

# Planned Parenthood Generation Action: The 2022-2023 Academic Year in Review



**Planned Parenthood Generation Action** (PPGen) is a network of student activists across our affiliate who organize on their campuses and in their local communities to mobilize advocates for reproductive freedom, raise public awareness about reproductive justice, educate peers about sexual health, and promote change on campus and beyond. From educational panels to fundraising to campaigns for on-campus medication abortion and contraceptive vending machines, our twelve chapters have been busy over the '22-'23 academic year. And as of last month, we have added a thirteenth chapter at **Marist College** in Poughkeepsie! Read on to hear more about what some of our chapters have been up to.



*PPGen at Colgate meets for a chapter meeting*

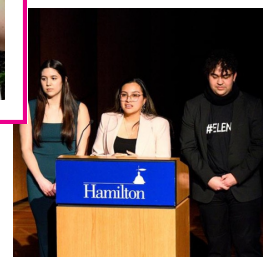
# Chapter Highlights



*New wellness vending machines will begin operating this Fall at Bard*

Bard College led a successful campaign to implement wellness vending machines on campus. These vending machines, which will include condoms, pregnancy tests, lubricant, Plan B, and harm reduction supplies are set to begin operation this fall. PPGen leader Ellen Herlihy was featured in an interview with Glamour Magazine in May 2023, discussing the importance of accessible contraception on campus.

This February, Hamilton College hosted political activist Angela Davis in a conversation on politics, activism and change. PPGen leader Claire Tzouros had the honor of introducing Dr. Davis with Hamilton classmates Jhoana Flores and Pedro Lacerda. After the event, Claire, along with five other student leaders, joined Dr. Davis afterwards for a meal and meaningful conversation.



*Claire Tzouros receives a hug from Angela Davis after introducing her to a packed house at Hamilton College as part of Hamilton's Voices of Color Lecture Series*

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*Members of PPGen at Binghamton host Cocktails and Consent with DOVE*

**Binghamton University** made incredible strides in coalition building this year. PPGen at Bing hosted intersectional events with other campus groups, including a panel on Mass Incarceration in Broome County and sexual assault awareness events with Binghamton's DOVE (Domestic and Oppressive Violence Education) organization. Binghamton also raised money for the Brigid alliance throughout the year with a series of interactive fundraising activities.

**Vassar College** (Vassar Voices for Planned Parenthood) hosted events throughout the year, including "Cold Brew and Condoms" which featured free coffee, condoms and conversation, and a Thanksgiving 5k that raised over \$500 for Sistersong Reproductive Justice Collective. Vassar Voices for Planned Parenthood also joined our health center escort team at the Poughkeepsie Health Center to help ensure our patients arrive at their appointments safe and supported.



*Members of Vassar Voices for Planned Parenthood and Poughkeepsie community members volunteer as health center escorts*

# Spotlight on Abby Zimmerman and PPGen at Colgate University

As co-president of PPGen at [Colgate University](#), Abby was recently featured in a piece by the Rewire News Group titled “The Class of 2023 Hasn’t Forgotten About Roe.” The article highlights Abby’s passion for expanding comprehensive sex education and PPGen Colgate’s efforts to petition the campus health center to offer medication abortion, inspired by the work of the Reproductive Justice Collective at Barnard. Since graduating this spring, Abby has been working closely with our campus organizers on building out our PPGen programming and resources. This year, PPGen at Colgate also collaborated with Sisters of the Roundtable for a community teach-in on Reproductive Justice, and even strengthened relationships with other university chapters by hosting members of PPGen at Hamilton College for a joint chapter meeting.



*Abby Zimmerman*



*Colgate hosts  
Hamilton for a joint  
PPGen chapter  
meeting*

# More Chapter News

In their inaugural year, the **Fashion Institute of Technology** participated in campus campaigns for abortion education and survivor support. • Led by the Reproductive Justice Collective of Barnard College, PPGen at **Columbia University** successfully petitioned their campus health center to provide medication abortion. This coalition also led a successful campaign for legislation that will provide Medication Abortion on SUNY and CUNY campuses (A1395C/S1213B). This bill was signed into Law on May 2. • PPGen at **Ithaca College** raised funds for RAINN through a campus-wide expired condom art contest. • Students at **Union College** held campus events to raise awareness around topics including safe sex and sexual assault. • PPGen at **Cornell University** ran a campaign to provide Plan B vending machines on campus. The Student Association passed a resolution in February approving the plan. • **NYU** built community with a visit to the Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art at the Brooklyn Museum. • **Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine** (OBGYN Interest Club) hosted a series of educational panels on topics ranging from Family Planning in Medical School to How to Insert an IUD.



*Members of PPGen at Touro (the OBGYN Interest Club) host a workshop on IUD insertion*

Our PPGen chapters have continued to demonstrate their creativity, compassion, and commitment to fighting for a world in which full access to reproductive health care, including abortion services, is a global lived reality for all. We cannot wait to support our thirteen PPGen chapters as they begin the 2023-2024 academic year. Stay tuned for updates on campus campaigns, events and actions! For more information about PPGen, please contact Jessica Vollaro at [jessica.vollaro@ppgreaterny.org](mailto:jessica.vollaro@ppgreaterny.org)

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