degree from Stanford. He was the first in his family to graduate from college.

An entrepreneur from the start with a vision to combine his two passions—commerce and peacemaking—Daniel used the money he saved from his college jobs to launch PeaceWorks, a business that fosters cooperative ventures in conflict regions around the world. In 2004, he launched KIND, which today is one of the most widely known and trusted healthy snack companies. With a mission to “make the world a little kinder” by actively improving the way we live, eat, and relate to one another, Daniel is one of the most extraordinary and visionary founders I have ever met. In 2009, *Time Magazine* named him among the top 25 “Pioneers of Social Innovation.” His mission inspires acts of kindness every day (8 million and counting), showing the world how to make a difference.
My first introduction to John Maxwell was on a phone call with a mutual friend. However, it wasn’t until three years later, on a trip to Italy in 2014, that I met John in person. We both went to Italy with our wives to raise money and support of the Muhammad Ali Parkinson’s Center in Phoenix. The memory of that trip—and the friendship it produced—is why I’m writing about John today. One of John’s primary teachings is on the 5 Levels of Leadership, a paradigm that helps individuals understand how leadership grows in stages over time. John is the living embodiment of that paradigm—from his humble beginnings in a small Indiana church to his current status as one of the world’s authorities on leadership, John has embraced the challenge of continual growth. But what makes that growth so amazing is the way he’s sustained it over his life. For 40 years now, John has made steady investments in his character, his strengths, and his generosity. But that investment is not for his own gain; John’s commitment to adding value to himself as a teacher and leader is reflected in his outpouring into the lives of others, as seen in his nonprofit work in countries like Guatemala, Paraguay, and Costa Rica. John Maxwell is what we want future generations to be: an individual with the honesty, work ethic, and compassion to turn personal success into global significance.
Chandrika Tandon grew up fighting for her dreams. She was born in 1954 in Chennai, India, to a traditional family whose main goal was to get her married by 18. Though she was academically and musically gifted, she had to go on hunger strikes to convince her family to let her attend Madras Christian College, and later an MBA program at the Indian Institute of Management. For three years, she worked at Citibank, including as a trader in war-torn Beirut. In 1979, Chandrika immigrated to the United States to become the first Indian woman hired at McKinsey and Company. She soon made partner and founded her advising company, Tandon Capital Associates in 1992, restructuring preeminent financial institutions worldwide. Despite the immense success that followed, Chandrika reconsidered what brought her true happiness, deciding to return to music and dedicating her life to service using her business skills and resources. She has since released four albums, including the Grammy-nominated *Soul Call*. Over the last 15 years, Chandrika has supported numerous philanthropic causes in education and the arts and endowed the Tandon School of Engineering. Having worked with Chandrika as a fellow Trustee at New York University and witnessing her dedication to other worthy causes, I am certain she will be a tremendous addition to our membership.
I have known Bill Weldon for many years as a trusted friend and business leader. During his tenure as CEO of Johnson & Johnson, Bill led an organization globally regarded for its values that put customers, employees, communities, and shareholders at the heart of every business decision. Bill led by example during his long journey with Johnson & Johnson, and he continues to lead by example through his extensive support of initiatives that help youth and families overcome adversity.

Bill knows something about overcoming adversity. His family was challenged financially throughout his childhood, and his father died at a young age. Bill earned a partial scholarship to Quinnipiac University, but it was his work ethic and impenetrable set of values that helped him earn a degree in biology. Upon graduation in 1971, he joined Johnson & Johnson as a salesman. He became the company’s chairman and CEO in 2001. Throughout his tenure, his mission was not only to do the right thing in business, but to help others. He succeeded mightily in this effort. Bill embodies the qualities of perseverance, integrity, and excellence that we seek to honor and emulate in the Horatio Alger Association.
It’s undeniable—we are living in the age of social media. And over the past two years, the Association’s presence on social media has grown leaps and bounds, as we’ve strategically made efforts to meet our Members, Life Partners, Scholars and Friends on the social platforms where they choose to spend their time.

It has been fantastic to see the connections made, the positive comments shared and heartwarming posts that fill our feeds on a daily basis. And while impossible to capture it all on these pages, in each upcoming issue we plan to share a roundup of social media highlights to showcase the moving messages we receive—and share—via these channels.

“Receiving a standing ovation from people like Reba McEntire, Rob Lowe, and Justice Thomas is by far the most humbling experience I’ve ever had. 

#HoratioAlgerAwards #HoratioAlgerScholars”

DONNA NEEMAN | @DonnaDusong
Horatio Alger Alumni Scholar

“I really think that Horatio Alger was the turning point, the turning point of the Bergeron family being able to do even more for others across the nation.”

RON BERGERON | @Alligator_RonB
Horatio Alger Member

“Twinning of our 2017 #HoratioAlgerScholars, twins @adam_scigliano and @alex_scigliano, are spending their summer interning with the Learning & Development team at @masseyservices, a pest management company led by #HoratioAlgerMember Harvey Massey. When asked about their internship experience, Alex noted, “Our favorite activities have been analyzing data online and realizing the potential cost savings that can result from transitioning to a paperless system. This internship has provided a wonderful learning environment for our entrepreneurial goals and it often relates to the material reviewed in our business courses.”

ALEX & ADAM SCIGLIANO
@horatioalgerassociation
Horatio Alger Scholars
“Today we traveled to the #CliffsOfMoher and I was in absolute awe of this natural masterpiece. Staring out across the cliffs, I took a moment for myself, seeing these seemingly limitless views as a comparison to the future that lies ahead of me. Thanks to the #HoratioAlgerAssociation, and others, I’m getting to live the life I want without limits.”

BRANDON HARDY | @bhardy_
Horatio Alger Scholar

“I’m honored to be inducted into the @HoratioAlgerUS Association this weekend, but the true heroes are the Horatio Alger scholarship recipients. Take the scholarship and your tough life experience, and use it to your advantage. Go ROCK IT!”

JIMMY JOHN LIAUTAUD | @jimmyjohns
Horatio Alger Member

“If I could go back to ANY time in my life, it would be the week I met all my favorite people...the week I realized who I wanted to be...the weekend I decided to CONQUER this world...the weekend my dreams came true of going to the college of my dreams...the weekend I realized that my hard work throughout the midst of hell wasn’t unseen, but rather it has paid off, and the weekend I met my soul sister!! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, HAA for the endless blessings you have given me, and especially the bonds that have been made because of this extravagant organization.”

JADA TARVIN | @jadatarvin
Horatio Alger Scholar

“As I am four days from moving into my dream college, I’ve been reflecting a lot. I get to move in early and participate in a leadership camp, I have almost no cost for my first year, and I know I have some amazing resources available to me when I need them now, and for the rest of my years. This is all possible because of the @horatioalgerassociation.”

BLAIR FLOYD | @blairy.scary
Horatio Alger Scholar

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Jim Dicke (’15) has only been a Horatio Alger Member for three years, but he has wasted no time in learning how best to be an active supporter of the Association’s mission and programs. He and his wife, Janet, have contributed to the Horatio Alger Endowment Fund, state scholarship programs, career and technical programs, and more.

Jim also serves as an at-large member of the Board’s Executive Committee. At the most recent board meeting, Jim stressed the importance of the Friends of Distinction program, which engages individuals—as well as foundations and corporations—who are committed to advancing the mission of the Association by providing support for educational programs, such as scholarships, internships, and career placement opportunities.

Why do you feel the Friends of Distinction program is so important? It was the honor of a lifetime to become a Horatio Alger Member in 2015. But I would not have accepted that prestigious award if I felt that my family and friends would not see my induction as a commitment to this organization and all it does to assist our country’s most deserving young people in pursuing higher education.

But it isn’t just Members and Life Partners who understand and believe that a college education is important to reaching one’s full potential. Corporations are looking to hire young people for jobs that depend increasingly on technology. They need employees who are committed to the job in front of them, who are willing to work as a team to achieve company goals, and who have learned how to be problem solvers and creative thinkers. A college education helps not only the individual receiving the education, but also the person or company that hires them. Everyone benefits.

Why is supporting education so important to you and Janet? We truly believe that education is a reward in and of itself. A good education is necessary in pursuit of the American Dream. Education is powerful, as it is often pivotal in enabling a person to rise above difficult circumstances in life. Education is something that once acquired, cannot be taken away from you, no matter the challenges you may face.

You serve as a member of the Association’s Strategic Directions Committee. What is the committee doing to expand the Friends of Distinction program? We envision increasing the number of touchpoints Friends have to attend Horatio Alger events and to meet and form relationships with Members and Scholars. We also want to engage individuals who are not related to Members, but are committed to the Association’s mission. Heightening the importance of Friends of Distinction will be a priority for 2019.

What does your Horatio Alger membership mean to you? To be accepted into a family of such extraordinary men and women is touching, and being an active part of the work of the Association is very rewarding. The young people we support to achieve a college education have already demonstrated their determination and persistence to realize the American Dream. Janet and I want to do all we can to make their dreams a reality.
Left: Jim and Janet at the Embassy of Canada during the 2018 Membership and Board of Directors Meeting.
This year’s Membership and Board of Directors Meeting, which took place October 4–6 in Washington, D.C., was held concurrently with the Alumni Summit, giving Members and Life Partners the opportunity to meet and connect with those whose lives were changed by Horatio Alger scholarships. Learning about their careers, accomplishments, and future goals reinforced that the support we gave to them as high school seniors has resulted in highly impressive young men and women who are actively engaged in their careers and communities. We couldn’t be prouder of our Alumni.

We were pleased to host these events at a variety of significant and historic venues, including the Embassy of Canada to the United States, the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, the United States Institute of Peace, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The multi-day affair culminated with our announcement of the Alumni Scholar who will become our first-ever scholarship recipient to be inducted into the Horatio Alger Association as a Member—Colonel Vance Cryer. It was an extraordinary moment for all of us—Members and Scholars alike. We look forward to next year’s International Membership and Board of Directors Meeting, October 2–4 at The Ritz-Carlton in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
Increasing the Horatio Alger Endowment Fund to ensure the future of our Scholar-focused initiatives.

Creating more opportunities for Horatio Alger Alumni Scholars to remain involved in the Association.

Further expanding the educational opportunities we offer to support Scholars at all levels—from career and technical to doctoral programs. The Association is approaching almost $20 million in scholarships to more than 2,000 Scholars annually—and we want to do more.

Continuing to promote increased national visibility for the Association, while actively engaging Members, Scholars, and Friends of Distinction in our mission.

ALUMNI SUMMIT quotes from our Scholars

“Horatio Alger Alumni have this instant bond. You walk into a room and you’re total strangers but within an hour you feel like you’ve known them forever.”
LANCE DOIRON

“Being an Alumni Scholar is a symbol of my refusal to give in to my situation and to continue to fight for the dreams that I have for myself and the dreams that I have for the world. And that’s something that I see in all Scholars. We refuse to be defined by our circumstances.”
CHRISTINA JEON

“It doesn’t matter if you met five years ago or five minutes ago—the connections we make because of our shared backgrounds are incredible. That’s the magic of the Association.”
STEPHANIE GARGIULO

“The energy and the excitement that gets poured into you at these events...that’s what I look forward to more than anything. I attended my first Alumni Summit in Chicago four years ago. I was on a high for a very long time after that.”
EMANUEL EDWARDS

“When you graduate, just remember that your journey with this incredible organization is far from over. Keep in touch. Join the HAA Connect platform. Seek out mentorship. There are so many Alumni like me who want to help and be of service to younger Scholars.”
ANN ROSELLE

“Back at the National Scholars Conference, we were all scared high school students. But we were told to just go around and not be afraid to meet new people. That was actually a turning point for me. Ever since then, I haven’t been scared to meet new people and tell them my story.”
AMANDA CARREAU
This year’s events were hosted at new venues and historic buildings in our nation’s capital. The weekend began with a reception and dinner at the Embassy of Canada to the United States. Canadian Ambassador David MacNaughton welcomed participants, Prem Watsa provided updates about the Canadian Association, and all in attendance enjoyed a performance by renowned opera singer Deborah Myers. The next day, Board and Membership meetings, followed by a luncheon and political panel session, were hosted at the United States Institute of Peace.
“As my grandmother always told me, ‘you can never go wrong doing right.’”

BOB BROWN

Members, Life Partners, Alumni Scholars and guests gathered at the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) to celebrate Bob Brown’s (‘90) leadership during the civil rights movement—including his integral role in desegregation in schools across the country. To recognize his dedication and service, Brown was presented with a commemorative gift from The Richard Nixon Presidential Library in partnership with the National Museum of African American History and Culture.
Over 300 Alumni Scholars hailing from 47 states and Canada came together to reconnect, learn from, and inspire one another at the 2018 Alumni Summit. Members and Alumni had numerous opportunities to spend time together, forming and strengthening bonds.
Clockwise from top left, opposite page: Lisa Rose, Life Partner of Matt Rose (‘13), speaks at Member and Alumni Scholar Discussion and Luncheon. Alumni Scholar presenter David Mou. Alumni Scholars gather at The Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. Alumni Scholar presenter Anthony Hatinger. Dr. Nido Qubein (‘06) presents Ron Nicola with an award for 30 years of service to the Association. Alumni Scholar presenter Emily Petrik. Member and Alumni Scholar panel discussion.
AN EVENING OF ACHIEVEMENT

The events culminated in a very special evening at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts as the Association announced the induction of its first-ever Alumni Scholar as a Lifetime Member, Colonel Vance Cryer. The tremendous show was hosted by award-winning actress Jane Seymour and featured performances by Reba McEntire ('18), The Tenors, Megan Hasse, and more.
Clockwise from top left, opposite page: Col. Vance Cryer, Jane Seymour, The Tenors, Barbara Barrett ('99), Reba McEntire. Megan Hasse dazzles the crowd.
Everyone knew that the first Scholar to be inducted as a Member of the Horatio Alger Association would have to be special. A fire-in-the-belly guy or gal—a person of integrity who could spot an opportunity and know that, by grabbing it, bigger and better doors would open. But most—if not all—Horatio Alger Scholars have those traits. What sets Vance Cryer apart is his ultraquiet determination, extreme competence, and innate strength of character. These extraordinary traits helped him through the challenges of his mother’s deep depression, early struggles with anger and self-esteem, and the battles of war faced by the men and women under his military command.

Like so many Horatio Alger stories, Vance’s childhood challenges stemmed from the actions of his young parents. His mother married when she was only 16. Later that year, Vance’s older sister was born. Within four years, two more children arrived—Vance being the youngest. But when he was only three, his father left the family. Not many can remember much at such a tender age, but Vance vividly recalls the day his father left. He remembers the crying and the pleading. And he can pinpoint that moment—and his parents’ subsequent divorce—that the real struggles of his childhood began.

“My mother is the meekest, sweetest lady you could ever meet,” Cryer said. “I think the break up with my dad really broke her heart. She slid into a deep depression from which she could never recover.”

Along with the depression, there were chronic illnesses that made it impossible for Vance’s mother to hold a steady job. There were nights when Vance went to bed hungry. As the years slid by, Vance felt unable to change his family’s dire situation and the constant upheaval caused by the men who came in and out of his mother’s life. He loved his mother and wanted to help her, help his family—but what could a seven-year-old boy do?

“I learned at an early age that if people don’t want help, there is very little you can do other than just be there for them,” he said. “Throughout childhood, it was my intent to be respectful and to honor my mother by staying in touch with her and just loving her and trying to be there when needed.”

That same year, Vance’s newly retired grandparents took him and his siblings in, giving them real stability for the first time in their lives. Vance worked with his brother to help their grandparents as much as they could, often taking odd jobs, including mowing lawns. Living with his grandparents gave Vance a chance to worry less about his day-to-day survival, but his early struggles had left their mark. He had an anger buried deep inside himself that sometimes frightened him.

Religion also played a large role in Vance’s early years. “If the doors to the church were open, we were pretty much there,” he said.

But as Vance grew up, he found it difficult to square the struggles he had at home with what he was hearing in church about faith and kindness. Why, he asked himself, is our faithful home filled with bickering and strife?

“‘You could just see that beneath his politeness and bright smile was a real leader.’”

“We were giving all we had, but somehow it never seemed to be enough,” he said. “That was an internal problem for me. Eventually, I simply said I wasn’t going to church anymore. I just stepped away from that part of my life.”

Football, Vance discovered, was a productive place to channel much of his anger. He loved the sport and was a solid player.
injury on the field, Vance discovered that most of his anger had quietly left him.

“I think through the pain I just came to the realization that carrying this burden was no longer necessary,” he said. “Letting it go was very freeing for me.”

During his junior year, Vance met Juli, his wife, who has been by his side ever since. Soon after they became a couple, Vance met Juli’s parents, who impressed him right away. He knew they weren’t perfect people with perfect lives, but he saw that they had an ability to work through issues and problems together. Vance felt that was commendable—the way a family should be. Soon, he was attending church with Juli and her parents.

“Juli’s family just had a healthier relationship with each other and their religion,” said Cryer. “I am happy to say, I was able to plug back into that part of my life.”

Next to Juli, Vance’s greatest love was football. He hoped to receive a scholarship to play in college, but those offers never came to fruition. He had a few walk-on offers, but without a scholarship, he knew he couldn’t afford college on his own. He told himself he hadn’t made the impression he needed to make, and his self-esteem was as low as it had been in a long time. Letting go of his only plan for college, Vance prepared to apply for military service—something he would’ve pursued whether or not college had been an option. He wanted to be a flyer, and he wanted to do something that would make a difference.

As it happens for many Horatio Alger Scholars and Members, someone came along at just the right time to change the course of Vance’s life. Kay Baker, his high school vice principal, suggested he apply for a Horatio Alger scholarship. At first, Vance balked at the idea, but Ms. Baker was relentless.

“I saw how Vance interacted with our administration, parents, and students,” she said. “You could just see that beneath his politeness and bright smile was a real leader. He had so much capability and I wanted him to have that chance to reach his full potential.”

When told he had been selected as a Horatio Alger National Scholar, Vance was more surprised than anyone else. W.W. Clements, the chairman and CEO of Dr. Pepper and a 1980 Horatio Alger Member, came to his high school in Hurst, Texas, to personally congratulate him on his scholarship. During his visit, Clements gave Vance a marble that was inscribed with the Golden Rule. Impressed by the small gift, Vance put the marble on his nightstand—a habit that has stayed with him for more than thirty years—serving as a reminder of the time in his life when others believed in him more than he believed in himself.

“It also reminds me to pay it forward,” said Cryer. “I try to remember to look for people to invest in, to go out of my way to help, to stop, to pause, and to encourage in some small way that might make a difference.”

Vance attended the University of Texas at Arlington, but it soon became evident that he was not prepared for the academic demands of collegiate life. His reading skills were at an eighth-grade level, which wasn’t going to get him through the six
books his English 101 professor required. “I hadn’t read that many books in my life, much less in one week,” he said. For Vance, this was a wake-up call he couldn’t ignore. “I was fully committed to the opportunity that had been given to me,” he said. “I was determined to do all I could to succeed, which included going to every tutoring class I could find.”

During his first semester of school, he joined the Air Force ROTC. To help pay his way through school, he got a job at the local airport filling planes with gas and scraping bugs off windshields, using the cash he earned to pay for flying lessons, fulfilling his lifelong dream of being a pilot. By the end of that first semester, he contracted with the Marines to compete for one of two slots in north Texas for Officer Candidate School. Successful in that effort, he and Juli left that summer for Quantico, Virginia.

“Joining military service gave Juli and me the opportunity to make a life on our own,” says Vance. “I think our faith was key in making that life work well for us. We always felt we were a part of something bigger than ourselves.”

Vance’s 27-year career with the Marines took him through flight school in Pensacola, Florida; to Top Level School at the National War College in Washington, D.C., where he earned a master’s degree in national strategic studies; to four AV-8B squadron tours, including as the commanding officer of Marine Attack Squadron 211. He also served as an exchange officer with the UK Royal Air Force, where he flew the Tornado F3 air defense variant. He completed six combat tours in Iraq and has been on eight deployments, including six Marine Expeditionary Unit deployments. He served two tours of duty at the Pentagon—Headquarters Marine Corps in the Department of Aviation. In 2013, he was promoted to Colonel and subsequently commanded the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit at Camp Pendleton. In 2016, he was handpicked by Secretary Ray Mabus as the Marine Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy—a position he held for 18 months through the transitional period with Secretary Sean Stackley.

Was the military the right choice for Vance Cryer? His answer to that question is quick and affirmative. “It’s been a blessing to work with such quality people who want to be there, who are committed, and who are talented. These are people who give of themselves for each other and for people who don’t even know they are beneficiaries of their sacrifice. It was an amazing adventure.”

On the night it was announced to the Horatio Alger membership that Vance Cryer would be the first Alumnus to be inducted into the Association, General Robert B. Neller—Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps—had this to say about Vance: “He is a man defined by a life of initiative and a can-do spirit. Throughout his life and his career, he continuously answered the call of duty and demonstrated excellence in every role. Whether in the cockpit, commanding a Marine Expeditionary Unit, serving on joint staffs, or just in his daily interactions—both in and out of uniform—his reputation precedes him. He is the epitome of everything for which this Association stands.”

In August 2018, Vance retired from military service and is now working as the director of operations and experimentation for IOMAXIS in Austin, Texas, a new start-up that develops engineering solutions in communications, computing, and cyber.

Vance recently discussed his reaction to being named the first Alumni Scholar to be inducted into the Horatio Alger Association (which will officially take place during the 2019 Inaugural Ceremony).

How do you feel about this honor? To be recognized among some of the most successful men and women in this country is surreal and humbling, and I share this accomplishment with each of my fellow Alumni Scholars. I believe we all have much of which to be proud.

What is success for you? How do you define it? I believe there are two pathways to success that I call the givers and the takers. A taker is someone who puts personal ambition first and climbs over others to get to the next rung on the ladder. A giver takes a different approach. After you have worked in leadership roles for a while, look down your wake. What do you see? Do you see people who you empowered, inspired, and cared for? Do you see people who are flourishing and succeeding in their own right? Or do you see destruction and toxicity? My experience has been to identify with the givers. One of the joys of staying in the military as long as I did was that I had begun to see the people who served under me have their own successes and were even passing their knowledge down to the next generation. That’s what I call success.

How do you feel about your involvement with the Horatio Alger Association? I’ve noticed that the faces don’t come and go here—it’s a very committed group of individuals who give of themselves and their resources without any fanfare. I’ve noticed a consistency of what this organization stands for, what it does, what it produces, and who is a part of it. The integrity of the organization and the process stand out to me. I’m struck by the patriotism of the organization, the overall belief the Members have in the mission, and the positive influence they have had on thousands of young people. In whatever way I can help carry forward the mission, it will be an honor to do so.

To learn more about Vance’s story, visit youtube.com/horatioalgerassociation
The Horatio Alger Association of Canada’s second annual Excellence Gala took place on October 30th at the Fairmont Royal York in Toronto, Ontario. The event was a remarkable success, raising $4 million dollars, all of which will go toward supporting the expanding Canadian scholarship program.

Hosted by Canadian-American actor, comedian, musician, businessman, and filmmaker Dan Aykroyd, the evening included an opening musical act featuring the Blues Brothers with the Downchild Blues Band. Hockey Hall of Fame member Wayne Gretzky (’03) and Horatio Alger Association of Canada President Prem Watsa (’12) spoke about the Association’s important mission and programs.

Special recognition was given to 2019 International Horatio Alger Award recipient Jay S. Hennick who battled two daunting health issues to become Global Chairman and CEO of Colliers International, one of North America’s largest managers of multi-family residential properties.

The evening also featured a dynamic panel discussion with three recipients of the Horatio Alger Association of Canada Scholarship who shared the positive impact that the Association’s support has had on their lives. These special young people were interviewed by BNN Bloomberg Anchor, Amanda Lang.

The evening culminated with a memorable performance by International Horatio Alger Ambassadors, The Tenors, along with David Foster (’09).
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But what happens after graduation? How has the Association prepared these young people for the real world? We recently caught up with five Scholars during the Alumni Summit, and they provided a quick update on where they are today and the profound impact the Association has had on their careers—and ultimately, their lives.
ABIGAIL COLE HARDIN  
‘08 STATE SCHOLAR, MS

Image Consultant, Neuro-linguistic Programming (NLP) Practitioner & Life Coach

I was honored to be a State Scholar 10 years ago, but I am impacted even more now that I’ve discovered the Association isn’t just about the scholarship. It’s about joining a family. The 2018 Alumni Summit, where I participated as a breakout session speaker, was my first. The wealth of connection and support was overwhelming! This new family has fueled my passion to make a difference in any way I can. I am going to be promoting the Association more actively so that others understand that not only can they benefit from the scholarship, but they can begin a lifelong relationship with the Horatio Alger Association.

BENJAMIN COOPER  
‘05 NATIONAL SCHOLAR, NC  
‘09 DENNIS R. WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP SCHOLAR

Networked Improvement Science Fellow (2018–2020), Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Working

The Association changed my life by fortifying my belief in the power of education to improve my circumstances. This was accomplished by helping me realize that adversity has power. Through the Association, I learned that I could use my challenging experiences as a tool to help transform not only my own life, but also the education system more broadly. I learned to face my adversity directly and work through it so that I could emerge victorious. The Association became the structured family I never imagined I could have, but desperately needed. The Horatio Alger Association is a transformative lifeline.
JACOB G. ZITTERKOPF
‘07 AKSARBEN SCHOLAR, NE
‘13 DENNIS R. WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP SCHOLAR

Orthodontist

The Association has taught me that success has many definitions and what makes us different is indeed what makes us beautiful. It has given me a family that allows me to learn and grow. The Members and Scholars remind me every day to aspire to be a better person, a positive leader, an uplifting friend, and to never forget where I came from. Our future is bright—smile today!

MAGGIE LI
‘11 STATE SCHOLAR, CT

Change Management Consultant,
Accenture

Due to the financial help I received from the Association, I was better able to focus on my studies, which included study abroad. I spent a semester in Spain and later traveled in Indonesia. These experiences helped me to discover a new passion—working with nonprofit start-ups. The direction provided by those experiences would not have been possible without the freedom my Horatio Alger scholarship gave me to explore overseas.
EMANUEL EDWARDS
‘07 STATE SCHOLAR, AL
‘14 DENNIS R. WASHINGTON
LEADERSHIP SCHOLAR

International Program Specialist,
Department of the Army

The Association has helped me see my true potential. The challenging periods of my life eroded my self-confidence, but that all changed because of Horatio Alger. This organization has inspired me with its positive message of hard work, honesty, and determination in conquering obstacles. I am truly grateful to be a part of this community. Giving back to others has since become a top priority in my daily life, and I am actively using my voice and business platform to inspire others—especially encouraging youth to pursue their dreams through higher education.

Help Our Scholars Soar
JOIN OUR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM TODAY

Each year, our Scholars are offered meaningful internship opportunities supported by Horatio Alger Member companies. These internships provide invaluable experiences and skills that help Scholars succeed in their post-college careers.

To learn more, please contact Kristen Law, Director of Educational & Alumni Programs at klaw@horatioalger.org

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MICHAEL ROLLINS
ON BEHALF OF THE ROLLINS FAMILY

The first time Michael Rollins ever wore a tuxedo was in 1988 when he was seven years old. He was on his way to his first Horatio Alger Awards Ceremony and in the 30 years since, he’s only missed two Awards weekends.

“Education was really big for my dad,” says Michael, referring to his late father, John Rollins, Sr., who was inducted as a Member in 1963. “Due to my father’s family situation, a university education was out of reach for him. He became an active supporter of the Horatio Alger Scholarship Program when it was introduced in 1984. Once the program began to expand and he became more familiar with the Scholars, he felt their stories were just as important to hear as those of the New Members being inducted.”

John Rollins and his wife, Michele, wanted their children exposed to those stories, so they made it a priority each spring to bring their family to the annual Awards dinner. During the recent Membership and Board of Directors Meeting and Alumni Summit, Michael sat down with us to share what the Association has meant to him and his family over the years.

Why did your parents make these events such a priority for you and your siblings?
I think they wanted us to witness what they were doing—to demonstrate how they were choosing to give back and that a lot of their giving was in the realm of education. The Awards weekends were a time for us kids to interact with people who had things a lot worse than we did. That exposure became a part of our family life.

What did you take away from that exposure?
In my formative years, it became a tool for me to not get discouraged when negative things happened in my own life. I met Scholars who had little chance of succeeding based on their circumstances, and yet they did. They came from towns where nobody goes to college, but they did. Because of their stories, I
grew up believing that when you work hard, anything is possible. As an adult, my exposure to Horatio Alger shaped my belief in how you give back, how you participate, and how you help those who deserve it the most.

How do you and your family approach helping others?
I’ll always remember how much it meant to my dad to be able to support these Scholars. It meant everything to him. Especially considering that their need went far beyond an inability to pay for college. Yet, despite facing such hardship, these students were achieving well beyond their peers. For me and my siblings—there are 10 of us—that really stuck with us and had a lasting impact. I’ve become very involved in the Scholar mentoring program and many of us continue to attend the Awards every year, even after the passing of my father. My siblings and I have also founded a program to provide free housing for Scholars entering college. My mom, my siblings and I are very proud and honored to be able to continue my dad’s legacy in this way.

What has impressed you about the annual Awards dinner?
Members, once inducted, don’t ever have to come back. They have busy lives, and yet I keep seeing the same people come back year after year. Why? I think it’s the development of the program, the expansion of it. We don’t just write a check to a young person in need and never hear back from them again. We keep in touch. We find ways to help them stay in school and graduate. We see that our investment in these young people is making a positive impact on thousands of lives.

What is your advice to those who want to become more involved?
Come to the event. See what you make of it, how you fit in. You can write a check, you can help with a program that is already in place, you can mentor, you can offer an internship—there are a lot of choices. And bring your children and grandchildren. Make it a part of their lives. Expose them to this powerful message—it’s a valuable lesson for all of us.

The benevolence of our membership is truly awe-inspiring. And while the Association’s mission of providing educational opportunities for our nation’s most deserving and impressive young people is vital, many of our Members support numerous deserving causes and organizations. In this new recurring section, we will speak to a Member or their family about the reasons they give so generously—not only to our organization—but to the many philanthropies they support.
THEY CELEBRATE THE AMERICAN DREAM…

“I’m an eight-year-old kid, living in Ohio with no connection to show business. Through trials and tribulations, success and failure, I’m still here, 45 years later.”

ROB LOWE ON JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE!

19 YEAR-OLD ANTHONY ANDERSON performed at the U.S. Supreme Court after which, “[former U.S.] ambassador Barbara Barrett, (’99) Member and vice president of the Association, surprised Anthony…announcing that he would be receiving his own Horatio Alger Scholarship.”

“Besides the value of persistence, Daseke offered four more pointers for the kind of bootstrapping success that enabled him to build two $1-billion-plus enterprises: 

Invest in people. Be flexible. Always be learning. Always keep your word.”

Chief Executive

PHILANTHROPY MAGAZINE

“If someone like me can overcome challenges to succeed, they can too.”

Denny Sanford on his $30 million gift to the Horatio Alger Association’s scholarship fund, the single largest donation ever received.

Barbara Barrett:

From Lewisville to Finland, a life of achievement

The Indiana Gazette

ORANGE COUNTY BUSINESS JOURNAL

George and Julia Argyros “have given $7.5 million through their family foundation in Costa Mesa toward the renovation of the Los Angeles Coliseum and a peristyle plaza will get the couple’s name.”
Our Impact

U.S. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
National Scholarships are awarded annually to approximately 106 high school seniors, representing all 50 states, D.C., and Puerto Rico. National Scholars receive $25,000 toward their college education and recipients are selected based on academic achievement, involvement in school and community activities, and confirmed financial need for college tuition assistance. In addition, applicants are required to write an essay describing how they have persevered through adversity in pursuit of their goals. Recipients attend the National Scholars Conference, held each spring in Washington, D.C., in tandem with the Horatio Alger Awards Induction Ceremonies.

State Scholarships are awarded annually to approximately 700 students in the amount of $10,000. These scholarships are supported by individual Members, Friends, the Endowment Fund, and the Association. The National Career and Technical Scholarship Program was founded by Walter Scott, Jr. (’97). This nationwide program benefits students seeking technical degrees and career certification at community colleges.

Specialized Scholarship Programs are administered by the Association on behalf of Members who have specific requests, such as named high school districts or colleges.

The Dennis R. Washington Leadership Scholarship Program is funded by the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, providing support for graduate education to both National and State Alumni Scholars. Each scholarship is valued up to $120,000 in support of master’s or doctoral degree programs.

CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
The National Entrepreneurial Scholarship provides $10,000 each to five students annually. These students attend the aforementioned National Scholars Conference in Washington, D.C., where they fully participate with their American peers.

Nationwide Scholarships are awarded to approximately 80 students annually, valued at $5,000 each. By 2019, this number of recipients will expand to 200. Scholarships are available to students in every Canadian province and territory.

The Fairfax Financial Entrance Awards, sponsored by V. Prem Watsa (’12), are valued up to $24,000 each and are awarded to 34 students at 22 select Canadian universities.

$159 MILLION in scholarship funds awarded since 1984
20,000 Alumni Scholars
76% HAA NATIONAL SCHOLARS GRADUATION RATE
$16 MILLION awarded to 2,000 students in 2018
5,242 Scholars in college
20% NATIONAL LOW-INCOME GRADUATION RATE
Voices of OUR YOUTH

HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION OF CANADA’S FIRST NATIONAL SURVEY

Young Canadians are optimistic about the future and heavily focused on financial stability, working hard, and helping others. But on the flipside of their positivity lies their concerns about the plight of Indigenous Canadians, the impact of technology, and high stress levels. These are just a few of the results from the wide-ranging study of young Canadians commissioned by the Horatio Alger Association of Canada.

The first-of-its-kind survey polled more than 2,000 Canadians aged 14–23. The results challenge much of the conventional wisdom about young Canadians and sheds light on the world view of “Generation Z”—those born in the mid-to late 1990s, after “Millennials.”

The results were released at an Ottawa press conference in September and featured the Right Honourable David Johnston, Canada’s 28th Governor General and Member of the Horatio Alger Association of Canada; Prem Watsa, Horatio Alger Association of Canada President; Nik Nanos, Chair of Nanos Research, the firm that conducted the survey; and report author Dr. Michelle Pidgeon, Associate Professor at Simon Fraser University and director of The Centre for the Study of Educational Leadership and Policy (CSELP).

“We can feel confident about the future of Canada when our young people demonstrate through the survey that they care about big issues like Indigenous reconciliation, affordable housing, and poverty,” said David Johnston, who moderated a panel discussion about the report’s findings with a group of Horatio Alger scholarship recipients. “But while there is good news, we can’t be complacent. Young people feel real pressures—such as financing education and finding a good job—and have real worries, such as the impact of technology on their lives and being bullied.”

For the full Voices of Our Youth report, visit www.horatioalger.ca/voy

79% SAY HARD WORK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN LUCK IN ACHIEVING A SUCCESSFUL LIFE

45% OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE NOT ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH HOW THEIR SCHOOL IS PREPARING THEM FOR LIFE

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IN TRIBUTE

AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2018
The following are Members and Life Partners who have passed since our last issue of The Forum. We remember them for their contributions to society and to this organization. They believed in our mission and we are grateful for their words of wisdom, their mentorship, and their participation. Their quotes—those words by which they most wanted to be remembered—tell us what is most important in life, how best to move forward in life, and how to get the most out of life. We celebrate them and extend our best wishes to their families and friends.

IN TRIBUTE

“Hard work is the secret to success. If we want to accomplish twice as much as the competition we’ve got to work twice as hard.”

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FUTURE EVENTS

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OCTOBER 2–4, 2019 | MONTREAL, QC

STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING
MAY 2019 | HOSTED BY KAY & WILLIAM J. DORÉ
THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM, NEW ORLEANS, LA

3RD ANNUAL EXCELLENCE GALA
FALL 2019 | TORONTO, ON