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I grew up in Norwalk, CT as the youngest of three girls, where my two older sisters provided me with an amazing community from day one. Alongside my sisters, I started swimming competitively at a young age and built my second community in teammates who became lifelong friends.

Swimming and my early desire to be a part of the corporate world one day led me to attend Boston University, where I graduated from the Questrom School of Business with dual concentrations in Information Management Systems and Marketing. I am so grateful for the communities I was a part of at Boston University that broadened my entire perspective on communities themselves and proved to me that the benefits of stepping out of your comfort zone outweigh the scary parts, ten-fold.

Following graduation, I started my career at Teneo, a strategic communications firm, based in New York City. I have been with Teneo for four years and am currently a Senior Associate in the firm's Investor Relations division, working with clients across the Consumer, Industrials and Healthcare sectors and on special situations including M&A, IPOs, and restructurings.

Shine On is an opportunity to pay it forward by working with, learning from, and helping amazing young women connect with communities as formative as the ones I have been fortunate enough to be a part of in my life. It has been an honor meeting, working with and learning from Shine On so far and I cannot wait to watch it keep growing (and shining!).



## **Julia Stern**

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Born and raised just outside of NYC alongside a twin sister and an older brother, I found my calling in understanding the intricate tapestry of human behavior. This passion led me to pursue a degree in Sociology at Bucknell University, where I delved deep into the complexities of why we are who we are.

Driven by a desire to change the world, I embarked on my professional journey with an open mind and a hunger for meaningful connections. Despite a series of tech industry internships, it was the people I worked with that truly resonated with me. Now, with over four years under my belt at Palo Alto Networks, I find myself selling and managing the Goldman Sachs account team here.

Every day, I grapple with imposter syndrome, but I refuse to let it dim my light. Instead, I choose to see the potential in myself and others, guided by a belief that true confidence stems from self-awareness and authenticity. For me, the true joy lies in connecting with others, understanding their essence, and discovering what makes them tick.

Outside of the office, you'll find me running, petting dogs, dancing, reading self-help or reformatory justice books, and indulging in the delights of food, music,

and travel. And in the midst of it all, I'm tackling a new challenge: mastering the art of rollerblading! Because in the end, it's the pursuit of growth and adventure that truly makes life shine.

Being a part of Shine On is more than just giving back; it's an opportunity to engage with and learn from some of the most inspiring women the world has to offer. This community serves as a powerful reminder that regardless of our backgrounds or past experiences, each of us possesses a unique story waiting to be told. With the right support and encouragement, we can overcome any obstacle and achieve our greatest aspirations.



## **Taylor Sears**

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Born in a small town outside of NYC as the fourth of five siblings, I grew up in a lively household where constant negotiations taught me adaptability, compromise, and empathy. Although growing up in a large family had its perks, it was challenging at times to define my own identity amidst my siblings' strong personalities. This curiosity about family dynamics led me to pursue a Sociology degree at Bucknell University, where I expanded my understanding of different cultures and behaviors. Inspired by my studies at Bucknell and my mother's career in Human Resources, I joined Citigroup's HR department after graduating in 2020 and spent four years exploring various HR roles within the company.

In early 2024, after a conversation with my fellow Shine On board members, I realized it was the right time to make a career change. My dad had built a successful produce importing company from the ground up, and though I hadn't always considered following in his footsteps, his entrepreneurial journey had always fascinated me. Motivated by curiosity and my strong family values, I decided to leave Citi and join my dad's company, where I can learn from him and contribute to the business he built.

Outside of work, you will find me spending time with family and friends, trying new workout classes, reading, traveling, exploring NYC's restaurant scene, and attending many concerts. One of my goals this year is to refresh my Spanish skills. I double majored in Spanish and used to speak it regularly but have lost it a bit due to not using it regularly.

I'm incredibly grateful to be part of Shine On, as it has not only allowed me to give back but has also connected me with so many inspiring women. Our goal is to empower underrepresented women leaders, but the true gift for me is bringing together passionate young women, all working toward building a future where every woman can SHINE. The Shine On Giving Circle allows us to grow and learn from one another in a truly inspiring way.



## **Sophia Klaber**

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I was born and raised in a suburb of Pittsburgh, PA, where I grew up with my younger sister, Ally, who is not only my sister but also one of my closest friends—she now lives just a block away from me in NYC. Sports played a major role in shaping my childhood, fueling my competitive spirit and love for teamwork while helping me build confidence. This passion ultimately led me

to Bucknell University, where I had the honor of captaining the women's lacrosse team and studying Marketing, Innovation, and Design in the College of Management. Bucknell also introduced me to my lifelong friends and fellow Shine On leaders.

After graduating in 2020, I joined AlphaSights in NYC, where I led a team of five client service associates and facilitated connections between global consulting firms and experts in sustainability, agriculture, ESG, and energy transition. This experience deepened my interest in sustainable investing, inspiring me to pursue a new opportunity at Ethic, a fintech firm specializing in values-aligned investing for institutional clients, Family Offices, RIAs, and financial networks. I'm currently embracing the learning curve and enjoying the challenges that come with a new role.

Outside of work, you can find me sailing with my family on Lake Erie or in Maine, running in Central Park with the One Love Run Club, reading, traveling, or enjoying a cappuccino with my friends.

I'm proud to be a part of Shine On, where I'm continually inspired by the women who lead this giving circle. Equally inspiring are the young women we've had the privilege of supporting, as they truly embody Shine On's core values of community, confidence, and courage. Our mission is to empower even more young women to become lights and catalysts for positive change - we're excited for all that's to come!



**Olivia Amoruso**

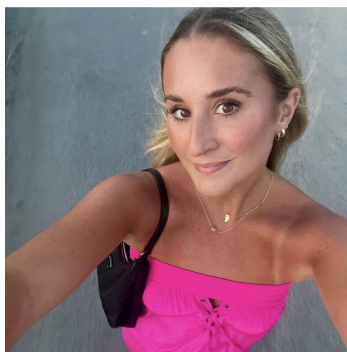
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I grew up in a small suburb of Long Island as the eldest of four children. My high school years were marked not by athletics but by a strong involvement in clubs and activities. I served as President of both the French Club and the Debate Team, two roles that significantly shaped who I am today. My love for public speaking, nurtured through these experiences, has played a pivotal role in my career success. My passion for French continued into college, where I pursued it alongside a Political Science major at Bucknell University, seeking the flexibility it offered for various career paths.

At Bucknell, I met a group of incredible individuals who would become my best friends and co-leaders of ShineOn. My career began at Teneo, a strategic communications firm, where I had the pleasure of working with Meghan Egan, our one non-Bucknellian team member.

The idea of ShineOn captivated me because it allowed me to tap into my natural inclination to guide and mentor young girls, helping them grow into strong, confident women. I had no idea that these girls would surpass my expectations in such profound ways. Working with my best friends to get this program off the ground has been a truly eye-opening and rewarding experience. I couldn't be prouder of our team and our scholars, and I am constantly inspired by their strengths and potential.



**Megan Bugniazet**

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My name is Megan Bugniazet, I grew up in Rye, New York and moved to Greenwich, Connecticut when I was a freshman in high school. I have a sister named Molly and 4 step siblings that I am very close with. My sister Molly is my built-in best friend and I am lucky that she lives only a short 10 minute walk from me in the city. I am currently working as an account executive at a creative agency in New York City. I have a deep passion for marketing and enjoy bringing creativity and strategic insight to help clients achieve their branding and business goals.

I graduated from Bucknell University in 2020 with a major in Art History and a minor in Political Science, which has given me a unique and creative perspective. Outside of work, I love to stay active by working out and running. I also enjoy exploring New York's best/newest restaurants and coffee shops. Spending quality time with my family and friends is very important to me, and I cherish those moments.

I feel very grateful to be a part of Shine On. This group of powerful women has taught me that having passions and being the most authentic version of yourself is what truly allows you to shine.



**LIBBY O'HARE**

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I grew up in New Canaan, CT and am the oldest of three. As the oldest, I've always felt a deep sense of responsibility to lead by example and share my experiences and knowledge with others. After graduating New Canaan High School, I went on to swim at Bucknell University where I majored in Creative Writing. My four years at Bucknell were imperative for personal growth – Bucknell allowed me to explore and develop my interests, connect with diverse communities, and learn to stand on my own two feet.

As a student athlete, I learned grit, mental toughness, and teamwork. I learned how to dig deep to commit to something bigger than yourself. Swimming gave me a taste of courage – standing on the block before a race was daunting, but it forced me to find the confidence and strength to perform at a high level.

Outside of the pool, I discovered the power of community – I forged deeper relationships with professors, connected with prospective students, and engaged with diverse groups on campus. These smaller circles on campus helped me gain confidence, and slowly I started to hit my stride. Somewhere along the way, I realized that I wanted to work for a mission-driven company. This realization led me to my current job as an Account Manager at Meta. Meta's mission is to "Give people the power to build community and bring the world closer together" and I see the outcomes of this every day helping small and medium sized businesses discover and connect with people globally in inspiring, innovative ways. Every connection is an opportunity. It's your world.

To me, *shining on* is rooted in embracing and celebrating one's true, authentic self, and then extending that light to those around us, helping them to find and embrace their own unique brilliance. There's insurmountable power in shared learnings and experiences in building confidence and creative opportunities – this has transpired to my involvement in the Shine On Giving Circle. This is my why.

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