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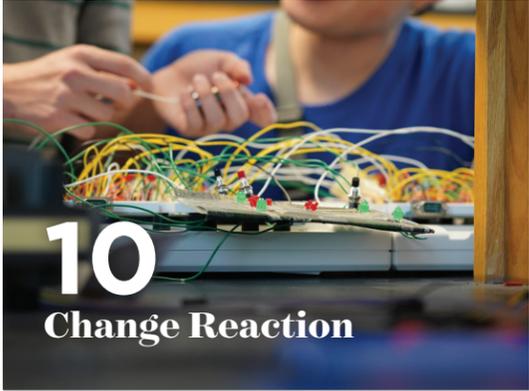
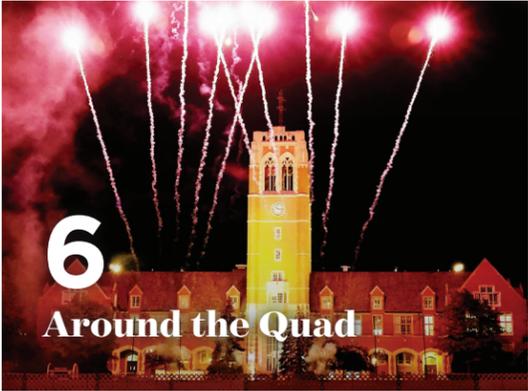


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LETTER *from* THE PRESIDENT



Dear Alumni and Friends,

In recent months, I have been fortunate to meet impressive, engaged John Carroll alumni in Chicago, Los Angeles, Orlando, Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C. In each instance, I encountered successful, fully reflective professionals who wanted to have a substantive conversation about the future.

As a university, we have shared the question of how a Jesuit university can best build Inspired Futures for current students and alumni with a growing number of audiences. Recent blog posts on our plans for a new nursing BSN program, and on the experience of our supply chain students, have earned more than 1,000 social shares.

We are slowly building an audience of thought leaders and allies who share our vision for graduating students empowered with a moral imagination who stand ready to meet this unprecedented moment in human time. I encourage you to visit two of our new content platforms: blog.jcu.edu and inspired-president-blog.jcu.edu.

In this issue of Onward, you will read remarkable stories of John Carroll faculty, students, and alumni negotiating the work of the future by combining the longstanding strengths of the liberal core with unmatched professional training and mastery, as well as strong and open hearts.

The significant Jesuit difference is our ability to inspire such achievements, while working toward a more equitable and just society for all.

Regards,

Alan R. Miciak, Ph.D.

President, John Carroll University



Around *the* QUAD



JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY APPOINTS NEW LEADERS IN BUSINESS, DEI, AND FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Elad Granot, Ph.D. has been named Dean of the John M. and Mary Jo Boler College of Business, effective May 31, 2022. Dr. Granot most recently served as Dean of Ashland University's Dauch College of Business and Economics and Professor of Marketing.

Naomi Sigg was named Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, effective May 31, 2022. In this role, Sigg will oversee John Carroll's Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion (CSDI), the Student Accessibility Services Office, the Title IX Office, and faculty and staff DEI training and development. Sigg comes to JCU from Case Western Reserve University.

Alumnus and Financial Leader, **Robert Connors '91**, was named Vice President for Finance and Administration. Connors was most recently corporate controller for the Mazzella Holding Company, a manufacturer of lifting products and distributor of metal roofing materials.

JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY EMERGES AS REGIONAL HUB FOR INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

Noah Benjamin Bickart, Ph.D., has been named the inaugural Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Chair in Jewish Studies following a national search. Dr. Bickart originally joined John Carroll's Theology and Religious Studies Department in 2018, most recently serving as visiting assistant professor.

The appointment is made possible by a \$1.5 million gift from the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Supporting Foundation, announced in January. The endowment is also supported by a \$1 million gift from The Milton and Tamar Maltz Family Foundation and a very generous lead gift from JCU alumnus **Norma Geller**, an early advocate of the University's efforts to create the opportunity. John Carroll's Theology and Religious Studies Department also includes the **Jack and Mary Jane Breen Chair in Catholic Theology**, the **Bediüzzaman Said Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies**, and the **Walter and Mary Tuohy Chair of Interreligious Studies**, which laid the foundation for a commitment to interreligious dialogue when it was established more than 50 years ago.



UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT CHANGES

A search is underway for a new Vice President for University Advancement as **Doreen Riley** stepped away following 15 years with the University. In her time at JCU, Riley secured \$230 million for the endowment, scholarships, and strategic initiatives. Throughout her tenure, she oversaw various departments including development, alumni relations, advancement services, donor stewardship, marketing, communications, government relations, and governing board support. The JCU community thanks Riley for her contributions.



THE RUSSERT LEGACY LIVES ON

John Carroll University senior **Aiden Keenan** is the 14th recipient of the 2022 NBC/John Carroll University "Meet the Press" Fellowship. The fellowship is exclusive to John Carroll University students and was first awarded in 2009 in honor of **Tim Russert '72**, who passed away in 2008 following more than 16 years at the helm of "Meet the Press."

Earlier this summer, the Alumni Medal was presented posthumously to Tim Russert at what would have been his 50th reunion. On campus to accept the award were Tim's wife, Maureen Orth, and son, Luke. Orth and Luke Russert had generously donated items from Tim's workspace at NBC News, including a work desk on loan from the Freedom Forum, in honor of the Class of 1972's 50th reunion.

"Tim Russert: The John Carroll Years," a documentary film produced by **Linda Meglin '74**, made its debut at the 2022 Alumni Reunion in June. The film is narrated by Chuck Todd of NBC News and features a series of interviews with Russert's JCU classmates, former professors, and concert promoter Jules Belkin. The film not only helps preserve the Russert legacy on the JCU campus but also commemorates Tim's contributions as a political journalist of the highest integrity. Additional screenings are in the works for audiences this fall.

NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT TAKES THE HELM

Lisa Zone '98 will take over for **Larry Oskowski '93** as president of the JCU Alumni Association at the Alumni Board's annual fall meeting. Oskowski completed his two-year term as president last year but remained for a third year to help navigate the Board through the COVID-19 pandemic. Zone, a managing director at Dix & Eaton in Cleveland, will also serve as an ex officio member of the JCU Board of Directors.



ALUMNI REUNION 2022 PROVIDES SUMMER FIREWORKS

John Carroll's annual summer classic did not disappoint. Classes ending in 2 and 7 enjoyed a nostalgia-filled weekend of programming back on campus this past June, complete with enrichment sessions, live entertainment, champagne toasts, and fireworks over Grasselli Tower. Graduates from class years ending in 3 and 8 will be celebrated June 9-10, 2023. To get involved with your class reunion committee, contact alumni@jcu.edu.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING RENAMED FOR FOUNDER OF THE JESUITS

John Carroll University's most iconic building is getting a new name. The Administration Building, the focal point of campus since it opened in 1935, will now be called Saint Ignatius Hall, honoring Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus. The newly named Saint Ignatius Hall will be dedicated on September 8, 2022 in conjunction with the Mass of the Holy Spirit.



PARDON OUR PROGRESS DOLAN RESIDENCE HALL

Prior to its reopening this fall, Dolan Hall hosted alumni and friends for an exclusive tour. The updated version of Dolan Hall features modernized living spaces and amenities, as well as a new, glass-enclosed lobby.

PACELLI RESIDENCE HALL

Following the renovation of Dolan Hall, its neighbor will receive a makeover. Renovations to Pacelli Hall began in the summer of 2022.

Around *the* [QUAD]



SPORTS REPORT

50 YEARS OF WOMEN'S ATHLETICS



As the University celebrates 50 years of women's athletics at JCU, it has been announced that women's wrestling will become the 24th varsity sport at John Carroll, with competition beginning in the 2023-24 academic year.

John Carroll is the first Jesuit university in the United States to offer women's wrestling, as well as the first school in the Ohio Athletic Conference with this opportunity. John Carroll's welcoming of women's wrestling occurs less than a month after the 50th anniversary of Title IX. The addition demonstrates JCU's dedication to providing opportunities for female student athletes.

In 2020, women's wrestling was recognized by the NCAA as an emerging sport for women. Per the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA), JCU joins over 100 colleges to offer the sport.



EXCELLENCE ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Following the 2021-22 academic and athletic year, JCU's athletic program (men's and women's combined) finished #23 (of 438 Division III schools nationally) in the Learfield Directors Cup standings. This marked JCU's highest-ever ranking and further demonstrates the excellence of Blue Streaks athletics.



NEW COACHES LEAD ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

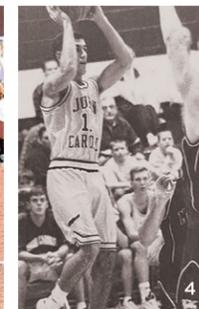
The JCU community welcomes several coaches who were recently hired or elevated to lead their respective programs.

Walt Oden (#1)
Head Coach, Men's and Women's Tennis

Michael Hollins '17 (#2)
Assistant Athletic Director for Student Success and Leadership

Mark Hawald '05 (#3)
Head Coach, Women's Wrestling (remains men's wrestling coach)

Drew Nystrom
Interim Head Coach, Football



JCU HONORS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2022

Seven individuals and one team will be inducted into the JCU Athletic Hall of Fame at its annual ceremony on September 23, 2022.

Jim Mitchell '93 (Football, #5), **Matt Nortz '93** (Cross Country & Track and Field, #7), **Joey Bigler '97** (Men's Basketball, #4), **Amanda Shannon '08** (Women's Golf, #1), **Corey Shontz '12** (Men's Basketball, #2), **Brittany Danilov '12** (Softball, #3), and Head Coach **Hector Marinaro** (Men's Soccer, #6) will be the individuals inducted in 2022.

The **2002 Football team** (#8) will be enshrined as the team inductee.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

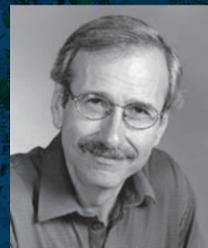
The past year has brought many changes to the campus community, including retirements of longtime faculty and staff. In the Spring 2022 issue of Onward, we featured some of those retirements, with the remaining individuals listed below. We thank all who have departed the University for their service, including the following alumni employees, Silver Circle members (25+ years of service), and senior leaders.



KAREN GYGLI
English



DWIGHT HAHN
Political Science



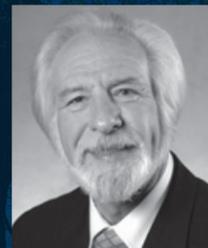
BRADLEY HULL
Management, Marketing, and Supply Chain



JEFFREY JOHANSEN
Biology



ENRIQUE LUENGO
Classical Modern Language & Cultures



MARC LYNN
Management, Marketing, and Supply Chain



JACQUELINE SCHMIDT
Communications



KAREN SCHUELE
Accountancy



LINDA SEITER
Mathematics, Computer Science, and Data Science



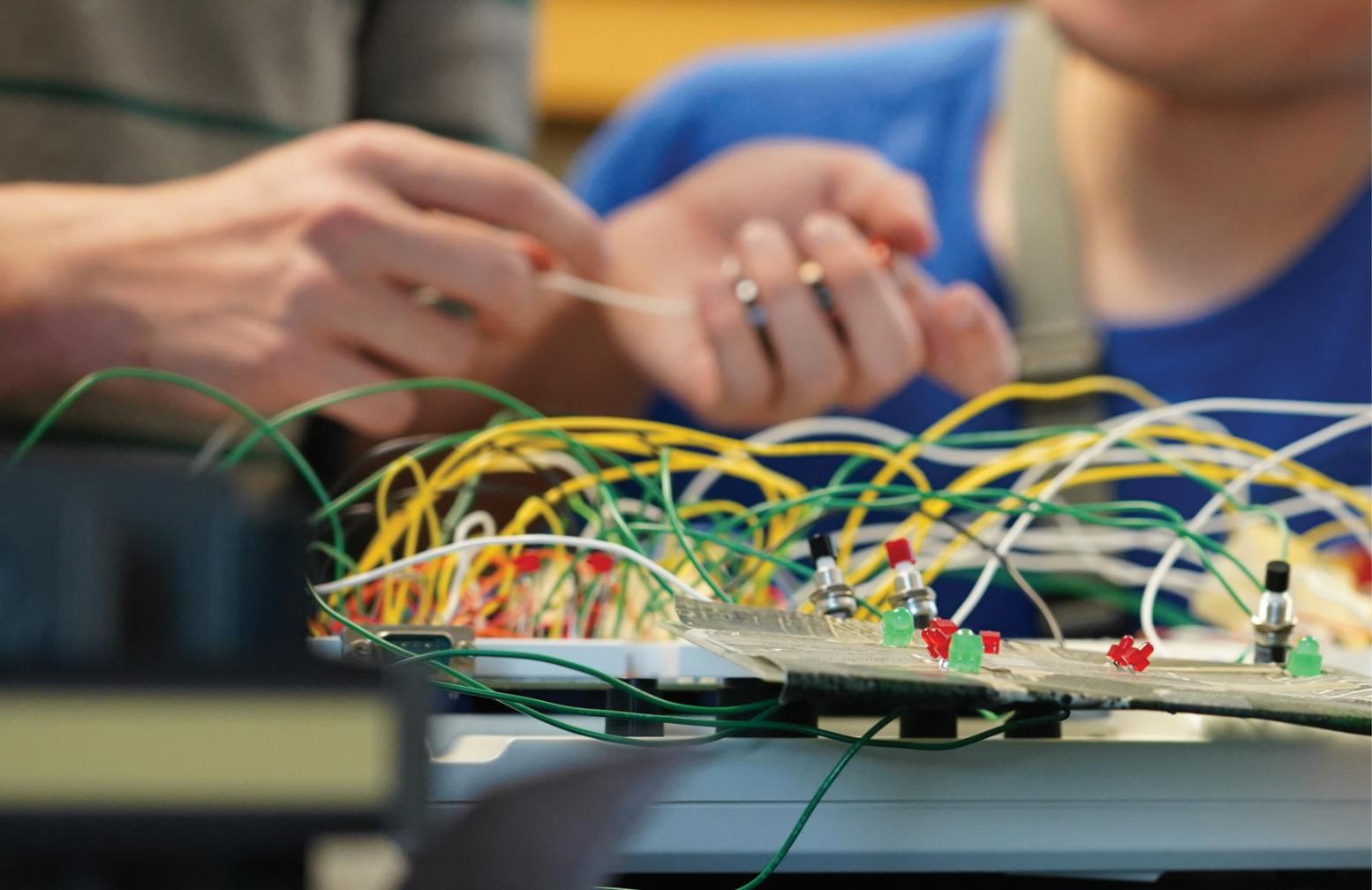
MICHAEL SETTER
Chemistry



PAUL SHICK
Mathematics, Computer Science, and Data Science



CHARLES WATTS
Management, Marketing, and Supply Chain



CHANGE REACTION

HOW JOHN CARROLL *is* ANTICIPATING
THE FUTURE IN BUSINESS AND SCIENCE

By Jo Steigerwald

Heraclitus, the Greek philosopher living in Ephesus around 500 BCE, is credited with saying that change is the only constant in life. This rings especially true right now, as the nature of work and business is changing at an exponential rate. New technologies demand not only specialized skills but also critical thinking to apply those skills in new ways.

If change is a constant, responding to that change takes on different forms. John Carroll University anticipates change in the arenas of business and science with thoughtful—and nimble—programs that result in outstanding outcomes for students, the institution, and the world.

Two dynamic examples can be seen in the proven success of the Boler College of Business' accountancy program, and the innovation underway in the engineering physics program of the College of Arts and Sciences.

NUMBERS DON'T LIE

The numbers speak for themselves—this is accountancy, after all. According to the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, John Carroll students held the highest CPA exam pass rates in Ohio in 2019, at 77%, while the national pass rate hovered at 53%. Boler holds Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business accreditation for its graduate and undergraduate programs as well as the independent accountancy accreditation, held by only five percent of business programs worldwide.

According to Dr. Albert Nagy, professor and chair at the Kramer School of Accountancy and Information Sciences, about 80% of accounting majors take advantage of a robust internship program during



their junior year, and virtually 100% of accounting students are placed with accounting firms, go on to graduate work in a related field, or serve in accounting roles in organizations upon graduation.

"Firms and recruiters tell us that JCU students are so much more prepared," says Nagy. "They present themselves in a professional manner, are willing to work hard and learn, and know how to communicate."

RIGOR & RELATIONSHIPS

These successful outcomes result from deliberate program architecture. The accounting curriculum is designed to push students hard, develop critical thinking skills, and demonstrate how to think on one's feet in a changing environment.

Talk to faculty members, students, employers, and alumni, and one word echoes throughout: rigor. "Rigor" pops up in student survey responses as one of the challenges—and benefits—of the program. Faculty list it as one of the things that sets JCU apart from other programs,

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and recruiters point to it as one of the reasons they know that a JCU graduate will succeed in their firm.

Dr. Robert Bloom, professor of accountancy and senior faculty member of 36 years, believes that rigor, when blended with strong student-faculty rapport, creates success that expands outward from the classroom. "Our curriculum is based in rigor and relevance. Students are actively engaged in their work, and many earn significant scholarships. Faculty provide students with advice and assistance—not just for their coursework, but to help them evaluate different offers of internships and jobs."

Rigor has also attracted the notice of accounting firms and recruiters. Over two decades ago, the accounting program began inviting accounting professionals into the classroom as guest lecturers. They brought in case studies and real-world situations and problems for students to discuss and solve. The department then created a part-time Executive In Residence position to continue this connection between the classroom and industry.

The accounting community, many of them JCU alumni, has responded whole-heartedly. Members of the Big Four accounting firms—Deloitte, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC),

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KPMG, and Ernst & Young—often participate as lecturers, sometimes traveling to do so, like the partner from PwC’s national Washington DC office, who flies in to discuss tax policy with John Carroll students when asked.

“Knowing what firms really want from students helps me in the classroom,” says Dr. Tripp Petzel, associate professor of accountancy and winner of the 2020 Wasmer Outstanding Teaching Award. “The strong relationships between John Carroll and the professional accounting community is a key fundamental cog in accounting’s success story.”

An example of these trusted relationships comes each May during advisory board meetings. Here, faculty meet with active and retired practitioners to review the accountancy program in a candid

discussion of JCU’s program, competing accounting programs at other institutions, firm and organizational needs, and industry trends.

Working closely with industry also led to the CPA Evolution Project, which began in 2021. With sponsorship from the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, JCU began working to realign the current accounting curriculum to meet the upcoming changes in the CPA exam. The new exam will add specialized sections in tax, financial reporting, and information systems over the next three years. JCU is developing courses in data analytics and modifying curricula to meet the needs of the new exam.

“Firm contacts allow us to take the pulse of what’s happening,” states Nagy. “Then we know what our students will need to hit the ground running.”

“We push our students very hard,” says Petzel. “They may anecdotally complain about the rigor, but by spring semester of senior year they see why we push them. This is not a lay-up. When you work for it, you succeed.”

Rigor and relationships lead to jobs, often offered after junior year internships. This gives seniors, who have a job waiting for them after graduation, the freedom to perform better during their last year at John Carroll. JCU accounting graduates often begin at public accounting firms, like the Big Four, but may move into leadership roles as CFOs and CEOs in corporate organizations or start their own companies.

ALUMNI ENDORSEMENT

Lori Kalic '94 echoes the importance of academic rigor and strong relationships with the accounting community. Kalic, a partner and healthcare senior industry analyst at RSM US LLP, also serves on JCU’s accounting advisory committee and

leads RSM’s campus recruiting efforts. She thinks that JCU’s accountancy students represent some of the best and the brightest, and wants to give back to the school that did so much for her.

“I believe that JCU helps cultivate [student] success because of the time and effort that is taken to ensure that the design of the curriculum is relevant, sufficient, and meets the demands of the time. This analysis is ongoing and in making decisions, professors solicit feedback from practitioners in both the public and private sector.”

Kalic considers JCU’s accounting program one of the best in the country, and points to student confidence when placed in professional settings, excellent communication skills, and strong analytical abilities as measures that set graduates apart.

ENGINEERING THE FUTURE

The new engineering physics program shares more than just numbers with accounting. It uses the lessons learned—engagement with a professional community and rigorous academic excellence—to meet the future needs of the engineering marketplace.

Engineering physics merges physics, a fundamental science that asks the big questions of how and why things work, with the problem-solving results of engineering. An engineering physicist uses theoretical approaches to solve real world problems, and JCU engineering physics graduates work in a wide variety of engineering roles for employers as diverse as the Cleveland Clinic, Intel, Amazon, General Electric, and NASA.

STEM FACES FORWARD

John Carroll’s engineering physics program began in the 1980s, and provided a strong foundation for students to go onto specialized engineering programs—like biomedical, electrical, mechanical—at the graduate level or in their first jobs. It prepared graduates to be competitive for directly entering the workforce.

And then the world sped up. Changes in technology and the speed of research have increased the level of competitiveness within all facets of engineering. At the same time, the demand for engineering physicists increased, with predicted growth between 7-10% over the next ten years, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

“What’s coming is different,” says Dr. Jeff Dyck, professor of physics and department chair from the fall of 2014 to this past July. “We don’t want to



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sit still.” In 2019, physics department faculty and JCU administration saw that JCU’s new strategic plan, with its emphasis on experiential learning and enhanced credentials for work-ready programs, gave an opportunity to innovate and position JCU’s engineering physics program to meet the needs of the changing world. Dedicated physics alumni Matthew Keresman '82, Jim DiSiena '77, and Ernest Petti '97 joined with this strategic committee.

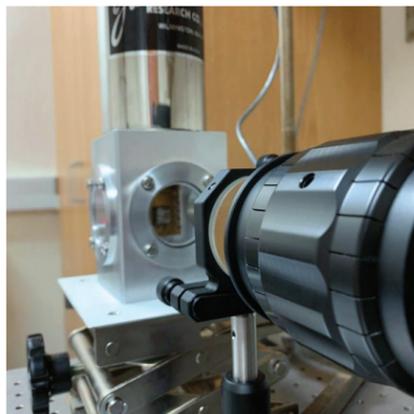
They examined successful JCU programs that had attracted new students and delivered strong outcomes—like accounting—and realized that obtaining national accreditation from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) provided a structure upon which to build from a history of John Carroll’s strong STEM programs.

Not only does ABET accreditation show that JCU meets the standards for the engineering profession, but it also provides a pathway for students to receive a Professional Engineer (PE) credential. Many employers specify graduates of ABET-certified programs, as well as PE licensure, when searching for new hires.

“Accreditation is an external certification that aligns us with what industry wants to see,” says Dr. Steven

Herbert, provost and academic vice president, who also led the ABET accreditation process while he was Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, Dean of the Graduate School, and professor of physics at Xavier University.

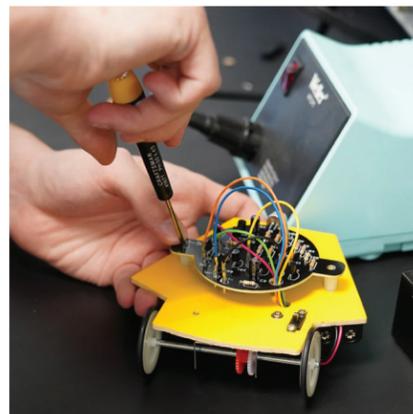
ABET accreditation is a four-year process that began in the fall of 2021. The first step is adjusting existing curricula and adding courses that meet a detailed set of program criteria and benchmarks. Starting in the 2022-2023 academic year, a dedicated, credentialed engineering faculty member will oversee this process and act as a liaison between JCU and ABET. Once a cohort of students graduate from the program, ABET assesses outcomes and program benchmarks, awarding accreditation in arrears. JCU expects to have accreditation awarded in 2026.



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[our alumni] have inspired a number of engineering physics alumni to help launch the new program through their technical expertise, industry connections, and financial support.”

An engineering physics major holds unique and desirable attributes for employers. “We’ve already seen that our current engineering physics grads are hired for their physics knowledge,” notes Dyck. “A background in physics prepares a student to work on less well-defined problems in areas where innovation is happening, like nanoengineering and biotech. Employers want nontraditional engineers who can bridge from one area to another, and an engineering physics major provides that.”

Dr. Angela Harrivel '94, agrees. She credits her JCU physics degree as foundational to her career success, which led to a doctorate in biomedical engineering and her current role as center lead for exploration medical capability activities at the NASA Langley Research Center.



“My JCU education gave me all the technical know-how and experience I needed to get started on my career in the first place. Not just theory and laboratory work, but how to write and communicate, how to take stock of what is known, how to work and solve problems, how to think creatively and critically, how to learn on my own, how to network and interface to ask the important questions. I wouldn’t be where I am today without it.”

ALUMNI AMPLIFICATION

The resources and enthusiasm of alumni have helped JCU’s engineering physics innovations grow out of strong institutional support. Keresman, a member of the original engineering physics graduation class of 1982, wanted to recognize the positive impact that his summer internship had on his career at John Carroll and beyond. In 2017, he created an internship fund for physics majors, a simple donation that would support one student for one summer. Two years later, he raised an internship challenge that matched all donations up to \$70,000. The challenge raised over \$100,000, and is now an endowed fund.

“I wanted other physics students to get as good an experience as I got,” says Keresman. “This new engineering physics program has



gone from a dream and a scratch pad list to a funded program at John Carroll. And there’s always more to do.”

Keresman, along with DiSiena and Petti, have inspired a number of engineering physics alumni to help launch the new program through their technical expertise, industry connections, and financial support.

Upgrades to equipment like CNC machines, 3D printers, electrical and mechanical lab stations, and additional engineering software are planned over the next four years, all opportunities for alumni support.

“There’s a great internal JCU network that supports this program,” says Keresman. “We want a great alumni network energized, focused, and contributing. When we get that, it will be an awesome force.”

THE COMPETITIVE EDGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

National accreditation and excellent outcomes are the quantitative results of successful programs. But qualitative results for both the accountancy and engineering physics programs are rooted in John Carroll’s Jesuit liberal arts tradition. Both disciplines require critical thinking

skills, a willingness to engage in intellectual rigor, and personal engagement and reflection.

Liberal arts’ broad academic foundation in different subjects helps students understand complex systems and how they connect. Considering ethical questions in a philosophy class builds skills that may lead to exercising professional judgement during an accounting audit. “Forcing yourself to go into the origins of philosophy and religion aren’t of obvious help to an engineer,” notes Keresman. “But they add up in terms of ways to approach people and solve problems. They help diversify your problem-solving skills, which is key for an engineer.”

JCU students are more well-rounded than graduates of other accounting or engineering programs because of the liberal arts curriculum, and often have stronger soft skills in communication and presentation that set them

apart to prospective employers. A willingness to work hard and be challenged in the classroom may translate to being a flexible, problem-solving employee.

Students also value and take to heart the Jesuit model of reflection, spending time to determine what was learned or not learned for a class project. Practicing introspection exercises integrity, a valuable attribute to have both personally and professionally. Learning to listen and pay attention to different viewpoints or voices opens a person to accepting innovative ideas or solutions.

“Our liberal arts tradition has produced a really strong academic product,” says Herbert. “In this new world, we are upping our game and taking it to a different level of competitiveness. We’re refreshing and building on strengths. John Carroll launches students to take on the world—and they do.”

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BUILDING

THE FUTURE

JCU'S CAPITAL PROJECTS CAMPAIGN

By Ben Lombardi

The John Carroll University campus is preparing for its first major transformation since the addition of The Dolan Center for Science and Technology in 2003. Planning is well underway for a brand-new Athletic, Wellness, and Event Center (AWE), with construction set to start late this fall. The state-of-the-art fieldhouse will include a 200-meter indoor track, spectator seating, multipurpose courts, locker rooms, classrooms, meeting spaces, as well as an outdoor green space. It is scheduled to open in late 2024.

The Athletics, Wellness, and Event Center will enhance the overall experience for students, faculty, and staff. The fieldhouse will be a new hub of activity for JCU's campus community with brand-new space for intramural sports, classrooms, and gatherings. The facility will be a significant draw for enrollment as John Carroll University continues to enhance its reach in Northeast Ohio and across the Midwest.

"We are building 'Inspired Futures' in our classrooms, in the community, and now, on our campus with important capital improvement projects that will make for a more dynamic student experience," said President Al Miciak. "Our new Athletics, Wellness, and Event Center is one of many examples of our commitment to ensuring John Carroll University is providing students with the best programs, facilities, and opportunities."

SURVEYING THE SITE

The new fieldhouse will deliver a world-class indoor multiuse facility for JCU Athletics, as well as a destination for the campus community. The new facility will be built where the South Belvoir Parking Lot currently sits, connecting to the DeCarlo Varsity Center.

Jeremiah Swetel, JCU's Assistant Vice President of Facility & Auxiliary Services, is leading the university's



efforts for the new facility. The preplanning process has been ongoing for the better part of a year. During that time, Swetel and his team visited six other fieldhouses across the Midwest to determine what type of structure and amenities would best suit John Carroll's needs.

The addition of the facility will also allow JCU to host large-scale events. John Carroll's graduation ceremony could move to the Athletic, Wellness, and Events Center if inclement weather affects commencement weekend. Among other possibilities are college fairs, youth sports tournaments, and community events. With built-in space for spectators, the facility will be perfect for welcoming visitors and events to campus.

Swetel believes the new facility will reignite engagement with the University Heights community.

"It will help us to host a variety of different events and open it (the fieldhouse) up to the community because we think there will be a need there," he said. "We have plans to

include the community with the new addition to campus, very similar to what we do on Memorial Day when we host the city (ceremonies at the city parade's conclusion). We'll be able to do that more often and in the winter months. If there's a celebration, we can have it there."

A portion of the construction will create a connecting building between the new site and the current DeCarlo Varsity Center. This connected structure is where Swetel envisions housing the facility's academic section. Additionally, there are plans for a new green space to accommodate student- and university-sponsored outdoor events. There are also plans to improve student access to the center by adding paths from Hamlin and Pacelli Residence Halls.

Many large facility projects commonly append additional features throughout the course of construction. Swetel says he looks forward to all the new features the facility will bring, including any that have yet to be solidified.



We have really big plans to include the community with the new addition to campus."



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“We are definitely looking forward to seeing the indoor track and the spectator seating, but there are additional features that are currently being planned for,” Swetel says. “I look forward to seeing how the plan for the space evolves and how it comes together to best serve JCU students and the community.”

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The initial project costs 60 million dollars, which was secured through private bond funding.

IMPACT ON ATHLETICS

Over the last several decades, the Blue Streaks have maintained success in the Ohio Athletic Conference and have gained much ground in the national NCAA Division III scene. The Blue Streaks have done this without a fieldhouse, which many competitors enjoy.

With this new facility, John Carroll hopes to prime the athletic programs for future decades of success. A wide variety of sports stand to benefit from the 200-meter indoor track, new locker room space, meeting space, multipurpose courts, and flexible space that can accommodate many uses.

“This new facility is transformative for John Carroll Athletics and the campus community,” said Senior Director of Athletics Michelle Morgan. “The fieldhouse will provide new space for many of our athletic programs, as well as a beautiful space that will be perfect not just for indoor track & field meets, but other large-scale athletic events. This is a thrilling time to be a Blue Streak.”

For several programs, the new facility will be a gamechanger. John Carroll’s Track & Field program will benefit immediately, as the Blue Streaks have never enjoyed a dedicated indoor training or competition space. Head Coach Kyle Basista’s teams can host indoor meets for the first time.

Basista says he believes the new facility will help current student-athletes and boost enrollment for future student-athletes.

“This is a great opportunity for John Carroll Cross Country and Track & Field,” Basista said. “We’ll have a space for practice not only in the winter but year-round, saving us the time and stress of traveling several times a week. We will be able to host meets and events and welcome back alumni. We’ve never had the chance to do that before, so this is exciting.”

The buzz is also building with current student-athletes over the new facility coming to campus. Women’s soccer and softball player Mackenzie Stease ’23 will graduate next year and may never compete in the AWE, but that does not diminish her enthusiasm for her teammates who will.

“I think the new fieldhouse will be a great asset to all sports teams here at JCU for in-season and out-of-season practices and conditioning



programs,” she said. “I’m looking forward to seeing how it will enhance our campus and sports teams.”

INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE

In addition to the Athletic, Wellness, and Event Center, several recently completed and ongoing capital improvement projects exist. JCU leadership is committed to improvements, remodeling, and new amenities for current and future classes.

The completely renovated Dolan Residence Hall reopened in July. Arrupe and other mission-based scholars will receive priority to live in the renovated building starting in the fall 2022 semester. Dolan Hall was built in 1955, so all electric, plumbing, and heating infrastructure had to be removed and replaced to meet current building code regulations.

The updates provide more social and study spaces, including lounges on each floor. Dolan Hall will have a new community room that may serve as a residential and campus programming space. Community restrooms in the building now include more privacy features. There are also more residence hall rooms with private bathrooms, including gender-inclusive bathroom spaces to increase accessibility, inclusivity, and equity in JCU residence halls. In addition to the other improvements, the Counseling Center and the Wellness Center will be relocating to a renovated space on the ground floor of Dolan Hall.

A complete renovation of Pacelli Residence Hall began in May and is ongoing. The project has the same scope as Dolan Hall, adding common spaces and a new elevator

system. Pacelli Residence Hall will accommodate 162 boarding students when complete in the fall of 2023.

“These renovations are designed with both current and future students in mind,” said Lisa Brown-Cornelius, Senior Director of Residence Life. “We wanted to modernize the space while preserving some of the character and beauty of the original building.”

Beyond the residence halls, improvements are coming to the Schott Dining Hall and the Grasselli Library. Additionally, construction will begin on a new nursing lab, accompanying the new Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program that is awaiting accreditation approval.

Construction on phase one of the Grasselli Library renovations is complete. The addition of the Mastrantoni Family Success Commons provided a new home for Academic Success and Career Service departments on the library’s first floor. The new space offers shared space for students to collaborate and private meeting rooms that can be booked for study sessions. A modern, quiet study room was also added to the library’s third floor.

Phase two of the library’s renovation is tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring of 2023. The project will encompass the remainder of the library to update the space to meet the needs of current and future JCU students.

Some of the new resources highlighted in the planning of phase two include the new home of Student

“As higher education evolves, John Carroll adapts to college-bound students’ wants and needs.”

Accessibility Services, the Writing Center, and a newly developed “makers’ space.” Several proposals are still in the visioning stage, including a new library event space, a wellness area, and a center for teaching and learning. Ultimately, the project aims to evolve the use of the library for students and integrate new technology while colocating additional academic resources.

Renovations in the Schott Dining Hall will provide students with a more modern dining experience. Swetel says some of the inspiration for the new footprint comes from the nearby Van Aken District in Shaker Heights, a popular destination for JCU students. The updated layout offers new community spaces for students to gather while they dine.

The dining hall will have eight food service counters, now referred to as dining stations, to choose from at mealtime. One of the new stations features allergen- and vegan-friendly food options. All front- and back-of-the-house kitchen equipment, including top-of-the-line pizza ovens, salad station, and sterilization system, are new.

HIGH TECH HEALTHCARE

In addition to numerous renovations across campus, new construction will begin to accommodate JCU’s new Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. The program is currently in the final stages of earning accreditation with the state of Ohio.

A new nursing lab will be at the center of the program and is under construction on the second floor of the Dolan Center for Science and Technology. The project will feature two main learning centers, high- and low-fidelity nursing labs.

The high-fidelity lab will feature two simulation beds for hands-on patient care training. Audio and video recording will track nursing students’ movements as they participate in training activities. Faculty and students



can access an adjacent viewing room to monitor the exercise. A conference room equipped with an integrated audiovisual system allows students to review their patient care training with peers and faculty in real time.

The low-fidelity nursing lab will consist of 10 beds for patient training practicum. BSN students will gain experience with patient simulator mannequins in the low-fi lab. Courses and other training in this lab will allow healthcare providers of the future to hone their skill sets.

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The overarching theme for all ongoing and upcoming projects is to seamlessly integrate JCU’s collegiate gothic architecture with modern amenities for students to access campus resources easily. Campus leaders have approached the capital projects thoughtfully and with an eye toward current and future JCU classes. As higher education evolves, university leadership is working to remain at the forefront of innovation while preserving John Carroll University’s past.

Weddings



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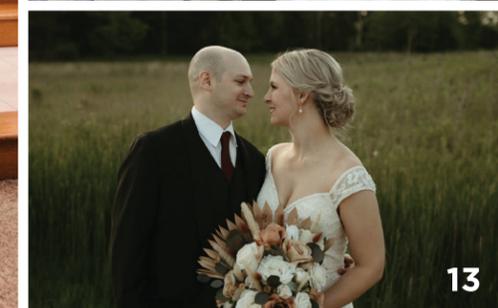
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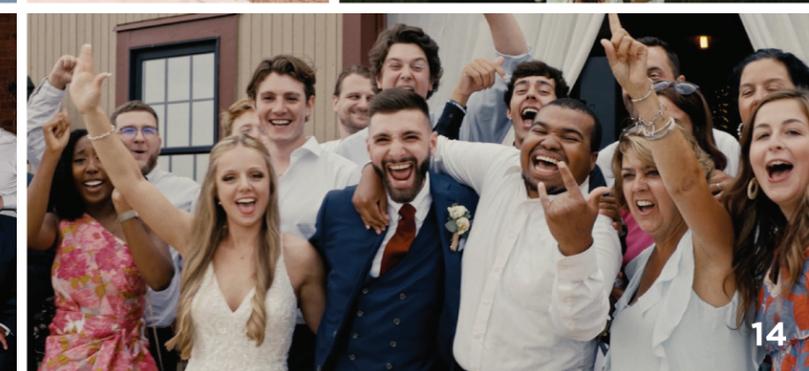
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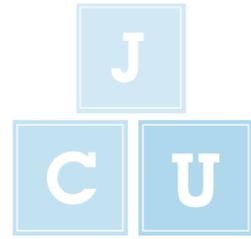


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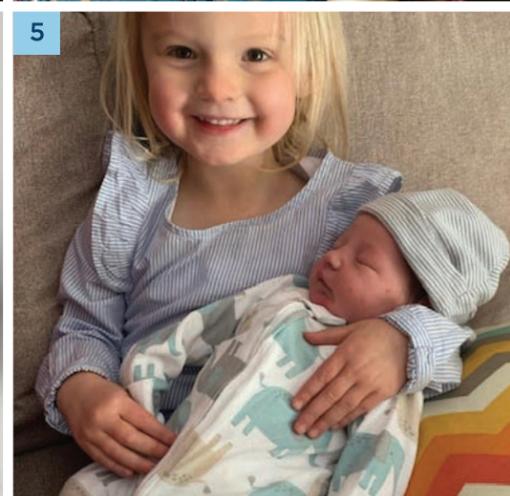
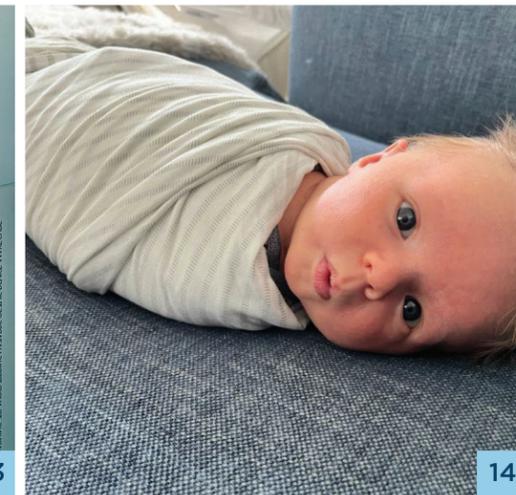


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- 1 **Karina (Del Valle) '14** and **Dave Clifford '14** were married last May.
- 2 **Rachel (Distler) '15** married **Daniel Page** on August 15, 2021.
- 3 **Elizabeth (English) Morizzo '16** surrounded by Blue Streak friends at her wedding.
- 4 **Zach Strippy '15** married **Margaret Schmidt '23G**.
- 5 **Suzu Music '08** and **Rakesh Devineni** were married on April 23, 2022 with numerous Blue Streaks there to celebrate.
- 6 **Marisa Benich '08** and **Stephen Reading**, here with goldendoodle **Murphy**, were married on June 4.
- 7 **Alejandro Charette '19** married **Allison Walden**, and recently welcomed son **Elias**.
- 8 **Aydan Hanlon '18** married **Bethany Clark** on July 1, 2022 with 22 Blue Streaks in attendance.
- 9 **Brynn Doherty '15** and **Alex Manos '15** were married on March 26, 2022, in Boca Raton, Florida with many Blue Streaks in attendance.
- 10 **AnnMarie (Kirchner) '17** married **Steve Virost '18** with a host of Blue Streaks in attendance.
- 11 **Leanne Tang '19** married **Stephen Matz**.
- 12 **Michelle Bober '15** and **Jacob Millorino '15** were married on May 14, 2022, at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland with many Blue Streaks in attendance.
- 13 **Ryan Amoroso '18** and **Katie Advent '18** were married on May 28, 2022 in Hudson, Ohio.
- 14 **Eddie Marotta '19** with wife **Erica** and a nation of Blue Streaks.
- 15 **Drew Turner '19** and **Caroline Bland '19** were married on April 30, 2022.



Future **BLUE** **STREAKS**



- 1 **Jessica Fleming '14** shared this cute photo of Gregory James, born on February 9, 2022.
- 2 **Lauren Laughlin '14** and daughter Violet.
- 3 **Melissa Spahr '14** shared a photo of daughter Everly Ertter.
- 4 **Michael '00** and **Rachelle (Finizio) Psznick '98** welcomed Nico Michael Psznick.
- 5 **Molly (Scholla) McMahon '08** and husband Jeff welcomed Quincy Ruth, pictured with big sister Madigan.
- 6 **Molly Jarosi '14** with baby boy Miles McCray Jarosi.

- 7 **Spencer '13** and **Brittany (Fleming) German '13** welcomed son Jackson earlier this year. Go Streaks!
- 8 **Amy (Allega) Dasinger '06** and her husband **Joe '07G** welcomed Emersyn Rose.
- 9 **Angela (Cardena) Spengler '15** and her husband welcomed the birth of their son, Noah Allen Spengler, on April 27, 2022.
- 10 **Brodie (Hartsel) '15** and **Sam Braun '15** welcomed their daughter, Molly McNee Braun, on October 9, 2021.
- 11 **Emily (Grazia) '15** and **Ryan Devin '15** welcomed their son, Knox Ryan Devin, on July 1, 2022.

- 12 Jack Andrews, son of head women's basketball coach **Beth (Switzler) Andrews '15** and husband Jordan, was born on May 19, 2022.
- 13 **Lisa '09** and **Andy Pacconi '09** welcomed Lilah Katherine into the world.
- 14 **Mary (Lutter) '15** and **Rich Mazzola '13** welcomed their son, Leo Richard Mazzola, on May 15, 2022.
- 15 **Valerie (Gillombardo) '15** and **David Hendrickson '15** welcomed their baby girl, Riley Amelia Hendrickson, on April 24, 2022.



SAVE *the* DATE

REUNION 2023

JUNE 9-10

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- The Annual Alumni Golf Classic on Friday, June 9 (separate registration required)
- The Welcome Back Festival on Rodman Terrace with food, beverages, artists, and live music on Friday evening
- Alumni Continuing Education (A.C.E.S.) sessions with JCU faculty
- Mass in Kulas Auditorium
- Dinner and dancing at the Dolan Center for Science & Technology on Saturday evening
- Fireworks Grand Finale

REUNION REGISTRATION PACKAGES:

- **FRIDAY EVENING ONLY**
Includes one entree and one dessert voucher at the Welcome Back Festival (gourmet food trucks, bars, artists, and live music).
- **SATURDAY EVENING ONLY**
Includes Saturday Mass and plated three course meal, late night food trucks, fireworks finale, and other entertainment.
- **ALL DAY SATURDAY**
Includes Saturday evening package plus breakfast, lunch, Presidential Reception, and entertainment.
- **ALL REUNION PACKAGE**
Includes Friday Evening and All Day Saturday packages.

All packages include complimentary drink tickets.

Lodging is available in Murphy Hall or at a number of local hotels where special room rates are available for alumni and guests.

Pricing and registration coming in 2023.

ALUMNI EVENTS

September 4
GUARDIANS VS. MARINERS
JCU Day at Progressive Field

September 7
A.C.E.S.: FUGITIVE REFUGE
Featuring Philip Metres, Ph.D.

September 14
ALUMNI AUTHOR SERIES
Ready for Female Leadership

September 16-18
BLUE STREAK SUPPER CLUB
The concept is simple: host a dinner party for three or more JCU alums on September 16, 17, or 18th, ask each attendee to donate the cost of their dinner back to JCU, and hashtag your photos at #JCUSupperClub! Register your dinner with the Office of Alumni Relations and receive a gift just for hosting! Learn more at jcu.edu/alumni.



September 19
PANEL DISCUSSION RELIGION AFTER ROE:
Abortion in Judaism, Christianity, & Islam

September 22
GRADUATES OF THE LAST DECADE
Homecoming Social

September 27
BUFFALO ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTION

September 28
ROCHESTER ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTION

October 4
A.C.E.S.: FRENCH REVOLUTIONS: LES MISERABLES IN CONTEXT
Featuring Anne Kugler, Ph.D.

October 6
CLEVELAND ALUMNI & FRIENDS SOCIAL

October 11
CHICAGO ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTION

October 19
A.C.E.S.: SEXISM AND DOCTOR-PATIENT ENCOUNTERS
Featuring Deniz Durmus, Ph.D.

October 21
LES MISERABLES
at Playhouse Square

November 2, 3
GRADUATE STUDIES ALUMNI & FRIENDS SOCIAL

November 5
Chicago Alumni Chapter
JCU VS. MOUNT UNION FOOTBALL GAME WATCH PARTY

November 9
PITTSBURGH ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTION

November 16
COLUMBUS ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTION

November 28
A.C.E.S.: THE TRUE STORY OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON
Featuring Marus Gallo, Ph.D.

December 3
NEW YORK CITY ALUMNI & FRIENDS MASS AND BRUNCH

December 4
The 2nd Annual
LIGHTING OF THE JCU QUAD

December 10
Outing to the
JCU @ CAPITAL MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAMES

December 22
HAMILTON at Playhouse Square

HOMEcoming & FAMILY WEEKEND **September 23-25**



TONY DECARLO MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING
Month XX

SAVE THE DATE FLORIDA SPRING BREAK

We look forward to seeing our Florida alumni and friends during the week of **February 20**.

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Have news to share? Contact your class columnist with your updates or email journal@jcu.edu.

Stay connected to JCU throughout the year! Visit jcu.edu/alumni and update your email, ensuring that you continue to receive notifications of JCU events near you, campus news, the *Onward* online newsletter, and other class updates.

1954 | Peter Mahoney

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In the Sunday paper, right after the sports section, I turn to the obits, better known as the Irish Sports Pages. From time to time, someone from schools I attended, neighborhoods I lived in, or clubs I belonged to (bars) is smiling back at me. The hair may be different, the face with a bit of a sag, but still the name is the connection. Then I think how well did I know them? I have not seen them for a while. But, then the memories start to come back. Two of our classmates put me through this sequence: **Lou LaRiche**—Mr. Automobile, Mr. GM, Mr. Chevrolet. I remember talking to him a few years ago in the midst of a program by GM to close dealerships. Too many of them—so let's see if we can squeeze a few out. Lou heard the song sung by Detroit and said, "I built this dealership, and they are not going to squeeze me out." Many phone calls, meetings, promises and threats, Lou letting it be known that he had the chutzpah to say "this dealership is not closing." Finally, the stories passed. Lou, thinking about it, said, "I learned that many men I trusted and considered friends walked away when I needed their help. GM is a business and the business comes first." Lou was a businessman through and through, but it seems that he always had his customers first in line. **Dr. John Spaniol, O.D.**—The eye man ... the optometrist. For many years, John owned and managed the Union Eye Care on Lorain Road in North Olmsted. With John's help, I progressed through the science of aging eyes, readers, full lenses and then bifocals. I would see him often after the Saturday 4:30 p.m. mass at St. Joseph in Avon Lake. Once after mass he asked me, "Why do you always write about the same people?" I explained that these were the people who sent me notes, emails, or phone calls about what was happening in their lives. John was a

man of few words. But when he spoke, it was worth listening to. So much for great memories. Our next episode is to let me know who was your favorite teacher at JCU. And let me know why. I have a new email address: peter007mahoney@gmail.com. Keep the faith, Pete

1956 | Albert Knute Oberst, JD

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Many thanks to **Robert Dawson** for responding to my phone calls! Robert was in the Business, Economic and Government Department's Class of 1956 and the Commerce and French Clubs. He has six children, 14 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He owned and managed three air conditioning manufacturing plants which he sold and retired. Bob is a world traveler, who mentioned he used some of the French he learned at JCU when he visited France and Paris. Thanks, Professors Aubé and Jablonski. Bob lives in Bay Village, Ohio close to Lake Erie. I also talked to one of our class member's widows. I regret to say our Alumni Directory from 2004 and class list are not very helpful. They are both out of date. Even going online proved no help other than finding many obits. Many of our class members have earned their eternal reward. Thanks be to GOD.

Please send your updates if you have any, I'd love to hear from you. My main reason for doing this job is to bring back the memory of my dad who spent 35 years of loyal service at JCU. One of the former JCU students, Chuck Heaton, wrote an article in the Plain Dealer about Eugene G. Oberst, the GENTLE GIANT. My dad was 6'4" and weighed 300 pounds. He was a tackle at Notre Dame and an Olympic medal winner. Chuck Heaton was the press writer for my dad when he was the Athletic Director. AMDG! AI

1957 | Bart Merella

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Still here after COVID-19 and the recent class reunion in June. About the class reunion, I was not surprised that the class alumni present for the festivities was much smaller than in the past. Health and age definitely have taken their toll on reunion attendance; about 10 or so class members were present. Some names you may remember: **Al Musca, Dick Huberty, Ron Occhionero, Frank Singel, Jay Holler, John Szabo, and Tony Gambatese**, among others. Had hoped to include a photo of the group present, but my limited cellphone expertise got the better of me. The reunion program was much different from our past gatherings, but still enjoyable, especially the fireworks finale. Now to the class news. **Tony Cuttone** has now joined others of our deceased alumni, after his 32-year career in Cook County and Chicago law enforcement. He summarized his experience in a short book entitled "Insider Stories" that captures his on-the-beat experiences: humorous, bizarre, and heart-warming. At our reunion dinner, Dick Huberty gave me a list of all class members who have died. It tells a sad, but inevitable story. I compared the list to our graduation year classbook—so many familiar faces gone!!! Please send me your update by email or by post (4403 Ockford Lane, Bowie, MD 20715).

1959 | Jerry Burke

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It was good to hear from several of our classmates. **Jim Urban** reports that he spent 40 years as an engineer and sales manager before retiring and getting involved in a lot of volunteer work. Last August he received an award for having done over fifteen thousand hours of volunteer work. Jim says that now it is time for rest. Hats off to you, Jim. **Ed Novak** reports that he is still

above ground. Ed has been widowed for five years. His children and seven grandchildren all live out of state. It is really good to hear from you, Ed. **Denny Fagan** checked in to report that he is also above ground. After retiring, Denny moved to Ft. Myers, Florida. After his wife Barbara passed away, Denny remarried and he and Lucy have pretty much traveled all over the world. Remembering ROTC training, Denny says he gives the grim reaper as many targets as possible, and hopes the reaper doesn't catch up with him anytime soon. A voice out of the past; a good friend that I had not heard from in years, **Alan Tokanaga** reported from the Island. He says that he is alive and well and would like to know who else is. Well, Naga, a good number from the study club are, including **Tom McGann, Joe Ruble, Paul Brust, Ed Paglione, F.X. Walton, John Breznai, Jack Ryan, Marty Dempsey, Bob McFaul, Tom Tully**, and me. **Jack Werner** has been among the missing for a number of years, but Marty Dempsey thinks we have found a trail, and Marty and I will try to find him. Sadly, I do have to report that we lost one of the good guys, **Bill Colson**, to COVID-19 this past winter. Bill was living in Florida after retiring from his long career practicing law. Bonnie and I had lunch with Bob and Wendy McFaul recently. His daughter is a head nurse at Highland Park Hospital, the site of the recent tragedy. We are also planning a trip to South Carolina this fall to visit F. X. and Kathy Walton, where we will be joined by Donna and John Breznai. The Waltons recently returned from a trip to Montana, where F.X. enjoyed some trout fishing. That's about all I have for now. Keep the info coming in and I will pass it along. It is so nice to hear from all of you.

1961 | Jack Hearn

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Thanks to an alert classmate who saw the following article on Facebook recently, regarding our **Ray Smith**: "You might find it interesting that some of your Eastlake North High School teachers are still alive and kicking. Anyone remember Mr. Smith who taught senior Government? He is living in Willoughby, vacations in Naples, Florida and can be seen at the Willoughby YMCA indoor track, Planet Fitness in Mentor, and multiple golf courses in

Lake County. He also has organized a group of retired teachers who meet for monthly lunches." **Dick Murray** and **Gerry O'Connell**, cochairmen of the scholarship committee, recently reported The Class of 1961 Endowed Scholarship is estimated to be in excess of \$325,000 as of May 31, 2022. These funds have typically provided scholarship assistance for three to five students per school year. **Dan Hoy** studied philosophy in the doctoral program at Tulane University on a Woodrow Wilson Scholarship after his days at JCU and then taught at Anna Maria College, Rhode Island College, and the University of Dayton. While teaching at Anna Maria, he earned a M.A. degree in philosophy at Boston College. Changing fields in mid-career, he earned a doctorate from Boston University and became a licensed therapeutic psychologist who specialized in counseling adolescents in the school setting and in private practice. Dan, who has five children, eleven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren, retired four years ago. He and his wife, Ellen, now reside in Narragansett, Rhode Island. **Bill Somnitz** is a retired educator who taught in the elementary schools of the Mayfield School District. He later drove an 18-wheeler over most of the United States for the next five years and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, the scenery, and the different individuals he encountered. In his spare time, Bill volunteers as an usher at his parish in Kirtland, Ohio—Divine Word. He and his wife, Sally, have a son, two daughters, and two stepsons. On the opposite end of Greater Cleveland is **Thomas Holowecky**, a retired CPA, who has resided in Avon, Ohio with his wife, Coletta, for over forty years. They have been married for sixty-one years, spend four months each year vacationing in Sarasota, Florida, and have traveled extensively throughout the United States. In addition, they have enjoyed fifteen cruises as well as several trips to Europe. Tom and his wife have six children (all college graduates) and thirteen grandchildren. **Patrick Brady** is a retired CPA who was employed by the Barnes Group for twenty-five years. He also served as a corporate tax manager and public accountant. He and his wife Frances have two daughters (one is a JCU graduate) and four grandchildren. Keep me informed. JH

1962 | Terry Leiden

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The class of 1962 had its 60th reunion this year. Unlike our 50th reunion where 78 graduates were in attendance, our class has slimmed-down. There were eight of us in attendance on June 10 and 13 on June 11. We have lost a lot of friends over the past 10 years. Looking all the way BACK, the first of our class to pass on was **Leonard Dadante** on September 21, 1965, in hostile action in Vietnam. **Dennis Wroblewski** died soon after on October 10, 1967, in a military aviation accident. We have lost many others since then and we had a group prayer for all who have gone before. On the other hand, the Class of '62 were a happy, rowdy crew as always, but they were more sedate with their wives on Saturday for the sit-down dinner. Attendees were **Marty Burke, Jim Devine, Paul Dwyer, Ed Fernbacher, Bob Fitzmaurice, Chuck Hillig, Ken Hovan, Dick Jacobs, Frank Karlik, John Lewis, Doc Kopfinger, Bob Finnessy, and Mike Sullivan**. Probably the most interesting thing were the conversations about everybody's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Brenda and Bob Finnessy



were excited, as Brenda was planning a 100-mile bicycle ride for Pelatonia, a cancer research fundraising charity, on August 6, 2022. Brenda is a 10-year cancer survivor. Her supporters pay a dollar a mile and the money goes 100% to The Ohio State University for cancer research. All in all, the classmates were happy to be with each other and we are looking forward to more reunions in the future. As always, you can email me at any time.

1963 | Pete Mykytyn
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It's hard to believe that the spring 2022 issue of the JCU magazine just came out and now I'm writing the column for the next time. Not sure when it will show up. I got a nice note from **Gary Previts** telling me that he and **Tom LaFond** reminisced following the annual Memorial Day observation in Rocky River. Tom is a retired attorney, and Gary is a professor at Case Western Reserve University. One of Gary's sons, Navy Lt. Matt Previts, was MC for the event. I mentioned to Gary that he and I are still working as university professors. Small world! **Irv Diamond** is a retired CPA from REDW, a firm in Albuquerque. Irv moved there in '63. His daughter and her family are in San Diego, his son and family in NYC. Wow. All over the place, Irv. Irv indicated he is planning on our 60th reunion next June. I received a couple of emails from **Mike Holt** who has quite a background. I don't have the available space to include everything, but I'll do my best. Most recently, his son Michael was married in the Dominican Republic and got his Master's degree



in Data Analytics at Towson University. Like father, like son, as you will see! In 1966, Mike got his MBA from the University of Maryland. After a bit, he was hired as a sales trainee at Service Bureau Corporation, an IBM subsidiary. SBC was one of the first service bureaus providing data processing services to businesses. Today, we would most likely use the term outsourcing. Mike became friends with several people involved with President Kennedy and Bobby Kennedy. After Bobby's death, Mike left SBC and started his own company, Central Data Processing, which involved some very interesting approaches to entrepreneurship. As I read his news, I think differentiation was very much involved. He retired from CDP after 45 years. CDP still exists today but no longer provides computer services. Mike sent me considerable detail about his approach to entrepreneurship which is very interesting. On the one hand, he was obviously very successful. In addition, I teach a class in entrepreneurship at SIU Carbondale, and it will be interesting and informative to my students to include some of Mike's experience. This just about brings me to my word limit for the column. However, keep in mind that June 2023 is the big 60 for us next year. It's way too early to plan definitely, but begin to think about it. And send me any update info you can. It's always appreciated. Take care and stay safe.

1964 | Frank Kelley
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Tony Compisi reports that he received a phone message from **John Kovach** recently which read—in its entirety, beginning with his nickname—"Ain't, I forgot why I called you. If I remember what it was I'll call back. Have a nice day; Kovach out." Well, this is the year of "80" (except for **John Letherman** who skipped a grade sometime last century), so we can all be forgiven a little forgetfulness. On a sincere note, we all thank John for his weekly reminder, in the midst of a busy world, to tip our hats to the One that sustains us all. I had occasion to contact **Ginny** and **Russ Centanni** upon reading of a wonderful Arbor Day Foundation initiative in the greater Boise, Idaho area. The ongoing "City of Trees Challenge" aims to plant one urban tree for every Boise household (100,000) and one seedling in the



surrounding forests for every Boise resident (235,000). In two years, 112,000 seedlings have been planted on sections of the Boise National Forest damaged in the 2016 Pioneer Forest Fire; what a wonderful environmental initiative. In the midst of all the cacaphonic arguments surrounding fossil fuels, planting a tree provides us all a simple way to help effect positive change, adding both oxygen replenishment and a carbon sink to our environment. When you get Kovach's next Thursday prayer nudge, add photosynthesis to your "thankful" list, and plant a tree with the grandkids. Russ Centanni achieved his Ph.D. in Microbiology & Immunology at the University of Montana in 1971 and has taught associated subjects at Boise State since 1973, with tours as visiting professor at Idaho State University (1975) and University of British Columbia (1981-82). In 2004, Russ retired after 31 years as Emeritus Full Professor. He presently serves on the Osher Advisory Board supporting the educational and public engagement goals of BSU. In retirement he has perfected woodworking, a hobby begun with the birth of his first grandchild in 1995, and is the 2022 Featured Artist of Idaho Artistry in Wood. Ginny gave Russ a scroll saw for Christmas in 1996 and he has perfected his craft ever since, receiving numerous ribbons at the Idaho Artistry and Western Idaho Fairs including "People's Choice" and "Best of Division." I urge you to google "Russ Centanni woodworking" to view his remarkable pieces. He and Ginny plan an extensive autumn driving tour through Arkansas and Mississippi visiting family and friends. Several classmates have made plans to attend the September 2022 Homecoming weekend,

including **Gordy Priemer**, Tony Compisi, **Ron Timpanaro**, **Bill Smith**, **Al Rutledge**, **Charlie Englehart**, **Frank Kelley**, **Dave McClenahan**, and **Dick Koenig**. The group is excited to visit the campus three years after our 55th reunion and I look forward to providing their comprehensive assessment of the current state of campus life in our next issue. Al Rutledge and several other Detroit Austin Catholic Prep classmates of **Ted Bidigare** are assisting family member efforts to locate Ted's remains in Arlington National Cemetery. As many know, Ted is a Vietnam war hero who barely survived several significant wounds of a 50-caliber machine gun which brought down his aircraft. I had occasion to go boating with Ted in 1967 upon his return to Detroit. I witnessed the three horrific 1/2-inch gouges across his back, each several inches long. I assure you, only split seconds spared our friend's life that day. Lastly, hearty congratulations to JCU on two issues: Michelle Morgan, JCU Athletic Director and Division III Management Council Chair, has been selected one of seven non-voting members of the NCAA Board of Governors. Quite an honor. Secondly, Crain's Business News of Cleveland reports that JCU's Boler School of Business now boasts over 700 CEOs and company presidents across the United States. Quite a record. I am looking forward to seeing as many as possible of you at our 60th reunion in 2024. Until then, be healthy and happy. God bless all Streaks! Frank

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This will mark my final submission as Class Columnist for JCU's Class of '65. After more or less three decades of reporting, it is time for me to refocus as I, as well as most of you, enter our eighth decade. I have been withdrawing from some aspects of my many retirement activities to concentrate on several issues that I believe are most urgent at this moment. First, to fight government efforts to privatize Medicare (and eventually as it now looks, Social Security). Second, to actively work for the establishment of public banks throughout the country. I will also continue my work in support of better care for military veterans. My wife, Cecile, and I will continue to travel as we have done since I retired from the federal

government 20 years ago. Moreover, lots of books out there, yet to read. I expect that one of you will step forward to pick up the baton, the torch, the cudgel, the lamp or whatever you might wish to call it and move ahead as columnist. Our 60th reunion in 2025 awaits, although my return to Cleveland and therefore my attendance are unlikely. These lines from Lord Tennyson's poem "Ulysses" pretty much sum it all up.

Lord Tennyson's poem "Ulysses" (excerpt):

How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
To rust unburnish'd, not to shine in use!

As tho' to breathe were life! ...

... and vile it were

... to store and hoard myself,

And this gray spirit yearning in desire

To follow knowledge like a sinking star,
Beyond the utmost bound of human thought.

... you and I are old;

Old age hath yet his honor and his toil.

Death closes all; but something ere the end,

Some work of noble note, may yet be done,

Not unbecoming men that strove with Gods.

Well, the "strove with the Gods" might be a bit strong, but a bit of hyperbole at our age always helps. My email address is rtiton@comcast.net. Keep in touch as you wish. All the best ... Dick

The Office of Alumni Relations reports **Robert C. Burt '65** passed on July 4, 2022, per an email from his daughters. They shared that Robert was very proud of the Jesuit education he received at John Carroll. During his time at JCU, his love of literature burgeoned, and he was an active member of several activities and sports, including the school yearbook and track and field.

1966 | Tom Gibbons
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Kevin Leigh left JCU and began a teaching career at St. Charles Borromeo School in Parma, Ohio. After two years,

he moved from education to become a pharmaceutical sales representative, a vocation he pursued for over 40 years. But he didn't leave St. Charles. Recruited as track coach, he has continued in that post for nearly 60 years, being named to the Cleveland CYO Hall of Fame, the St. Charles Hall of Fame, and—most recently—named "Citizen of the Month" by the Parma City Council. Kevin is so respected in the community that even his mailman showed up for the awards ceremony. Kevin and Paula recently celebrated their 52nd anniversary with their six kids and eight grandchildren. **Dale Winchell** and his family are JCU people. After nine years of night school toil, he graduated in 1966. His wife, Virginia, has a JCU M.A.; son Greg is class of '88; daughter Kathleen, '99. Grandson Ryan was a football player who graduated in '14. Dale's career was in retail with Sears, but he's now retired. All the Winchells say, "Thanks, JCU, for the great foundation." **Rion Uncapher** writes from Tennessee that he is 85, has been retired for 23 years, plays golf three times a week, and plans to "continue for some time." That's what we like to hear! **Eloise Vaccariello Traina** and her husband, Michael J. Traina, both received M.A. degrees in 1966. Eloise had an engagement broken off and asked the Dean of the History Department to put her into a class with the "most single men." It worked! M.A. and Mrs. from the same class. She was a Fulbright Scholar in Mexico in 1995. Michael and Eloise have two children, five grandsons, and one granddaughter who will enter JCU in the fall of 2022 in the honors program. Sad to report, the Traina family lost patriarch Michael in June. Post JCU, **John R. "Sammy" Schwartz** attended law school at Albany Law School of Union University where he received his law degree in 1969. He worked in his hometown of Rochester, New York for many years before becoming a judge. But he was more than that. He got immersed in a movement. After presiding over many trials of drug addicts where he saw the same addicted people again and again, Schwartz became involved in drug treatment courts, a program that began in Florida and, with Schwartz's support (he also served as chair of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals), is now a national organization of over 3,000 courts that offer professional addiction counseling along with court monitoring. Rather than prison, those suffering from addiction are offered treatment supervised by the courts.



Photo: Front (l. to r.): Jack Wyar, Jake Boland, Bob Jacobs. Back: Kevin Leigh, Larry, Dan Ruminski, Bob Searson, Guy Nerren. Missing, but real golfers: Jim O'Keefe, Tom Gibbons

The recidivism rate for these courts has decreased by 40%, thanks in part to our own Sammy Schwartz, who is now happily retired at his lovely waterfront home on Lake Ontario. **Charles "Chuck" Bartels**, in his late 70s, began a new career as a northeast Illinois Vistage Chair, coaching a CEO peer-advisory group made up of "young, eager, biomed engineers in a medical device firm." A triumph of wisdom over energy. Chuck, a member of JCU's first wrestling team in the 1960s, spoke via Zoom to today's class of current wrestlers about the long-term value of their wrestling experience combined with a JCU education. **Larry Henry** has organized a golf outing for the Class of '66 since our 50th reunion in 2016, usually at Manakiki Golf Course in Lake County, Ohio. This year's outing consisted of eight golfers (including several duffers, led by your correspondent) and a couple of wanna-bees, who showed up for the post-links celebrating.

1968 | Jeff Hawk
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Dear Classmates, Jenny and I hope you and yours are safe, well, happy. I hope you will continue to be a consistent donor to the Carroll Fund. Thank YOU in advance; your contributions make the difference and we are very grateful for your support. John Carroll University is our family and we are John Carroll University's family. As you know, these are very difficult times for all of us. Just a suggestion that may help: focus on

God more, pray more, keep smiling, keep your positive attitude, help your family and others. I received information on the passing of two more Carroll Class of '68 Sons. Theresa Soucek wrote to inform me that her husband, **John Soucek**, passed away back in December. He was a very proud graduate of John Carroll University. Terri and John had been living in Jacksonville, Florida, since 1970. John worked for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida for 30+ years. He developed dementia and was in a memory care home for the last four years. He left behind daughter Beth, son-in-law Kevin and an 11-year-old grandson, Sean. **Anthony Delbosfuger** passed away back in November 2021. Anthony was a Retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army and worked in retail sales for many years. He and wife Verda were married 49 years. Anthony was very active in Kiwanis and was a past president. If you've not had a chance yet, please send me an email, a letter, a phone call: Jeff and Jenny Hawk, 317-640-2122, 11452 Songbird Lane East Wildwood Estates, Fishers, IN 46038. For You and John Carroll University.

1971 | Rosemary Costello
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I am so grateful for all the emails I've received from so many of you. **Bill Lavezzi**, while continuing to play and sing, just completed a program to become a professional

registered parliamentarian. Let him know if you have a need for a singing parliamentarian. **John Zarek** still lives in Seattle after retiring as the clinical director of pharmacy in the Swedish Health Systems. He continues to enjoy bicycling and traveling around the United States and Europe. John is involved in various ministries within his parish. **Mike Mannion** is also involved in his parish, serving as Grand Knight in his parish Knights of Columbus Council. His youngest son Connor is enrolled at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona, Florida. **Cormac Delaney's** daughter Megan Eileen was recently married at Gesu Church in Toledo. Cormac was the first in his family to go to John Carroll, followed by many family members through the years. **John Byers** updated his information also. After receiving draft number 60, John enlisted in the Navy and was chosen for officer training school. After tours in the Panama Canal zone and San Diego, John was assigned to General Schwarzkopf's staff at Macdill AFB in Tampa, eventually retiring as a Commander. John and his wife Barb '72 joined their son as cast members for the Walt Disney Company in 2003 until retirement in 2016. They now live in The Villages in central Florida. **Jim O'Brien** checked in, reporting that his youngest son Patrick is getting married in August in Chicago. We got to meet Patrick when he was a student at the University of Illinois. Jim continues enjoying golf in his retirement. **Virgil Strohmeier** is a retired Foreign Service Officer. He sent me an interesting email about the many degrees and his many activities in places throughout the world. He studied at various universities in the United States and Europe. His studies were wide, ranging from the Christian minorities of the Ottoman empire to Indo-European folklore and mythology. He also worked at various universities, again around the world. With all this serious work, Virgil does report that he participates in fencing, chess, bicycling, and motorcycling. His wife Isabella continues to work for the State Department, and his daughter is a student in the Russian M.A. program at Uppsala University. In April, on my way to the races at Keeneland, I had dinner with **Larry Cullen** and his wife Deb in a charming French restaurant in Midway, Kentucky. He is enjoying his life with Deb in Danville, Kentucky, which according

to them, appears to be a very lovely town with a college and a history of having a brass horn festival yearly. Larry is active as a CASA volunteer. In recent years, he was named CASA volunteer of the year for the state of Kentucky. I attended the class of '72 reunion in June. **Rick Welchans**, **Charlie Algier**, **Mike Howe**, and **Ginger Simoson Eby** from our class were there also. Linda Meglin '74 premiered her documentary about Tim Russert's years at Carroll. The many photos from our years at Carroll brought back many memories. Chuck Todd from NBC is the narrator. Tim's wife, Maureen Orth, and son Luke joined us. Linda hopes soon to be able to share the film with JCU alums in Chicago and is working with NBC to be able to distribute the film more widely. I end this column with the sad news of **Mimi Fitzpatrick Cavera's** husband's death in February. She was unable to attend our reunion last year due to his illness. She has always been involved in the planning of our reunions throughout the years. It was always fun to meet up with them every five years. Please pray for Mimi and her family.

1972 | John Marcus
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... And what a reunion it was! Highlights: one of JCU's largest 50th reunions on record. Thursday's duffers at the **Radie/Franzinger** Open. **Father Bob Ytsen** saying our class Mass. Maureen and Luke (Tim's doppelgänger) **Russert** accepting Tim's Alumni Medal. Morning breakfasts together at the Indigo. Classmate outings to the R&R Hall of Fame, the West Side Market, and other Cleveland hot spots. And a great class dinner, produced by Donna Bowen and hosted by our class' George Burns and Gracie Allen (or is it Fred and Ethel?)—**Don and Patty Farrell**. A couple of memorable moments: me asking a classmate why his name tag was upside down: "It makes it easier for me to read when I introduce myself." And hearing the golfers before teeing off: **Morocco**: "I had my right hip replaced." **Narducci**: "I had both of mine done." **Wainwright**: "I had left knee and both shoulders." **McDonough**: "I had one of each—hip, knee, and shoulder." These guys had more replacement parts than a Chevy dealer. (Apologies to those four—I may have mixed up the names and body

parts ... but you get the drift.) For those of you who missed the reunion, or for those of you who need inspiration to start planning for our 75th, send me an email for the class picture taken at the fete. (And for those of you who can name everyone in the class picture, you will win a lifetime pass to your nearest Saga Foods cafeteria!) Anyways, great times, great memories, but because of my 750 word limit we must move on to the news ... So, beside Timmy, we have another classmate who will join the list of Alumni Medal winners from our class. **Bruce Jorosz** is the now-retired CFO of the specialty chemical company MF Cachat. Bruce and his wife Debbie now focus their philanthropy on helping to break the cycle of poverty: supporting a Teen Leadership Program at Fatima Family Center in Cleveland's Hough neighborhood and starting one at St. Martin de Porres Family Center in the Glenville community. Bruce explains, "Seeing the kind of poverty that exists here makes you realize how fortunate you are and how obligated you are to do something." Congrats Bruce! Chico Kyle '73 will be retiring as St. Ignatius head football coach and **Tim Franzinger's** son Ryan will be the new head coach. Proud papa! **Bernie Gesenhues** retired from his career as a pilot for Delta airlines in July 2015. He wrote, "It was never a job. I looked forward to going to work every single day. By the grace of God, I am still active." He and Susan have three grandsons, and when not babysitting the grands, "travel a lot, study German, and spend the winters in western Colorado skiing." Football captain **Rich Cisek** wrote to say he and wife Sue traveled to San Antonio to officially welcome their new grandson into their family. While there, Rich and Sue were able to meet Don and Donna Brown who were (what else?!) visiting *their* grands. **Vince Marino** wrote to say, "I'm still alive and practicing dentistry full time." He spends time at South Padre Island in the Gulf of Mexico, and wrote, "I have 16 grandkids *at last count*." **Chris Leicht** apologized for missing the reunion. His oldest granddaughter graduated from high school in San Diego that weekend, and as we all know, family comes first. He writes that everything is well in the Pacific Northwest. Chris is retired and he and his wife "spend a good deal of time at our cabin, golfing, and volunteering

at the local food bank." Finally, with our age comes the sad news. We lost my old Detroit classmate **Tom Ryan** just weeks before our reunion. Tommy played rugby at JCU, was a member of the University Club, lived at the Palace (a rather bookish place on Cedar road), and made the biggest and best ham sandwiches as a barkeep at the old Crossroads Tavern. I also learned that classmate **Tom Long** passed away last December. As my old pal Don Farrell says, "Life is fragile. We are not guaranteed anything, so give it all you've got!" May both rest in peace. Until next time, stay well and take care! JM

1973 | Bob Larocca
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The countdown has begun for our 50th class reunion in 2023. My greatest hope is for as many classmates to attend as possible, especially those who have not returned to campus since graduation. One of my fondest pleasures has been to rekindle those relationships from so many years ago, reliving those wonderfully fun, outrageous, and heartfelt experiences from our younger years. I have been in touch with a great number of grads in my short tenure as class columnist and welcome the chance to continue this labor of love. I would like to propose a challenge for our class members to dig through our treasure troves of pictures accumulated over the years and submit them via email to our alumni office. They will scan them and assemble a video loop that can be played throughout the weekend. I'm sure the pictures will elicit those memorable moments and stories behind them. You may send them to the alumni office or me and we will have the upcoming year to accomplish what will be a truly memorable experience. I would like to have the video available for our class to request a copy after the reunion weekend. Please contact me if you have any suggestions on this project. **Gerry and Bob Patno**, myself, and others from the celebrated Chain Gang will be getting together for our own mini-reunion soon. **Tom Cecconi** and I have pledged to rendezvous with our MGBs this summer. **Mike "Niner" Nienstedt**, his wife, **Tom Gallagher**, Sue Eagan and myself attended the celebration of the Dolan Hall restoration and enjoyed



a quiet dinner afterwards at Pizzazz. Hats off to fellow classmate, **Chuck Kyle**, in his final year as championship winning teacher/coach at St. Ignatius High School. Please continue to update me on your comings and goings and contact your old gang from way back when to plan to meet in 2023! On a sad note, **Tom Palella** has left us this year. Be healthy and save your traveling pennies for next year!

Still Rockin' after All These Years!
Bob "Rock" Larocca

1974 | Dave Robinson
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As I write this column, Molly '73 and I just hosted the annual Send Off picnic at our home for seven incoming freshmen and their parents from Greater Detroit. Fr. Cyril Pinchak, SJ '06, and Annmarie Vorist, Assistant Director of Enrollment joined in the fun. **Shawn McNamara** and his wife Marilyn (Parkhurst) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last October. In 1976, tired of Cleveland winters, Shawn bought a used Cleveland Press 1958 Dodge step van. With no job, two kids, one on the way, and plenty of optimism, Shawn and Marilyn packed up and headed west. Settling in Tucson, they raised five incredible kids and now gush over their 12 grandkids. Shawn loves retirement; Marilyn plays the oboe in three volunteer ensembles and is the music librarian for four groups. They remember their time at JCU fondly. **Frank Sossi** played a round of golf with **Bernie Conway** at Lahinch during his June trip to Ireland. This summer,

Frank and his wife Phyllis have been on the road with Jim Messina as part of his 2022 concert tour. It included two shows in LA with Kenny Loggins. Phyllis is Messina's PR director. **Roger Hull** and wife, Jean, enjoyed a 14-day Silversea expedition cruise of the British Isles and Norway in early June. They departed Southampton, England with stops including the Isle of Skye, St. Kilda, Shetland Islands, then to Norway visiting remote islands and scenic fjords, and stops in Tromso and Oslo before returning home to Detroit. **Lenny Boselovic** will be hosting his 52nd annual golf tournament with classmates **Dan Conrad**, **Don Reagan**, **Mike Devine**, and fellow Rathskellar bartender **Joe Virostek**. Len and his wife Liz have three kids: a son in Pittsburgh who is in logistics, Laura, JCU '10, and four-year starter on the women's softball team, works in the DC area; and a daughter who teaches English and coaches girls basketball at Mason High School outside of Cincinnati. Asked "What was your favorite memory from Carroll?" Len replied, "Too many to mention and they are embellished every time someone tells the story!" Len retired from the Post-Gazette in 2018 after a 37-year career in journalism. **Linda Meglin's** documentary "Tim Russert: The John Carroll University Years," made its premiere at this spring's Reunion weekend. It features the life and times of Tim's years at JCU. The film includes Linda's interviews with Tim's professors, Dr. Joe Miller and Dr. David LaGuardia, concert promoter Jules Belkin, quips from friends Anne Conway and Colette Gibbons, and fraternity brothers Dennis Quilty, Frank Maggio, and **Ron Deneweth**. The film preserves Tim's



legacy on campus and commemorates his contributions as a political journalist of the highest integrity. Please send any personal, professional and family updates you would like to share in the next JCU Onward Magazine. -Robby

*From the staff at JCU, congratulations to **Dave Robinson** on receiving the 2022 Alumni Medal. Well-deserved!*

1975 | Mary Kay Malone
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Hope you are enjoying summer and able to get out and do more and see friends and family. It was a rough two years for everyone, with COVID-19. **Dan Cloherty** sent the following news: "I worked for the Federal Government for a year. Worked in the steel mills for two years. Tried sales out for a bit. Moved to Atlantic City in '83 and bartended for 30 years. I married Kathy in 1991, bought a house in '93. We bought a house in Venice, Florida in 2005 and moved there full-time when I retired in 2013. I played rugby for Pittsburgh for eight years, mostly B-side and tournament. We moved back to New Jersey in 2019 to a small town, Sewell, 17 miles southeast of Philly so my wife can watch her grandkids grow up. That's the "Reader's Digest" version of the last 50 years!" **Ed Jindra** sent the following: I have been married to Mary Kay for almost 49 years. I followed her into retirement after 50 years in retail management. We took on the massive task of moving out of our home in Lyndhurst which had been in the family for 68 years, lots of memories and lots of stuff. We settled in Mentor, very close to our four grandchildren, allowing us to help out even on short notice. We now enjoy watching college football and the Browns. We enjoy visits to our favorite wineries out East. We are planning our 50th Anniversary trip to Ireland to visit some of my wife's family; hope COVID-19 stays in control." **Frank Magliochette** retired after a 40-year career in the food industry. "I was a regional business manager for most of my career and retired from Hormel Foods Corp. as a senior account executive in 2019. My wife Bonnie and I have two daughters. Sarah is a full-time professor at Drexel University in Philadelphia teaching Sport Management. Our younger daughter, Katie, is a teacher in our local middle

school teaching media studies. We have three granddaughters and a grandchild on the way in November. Bonnie is a registered nurse and a registered dental hygienist. She works part-time as a local health educator for a local health system and also does some consulting for the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Since retiring, I tried my hand at substitute teaching in our local school district and keep busy with our grandchildren. I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus for almost 39 years. I am currently a council trustee and I actively participate in council's charitable activities." **Mary Kay** and Tom '73 **Malone** welcomed a new grandson in July. **Bill McGah** is my go-to for random news. He writes, "It's a small world. I was at Grandparents Day at St John's School in Seattle. Another grandparent sat next to us and we started chatting. He is **Greg Arnette** from class of '75. He is a retired internist living in Tacoma. Our grandsons are in the same class." Bill sent a great blast from the past picture: **Kevin Kane**, **Charlie Beringer** (who passed away Dec 25, 2011) and **Bill Adamchick** (photo right).

Please send me your news and updates ... Slainte, Hutch

1976 | Joe Barmann
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Our wonderful class of 1976 is shining once again—**Mary Jo (Cassery) Hogan** received the Alumni Medal! She retired in 2003 from the U.S. Army with the rank of Colonel. She began her career with the military immediately after our May 1976 graduation. For the next 28 years, Mary Jo had many accomplishments for our country, such as leading two military battalions where she prepared hundreds of soldiers for service overseas. She held roles with the U.S. Department of Labor, and worked with the White House Military Office, just to name a few areas. She is a member of the ROTC Hall of Fame and recently served on JCU's Board of Directors from 2015-2021. She is now enjoying retirement in Annapolis with her husband of 44 years, Pat. She spends lots of time with her four little grandsons, who are her joy! On top of all that, she also leads a ministry at their church in Hanover, Maryland, for women in crisis pregnancies, which is challenging work but very fulfilling. We are proud



of Mary Jo, and we thank her for her service to the USA. **Rob Cummings** checks in from his home on a golf course southwest of Chicago. He is the principal of a fundraising consulting practice with clients across the country and in Japan. In his spare time, Rob is finishing his second fundraising book, his first novel, writes two blogs, and bemoans a "horrible" golf game. He and his wife Linn celebrated their 44th anniversary in June and dote on their four beautiful grandchildren. Most of our classmates celebrated a golden milestone regarding our high school graduation in 2022. **Dennis Doverspike** reported that his St. Ignatius class in Cleveland held a four-day reunion event and raised \$115,000 for the Welsh Academy of the high school. **Gina Immucci Dyke** retired five years ago from Progressive Insurance. She is enjoying her five grandchildren and taking care of her 90-year-old mom. She managed to go on a fabulous vacation to the beautiful Grand Canyon, Bryce, and Zion National Parks. **John Senderak** retired from his job as an accountant, enjoys gardening, spending time with grandchildren, and going to senior events with his wife. He also does beekeeping and is currently managing six hives. While at JCU, he took several biology courses that included field work. Now, he is using that experience by volunteering his time assisting with stream surveys with the Geauga Soil and Water group. John says that giving back to the community is the most important thing he learned while at JCU. **Dr. Vincent Casaregola** is a professor of English at St. Louis University and lives in St. Louis with his wife Victoria. He recently developed a medical humanities

course focusing on the history of how pandemics have been experienced both recently and in the distant past. Their elder daughter, Maya, received her B.A. in May 2020, and she is planning her wedding for October 2022. Their younger daughter, Marina, is looking forward to starting college at Loyola University of Chicago in Fall 2022. **Joe Dzurilla** (that's Joe D) umpired many baseball games in 2021; some were held in Ohio, along with many tournaments in Nevada and New York, plus he spent an entire month in Alabama. In 2022, he expects to umpire for months at a time in Louisiana, New York, and Alabama. In addition, he has been asked to return to Brazil to assist with people there receiving wheelchairs from a Rotary International program, "thus proving there is more to life than baseball." And finally, **Elaine Yeip** and **Joan Naugle** both contacted me just to say "Hello" to everyone! Fellow alums: Please drop me a line when you have a moment, let me know what's new, and perhaps how you are applying a lesson learned at JCU.

1977 | Carol Dougherty
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Greetings, everyone! This is the post-reunion edition of the notes, so first I'll share a few updates. **John Baran**: "I ended up in a career sales role for various companies after starting with IBM post-graduation in 1978. I stayed in the IT industry and retired back in 2014. Acting in school plays ("Plaza Suite" with Erica Kozinsky directing my senior year) and the minor in Speech helped prepare me for a career in front of customers. One of the best things I took from JCU and Mr. Marinello. Great man! Had four kids and a stepson from a second marriage. Life has been good, and I've lived all my dreams." **Maryann (Greta) Garbo Polivka**: "I've been retired for a year from working for my son's orthodontic practice, Battistoni, Beam and Polivka Orthodontics. I was one of the treatment coordinators for the practice and worked there for 11 years. Prior to that I was an alumni coordinator in the development department for my children's Catholic high school. Very familiar with running reunions and asking alumni for money! I have three children and four grandchildren with another on the way in November. My daughter is a sixth grade math teacher and my eldest son is an

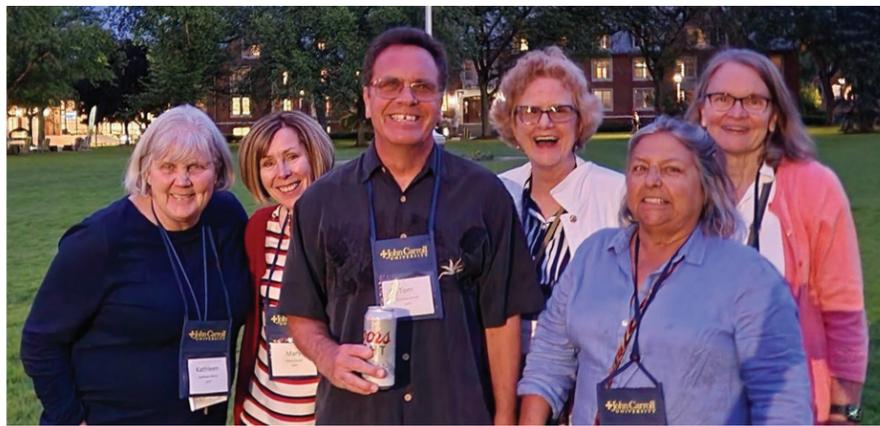
orthodontist. Both live within a two-mile radius of me and I'm blessed to see them frequently and love spending time with my grandkids. My youngest son and his wife moved to Chandler, Arizona, a great place to visit but not in the summer! Michael is a talented woodworker; check out his company Rust and Oak online. I'm blessed to be a seven-year breast cancer survivor and strong supporter of cancer research at Northwestern University."

Reunion reflections: These are some thoughts from people who went to the reunion. I forgot to ask if it was okay to share, so no attributions right now. "I love how we all come together with people who knew us when." "We met when we were 18 and each reunion gives us the gift of reconnecting!" "45 seems like too many years. Happy to be a part of it." "It was a beautiful evening. It all felt like Camelot. A timeless sort of medieval setting. Fires. Gothic arches. Crisp air. Gentle voices and laughter. A wonderful experience." "What I enjoyed about this reunion was spending time getting to know people better." "I thoroughly enjoyed my time with the group on Saturday night. So glad I came." "Throughout the night, I would wake up in reverie, my heart was so full from the day. I treasure what unfolded in those four years. They shaped, in a profound way, the direction of my life and life-work."

1978 | Tim Freeman

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Greetings! Our 45th reunion is June 9-10, 2023—join us! After 18 years in Cairo, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Dubai, and Budapest, **Rob Herald**, wife Rosie, and daughter Kristen are now home in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Rosie works at a nearby hospital; Kristen is a grade 11 distinguished honor student at Latrobe High School. Rob is golfing enough to drop his handicap and is looking for more golf. Rob sees **Kevin Leonard** regularly—both plan to attend our reunion. Margaret and **Bob Kelsey** will celebrate their 44th anniversary in September with a Viking cruise to Northern Europe. The Kelseys enjoy their five grandchildren, especially at their second home on Kelley's Island. **Paul Giba** is a regular visitor there. After 40 years, Bob will close his law practice next February. **John Sideras** remains at CWRU as EVP and CFO. After 40 years



of fly fishing, John earned a professional fly fisher designation as a Registered Maine Guide License. **Steve Matusz** keeps in touch three-four times yearly with **Mike McMahon**. Steve visited with **Matt Gilmartin** for the first time in 40 or so years. **Carol Simon** and husband Frank Lerman will visit Steve (a 40-year MSU Economics professor) and wife Marie for the MSU Spartans vs. Minnesota Golden Gophers October game. Maryanne and **John Jackson** live in Columbus with son and two-year old grandson right around the corner; daughter Emily (JCU '09) and grandkids (two and four years old) live in nearby Dayton. John's 2019 retirement has transitioned to caring for parents, helping with grandkids, and negotiating Medicare! John (retired in 2019) has taken up pickleball and curling to keep the competitive fires burning a bit ... and he golfs, too. JJ credits JCU for lifetime friendships with **Jimmy Weir** and **Bill Begalla**. "It was cool to get back to campus when my daughter attended, but wish I could find where our

groovy national championship picture is displayed!" "JJ, it's proudly located in the gym balcony hallway!" Attorney and author **Jim Blasé** just completed his fourth book ("A Bittersweet Journey: Theodore Roosevelt's 1902 New England Trip") and final volume in his four-volume "Theodore Roosevelt U.S. Travels" series of books. Available on Amazon. Congrats! **Tim Ockuly** passed away on May 31st. Known as "Tim O" in Mentor, he was an accountant for Imperial Wall Coverings, Sirva Relocation, and was a longtime hospice volunteer. Tim most of all enjoyed his family. '78 leader **Dan Patalita** died on July 22nd. Dan had five children, six grandchildren. His 40-year career in the Cleveland produce business aptly bestowed the title "Watermelon King." Dan was a leader in Alpha Kappa Psi and in Student Union; his obit mentions meeting Mel Blanc and Scotty from Star Trek at JCU. A leader and an engaging character on campus! Schuf report: **Cathy (O'Brien)** and **Tom Caplice**, Mary Ellen (O'Brien)



'78 Homecoming, Loyola Academy group: Bruce Luecke, Jack Schufreider, Chris Kelly, Bill Cogley, Mike Hartigan, Pat Dwyer '82, Chuck McGarrity '82, Paul Hulseman '82 and Jerry Kohl '82

'79 and **Mike Hendricks** and more parishioners helped save the Academy of St. Joan of Arc School in Evanston, an excellent, thriving, private, Catholic grade school, famous for educating **Jack Schufreider** and his six brothers. **Bruce Luecke** retired for a second time when he stepped down as president and CEO of Homeport, Inc. Homeport is a nonprofit housing developer based in Columbus, Ohio, giving greater security, opportunity and dignity to thousands of low-income people by building quality, affordable homes, primarily financed with private investment leveraged by Federal tax credits. Bruce was recruited from his "first" retirement in 2015 to take over Homeport. Bruce had a gala retirement send-off last December, honored by a bevy of local officials for his steering Homeport through COVID-19 and increasing the amount of low-income housing in the Central Ohio region. Jack Schufreider also retired May 31 after 34 years in the electronics industry, the last 12 with Panasonic. Jack has also sold his chain of The UPS Store franchises in Denver. Jack and Cathy have downsized to a new home in Littleton, Colorado, where they enjoy their four children and three (so far) grandchildren. Jack is Denver Jesuit Alumni Network board member and boys' basketball coach at Arrupe Jesuit High School. A member of the Cristo Rey Network, (cristoreynetwork.org), Arrupe Jesuit serves economically disadvantaged students from Denver's Hispanic community. In anticipation of our 45th reunion, Schuf provided a picture from Homecoming 1978, promising "the beards and porn mustaches" will be gone by next June. Thanks!

1980 | Matt Holtz

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Hi, Class—Hope we are all doing well and staying healthy ... most of us will be hitting or are at the big 65 age-wise with the thought of retirement. I know I am, with 38 years at Medical Mutual this January 2023. I am starting to plan my next road and let's see where it takes me ... many times now it takes me to the local pickleball courts. They say (whoever is they) that pickleball is America's fastest growing sport—let me know if you play and drop a line. **Gary Szelagowski** writes he is enjoying retirement as his dad gave him some sage advice on



retiring: "Do it as soon as you can." Gary does some consulting but the majority of his time is spent with family, friends, on the golf course, and spending time with his grandson. Gary also finds time to help with his daughter's nonprofit, Project White Butterfly, which helps people find recovery from Substance Use Disorder. **Rick Chelko** is still keeping busy at the Chelko Consulting Group—but he does find time to hit the links. Rick, **Pat Divito**, **John Moeschberger**, and **Scott Heran** represented the Class of '80 at the Tony DeCarlo Memorial Golf Outing. In the past, Rick has teamed up with **John Dubroy**, **John Mastrantoni** and **Tom Heilman**. Rick comments his group is among the most popular as they continue the tradition of sponsoring the beer for the event. Speaking of golf—BestLawyers.com contained an article penned by **John Ettore** regarding an antitrust investigation into whether the PGA is engaged in anti-competitive behavior as it tries to fend off a challenge from LIV Golf. **Tina Romano Allen** notes that while not on the golf course, she immensely enjoys her spot as an HR Director. Her main event this summer will be moving into a new house in Strongsville. Recently, the Alumni Author series featured **Nancy Stella, Ph.D., Psy.D.** and her book, "Fear Traps." Nancy explains the psychology behind fear and how to overcome it. Commuters always had a fear of not finding a parking space and now John Carroll has presented preliminary plans to build a fieldhouse along with a nearby parking garage. Sounds like it could be an interesting addition to campus. Drop a note anytime ... MFH

1982 | Mark McDonnell

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I will start by thanking Dave Vitatoe, Eric Eickhoff, and all the supporting staff in alumni relations that made our 40th

reunion such an enjoyable weekend. It also helped that this was the best weather we had had for any of our reunions! My reunion started at the Friday golf outing, playing with **Paul Hulseman**, Dave Pratt '85, and Sean McCauley '85. Paul has been enjoying his return to JCU as special assistant to the president. Paul and Mark Schroeder '83 did an outstanding job honoring **Paul Colavincenzo**, who was presented with the Champion Shield. Paul Colavincenzo's heroic battle against many medical challenges is inspirational. Anyone wanting the links to his story please email me and I will send them to you. Starting Friday night and through Saturday I spoke to many of our attendees, including **Jimmy Coyne**, **Jean Turcu (Nester)** and her husband Dan, **Wally Reynoso**, **Mary Alice O'Brien Mecke**, **Joe and Gail Basar**, **Kevin and Hope Dougherty**, **Tom and Cathy Basista**, **Ellen Trepanier (Grace)**, **Barbara Brown (O'Brien)**, **Corrine Dupuis (Welty)**, **Katie Brandt (Grace)**, **Dan Hilson**, **Joe Kovach**, and **Rick Kuczarski**. Saturday night I had dinner with **Mary Lou (Petrancosta)** and **Mike Prendergast**. Mike sent me a copy of his book "Don't Chew Jesus! A Collection of Memorable Nun Stories." It is a great look back at Catholic



grammar school experiences. On a sad note, we lost classmate **David Goodrich** in April. David returned to Chicago after receiving his law degree and worked there until his passing. On behalf of our class, I extend our condolences to David's family and friends. I am already looking forward to the IBG reunion, which will be during Homecoming Weekend, September 23 and 24. This busy weekend will include the annual Andrew McCarthy Scholarship festivities. If you missed our 40th, come on out to Homecoming this fall!

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The countdown to 40 is on. Show up next June 9-10 for reunion weekend. JCU has undergone incredible changes to its campus for you to enjoy, experience, and congregate with classmates. Halfway around the world, **Ed Devney** met up with **Lisa (Amato) Reid's** daughter Margot in China. Ed and Margot were working the Winter Olympics for NBC Sports. I hope Ed treated her to a corporate card dinner. For 30 years, students at St. Joseph School in Collinwood and Langston Middle School in Oberlin had a loving and caring teacher: **Eileen (Byrne) Hickerson**. In their developmental phase of life, Eileen was present to lead, guide, and advise them. Now she is bringing it closer to her family. Eileen retired and is traveling with husband Bob to New Jersey, spending time with her grandchildren Adeline and Noah. Now in charge at Norwood Montessori School is **Terese (Buehrle) Booth**. Terese started this school year as the new principal of the school in Cincinnati. It's with a heavy heart I write of the passing of classmates and teammates. Last February, we lost a one-time classmate Mike Hopkins. Mike transferred from JCU but often returned to campus to hang with **L.J. O'Conner, Chris Coughlin, Paul Root** and Bob Kovach '84. Anyone who played on the football team or wrestled knew Nick D'Angelo's '84 talent on the gridiron or mats. Sadly, Nick passed in April. I will remember a fierce competitor, talented athlete, and his all-out play on every play. On reunion weekend, JCU surprised football teammate Dr. Paul Colavincenzo '82 when I presented the Champion Shield Award to honor him. The award recognizes heroism, bravery, or sacrifice by a member of the JCU community.

Brought on by a discovered valve birth defect, Paul has triumphed over a twenty-year span of two heart valve replacements and eight years of multiple surgeries to battle an infection that spread to his right knee. The unforgiving infection followed the first valve replacement. Implausibly, a severe fungus struck in the same location of his right knee. The leg was amputated to save his life, but it hasn't stopped his life. Within two years of the amputation, a new prosthesis was fit to assist his cycling and another for swimming. A daily runner and passionate cyclist, Paul is back to competing. He finished the Oceanside triathlon, finished his 4th Escape from Alcatraz triathlon and is training to compete in an Iron Man competition consisting of a 2.4 mile swim, 112-mile bicycle ride and a 26.22-mile run. Check out videos of Paul Colavincenzo on YouTube. His story is a courageous triumph over unthinkable adversity. Email me with family news, business updates and like "JCU Class of '83" on Facebook.

1984 | Don D'Amore
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Sadly, we lost two great classmates: **Nancy (Greene) Rountree** passed away on March 13 and **Nick D'Angelo** passed away on April 23. Everyone loved them both. **Monica Holand** kindly let us know about Nancy. After Nancy had braved various health issues for years, she died from complications of melanoma diagnosed only a month earlier. Monica wrote, "Two days before she passed, **Maryanna Donaldson Hathaway, Lydia (Hidalgo) Siedal, Pam Obee Sargent, Ann (Rees) Wirtanen, Mark Lastition** and I enjoyed a rollicking Zoom with Nancy. She was in fine form as we recounted some of the crazier stunts we pulled at JCU. We laughed for an hour and treasured the opportunity to be together. I'll remember Nancy as a courageous person, striking out on her own at a very young age, writing her own script, and succeeding on her own terms. She made deep, lasting friendships wherever she went and was the glue that held so many of us together through the years. Nancy was the president of the band and the history club, an RA, and had close ties with the Jesuits in Rodman Hall where she served dinner. In addition to being a lot of fun, she was honest, strong, and of clear judgment, and at a time when

conformity was the order of the day, I was very lucky to have been her friend. Please keep Nancy's husband, children, and grandchildren in your prayers." Nick D'Angelo's brother Sal D'Angelo '86 and I exchanged several emails regarding his older brother's passing. Nick was a truly extraordinary JCU athletic legend! Nick was a first-ballot inductee into the JCU Hall of Fame in 1994 for both football AND wrestling! Nick is the only Blue Streak to ever be a CoSIDA Academic All-American in two sports! Nick set a school football record in tackles, and he was a National Champion in wrestling! Read more about his legendary achievements in a fantastic tribute article at JCUsports.com. Nick graduated from Akron University Law School in 1987 and was an attorney for over 30 years in Northeast Ohio. He continued his passion for athletics, coaching his children's sporting events. Please keep Nick's two children and family in your prayers. His brother Sal is establishing a memorial scholarship in Nick's memory at Lake Catholic High School. Please contact Sal at NickDangeloScholarship@gmail.com to contribute. We were visited by **Ed Cooper**, who, as a JCU Board of Director member, attended graduation. My wife **Michelle (Scianguola)** and I joined Ed for a mini-reunion dinner with friends: **Kyle Cielec, John and Jeanne (Lang) Siefert, Michelle (Cupicha) Jech** and her husband Ron. Great catching up with this fun group! We all agreed: no one cares what anyone does anymore! Just enjoy the great company! Any mini-reunions in your life? -Don

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It's time to celebrate milestones! Kudos to **Matt O'Connor** on his recent retirement. May you enjoy this next chapter with health and adventure. Congratulations to **Carl Fillichio**, who recently made it back to our quad to celebrate his nephew, Nick Jennette '22, graduating from JCU. We have another published author in the house! Congratulations to **Jack Hilovsky** on his book, "RJ, Farrah and Me: A Young Man's Gay Odyssey from the Inside Out," an intriguing and wonderful read available to purchase on Amazon. One of the highlights of my summer was attending **Mary Pat Bluemle Maretz's** daughter Maggie's wedding. The



ceremony and reception was held at the beautiful Aldrich Mansion and Estate in Rhode Island. It was a mini-reunion for us post-JCU-as-Boston-roommates to gather: **Susan "Bubbles" McAllister Cahill, Maureen Flaherty Menton, and Carol Brennan Joseph**. The day was filled with joy, grace, and laughter from sunrise to sunset. We reminisced about our time together in our twenties in good old beantown and our shenanigans on campus. Congratulations to the newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas Fiore who reside in Boston. May your life together be blessed with love, health, and happiness always. The circle of life continues. Heartfelt condolences to **Jennifer Tomko Kehm, Maureen McDonough Curley, and Carol Brennan Joseph** on the loss of their beloved mothers and to **Sal D'Angelo** on the loss of his beloved brother, Nick D'Angelo '83. Nick will be remembered by all who knew him as an incredible friend and soul besides his remarkable accomplishments during our college days as an athlete at JCU. RIP Nick. Please reach out and share your celebratory milestones and updates. With that said, here is a thought to ponder, "People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full, miss the point. The glass is refillable." -Diane

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Dear Classmates, our most exciting news is that our accomplished classmate **Mike Anderson, MD** will be receiving the distinguished John Carroll Alumni medal, the highest award given by the JCU Alumni Association. Mike is currently a senior advisor at Children's National Hospital in Washington, DC and the U.S.

Department of Health & Human Services. We are so proud of him! Jet-setters **John and Debbie O'Donnell Scanlon** were selected to attend a number of special events in London this summer as special contributors to senior tennis in New England. Both are highly active administrators of tennis events, clinics, and tournaments. John participated as a ball boy in the Wimbledon Senior Tournament during a match involving the great Stan Smith. John and Debbie then attended a unique dinner at the Tower of London, honoring leaders in senior tennis across the globe. We humbly apologize for misspelling **John Bruening's** name in our last column. He has kindly agreed to be our alumni column spellchecker. :) **Bill Blume** is residing just outside of Boise, Idaho near the mountains, with his lovely wife Ellen Nies, class of 1988. They hike, bike, ski or snowshoe most weekends and are enjoying being grandparents. Two of their three children are stationed in San Diego in the Navy. Bill works remotely for his JCU ski-team buddy and best friend **Dave Lewandowski's** company, Midwest Promotional Group, selling corporate promotional advertising (swag). This company was started by Dave's grandfather almost 100 years ago and now Dave is the president. Dave is married to Joni DeBrakeleer (class of 1985) and they have three children. His son David is the fourth generation to join the company! A silver lining of COVID-19 has been that Dave can work remotely from Park City and continue his ski team skills on the mountain. Let's get a JCU Class of '86 t-shirt for our next class reunion! **Bob Sferra** reports that his lifelong dream has become a reality: he has opened his own patisserie-cafe, Sophie La Gourmande, in the Cleveland Heights neighborhood. His storefront is in a completely rehabbed 1935 building just

five storefronts away from what used to be The Colony during our JCU days. This was the site of **Cathy Coyne Walsh's** infamous brawl against a gang of Jets. Sophie La Gourmande (named after his beloved yellow Lab who passed away at age 18) serves classic French pastry and European-influenced cuisine for breakfast and lunch. Bob lives a quick five minutes away from the cafe with his husband and their three-year-old black Lab. His companion company, Culinary Occasions Catering, continues to thrive. Chef Sferra continues to contribute his time and passion on projects with the JCU Alumni office: he is busy cooking, creating, and curating! **Dan Dreiling and Karen Pontoriero Simpson** are working with John Carroll's Social Innovation Fellows Program. This program is dedicated to creating social innovators and entrepreneurs engaging with the Cleveland community to understand what is holding residents back and to build sustainable solutions. This program begins during the freshman year and continues for all four years. The Millor Angels **Beth Bonanno Hausoul, Gigi Tagliati Rice, Susan Mener Stojanovski, and Paula Zerbi Reape** were spotted galavanting around South Haven, Michigan this summer. They were rumored to have been hydro-surfboarding on Lake Michigan in their bikinis/thongs. Crazy gals. **Suzi Conroy** recently relocated from Chicago, where she worked for six years, to Columbus, Ohio for her job. She will miss Chi Town but is happy to be nearer to her mom and sister in Northeast Ohio. **J. Milton Marsh, Howie Rick Collins, Jr., and Riley Collins '21** met in Manhattan in May for a Green Gator Rugby lunch. Milties is back in New York after several years of bringing his own special set of skills to Hollywood. He is now the head





of investor relations for Endeavor (think IMG, William Morris, Professional Bull Riders). Howie was visiting his son, Riley, who took a job at Barstool Sports (every college guy's dream) after graduating from JCU in 2021. Please continue to send us updates to include in this fun column. Wishing all you Blue Streaks a healthy and happy season. - Karen and Jenny

1987 | Dennis Casey

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Looking for a classmate to take over our class column! After eleven years, it's time you heard from someone other than me! Please let me or the Alumni Office know of your interest in taking the torch forward for our class.

This was a special summer for our class with our 35th reunion in June. It was great to see so many from our class. See below for details. First up though is a serious and important need. As of our press date, a classmate needs our help. **Darrin Kocjancic** reached out and is in need of a kidney donor. Reach out to Darrin at dkocjanc1@cox.net or via cell to 216.470.5797. Darrin is in Rocky River, Ohio and needs a donor. Please keep Darrin and his family in your prayers.

Congratulations to **Riley** and Natalie **McMahon** as they welcomed daughter Annabel Gray McMahon on April 1! **Lorie Sterlini Gumieny** and husband Rick celebrated their son Chris' graduation from Wayne State University in May. **John Rock's** daughter Jenna graduated

from the University of Dayton and started medical school at CWRU. Our son Kevin completed his Master's in Medical Sciences from Loyola Chicago in May and started medical school at Midwestern University's Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in August. **Mary Kesicki McDermott's** daughter Elizabeth graduated from Georgetown this spring as well. Stacie Gallo, daughter of **Diane Palumbo** and Chris '88 **Gallo**, graduated from St. Louis U. and continues on at SLU for her Masters. **Tom Paulson's** daughter Emily completed her work on a new flagship store in London for global fashion retailer Aimé Leon Dore. It was great to see our fellow classmates for reunion during a weekend with flawless weather and another great welcome and first-class events from our Alumni staff. I know I wasn't able to see everyone, but it was great to see and catch up with so many including **Marty Connell, Lydia Sawchuk, Amy Armbruster Mauwad, Tim Reed, Darren Clemente, Dave Clifford, Chris Ulinski, Bill Conklin, Steve Raglow, Kris Root Riley, Diane Olayer Laughner, Pat Langan, John Morrissey, Steve Imburgia, Tim Conway, Tom Powers, Chuck Bartsche, and Mario Becerra.** Many of us had our spouses and partners with us. A highlight of the weekend was the premier screening of a documentary on the late Tim Russert '72 and his days at JCU. Produced by Linda Meglin '74, the film was so well done and there were few dry eyes by the end. Tim's wife Maureen Orth and son Luke Russert were on campus for the showings and joined Tim's 50th reunion class events

and most recently committed to a \$1 million challenge grant in Tim's name. We missed many too, including **Tom Ruddy, Chris Valenti, Riley McMahon, Stefano Delidi, Mary Walsh Freeman, Jill O'Neil Braverman, and Maura Tighe Horansky**, but we know this is a busy point in our lives so keep the connections strong and make it back for homecoming September 24 or our next reunion or any reunion weekend. **Sue Farinacci** and **John Grazia** welcomed grandson Knox Ryan Devin. Knox was born to Sue and John's daughter Emily and husband Ryan. **John DeHaas** and his five siblings made the paper this summer when they reunited and recreated a snapshot at Cedar Point. If you know John, you know roller coasters and amusement parks are one of his passions. The DeHaas clan has been featured in past Cedar Point publications for their special connection to the park. Congrats to **Dave Clifford** who successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation June 30th. This day was chosen by Dave as a way to honor his late sister, Lisa, who passed away on June 30, 2004. What a wonderful way to honor your sister, Dr. Dave.

On a sad note, our condolences to **Tim** and Maureen **Conway** on the passing of Maureen's Mom Alma "Trudie" Costello in June. As always, please send me your updates and follow the class at our own Facebook group – [jcuclassof87](https://www.facebook.com/jcuclassof87).

Onward, on Class of '87!
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1988 | Sharon Byrnes

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Hi, everyone!
Hope you all enjoyed a fantastic summer and are ready for lots of fun this fall. I haven't gotten any updates but thanks to being connected with many of you on Facebook and Instagram, I've seen posts of graduations, new pets, vacations, exciting college announcements, and even your children getting married! You all have been busy! I'll put in an early plug for our 35th Reunion June 9-10, 2023—it'll be awesome to get back on campus and catch up with everyone. Plan to attend!

Till next time ... All the best, Sharon

1989 | David Gassman

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Greetings 89ers, very little news from the class this time around but a few notes to pass along. Congrats go out to **Tom Rogers** who retired from the U.S. Army on June 30, 2022 after 29 years of service since his completion of medical school. Huge thanks for your service, Tom! After Tom graduated from JCU, he attended med school at Wright State University and graduated in 1993. Tom is finishing up his fifth year as Director of the DiLorenzo Pentagon Health Clinic and will come back home to Ohio and begin his next career as the President/CEO of the Cleveland Clinic Dover Union Hospital in August. Tom is excited to start this new role and serve the people of Dover, Ohio. Very cool, Tom and all the best in your new role! My daughter Mary graduated from Saint Joseph Academy in May and will attend The Ohio State University this fall, joining her brother Dean who will be a junior this year, Go Bucs! All the best to those parents out there who will drop their first year students at colleges this fall, and all the best to those who drop off their seniors for the final year. Emotions are plenty and the time sure does fly by ... Peace, David

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Hello, Class of 1990! Please send updates for the spring issue. I know we have some exciting things to share from our great class.

1992 | Gina (Catalano) Cain

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Hello, Classmates, It's hard to imagine that it's been THIRTY years since we graduated. Time really does fly. I wasn't able to attend the reunion, but I heard from many people who did. I am excited to share our classmates' experiences and photos. **Megan (Larkin) Curry** lives in Hudson, Ohio with her three children, Ryan, Molly, and Casey. Ryan will be a sophomore at Baldwin Wallace studying sports management. Her daughter, Molly, is a rising senior at Hudson High School, and her youngest daughter, Casey, will be in 8th grade at Hudson Middle School. Megan works for Bristol Myers Squibb on their multiple myeloma team. She spends most of her time working at the

Cleveland Clinic or University Hospitals and watching her children play their respective sports. Megan attended the reunion and sent in photos including one with her, **Susie Bresnahan**, and **Catherine Glaser**. Megan said she had the awesome opportunity to reconnect with other '92 classmates at the reunion: **Alicia Mumbray, Coleman Griffin, Mike Cronin, Greg Fleisher, Matt Carey, and Tom Doyle**. She said that **Ted** and **Shelly Rieple** hosted the unofficial yet ceremonial "night before reunion" at Pizzazz. **Mike Lascu, Chris Denk, Beth Zugelder, Tom Gibbons, Pat Piero, Hank Durica, Mark and Mary Molnar, and Joe Bettendorf** were some of the many people who made an appearance at the fun event. **Matthew Carey** reached out and said, "Good times, good people." **Andrew Gehrlein** attended the reunion as well and said the following people all met at his house close to JCU for parties each day and then went on campus for the events both nights: **Andy and Jen Gerhlein, Steve and Jen '93 Graeca, Joe and Lori Rattay, Allison Lynn (Smith), Todd Lystad, and Scott Reeves**. They then met up on campus with **Phil** and **Julie Russo** and Tom Doyle. According to Andrew, everybody is doing very well and loved catching up on old stories and looking at old pictures in both the Carillon and their own photo albums. **Susie McLaughlin** had fun with **Beth Morrissey, Catherine Glaser, and Dan Krider** at the Friday night campus cocktail party and food trucks. She said there was great food and terrific live music and sent in photos from the reunion. At the Beta party in the basement of Pizzazz, she connected with Megan Curry, Hank Durica, **Dino Ciulli**, and Ted Rieple. She also mentioned Mike Cronin, Matt Carey, Coleman Griffin, and Greg Fleischer came too. Then, they all went to Tav Co. On

Saturday night there was a cocktail party, dinner, and fireworks at the new science building. She loved seeing Tom Doyle, Alicia Mumbray, and Phil Russo. **Kevin Anderson** reached out and said he and his wife Molly '89 live in Lexington, Kentucky. He is a regional sales manager in the Ethicon Med Tech division of Johnson & Johnson. He and Molly will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary next summer. Their daughter, Bridget, is in medical diagnostic sales in Chicago and is getting married next year. Their son, Danny, lives in Denver and is in sales. Kevin says, "Life is going fast." **Karen (Staropoli) Crowe** sent a quick update too. She and her husband, Tim, live in Rochester, New York with their black Lab. She has three young adult daughters, Sarah, Grace, and Ellie. She is currently a mental health therapist, specializing in treating depression and anxiety in older adults. I am very sad to report that **John Cayne**, Marketing major and member of the 1991-1992 JCU Advertising Club, passed away unexpectedly the evening of February 14 (pictured below right). John leaves behind a wife and three children in Southern California, which he called home since 1994. Following graduation, John excelled in the advertising agency business, culminating in his becoming the most respected and sought-after media planner in California. According to Rita Campbell, founder and CEO of Global Media Group, who personally recruited John away from holding company Interpublic Group in 2011, "John Cayne was a brilliant media planner, but above all else, clients loved John. They adored him." Beyond his significant professional accomplishments, John collected and loved his friends as if it were an Olympic sport. His annual golf outings have become legendary. His passion for Cleveland sports teams and live classic rock can be seen in his children, daughters Alexis (22), Ashley (20) and son



Josh (14). He was a proud JCU grad and son of Cleveland. Celebration services honoring John were held in June in Euclid, Ohio and will be held in September in SoCal. Interested parties should join the Salt Fork Group on Facebook for details. I am grateful to **Bill Power** who sent the announcement to JCU. Please keep John's family and friends in your prayers. I really enjoyed receiving the many updates, hearing about the amazing and memorable reunion, and I encourage all of you to email me with any news for future issues. Hugs from Houston, Gina (Catalano) Cain

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Greetings, Class of '94! As we continue to celebrate our year of turning 50, **Kevin Biacsi** has more to celebrate than just turning 50. He just celebrated 30 years off chemo for leukemia. It was June of 1992, and he is pleased to report that he has been cancer free over three decades now. It may not be a collegiate or career milestone, but it's a big one for him. He is so grateful to JCU faculty and staff for their discretion regarding his condition at the time. Kudos to Kevin for handling college and cancer at the same time! **John Fleckenstein** shared that he and his wife Flavia, along with their 12-year-old daughter, Bella, traveled to France for 10 days to celebrate their 50th birthdays. They love international travel and France was near the top of their list for many years. John has lived in Jacksonville Beach, Florida for nearly 20 years. He met his wife in Brazil, while traveling there on business. He proposed one month after meeting her. Everyone thought they were crazy, but they've been married for 14 years now! **Aileen Sexton Kopfinger** started a new job as assistant general counsel in February at Peppertree Capital Management, Inc. They raise and invest funds in communication infrastructure (think cell towers). She lives in Moreland Hills with her eight-year-old daughter, Mackenzie. **Maria De Michele** is currently working at the Cleveland Clinic Twinsburg family health center as a patient service specialist and just received "Caregiver of The Month" for the month of June. She is planning a birthday party this August for her 50th. She has three children ages 25, 23, 19. The two oldest graduated from Case Western Reserve University with

chemical engineering degrees and the youngest just finished her first year at Gettysburg College. **Leighanne Kramer Hustak** celebrated 50 with her JCU roommate **Teresa Miranda Pace** at a party at Vosh in Lakewood. Fellow JCU alum **Jon Petrus** and his wife Molly also attended the party (pictured above). Leighanne's son Liam will be a freshman at JCU this fall, class of 2026. He will be a manager for the JCU football team. **Brian and Janine Mortellaro** have twin daughters who will be Juniors this year and play for the girls' soccer team. It's fun having a kid at JCU and seeing all the changes. It's weird that my sophomore son will be living in Murphy and it is completely different from when we were there. Dolan went through a renovation this year and it now has air-conditioning. Millor (not Miller as we called it) will be knocked down to build a fieldhouse. The fieldhouse will take up most of the parking lot along Belvoir and they will create a new lawn area between the new fieldhouse and Rec Plex. Now if we could only get a turf baseball field, since Cleveland springs are pretty wet. Looking forward to seeing Leighanne, Brian and Janine, as well as anyone else who has kids at JCU at Homecoming this year! I look forward to hearing from our class through email (gerbafamily@yahoo.com) or our Facebook page. I know you all enjoy reading the column, so you just need to give me some scoop to share. Take care, Katie

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Greetings! I heard from a few of our classmates, so here we go. **Kristina (Rus) Cullis** shared that during the heart of the COVID-19 pandemic, Penelope Webb Cullis was born in January 2021 to her and her husband Benjamin Cullis. She brings a playful spunk to the family. Her sister Gabrielle (5) is overjoyed to be a big sister and have someone to play with. Congratulations, Cullis family! **Rachelle (Finizio) Psznick** shared that she and her husband Michael Psznick '00 welcomed their son Nico Michael on March 22, 2022. Rachelle, Michael, and Nico reside in Hudson, Ohio along with their dog Jeter. Congratulations, Psznick family! As 2022 is wrapping up, Summer 2023 will bring our 25th reunion hosted on campus by JCU. Please be on the lookout for more information.



For ongoing updates and news from your fellow classmates and about reunion, please check out our Class of 1998 Facebook page at facebook.com/groups/jcu1998. Mike

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Hi everyone—**Annmari Tirpak** and I were among a small group from the Class of 1997 to make it back to the JCU campus for our 25-year reunion in June. We were treated to a great celebration, and it was amazing to see the changes that have taken place since venturing out into the world. Here's a list of who joined us for a night of food, food trucks, fireworks, and fun: **Mary-Michelle Coleman Walsh, Christine Leak, Kelli Jerns Haberman, Kristin Economus Caputo, Elizabeth Rachfal Fullerman, Kevin Walsh, Deana Bahhur Crawford, Kim Hoffman Greenberg, and Steven Marchak** (graduate class). If you weren't there, you missed out on a fun evening! In the meantime, if you have any updates to share, please drop me a note! Brian

1999 | Christine Weimer Papesch
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Greetings, Class of '99! Since the last issue, I heard from **Cathy Jedrey Stein**, a professor at CWRU, who was at our beloved alma mater to give a talk on her research on tuberculosis. (Of course, no visit to JCU is complete without dinner at Pizzazz ...) It's great to hear about classmates coming back to share their knowledge! I also heard from **Michelle Bjel Velotta**, who started a GoFundMe to support **Tiffany Burton**. Tiffany has been fighting Progressive Multiple Sclerosis for several years, and her cost of care

has significantly increased. She would also greatly benefit from a transfer lift chair and, hopefully, start saving for a wheelchair-accessible van to help her get out to do things that most of us give no thought to, like going shopping or spending time with family and friends outside of her apartment. Please consider donating to our fellow friend and classmate through the following link: <https://gofund.me/3f3d4ed2>

2000 | Lisa (Foster) Smith and Clare Taft
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Hoping everyone is doing well and was able to enjoy summer with friends and family. We have a few short updates for you, but please continue to send us all your news so we can share it with our classmates. Do you have a new job? Did you run into a fellow classmate or JCU alum somewhere like Mike and Theresa? Have you recently moved to a new city? Let us know! **Michael Story** sent us a note that he and classmate **Theresa Bodnar** linked up at U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania (pictured directly below). Both are Colonels and Mike was completing his degree requirements for the Master of Strategic Studies at the College and Theresa came in to assist in one of the classes. He sent along a photo as well of the two to commemorate the moment ... Congrats are in order for **Michael Psznick** and his wife Rachelle (Finizio) Psznick '98 who welcomed their son, Nico Michael, on March 22, 2022. The family resides in Hudson, Ohio. We hope to hear from more of you before our next update! *Take care and keep us informed...Clare and Lisa* Until next time... Onward on!



2002 | Kristen McVean
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Hi all, I hope that you had a great summer! I'd like to thank **Natalie (Nicholas) Talpas** for being our guest columnist this time around. Natalie attended reunion and provided the following recap of the wonderful weekend she spent at JCU in June: Happy 20-Year Reunion to us! It was so great to catch up with classmates and enjoy a fun weekend in Cleveland. **Diane Flavin Novosel, Maureen and Nick Soeder** and I did a quick self-directed campus tour, and while it was exciting to see all of the new things on campus since we've been gone (lots of construction underway on residence halls), it was reassuring to see some things haven't changed ... student mailboxes are exactly the same, business school computer lab is in same spot but appears to be getting a new look, statues of St. Ignatius and John Carroll are in the same spots, walking in to the atrium feels the exact same. On Saturday evening, our class sat together for dinner in the new (to us) science center. Then we dodged the rain and enjoyed a beautiful evening outside with dancing, food truck desserts, and fireworks! We grabbed loads of photos with the clock tower in sight behind us (pretty sure **Josh Hose** made a cameo in everyone's group shot). There were several groups of friends who made it back, and I love that so many have stayed friends through all of these years. (I was quite proud to see solid representation from Murphy Hall 2 West!) JCU really is a special little place and it was fun to have memories flooding back for a weekend. Hope to see at the next one! Thank you! Kristen (Muoi) McVean

2004 | Paul Clapp
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Hello, fellow classmates, I hope everyone enjoyed their summer with lots of exciting activities. Just after the last issue was delivered, I heard from **Kelly (Zimmerman) Moran**. She is an

adjunct professor at Carroll now in the Education Department. She teaches ED 331 Integrated Social Studies Methods. She also has been named the Director of Instructional Programs at the ESC of the Western Reserve. Kelly is a real leader in education for Northeast Ohio, and we are proud to have her as our classmate! I recently ran into **Pat Beiting** and his brother **Tony Beiting**. They are both doing well and it was great to talk about old times at JCU. For the next issue I hope to have more updates and will proactively reach out to a few of you for updates. I hope to max out our space allotment, so please also email me with updates soon as you can.

All the Best,
Paul Clapp

2005 | Jennifer Tolhurst
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Hello, Class of '05! Please send us your updates and photos. We want to hear from you! **Pete Bernini** and **Hallie (DiVincenzo) Bernini** (pictured directly below) have already welcomed two children, Ava (10) and Nico (8). They have recently added a puppy, Sophie, to the family. Pete is a sales manager at Brenntag and Hallie is a first grade teacher at Great River Connections Academy. Ava participates in gymnastics and Nico plays hockey and football. Pete and Hallie are also celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary this summer.



2006 | Allison Kaufman
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Hello, Class of 2006! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Our class has so many exciting updates to share. **Christina (Ogorek) Nichols** wrote in from Buffalo, New York to say that she and her husband Kyle are expecting their second baby in early December. They also have a four-year-old daughter, Frances. **Amy (Allega) Dasinger** and her husband Joe M.A. '07 were blessed with their third child, Emersyn Rose. Emersyn is also adored by her older siblings Kylie and Noah. **Megan (Wheeler) McLaughlin**, husband Brian and daughter Maireen welcomed their second daughter, Quinn Donnelly on April 29. **Julie (Klemens) Setser** and husband Tom welcomed their third child, Elenore Josephine, in April too! **Anthony Fanelli** and his wife Arielle are enjoying life in Los Angeles with their two young children Luciano and Serafina. Anthony works in TV/Film (in front of and behind the camera) and is a recurring actor in the upcoming Hulu series, "Reasonable Doubt!" He has also been in "This is Us," "Bosch: Legacy," "S.W.A.T.," "Hollywood," "Gentefied," "NCIS: Los Angeles" and more. **Rory O'Neil** and his wife Amanda '07 (pictured middle above) enjoyed a quick trip to Ireland over the summer. They hiked to the top of Croagh Patrick in the town of Westport, County Mayo where St. Patrick once fasted during Lent! Please continue to send your updates. If you are not receiving quarterly update requests from me, please send me an email with your contact information and I'll update my list. Thank you!

2008 | Ann Awadalla, D.O., F.A.C.O.I.
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Hello, everyone! We're back with some great news to share! First off, big congratulations to **Suzu Music** and her



new husband, Rakesh Devineni, who were married on a beautiful Cleveland day on April 23rd at Ariel International. It was a wonderful wedding with Slovenian and Indian traditions mixed throughout! Many John Carroll alums were there, including myself, **Abby Joyce, Andy Costigan, Emily Monteleone, Jenn Goliat (Pompeani), Dan Goliat '07, Allison Kiider (Calabro) '07, Angela Sabo (Tortelli), Molly McMahon (Scholla), Andrew Omastiak, Katie Tappel (Kasych), Patrick Carpenter, Patrick McDermott '09, Jessica Landis '09 and Marisa Benich.** The newlyweds are living in San Fran and loving the west coast! Marisa Benich then went on to celebrate her own nuptials to Stephen Reading on June 4th in a small ceremony at Volunteer Park Conservatory. Marisa's dear friend and classmate, Andy Costigan, officiated. They live north of Seattle with their goldendoodle dog, Murphy, who is in part, and endearingly, named after Murphy Hall. Molly McMahon (Scholla) and her husband Jeff added to their family with the addition of Quincy Ruth McMahon born on September 29, 2021. Quincy joins big sister Madigan who is loving her new role! Switching gears to professional news, huge congratulations goes out to **Timothy Clymer** who was appointed to vice president for finance and administration at Ursuline College.

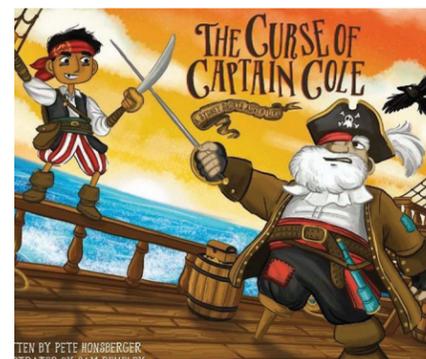
Tim has both his bachelor's and MBA from JCU. Tim, this is a well-deserved honor! That's all I have for this edition! If you have news to share, please email me so we can tell everyone! You can also message me through our class FB group as well! XOXO Ann

2009 | Lisa (Ugran) Pacconi
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Hello to all! I hope everything is well with you and your family. My husband (**Andy Pacconi**) and I expanded our family in February 2022 as we welcomed our third child into the world. Lilah Katherine was born weighing 7 lbs., 2oz. and measuring 20 inches long. Lilah has been such a happy baby, though life with three children has certainly felt like a whirlwind in the months since she was born. We feel especially fortunate seeing how our six-year-old son Bennett and three-year-old daughter Aurelia immediately embraced their new baby sister with so much love. We are excited to watch how their sibling relationships continue to evolve as they grow. **Pete Honsberger** published a children's book in 2022 called "The Curse of Captain Cole." Pete says that the book was a lot of fun for him to write. In Pete's personal time, he is enjoying life with his wife Jenna and their nearly two-year-old daughter Kali. Congrats to Pete on the publication of his book! It is available for purchase through Amazon or Barnes & Noble. Be sure to check it out (pictured below)!

2010 | Megan O'Keefe
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Sarah Elizabeth DiPalma recently graduated from her Pediatric Emergency Medicine fellowship, and is now starting her attending job in Buffalo, New York. **Deirdre McGregor Mizner** got married February 26, 2022 to Ted Mizner (not



from JCU). She had many JCU grads in her bridal party including her Matron of Honor **Irene (Paparizos) Steenberge**, and other JCU bridesmaids Katie (McGregor) Madden (2004), Alicia (Giannell) Mayer (2011), **Ryann (Smith) Nolfi, Tricia (Doherty) Palko**, and Rachael (Mizner) Pugel (2013). For her husband's side, Sean Steenberge (2011) served as best man with Mark Johnson (2011) as a groomsman. **Katy Finucane** and Doug Mayer (2009) were readers at the mass.

2011 | Maura Jochum
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After writing this column, I might email the JCU Enrollment team and let them know the Class of 2011 is ready to help fill the Class of 2044! I am excited to share news of our classmates' growing families! **Mike Schmitt** and his wife Allissa (Moore) Schmitt '12 welcomed their second son, Daniel, in January 2022. **Ashley Besong** and husband Matt Thoma '10 welcomed their second child, Wesley James Thoma, on June 18, 2022 (pictured above middle). **Tyler Bond** and his wife expect their third little one to arrive at the end of September! Please continue to share your good news and life updates. Until next time, be well! With love for JCU, Maura

2013 | Larry Napoli
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Rachael Mizner and Aaron Pugel were married on April 24, 2022 in Scottsdale, Arizona. The couple enjoyed the picturesque landscape in an intimate ceremony and celebration surrounded by family and friends.

Anna (Bobby) Schwanitz, and her husband, Drew '14, welcomed their first child, Rowan, in April.

Chase Banyots and **Chloé Dibbin** were married in June 2022 in Riviera Maya, Mexico as part of a week-long wedding celebration surrounded by family, friends, and many JCU alumni.

Bottom right upper photo 43: (L-R: Ryan Napoli '18, Kailey Holland '20, A.J. Dibbin '09, **Hannah (Gaffney) Lahiff, Bryan McCarthy**, Josh Hreha '05, **Chloé (Dibbin) Banyots, Chase Banyots, Nate Kreutzer**, Harry Schneider '14, **Larry Napoli, Kevin McCall, Gage Trott**)



Matt Hoyt, and his wife, Mary, welcomed their first child, Teresa Marie Hoyt, on March 6, 2022. Teresa weighed 8 lbs. and 7 oz. and measured at 22.5 inches. Matt's brother, **Neil**, is Teresa's godfather.

Ryan Konsler, and his wife Jessica, tied the knot on July 9, 2022 in Door County, Wisconsin. They were surrounded in celebration by many John Carroll alumni.

Bottom right lower photo: JCU alumni include: Tom Hickey '12, Joe Bossard '12, **Joe Veltri, Connor Marrero, Owen Timlin, Vinny Trivisonno**, Alexi (Cash) Trivisonno '11, **Aaron Miller, Jon Zoubek, Joe Cahill, Will Homan, Taylor Burns, Patrick O'Brien**, Kevin Rosinski '14, and Greg Otte '14.

Ryan and Esther (D'Mello) Salata started a small business to cope with annoying mosquitoes in their backyard. They created Benesafe Solutions to safely treat their outdoor space for mosquitoes (and ticks and fleas) while keeping their dog Benny, safe. If you are looking for a safe way to treat your yard while keeping your family safe, try Benesafe! **Bridget Mason** and Erik Napientek were married in December 2021. Bridget also graduated from DePaul University with a Master of Science in Accountancy in June 2022. On May 28, 2022, **Sadie Curtin** and Patrick Hackett '17 were married at the Church of the Gesu in University Heights. Although both proud graduates of JCU, they actually met at Mitchell's Fine Chocolates in Cleveland Heights. The couple celebrated with

many beloved friends and fellow Blue Streaks, including a special shoutout to two members of their wedding party, Mark Ehrbar '12 and Alexander Wells '15. **Spencer and Brittany (Fleming) German** welcomed their first child and newest Blue Streak, Jackson William German, on May 28, 2022, weighing in at 8 lbs. and 10 oz. Please feel free to send updates to the alumni office or to my email address. As well, don't be afraid to call me or reach out on Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn.

2014 | Desiree Tercek
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It's a time of new chapters for many of us in the Class of 2014. I just started this summer as a social media editor for The Washington Post and always love meeting up with JCU friends visiting the DC area. New jobs: **Sean Hockensmith** completed his first year teaching English and coaching lacrosse at his alma mater, Bishop Brady High School in Concord, New Hampshire. **Lauren Tullio** is living in Erie, Pennsylvania and started a new job working as a software buyer for L3Harris, an aerospace security company. For the last three years, **Mike O'Grady** has been the head coach for Chatham University's women's ice hockey program, which had a record-setting season this year. **Jarrod Kilburn** is working for the Philadelphia Eagles as a college/pro scout. He was promoted by the team after he spent a year working as a scouting intern. **Sam Lane** lives in Nashville with his wife Barbara and one-year-old son Billy; he's working as a producer at WKRN-News



2. **Sara Schoonmaker** started a new job at Case Western Reserve University as the nursing school's assistant director of special giving. **Mary Fischer** started a job as a global category manager at PPG. **Valerie Smart** is working in nonprofit administration at Smart Strategic Business Solutions. **Greg Schwab** is the cochair for the Sips and Swigs annual beer fest fundraiser for the West Side Catholic Center in Ohio City, which is being held on September 10. New beginnings: **Max Kramer**, who returned to Cleveland a couple of years ago from New York City, is building a house on the west side. **Joe Collins** recently moved to Boston. After a two-year COVID delay, **Christin (Van Atta) Coughlin** and **Owen Coughlin '13** (pictured below) recently took their honeymoon in Ireland. The Coughlins also bought a house in Columbia Station, Ohio. **Mike Spettel** attended the first weekend of Coachella and watched in awe as Megan Thee Stallion performed. **Clara (Richter) McHugh** started a Lord of the Rings podcast. **Liz Pawlowski** got engaged to **Zach Coon** on April 23. New love: **Chuck Mulé**, who recently bought and renovated a house outside Buffalo, is getting married in November. **Mary-Kate Begin**, who will start a new teaching job this fall at Lakewood Catholic Academy, is getting married in December. **Rachel Fritzman** is getting married to **Ryan Wirtz** in February in Peninsula, Ohio. **Maggie Hutchison** got married last fall, with many JCU people in attendance and Father Bernie presiding over the wedding. Maggie also was tapped to join the JCU Alumni Association Board this fall. **John Brady** and **Kelly (Lackey) Brady** bought and renovated a house in Brecksville, Ohio. **Dave** and **Karina (Del Valle) Clifford** celebrated their first anniversary since getting married last May. Their wedding party was filled with JCU grads. More Babies: Families are growing: **Steve Epprecht** and **Alicia (Greci) Epprecht** recently had a baby; **Maria (Loya)** and **John Desrosiers** welcomed a second daughter in the fall. In January, **Joe Saffell** and his wife Katie welcomed a baby girl; **Molly (McComish) Jarosi** and her husband welcomed their son—and hopefully future Bluestreak—Miles McCray. **Ty McTigue** and **Chelsea (Gerken) McTigue** welcomed baby girl Colette on February 9th; **Jessica Fleming** and her husband welcomed baby boy

Gregory James on February 9th; **Lauren (Laughlin) Horst**—who recently moved to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania with her husband—welcomed baby girl Violet on February 25th. **Melissa Spahar** welcomed her beautiful daughter, Everly Ertter, in May. Continue emailing updates! Go Blue Streaks!

2015 | Colleen Reilly Gong
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I'm not sure about the rest of you, but it seems impossible to believe that we are over halfway into 2022 (wasn't it just yesterday—and not eleven years ago—that we were busy buying our shower caddies and attending orientation in anticipation of our first fall at JCU?). As time marches on, the list of achievements and life updates of our classmates continues to grow. Our class has been busy with many new and exciting jobs, engagements, beautiful weddings, and baby Blue Streaks! **Valerie (Gillombardo)** and **David Hendrickson** welcomed their baby girl, Riley Amelia Hendrickson, on April 24, 2022. **Matthew Dracoules** graduated with a Master of Arts in Classics from Villanova University and plans to go to Paris for The Paideia Institute's Living Latin in Paris program. **Beth Andrews** welcomed son Jack Andrews on May 19, 2022. **Moira Kelley** recently accepted a new position as a humanities instructor and lacrosse coach at the Culver Academies in Culver, Indiana. **Michelle Bober** and **Jacob Millorino** were married on May 14, 2022, at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland with many Blue Streaks in attendance. **Michael Younes** is moving back home to Cleveland from the Big Apple and teaching theology at Benedictine High School. **Brynn Doherty** and **Alex Manos** were married on March 26, 2022, in Boca Raton, Florida with many Blue Streaks in attendance. **Tyler Lenzion** is getting married in August to his best



friend, Rona. He has moved back to New York after graduating from business school in Boston. **Angela (Cardena) Spengler** and her husband welcome the birth of their son, Noah Allen Spengler, on April 27, 2022. **Mary (Lutter)** and Rich Mazzola '13 welcomed their son, Leo Richard Mazzola, on May 15, 2022. Following the creation of the B.A. in Exercise Science program at Ursuline College initiated in Fall 2020, **Scott Willis** had the pleasure of watching his first student graduate and walk at commencement. **Jack Ohliger** is living in Tremont and teaching English at the University of Akron. Anyone who used to spend time in the Bellhouse ... please feel welcome to join him for a beer! **Rachel (Distler) Page** got married to Daniel Page (a graduate of Grove City College) on August 15, 2021, and is currently living in Denver. **Brodie (Hartsel)** and **Sam Braun** welcomed their daughter, Molly McNee Braun, on October 9, 2021. **Zach Strippy** and Margaret Schmidt '23G were married. This summer, **Nikki (Keller) Tome** and **Adam Tome** moved into a beautiful new house in North Ridgeville, Ohio. **Katie Wilczewski** has quite a few life updates—she graduated in April from Eastern Michigan University with her Masters in Curriculum & Instruction with a Reading concentration and will be moving back to Cleveland in August to pursue a new teaching opportunity. She also was engaged on June 5 to Andrew Zak (a St. Ignatius High School grad) and they will be getting married in June 2023! **Emily (Grazia)** and **Ryan Devin** welcome their son, Knox Ryan Devin, on July 1, 2022. Stay well and keep the news coming. AMDG.

2017 | Amy Awadalla
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Hello, Blue Streaks! I hope everyone had a restful and fun summer so far! I know that some of you definitely have!

Congratulations to **Haley Kocisko** and her new husband, Mike! They were married on a beautiful July day in Cincinnati, Ohio. That's not all for our 2017 lovebirds. Congratulations to **Erin Hogan** and her new husband, Peter! Erin and Peter were married in July on the east side of Cleveland. In other exciting news, congratulations to **Jess** and **Bobby Cowen** on their brand new baby bundle of joy! (Future Blue Streak, maybe?) That's not all on the baby front—**Lizzie Lee** and her husband Stephen are expecting a baby boy in November! Congratulations to the Lees! I just love seeing and hearing about all the exciting things happening with our class! Please make sure to email me for future updates you would like included in our class column! Until next time, friends! Xoxo, Amy

2018 | Michael Andelbradt
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Hello, fellow Blue Streaks! It is hard to believe that next summer is already our five-year reunion! It doesn't feel nearly that long ago that our class was making memories on Warrensville and at Joey's, Panini's, and Dive Bar. Our next time celebrating together is going to be right here on campus! I know that many of us are looking forward to reconnecting and making some new memories as we gather back in UH for an awesome weekend. No rides on Cabby will be necessary, but I am sure that one of you will get him involved somehow. I enjoyed highlighting some of the amazing places that our classmates have spread out to across the world and also seeing what they have been up to. My non-exhaustive list is included. I can't wait to see how many of us are able to make the trip "home" next summer! Austin, Texas - **Brendan Reilly**, cloud consultant at Oracle; Baltimore, Maryland - **Maggie Rybak**, project implementation specialist at CDC Foundation; Buffalo, New York - **Grace DeMarco**, marketing manager at Ciminelli Real Estate Corporation; Boston,

Massachusetts - **Katie Neary**, marketing analyst at EF Education First; Charleston, South Carolina - **John Koller**, financial analyst at Advanced Technology International; Charlotte, North Carolina - **Julianne McGervey**, financial planning analyst at Eaton; Chicago, Illinois - **Brian Boyle**, special account analyst at BMO Harris Bank; Cincinnati, Ohio - **Zac Gehner**, campaign manager at The E.W. Scripps Company; Columbus, Ohio - **Clarence Coker**, doctoral candidate at The Ohio State University; Denver, Colorado - **Anna Long**, mental health therapist at H.E.A.R.T Counseling Center; Detroit, Michigan - **Anne Crowley**, digital marketing specialist at Christian Financial Credit Union; Grand Rapids, Michigan - **Liv Barney**, 6th grade teacher for Grand Rapids Public Schools; Indianapolis, Indiana - **Crystal Hajek**, office administrator at krM Architecture; London, England - **James Kirkpatrick**, The London School of Economics and Political Science; Los Angeles, California - **Warren Starks**, operations analyst at Sony Pictures Entertainment; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - **Sarah Rothschild**, board certified behavior analyst at Verbal Beginnings; Rochester, New York - **Will DiPasquale**, University of Rochester School of Medicine; Rome, Italy - **Colleen Lyons**, business development manager at Allelica; Milwaukee, Wisconsin - **Lisa Marking**, administrative assistant at Innovative Benefit Solutions; Nashville, Tennessee - **Mia Iaderosa**, communication and events administrator at Leadership Music; New York City - **Lindsay Stein**, customer success manager at Outbrain; San Diego, California - **Ryan Bleggi**, media analyst at VaynerMedia; Seattle, Washington - **Emma Connell**, acute care physical therapist for the Department of Veterans Affairs; Tampa, Florida - **Sydney Slater**, national recruitment manager, Maxim Healthcare; Toledo, Ohio - **Ally Heyman**, licensed professional counselor at Perrysburg Counseling Services; Washington DC - **Tipton Woodard**,

consultant for the U.S. Department of Defense; Youngstown, Ohio - **Joe Carrier**, funeral director at Rossi and Santucci Funeral Home.

2019 | Sean Freeman
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John Carroll instills the mantra "Men & Women For and With Others" into every student. While the dedication to helping others lives in each of us, some students make it their career. For others, like **Caitlin Matthews**, helping others is more a way of life than a career. An outreach specialist at OhioGuidestone, Workforce 360, she recruits young residents of Cleveland to partake in paid job training and GED programs. Her collegiate service experience familiarized her with the neighborhood nonprofits of greater Cleveland, offering her team, "a built-in cheat sheet." "I knew the places to work through and check out from my time at JCU," recalled Caitlin. In addition to education, Caitlin has helped residents apply for SNAP benefits and overcome barriers to finding work. Despite her education and experience, these systems remain challenging to navigate. "I can see how overwhelming it would be, especially in a crisis situation," she expressed. Caitlin's job highlights the relationships she builds: "Every day, I'm learning more about being a human being; all the lows and all the highs." **Maeve McMahon** knows about the highs and lows of humans. The Cleveland Clinic social worker recently graduated from Case Western's Master's program, completing the program after working a full-time job during the week and completing courses on the weekends. "I definitely had less free time for enjoyable social things like at JCU. That was a big miss," Maeve lamented. "I knew it would be tough." Three years later with three more letters (LSW) attached to her name, Maeve aids kids with a depression diagnosis paired with another mental health issue. "Mental health services are in high demand," Maeve explained. "[My team & I] knew this was coming because COVID-19 did a number on everyone." Through her schooling and clinical experience, Maeve found nine out of ten persons face a mental issue, privately or

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publicly, regardless of background. To create a healthier public, the answer is simple: "Social workers need to be paid more," stated Maeve. "More people need to do it, and it's tough without a living or sustainable wage." While there is clear impact in face-to-face service, many nonprofit jobs are in the background. As a Department Analyst, **Jacob Schupp** collects donations to the Clinic and ensures the dollars follow the donor's intentions. "I make sure it gets to the right place ... where the donor is more interested or invested." As the Cleveland Clinic moves millions of dollars towards tackling issues like lead paint and infant mortality, Schupp explains how witnessing efforts from the backend answers a common question. "At JCU, when we engaged with people like in Labre, we asked 'why can't we just fix it?' [Now, I] see the bureaucracy and things take time to get done." Schupp isn't the only one working in the backend. **Rachel Lefebvre** connects with nonprofits nationwide, providing an all-encompassing donor management software through Charity Proud in Charleston, South Carolina. Through the Americorp Year of Service program, she worked with people experiencing substance use disorders, and focused on destigmatizing addiction with the goal of healing healthcare over incarceration. Rachel, like the other interviewees, recognizes what she is up against issues that feel "so much bigger than you." Nonetheless, Rachel persists by putting her mind towards the community, where impact can be seen and felt. "Hearing that the program made a difference, no matter how small, can take away the heaviness of the work." Rachel hopes to continue working for organizations whose mission and leaders she believes in. "It's about making the best with the resources we've got." Exemplifying passion and efficiency in resources, **Ashley Bernett** accepted a new role as Membership Recruitment Coordinator at Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio after graduation. Ashley recruits parents and girls to join local troops from Ashtabula to Sandusky. Telling of her own experience with the Girl Scouts, "[The organization's] way more extensive from even when I was a kid." The Girl Scouts create camps with opportunities to learn coding, build robots, practice archery, and visit places like NASA. Utilizing an extensive network of

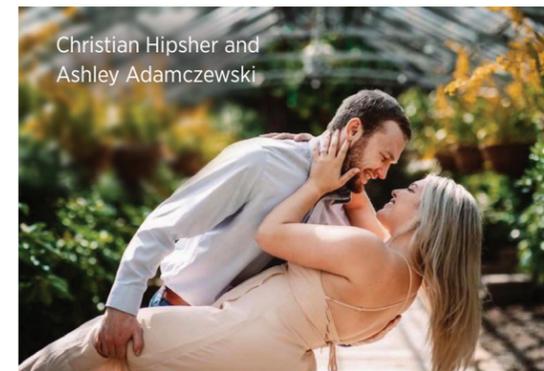
volunteers and coordinators throughout Ohio, Ashley brings as many people as possible, including men, into the fold. "Everyone learns from each other and supports each other." Its systems and practices resemble a successful business, but the Girl Scout name carries differently than Goodyear. Ashley reminds friends and family this is a paid full-time job. Some volunteers suggest, "[Are] you coming in here to tell me what to do?" to which she replies, "I'm not here to fight or take over, I'm here to support you." Despite reaching over 4,600 girls in the region after beginning with 1,200 scouts, Ashley wants to bring in more people following such difficult years. "Especially now, [parents] want to do things with their kids in the community." Ashley's pride in her work is the progress amongst the troops, "[It's] wonderful seeing the girls grow up to be wonderful young ladies." Despite the differences in each of these nonprofit workers, they hold a common love for the work they're doing. They recognize it's like any job, where burnout and overworking are expected. Their dedication to their communities and the relationships they form, however, promote the light within each of us.

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I hope everyone continues to find peace and joy in this season of life. Love is in the air for the class of 2020! It started with the beautiful wedding of **Calvin Chmura** and his new wife, Victoria, this past November. Congratulations to these two as they just purchased their first home together. Calvin is also returning to his alma mater to teach 8th grade math and to coach middle school football and track. December then brought the engagement of **John Garmon** and **Michelle Ritchey**, and a few months later in February, **Christian Hipsher** and **Ashley Adamczewski** got engaged. I am so excited to see photos of these joyous celebrations! Our fellow Blue Streaks are also continuing to pave the way in their fields of study. After graduating from John Carroll University, **Samantha Sestito** attended The University of Pittsburgh Accelerated Nursing Program, where she earned her ABSN. Samantha graduated in August 2020, passed her nursing boards, and began her career at UPMC Magee Women's Hospital in their labor and delivery department. Wishing many



John Garmon and Michelle Ritchey



Christian Hipsher and Ashley Adamczewski



Brigid Bryant and Charles Plzak

blessings upon you as summer comes to a close. Please continue to stay in touch and pass along all of your exciting updates via email or social media.

Until next time, Kendall

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Brigid Bryant will be teaching fifth grade at Arbor Elementary in Euclid, Ohio beginning this fall. **Charles Plzak** will start law school at Cleveland Marshall Law in the fall. Charles and Brigid are also recently engaged!

From Left to Right: Morgan Anderson '25, Ron Sertz '69, Evan Welsh '23, Bill Gagliano '77



THE BEAT GOES ON

By Dave Vitaoe '00, Assistant Vice President of Alumni Relations

The year is 1975 and a young, upstart musician from New Jersey paces around his dressing room, guitar strapped over his back, just outside the modest John Carroll University gymnasium. In the distance, the sounds of students can be heard, stirring on the gym floor in front of the stage in anticipation of a set list that would soon become the anthem of a generation. Students from the University Club usher classmates and friends to their seats while others wipe the sweat from their brows and check on the stage that they just finished building hours earlier. Two long-haired U-Clubbers, with equally long sideburns, peek their heads into the dressing room: “Are you ready, Bruce?”

The scenario above, although imagined, is based on true events, because from 1958 through the late 1980s, if there was a headline concert (Neil Diamond, Aerosmith,

Heart, etc.) or any other significant student event on campus, the U-Club was likely responsible. So when I was approached in early 2021 about how our alumni could impact the student experience, I immediately thought of the legacy of the U-Club and its members. It just so happened, they had been thinking a lot about the club’s legacy too.

After many of the student groups and local Greek organizations folded or transitioned into national organizations in the late 1990s, some alumni from



AN ALUMNA HERSELF, KATIE SAW THE VALUE OF EMBRACING OUR PAST AND CARRYING FORWARD OUR TRADITIONS.

groups like the U-Club struck out on their own to keep their cherished traditions alive and well. In recent years, we have worked to build back those relationships and began hosting U-Club reunions on campus. It was my goal to ensure that past members felt valued as JCU alumni and celebrated for their significant contributions to our community through their club. The idea to cement this legacy developed naturally from these efforts.

I am grateful to my colleague, Katie Jansen, in the Student Affairs Division for immediately understanding the opportunity. An alumna herself, Katie saw the value of embracing our past and carrying forward our traditions. My proposal to her was simple: as the staff person who oversees our student programming, would the current Student Union Programming Board (SUPB) be willing to change its name and rebrand to become the University Club? And to the U-Club, would its



alumni be willing to give back and start a fund to go towards current and future student programming on campus? The answer was yes and yes.

The University Club name makes its return to campus this fall with current student leaders embracing the organization’s history, while offering their own modern twist and slick logo that honors the past. To date, and with the leadership of U-Club volunteer Ron Sertz '69, the fund has raised close to \$150,000, earmarked to enhance student programming on campus throughout the year. The relaunch coincided with the annual Welcome Back Concert on campus on September 2, 2022 with U-Club alumni in attendance. Their hair is shorter (and grayer), and their sideburns are gone, but their impact continues and their legacy lives on.

If you would like to donate to the University Club Fund to help impact the student experience, visit jcu.edu/give or contact alumni@jcu.edu.

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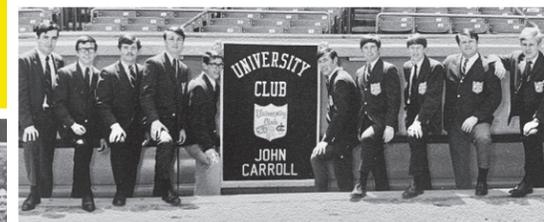


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