

MEET OUR TEAM

College Scholar Services

REACHING FORWARD: ON CAMPUS



Sivan Hines, M.D.
Senior Director of College
Partnerships & Scholar Success

Sivan (she/her) is focused on all the issues that involve our Hartford Promise college scholars and alumni. She works with individual scholars, colleges, graduate schools and employers to help provide whatever support that you may need. So, whether it's academic, financial, physical or mental health, administrative issues, graduate school choice/applications or internships/career placement please feel free to reach out to Sivan. If she can't help, she will definitely try to connect you with someone who can!



Melissa Paul
Director of College Partnerships
& Reaching Forward

Melissa (she/her) is a great guide to navigating campus resources and long-term college planning. She builds and manages our Promise Scholar community. If you're struggling, connect with Melissa! She can support your important relationships, wellness, academic success, and so much more!

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Email Melissa: mpaul@hartfordpromise.org

PEER SUPPORT: REACHING FORWARD (RF)



Talia Clarke
Reaching Forward Coach

Talia (she/her) & Hasion (he/him) are here to support your emotional wellbeing, academic success, and offer peer counseling to you throughout college & beyond. Both Hasion (Marist College, 2020) & Talia (SCSU, 2020) are Hartford Promise Scholar Alumni; they've walked a similar path as you (& succeeded!) and can support you along your journey to college success.

Email Talia: tclarke@hartfordpromise.org
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Hasion Gaston
Reaching Forward Coach

FINANCIAL



Sam Levine
Director of Scholarships

Sam (she/her) is our financial aid lead, and she can connect you to resources and facilitate financial aid troubleshooting. Sam can support you with understanding your financial aid, managing your fee bill, and resolving FASFA verifications. Our last dollar component can be confusing so if you are unclear about your financial aid and all the moving parts;

Email Sam: slevine@hartfordpromise.org

CAREERS



Nahkia Henry
Director of Career Services

You're at college for a reason; start with the end in mind. Nahkia (she/her) is an accomplished career strategist and career development professional. She can assist in long-term career goal- setting. [Schedule a meeting](#) with Nahkia to align your major with your career goals, create an amazing [resume](#), and strengthen your [interview skills](#). For more resources, visit the HP [career development site!](#)

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High School Support Services

REACHING BACK TEAM



Jordan Green
Director of Reaching Back

Jordan Green (he/him) knows firsthand the importance of a college education, and what it can mean for Hartford high school students, and to our community. Jordan was born in Hartford and is a graduate of Trinity College. As a first-generation college student himself, Jordan has shown his personal commitment to encouraging students to reach higher, and to helping them succeed, throughout his successful career as a widely respected youth counselor, advisor, and educator. If you're in high school and want support on how to qualify for our Scholarship and/or assistance in the college process (including knowing your options, additional scholarships, etc.);

Email Jordan: jgreen@hartfordpromise.org

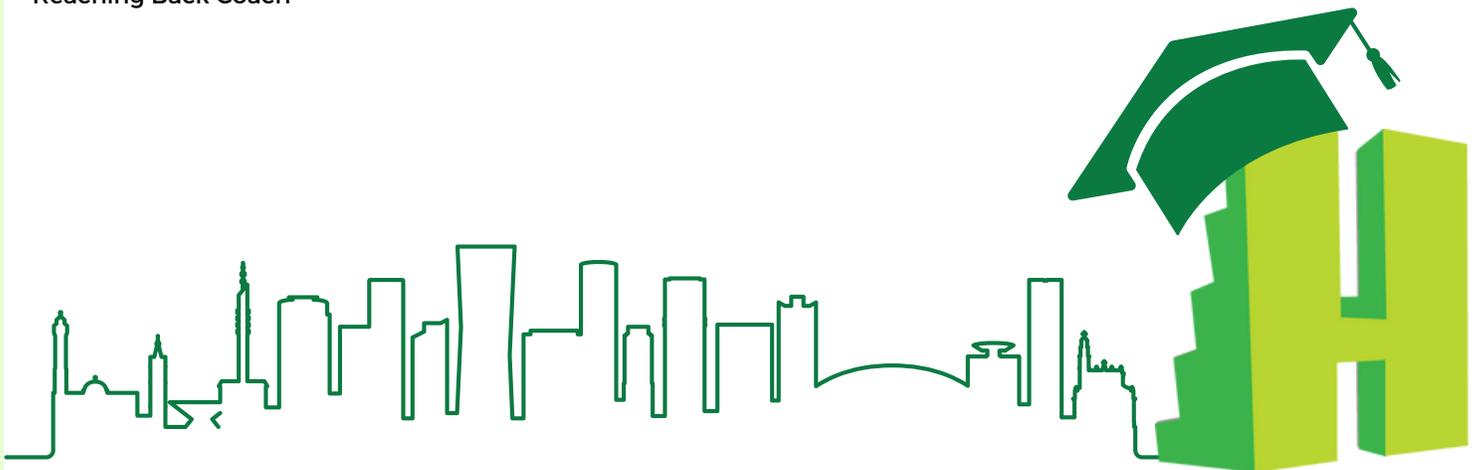
PEER SUPPORT: REACHING BACK (RB)



Erna Alic
Reaching Back Coach

Erna (she/her) is Reaching Back into the high schools to offer support and guidance to students and their families! Erna is a Hartford Promise Alumn and is now giving back to our community in powerful ways. The Reaching Back (RB) Team is on the ground in Hartford Public Schools to spread awareness about our Scholarship, help keep students On-Track to qualify, and offer support to students. The RB Team is changing the college-going culture in Hartford; Erna is there to support you.

Email Erna: ealic@hartfordpromise.org



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Operations

PRESIDENT



Richard Sugarman
President of Hartford Promise

Richard (he/him) is HP's fearless leader and your biggest cheerleader. You have probably already met him; he spends time at Hartford Public Schools. He is available to provide meaningful guidance and emotional support to Scholars and their families. His main roles include HP fundraising, leading community involvement, and developing programming.

Email Richard: rsugarman@hartfordpromise.org

PEER SUPPORT/COMMUNICATIONS



Clotilde Gannon
HP Administrator

Clotilde (she/her) supports programs and operations; you may have received HP emails/texts from her! Her role comprises of Scholar engagement & communications and project coordination. A recent 1st gen grad, Clotilde graduated from UConn in 2020 & MPA 2021. Clotilde can connect you to Hartford Promise resources and offer peer support.

Email Clotilde: cgannon@hartfordpromise.org



Erika Brett Solomon
Social Media Manager

Erika is our lively Social Media Manager. Erika is here to share helpful information and resources, uplift your stories, encourage your dreams, respond to your questions and direct you to tailored supports, and highlight you on our social media platforms. Click [here](#) to complete a Scholar Profile Survey and be featured on our platforms.

Email Erika: erikabrettsolomon@gmail.com

DEVELOPMENT/FUNDRAISING



Joe Zwiebel
Director of Development and
Communications

Joe (he/him) leads Hartford Promise marketing/branding, fundraising campaign management, and cultivates new funding relationships with Hartford Promise donors. Joe's work helps to fund our HP scholarship. Joe needs our help sharing your story to our supporters. To be featured on our platforms, click [here](#) to complete a Scholar Profile Survey.

Email Joe: jwiebel@hartfordpromise.org



Linda Merlin
Director of Grant Writing

Linda (she/her) leads Hartford Promise grant writing, grant reporting and research, and development of new funding opportunities. As a non-profit organization, Linda writes grants to help our organization grow so we can be the best we can be for you and your family. Thank you, Linda!

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Add us on social media for important HP opportunities and updates!

