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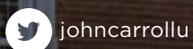
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# LETTER *from* THE PRESIDENT



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](http://blog.jcu.edu)** and **[inspired-president-blog.jcu.edu](http://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



## ALUMNI MEDALISTS ANNOUNCED

The independent alumni awards selection committee, composed of all former presidents of the JCU Alumni Association, convened in February to select the 2022 award recipients. The following alumni have been chosen to receive the highest honor given out by the Alumni Association: The Alumni Medal. The recipients will be celebrated at the annual Alumni Awards Dinner on Saturday, September 24, 2022, in conjunction with Homecoming and Family Weekend.

- **Mike Anderson '86**
- **Frank Grace '63**
- **Mary Jo Hogan '74**
- **Bruce Jarosz '72**
- **David Robinson '74**
- **Tim Russert '72\***

\*First to ever receive The Alumni Medal posthumously

## NBC/JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY "MEET THE PRESS" FELLOWSHIP

This May, **Sophia Maltese '21** finishes her time as the most recent NBC/John Carroll University Meet the Press fellow. "Meet the Press" is the longest running program on American television. At JCU, Maltese was a communication and english double major with a minor in political science. She was editor-in-chief of the Carroll News during the 2020-2021 academic year, and led the Society of Professional Journalists as the chapter's president from 2018-2020. At "Meet the Press," Maltese produces roundtable panel segments, video elements for the show, and manages guests on Sunday morning. She says it's always busy, but always rewarding.



Earlier this spring, candidates took part in the interview process to become the next Blue Streak headed to the nation's capital to work on the top-rated Sunday morning public affairs program. This pipeline dates back to 2009, when **Andrew Rafferty '09** was the first to be awarded the prestigious fellowship.

## REV. CASEY BUKALA, S.J. DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Joseph Miller, Ph.D. '59

**YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD**  
Announced after the printing of this magazine.

**THE REV. WILLIAM M. BICHL, S.J. ALUMNI VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD**  
Announced after the printing of this magazine. Visit [jcu.edu/alumni](http://jcu.edu/alumni) for updates.

## NEW GRADUATE PROGRAMS FOCUS ON PRACTICAL SKILLS

*Current offering:*

### **Master's Degree in Digital Marketing:**

This program provides students with the opportunity to deepen their digital marketing knowledge in a rapidly changing world.

*In Development:*

**Masters of Sports Leadership:** Building on John Carroll's Jesuit mission and rich alumni network in professional and collegiate sports, the new Masters of Sports Leadership program will form the future leaders in the sports industry.



## NEW YEAR BRINGS MORE SUCCESS FOR JCU IN THE NFL

**Jonathan Cooley '11, '15G** and Chris Shula, former Blue Streak defensive coordinator and grandson of the late **Don Shula '51**, celebrated a Super Bowl win in February as members of the Los Angeles Rams coaching staff.

Former Blue Streak teammates **David Ziegler '00, '07G** and **Josh McDaniels '99** are teaming up again as the new general manager and head coach of the Las Vegas Raiders. McDaniels and Ziegler become the only current NFL head coach-GM combo to have been college teammates, and the only to have graduated from the same university for undergraduate degrees.

## GIVING BACK

Houston Texans general manager **Nick Caserio '98**, a JCU Hall of Fame quarterback and one of 30 former Blue Streak football players and coaches now working in the NFL, will fund a new leadership position within John Carroll University Athletics.

The Assistant Athletic Director for Leadership Development and Student-Athlete Success will focus on fostering a stronger connection between the playing field, academics and professional development, and John Carroll's wide-ranging student support services for athletes on all 23 intercollegiate teams.

Caserio, who spent 20 years working for the New England Patriots, including six Super Bowl victories, will fund the position for a period of four years beginning this summer.

## A PERFORMANCE FOR THE AGES

Junior student-athlete, **Alex Phillip**, was named the 2021 NCAA Division III Men's Cross Country National Athlete of the Year, as announced by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). He became John Carroll's first cross country National Athlete of the Year.

John Carroll Cross Country fans watched a truly historic season play out for Phillip this season. The Akron native (St. Vincent-St. Mary High School) blazed through the regular season and won every single postseason race in historic fashion. First, the Ohio Athletic Conference Championships (24:07.8). Then, the Great Lakes Regional Championships (24:27.4). And the crowning cherry on top, the National Championships (23:27.6).

Phillip became John Carroll's first individual cross country national champion, as well as the OAC's first individual champion.

## REMEMBERING FR. DON COZZENS



The John Carroll University community mourns the loss of Reverend Donald B. Cozzens, former Writer in Residence and professor in the Theology and Religious Studies department. Fr. Cozzens, 82, passed away on December 9, 2021, due to complications of pneumonia as a result of COVID-19.

Fr. Cozzens' tenure at JCU began in 2002 as visiting professor of Religious Studies. In 2004, he was appointed as Writer in Residence. He would go on to publish four books while serving in that position until his retirement in 2016.

Born May 17, 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio, he knew he was destined to be a leader in the Catholic Church from an early age. In an interview with "American Catholic," Cozzens stated he wanted to become a priest "from the first day of the first grade."

Cozzens earned his Bachelor of Sacred Theology from The Catholic University of America in 1965 and was ordained in the same year at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland.

He was Associate Pastor at St. Christopher Church in Rocky River, Ohio in 1965, and started his academic career in 1971, serving as a Chaplain and Cochair of the Department of Religious Studies at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in Akron, Ohio.

Cozzens earned a Master of Arts from the University of Notre Dame in 1973 and a Ph.D. from Kent State University in 1976.

He was passionate about teaching the faith, and in 1996 accepted a position as President-Rector and professor of pastoral theology at Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology in Wickliffe, Ohio. Cozzens continued to write while educating future clergy members and published his first book, "The Spirituality of the Diocesan Priest," in 1997.

His writing sometimes addressed issues within the church and drew criticism. Colleagues say his intent was not to highlight those problems but to help solve them.



Fr. Cozzens continued his commitment to the church and JCU during his retirement. He regularly presided over Monday's noon Mass in St. Francis Chapel on Campus. He was also active in The Church of the Gesu services and would fill in for pastors at the Church of St. Dominic in Shaker Heights.

Father Cozzens was unwavering in his commitment to faith, education, and serving others. His life's work both as a priest and educator has left an indelible impact on both the JCU and Greater Cleveland communities. Father Cozzens fueled that work through his love of the church, priesthood, and an insatiable thirst for learning.

# Around *the* [QUAD]

## JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY EMERGES AS REGIONAL HUB FOR INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE WITH AN ENDOWED CHAIR IN JEWISH STUDIES

Investments by The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Supporting Foundation, The Milton and Tamar Maltz Family Foundation, and **Norma Geller '87** have established an endowed chair in Jewish Studies within the Theology and Religious Studies Department. These gifts complement John Carroll's endowments in Interreligious Studies, Islamic Studies, and Catholic Theology.

John Carroll University is now poised to become a center for interreligious engagement around the three great Abrahamic traditions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. This support for an endowed chair in Jewish Studies follows the establishment of the **Jack and Mary Jane Breen Chair in Catholic Systematic Theology** in 2011, the **Bediüzzaman Said Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies** in 2003, and the **Walter and Mary Tuohy Chair of Interreligious Studies** in 1966—the first chair of ecumenism ever established at an American Jesuit college or university.



## JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES

### LAUDATO SI PLEDGE

In February, Dr. Al Miciak, President of John Carroll University, announced that the University is part of the first cohort of colleges and universities to answer Pope Francis' call to join the Vatican's Seven Year Journey to Become a "Laudato Si" Campus.

"Laudato Si" is the Pope's 2015 encyclical on Integral Ecology. Over the next seven years, John Carroll will be one of over one hundred universities to take concrete steps to promote ecological education and simplified lifestyles, reduce its carbon footprint, invest and spend responsibly, and listen carefully to the voices of those who are poor and most adversely affected by climate change.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

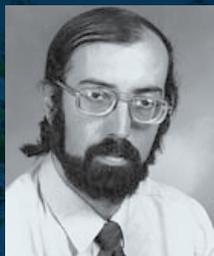
Teachers and researchers enrich lives and change the world. For more than 130 years, John Carroll University has benefited from the dedication and contributions of its esteemed faculty. Over the next two issues, we honor and appreciate our long-time faculty members who are retiring from John Carroll University at the end of this academic year.



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and Data Science



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D'AMBROSIA**  
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Computer Science,  
and Data Science

# PARDON OUR PROGRESS



## SCHOTT DINING HALL

A 22,000 square foot renovation to Schott Dining Hall will be underway this summer, providing returning and future students with a premier dining facility. The makeover will elevate the student experience by offering a modern space in which to eat and relax, and will create several living room concepts. Features include new entrances, upgrades to kitchen equipment, furniture, lighting, acoustics, a fireplace, and a modern aesthetic. In addition to helping with student recruitment and enrollment, alumni events will take place in the new space. The new facility has the potential to be open 24/7 for students to have a social study space with food close to their residence halls.

## DAVE '81 AND BETH SHORT FAMILY TENNIS CENTER

Opened for play this spring, providing student-athletes with a championship-caliber facility and site for home matches for the women's and men's tennis teams.

## THE MASTRANTONI FAMILY STUDENT SUCCESS COMMONS

A key to the centralization of career services, academic advising, and accessibility services into the heart of campus was the establishment of the new Student Success Commons, thanks to the generosity of **John '80 and Mary Ann Mastrantoni**. Located in Grasselli Library, the space provides vital student support, creating a one-stop shop for academic and career advice.

## PACELLI RESIDENCE HALL

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

## DOLAN RESIDENCE HALL

Construction continues as Dolan Hall is set to open for the 2022-23 academic year. The project features modernized living spaces and a new, glass-enclosed lobby.



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Theology and Religious Studies



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Philosophy



**PAUL NIETUPSKI**  
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**DANIEL PALMER**  
Mathematics, Computer Science, and Data Science



**MARTHA PERESZLENYI-PINTER**  
Classical Modern Language & Cultures

A photograph of three scientists in a laboratory setting. A man with glasses and a beard is on the left, a woman with curly hair is on the right, and a man is leaning over them from the right. They are gathered around a table with various pieces of equipment, including a large black circular component and a metal frame. The background shows shelves with colorful folders or books.

# BUILDING

## A BETTER SCIENTIST

*By Ben Lombardi*

Advancements in technology consistently create new, dynamic tools for research scientists. Over the past decade, data science has become increasingly accessible, improving the efficiency and efficacy of research, and breaking down the barriers created by traditional data-processing software.

For example, it took the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Institutes of Health 13 years and over \$1 billion to complete the sequencing of the human genome in the 1990s. Today, using data science, a researcher can map the same sequence in one to two days at the cost of around \$4,000.

While machines handle the bulk of this research, the next generation of scientists must have a firm foundation of scientific knowledge and processes.

Scientists must now ask more complex questions to understand and potentially solve more intricate problems. While these fields are highly technical, John Carroll University is evolving its curriculum to develop future scientists who combine analytical scientific methods with a broad knowledge base from the liberal arts to face the challenges of tomorrow.

## Breaking Down Data Science

Data science pulls skills from a variety of different fields—from computer science and statistics to graphic design and business—to extract knowledge and insights from data sets that are too large for traditional software. Using scientific methods, processes, and algorithms, data science helps build predictive models and patterns. This is a game-changer, as scientists now have computing capabilities to perform complex research analyses on these models and designs.

Here, artificial intelligence (AI) is no longer just science fiction; it's one of the primary methods used to break down enormous volumes of data. AI uses natural language processing, which bridges the communication gap between humans and computers. Apple's "Siri," an electronic personal assistant, employs AI to predict and better understand our natural-language requests. In addition to giving you directions to the grocery store, AI can identify connections within datasets to create scientific models.

Dive into AI, and you find machine learning, where machines learn from the hordes of data received without being programmed. Electric car maker Tesla uses machine learning to fine-tune its autopilot feature. Data is compiled in real-time from more than one million vehicles in various scenarios and added to algorithms to improve self-driving quality. The computer learns similarly to humans, but exponentially faster, improving accuracy as more data is sampled.

Beyond adding convenience to our everyday lives, data science is at the forefront of research science. These complex tools require critical thinking science minds to guide them toward solutions. John Carroll University faculty are developing students to fill this critical role, instilling a foundation of scientific knowledge, analytical thinking, and confidence to ask the right questions.

JCU chemistry professor, Dr. Dave Mascotti, says research experience is a major building block in forming this foundation, "a practiced craft where one can use what was once a failure—or success—to help inform what to do in a future situation."

## Building a Scientific Foundation

JCU alumni **Dr. Joe Rodgers ('02)** uses data science to treat age-related, degenerative diseases. After extensive work in molecular biology, Rodgers co-founded Fountain Therapeutics, a preclinical biopharmaceutical company in San Francisco. The company's goal is to separate the relationship of aging from disease and improve the quality of life for our aging population. Rodgers attributes the Jesuit philosophy of service motivates his professional goals. "My interpretation of service is expanding knowledge through research and education. That's the driving force of what I'm doing today."

Rodgers' passion for biology began at an early age. The Willoughby, Ohio native spent a lot of time in nature as a child. His father was a chemical engineer and avid outdoor enthusiast. "You just go off in the woods and all that goes along with that—fishing, catching frogs and turtles, and stuff like that. That was certainly how everything started," says Rodgers.

In 1998, Rodgers began an ambitious journey at John Carroll—a double major of chemistry and biology. Dr. Mascotti introduced Rodgers to research science during his first year. "He saw that I had submitted an application for a summer fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic. Seeing my application and knowing it was highly unlikely that the Clinic's program would accept a freshman, he offered me a fellowship in his lab for the summer," Rodgers remembers.

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Rodgers continued his research with Dr. Mascotti over the next two years. JCU's experiential learning builds real-world experience while fostering a foundation of scientific intellect. As Rodgers became exceedingly comfortable in the lab with their research, Mascotti knew Rodgers was ready for a change of scenery. "I thought then, and still do, that he should learn in a new setting from new mentors. There are many ways to achieve progress in science and I don't hold all the answers. In general, the more you see, the more you can do," Mascotti says.

Rodgers found his way into a new laboratory during the summer after his junior year. He earned a fellowship at the University of California, Santa Cruz, working with faculty to develop technology for single-molecule DNA sequencing using nanopores (a technology that is just now commercially available). The fellowship was Rodgers' first exposure to machine learning tools. The system enabled researchers to interpret DNA sequence information from electrical signals passed through a protein. The resulting signals provided specific DNA and RNA sequences from a single molecule.

## Researching the Role

This novel approach to DNA sequencing inspired Rodgers to continue his education in molecular biology. After graduating from John Carroll in 2002, Rodgers began his Ph.D. at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, working in the Biochemistry, Cell, and Molecular Biology program. Rodgers' thesis identified a connection between two genes having a critical role in sensing energy levels in the body and regulating cellular metabolism.

As he was finishing his doctorate at Johns Hopkins, Rodgers followed his faculty advisor to Harvard Medical school and continued his postgraduate work. He remained at Harvard to study cellular biology and added to his impressive publication record. While most students would look for a faculty position and start a lab, Rogers wanted to complete more research.

He headed west to the Stanford University School of Medicine to study how cell pathways relate to injury throughout the body. His research team discovered a set of dormant cells which activate upon injury to heal the damage. This discovery led to Roger's position in 2016 as Assistant Professor at the University of Southern California in the Department of Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine and the Broad Institute for Regenerative Medicine.

## Searching for the Fountain of Youth

Rodgers' work at Stanford and USC provided the foundation and the partners for his own venture, Fountain Therapeutics. Rodgers founded the preclinical biopharmaceutical company in 2017 with his postdoctoral mentor, Dr. Tom Rando, and Dr. Tom Cheung. The start-up was feasible only because of technological advances in deep learning and computer vision—and investors who understood the benefits of data science.

The three biologists developed a new approach to study the biology of aging, unencumbered by previous assumptions. As humans live longer, they begin to deal with chronic degenerative diseases. Almost everyone experiences or suffers from dementia, Alzheimer's, frailty, or arthritis at a certain age. Rodgers' company wants to better understand and solve these complex diseases through a novel scientific method. "There are zero disease-modifying drugs out there for these," says Rodgers. "All the medications out there target the symptoms, not the underlying disease."

Fountain Therapeutics' proprietary technology uses machine learning and computer vision to determine cellular age. Cells retain information encoded inside that show aging processes. Much like people train themselves to use facial expressions to understand mood or thoughts, Rodgers' firm trains computer models to recognize and predict disease through the appearance of cells.

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good data from bad to find information related to cellular age through deep learning models. Once the technology determines the age of the cell, the intervention process begins. A tool searches for therapies and drugs that can modify the properties of the cell.

In other words, data science determines if certain medications make cells younger or older. By reversing the cellular age through therapeutics, the hope is to reduce the effect of these diseases associated with old age.

Research on degenerative diseases has been ongoing for decades, but new technology enables researchers like Rodgers to employ new methods to help the aging population enjoy a higher quality of life. “By studying and targeting the biology of aging, we are trying to understand, in mechanistic, biochemical terms, why aging leads to disease,” he says. Rodgers believes his work will develop therapies and drugs for diseases and conditions that large pharmaceutical companies have not effectively targeted.

### Science, Technology, and Liberal Arts

Dr. Rodgers’ path to launching an innovative biotechnology firm is the culmination of education, research experience, and embracing emerging technologies. While his work is highly technical, Rodgers says his undergraduate, liberal arts education at John Carroll challenged him to broaden his view.

“Specializing, getting depth of knowledge is pretty easy—you find a topic you like, and you just keep digging in,” he says. “The breadth of knowledge is difficult; it almost always requires some outside force, pushing you out of your comfort zone, to expose you to something new.”

Professor Dave Mascotti also sees the impact of a liberal arts education on his biology students as they plan to enter the future workforce. “I believe that is one of the reasons many of my students over the years have either changed their focus within science toward entrepreneurship or science writing, or moved on to other fields, such as data analytics, where they can utilize their broad fundamental training to focus on a future they would have never foreseen.”

In addition to a breadth of knowledge, John Carroll STEM graduates move into the workforce with a firm foundation of scientific knowledge, built over four years through curriculum and experiential learning opportunities. In JCU’s Physics department, courses incorporate some



emerging technologies. According to physics professor Dr. Danielle Kara, these courses help prepare students to work with big data. “We introduce students to data collection and analysis methods starting in the first year, and we build on those methods throughout the curriculum. We also work to integrate coding and computational analysis into our coursework, including a course that is dedicated to learning and applying many of the computational methods that are commonly used in physics and engineering.”

John Carroll University’s commitment to blending technical science degrees with a liberal arts education is bridging a divide evident in many higher education institutions in the U.S.—a noticeable divergence between liberal arts and science degrees. Institutions that aim to create true innovators, like Dr. Joe Rodgers, must embrace both sides of this divide.

Rodgers believes well-rounded education constructs care for the whole person and a better scientist. “You need depth and breadth of knowledge to be a responsible citizen of the world. You need to know how your body works, how the internet works, how the government works, why the world is the way it is; these foundations help develop compelling arguments and ideas.”

John Carroll’s science degrees employ a unique balance of educational tools to help students determine and follow their path after college. These departments foster the next generation of scientific minds through evolving scientific coursework, experiential learning opportunities, and access to technology. This forward-thinking approach empowers confident future scientists to ask the right questions and provide thoughtful techniques to solve tomorrow’s problems.



THE SCIENCE  
OF SERVICE:

# BUILDING INSPIRED NURSES

*By Jo Steigerwald*

Immersion in the global pandemic over the past two years has magnified the presence of health and healthcare in our lives. The pandemic has also shown the extraordinary need for professionals who can pivot quickly, act resourcefully, and problem solve under extreme circumstances. On the front lines of patient care, nurses rise to this challenge in a variety of settings.

According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the nursing workforce is projected to grow by 20% over the next six years. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that from now until 2029, there will be nearly 200,000 registered nurse positions opening each year due to retirements. Regional hospitals in Northeast Ohio currently report 4,500 open positions in healthcare, with an acute shortage of nurses.

Complexities in healthcare and technology have also led to more hospitals requiring incoming nurses to hold a bachelor's degree. John Carroll has a long history of successfully preparing students to enter STEM careers. Its identity as a Catholic Jesuit liberal arts institution brings

together scientific rigor, critical thinking, and a mission of service—an ideal combination to meet the increasing healthcare needs of the world.

## Care & Constant Change

According to **Shanna Stonebrook Botos ('00)**, nursing is the glue that holds together patient care. She should know: for the past 18 years, Botos has worked as a dual certified pediatric nurse practitioner in Cleveland Clinic hospitals.



Botos was a pre-med major at John Carroll when she shifted her career goals in the direction of nursing. Medical school and residency requirements conflicted with her priority to have her own family; nursing combined the service of caring for



others and critical thinking skills with her “scientific brain,” creating her ideal career path.

Classes in The James A. Bohannon Science Center gave her a strong science foundation for the rest of her career. After graduation,

Botos attended Case Western Reserve University for her master’s degree in nursing. When her youngest child was off to kindergarten, she enrolled as a doctoral student at The Ohio State University, receiving her Doctorate of Nursing Practice in 2020. “I believe that John Carroll’s reputation preceded me,” says Botos. “It helped to open doors at both Case and OSU.”

Botos says that nursing feeds her own love of learning. “Healthcare and medicine are professions of constant change,” she notes. “Nurses must learn, adapt, and adjust to provide the best patient care—I cannot do the job today with the knowledge I received 20 years ago.”

In addition to patient care, Botos is an advocate for her fellow nurses. One challenge she sees is that new nurses miss the importance of what Botos calls bedside nursing, and decide to pursue graduate studies in ancillary healthcare fields or change careers altogether.

“What attracted me to nursing was its ability to affect patient care at the bedside,” says Botos. “Everything a nurse does changes the patient’s outcome. The healing happens because good nursing is involved. How do we keep new nurses engaged and fulfilled enough to stay in the profession?”

That answer, she hopes, may come from John Carroll’s proposed new nursing program, now in its development stages.

## Challenges & Charism

For Steven Herbert, Provost and Academic Vice President, planning an undergraduate nursing program at John Carroll is an obvious next step in its Inspired Future.

Building a nursing program is not without its challenges. Strategic planning and curricula shifts are only the first step in a process that includes rigorous vetting from the Ohio Board of Nursing, the Ohio Department of Education, and the Higher Learning Commission before an institution is able to enroll students. Then, after the program launches, the college seeks further accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

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“We have strong STEM programs, particularly in the allied health fields of pre-med, pre-vet, and pre-dental. A nursing program builds on this history and skill set. And it rests on our students’ proven ability to survive and thrive in technical and science-driven environments.”

Added to this is John Carroll’s Ignatian heritage of *magis*—doing the more, the better—through service to the greater good for the glory of God, as well as *cura personalis*, care for the whole person. According to Herbert, these values will infuse the kind of care that a JCU-prepared nurse will give, tending to the physical, mental, and spiritual aspects of a patient.

*Cura personalis* will also drive the structure of the nursing program, offering a student-centered experience that is more flexible than other nursing programs. Encouraging nursing students to participate in student athletics, experiential learning, and international experiences expands their own potential.

“*Cura personalis*, when directed back to our students, will help us form nurses who know there is something greater beyond their work, and allow them to bring their whole person to their work.”

## Science & Empathy

This intersection of compassion and science also brought **John Escano ('13)** to nursing.



“At John Carroll, physical chemistry taught me how to think in-depth and challenged me to find problem-solving solutions. Philosophy helped me have a broader perspective, and participating in Friday’s Labre events showed me how to serve others.”



After graduating with a degree in chemistry, Escano held a JCU internship at the Cleveland Clinic, working with nurses at the Cole Eye Institute's research lab. When his grandmother became seriously ill with acute myeloid leukemia, Escano was with her during most of her hospital stay. Both experiences led him to the realization that nursing was a perfect career path.

"You have to have empathy but also understand science quite well," says Escano. "Nursing is not only helping to care for the person from a medical treatment plan, but also bringing the patient back to carry on and live a healthy life."

He was accepted into the accelerated bachelor of science in nursing program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and worked in the cardiothoracic ICU at Duke University Health System. With his background and interest in chemistry, Escano pursued credentialing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist. He currently works as an independent contractor and has returned to John Carroll this year as an MBA candidate. As an entrepreneur, Escano believes that an MBA will improve his business strategy; it also opens the door to a Chief CRNA position.

## Hospitals & Beyond

"Nursing isn't just giving this patient two pills and an injection," says **Janelle Bennett ('11)**, a certified clinical research professional. "There are so many ways for nurses



to branch out, from patient care to lab research to hospital IT software design—there's a lot to do and areas for people to be of help."

Bennett came to John Carroll from Jamaica with a fascination for biology and the desire to work in healthcare, making

a difference and working for the greater good. Bennett credits John Carroll for teaching the discipline and time-management skills that have served her well in her career, as well as the faculty's passion for learning that encouraged problem-solving.

After completing her nursing prerequisites at John Carroll, Bennett received a bachelor's degree in registered nursing from Ursuline College and a master's degree from Cleveland State University. She worked as a critical care and cardiac catheterization nurse at University Hospitals and Cleveland Clinic, then shifted to overseeing clinical trial data collection at the Harrington Heart and Vascular Institute Research Department at UH.

Bennett's latest career shift has brought her to the medical device industry: she now works as a clinical research associate at Abiomed, a company that makes the impella heart pump found in a pacemaker. "In order to put products into the world, you need research that proves it really works," says Bennett. Hospitals and medical clinics enroll people into research studies; she ensures that all research sites collect data according to precise protocols, that the study participants are safe, and that the data is "clean" for FDA audits and publication demands.

"I'm now on the other side, making sure that hospitals following research protocols, but my nursing background is key for this new role—I need to understand the dynamics of the heart."

## All Roads Lead to Service

Another nursing path leads to healthcare administration.

**Carrie Brady ('01)** had an even more winding way to her current role as a nurse clinical assessor at the Department of Veteran's Affairs in Columbus, Ohio. An avid political science

I'm now on the other side, making sure that hospitals following research protocols, but my nursing background is key for this new role—I need to understand the dynamics of the heart.





John Escano '13



major at John Carroll, Brady went onto law school at The Ohio State University, practiced law for four years, then returned to school for a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's in healthcare administration.

"Redirecting my career into nursing has been the best professional decision I've

ever made," says Brady. "I love the variety that nursing offers, especially when combined with a law degree."

She believes that good nurses are skilled at helping patients understand the "why" behind medical advice. They should be able to change communication styles quickly, depending on their audience, which might range from a surgeon to a scared, 82-year-old patient. Most importantly, nurses must be perceptive listeners, able to hear what matters most to a patient, even when it isn't directly stated.

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Brady learned these attributes while at John Carroll, as well as how to be a good teammate, both as a member of the swim team and as part of numerous group projects in classes. This is a skill she uses every day, making sure to be the kind of person others want to work with.

Finally, she believes that John Carroll's Jesuit mission can be an undercurrent of any healthcare career. "Being a man or woman for others is exactly what nurses do: advocate for what our patients want, not always what we think is the best."

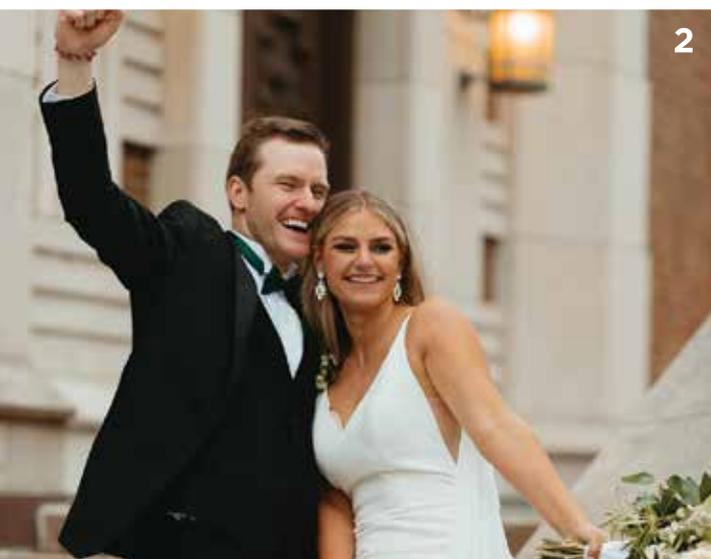
Steven Herbert agrees. "JCU's mission of learning leadership through service is what the world needs now. And our alumni go out and prove this every day."

For more details about the planned undergraduate nursing program at John Carroll, visit [jcu.edu/nursing](http://jcu.edu/nursing)



# Weddings

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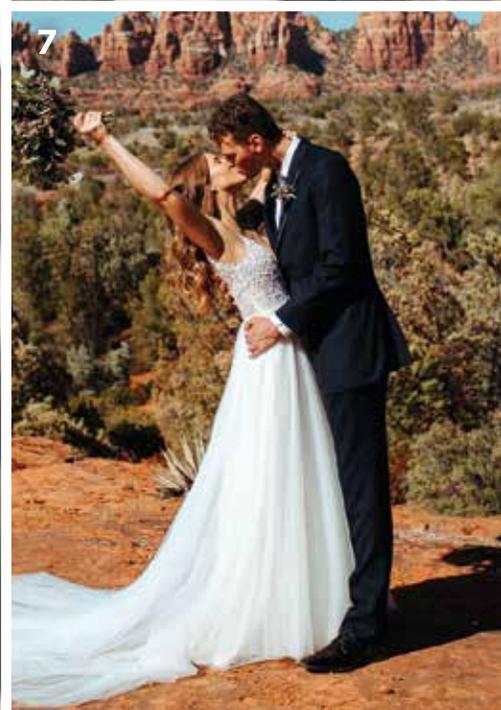
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- 1 **Pat Vecellio '16 & Emma (DiPasquale) Vecellio '16** tied the knot this past fall with many JCU alumni in attendance.
- 2 **Liz (Polomsky) Jones '18 and Connor Jones '18** were married in the St. Francis Chapel on our JCU campus in October 2021.
- 3 **Carolyn Kriebel '15** married Corey Wright on October 23, 2021.
- 4 **Ellen Dietrick '15** celebrated her wedding to her husband Dominic in November, 2021.
- 5 **Gabriel Menendez '14 & Julia (Ciccolini) Menendez '14** were married in July 2016 at Gesu Church.

- 6 **Mike Eller '10** & Nora Crossen were married on June 19, 2021 in Lakewood, OH.
- 7 **Jessica (Thompson) Sasala '18** married **Matt Sasala '18** on April 13, 2021.
- 8 **Mike Andelbradt '18 & Tainne Dallas '18, '21G** were married this past fall with many JCU alumni in attendance.
- 9 **Courtney (Radtkin) Barilec '15 & Alex Barilec '15** were married on August 21, 2021, with many Blue Streaks in attendance.
- 10 **Frank Pines '16 & Lauren (Barton) Pines '16** were married with many JCU alumni in attendance.

- 11 **Madi Maruna '13 & V'Del Bell** were married on November 6, 2021 at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens in Akron, OH.
- 12 **Meghan (Weber) Roessler '15** married Bradley Roessler in October.
- 13 **Paul Volpe III '18 & Emily (Biniszkiewicz) Volpe '18** were married in Niagara Falls on October 23, 2021.
- 14 **Devvin (LaBarge) Cubra '19 & Trevor Cubra '20** were married this past year with many JCU alumni in attendance.
- 15 **Major Anthony Grzincic '06, USMC,** married his bride Alena on June 15, 2021.

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# Future BLUE STREAKS





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- 1 Mila Purnell, daughter of **Lauren Massaro Purnell '10**.
- 2 **Jack Costello '06** & wife, Laura & their two-year-old son, Rory welcomed baby Cora in July.
- 3 **Jill Harbursky O'Brien '12** & husband Michael welcomed daughter, Sloane on May 7, 2021.
- 4 **Jillian Kennedy Fenstemaker '12** & **Zachary Fenstemaker '07** welcomed daughter Kennedy Jay Fenstemaker on January 12, 2022.
- 5 **Tony Dibo '13, '14G** & **Lauren (Rose) Dibo '15G**, welcomed their second son, Kai Anthony Dibo on August 18, 2021.
- 6 **Maribeth (Keppler) Herrilko '13** & husband, Mike, welcomed their first child, a boy, Austin Henry Herrilko, on August 18, 2021.
- 7 **Katherine (Spillman) Irish '13** & husband, Kyle, welcomed their daughter, Molly June Irish, on July 28, 2021.
- 8 **Katelyn Eriksen '14** welcomed daughter Aria Grace Eriksen on October 19, 2021.
- 9 **Gabriel Menendez '14** & **Julia (Ciccolini) Menendez '14** welcomed baby boy Roger Gabriel Menendez on April 22, 2021.
- 10 **Carleen (Sadowski) Poling '15** & **Brandon Poling '16** welcomed their son, James William Poling, on October 21, 2021.
- 11 **Kayla (Leech) McNamara '15** & **Dan McNamara '15** welcomed baby boy James McNamara on November 18, 2021, **Katelyn (Ferrara) Eriksen '14** & **Thor Eriksen '13** welcomed baby girl Aria Eriksen on October 19, 2021, **Emily (Eicher) Aerni '15** & **Chad Aerni '16** welcomed baby girl Josie Aerni on September 9, 2021.
- 12 **Becca (Gerken) Cherpak '15** & **Alex Cherpak '15** welcomed their baby, Parker Kate Cherpak, on November 5, 2021 in Fort Sill, Oklahoma.
- 13 **Elisa (Gould-Lucht) Taneyhill '10** & husband, **Phil Taneyhill '07** welcomed their son, Callum Kowal Taneyhill in early August of 2021.
- 14 **Rebecca (Taylor) Frank '09** & husband Devin's children both celebrated their first Christmas in 2021. Teddy was born in January 2021 and Adeline was born in December 2021.
- 15 **Rosanna (Violi) Hoelzle '07** and her husband Paul welcomed baby girl #3, Emilia Josephine.
- 16 **Jamie (Rhodes) Sharma '08** & husband, Vinny and their son, Vinod James welcomed Akash Paul, born on September 22, 2021.
- 17 **Alex Kern '06** & Fletcher O'Connor just celebrated their daughter Lillian Catherine's first birthday on January 8.
- 18 **Vince '06** & **Julie (Poling) Bonacci '06** welcomed their third child, Mila Rose, in September.
- 19 **Caitlin (McGrath) Gerber '06** and her husband Will welcomed their "Christmas miracle," daughter Elliott Adair "Ellie" on December 24.
- 20 **Kimberly (White) Shorr '06** & husband Jeremy welcomed baby Luna Alaina on November 28.
- 21 **Kristen (Meng) Stark '06** & husband Patrick welcomed son James Patrick last summer, who joins big sister, Madilyn Marie.
- 22 **Molly (McBride) Hickey '06** & husband Ryan were thrilled to welcome twin boys in October! James Joseph & Liam Matthew join big sister Anna and big brother Luke.
- 23 **Lindsay '11** & **Blake Pinchot '12** welcomed a baby girl, Avery Mairead Pinchot on July 3, 2021.
- 24 **Lindsay (Sykes) Haller '06** & husband Joe Haller welcomed their third baby girl, Bianca Grace, on April 9, 2021. She joins proud big sisters Isla and Camilla!
- 25 **Lisa (Shano) Krainz '08** & husband **Mike Krainz '09** welcomed baby Austin on November 14, 2021. He joins siblings, Amelia & Michael.
- 26 **Sarah Narkin '11** & husband **Marcos Abreo '16G**, welcomed their son Emilio Gennaro Abreo, on September 15, 2020.
- 27 **Rich Ganim '08** & wife Triah welcomed their second son, Wyatt Vance on November 18, 2021.



# SAVE *the* DATE

## REUNION 2022

### JUNE 10-11

#### HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- The Annual Alumni Golf Classic on Friday, June 10 (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 (\$30 PER PERSON)**  
Includes one entree and one dessert voucher at the Welcome Back Festival (gourmet food trucks, bars, artists, and live music).
- **SATURDAY EVENING ONLY (\$95 PER PERSON)**  
Includes Saturday Mass and plated three course meal, late night food trucks, fireworks finale, and other entertainment.
- **ALL DAY SATURDAY (\$195 PER PERSON)**  
Includes Saturday evening package plus breakfast, lunch, Presidential Reception, and entertainment.
- **ALL REUNION PACKAGE (\$225 PER PERSON)**  
Includes Friday Evening and All Day Saturday packages.

All packages include complimentary drink tickets.

Lodging is available in Murphy Hall (\$75 per person/per night) or at a number of local hotels where special room rates are available for alumni and guests.

**Registration opens April 15 and closes June 1.**



# ALUMNI EVENTS

May 25

## ALUMNI AUTHOR SERIES

*Fear Traps* by Nancy Stella '80, Ph.D., Psy.D.

June 10-11

## ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

- Alumni Golf Classic—Sleepy Hollow Golf Course (shotgun start at noon)
- Friday Night Welcome Back Festival (beginning at 6 pm)
- Screening of “Tim Russert: The John Carroll Years” documentary
- Reunion Mass
- Class Dinners
- Fireworks Grand Finale

June 25

## TONY DECARLO '66G MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING BENEFITING JCU FOOTBALL

The Tanglewood Club

July 17

## AIN'T TOO PROUD

Playhouse Square, Cleveland, OH

August 20

## DISNEY'S FROZEN

Playhouse Square, Cleveland, OH

September 16-18

## BLUE STREAKS SUPPER CLUB

September 23-24

## HOMECOMING & PARENTS WEEKEND

- Alumni Association Board Fall Meeting
- Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner
- Alumni Awards Dinner
- Affinity Reunions for Beta Tau Sigma/Glee Club, Iota Beta Gamma (IBG) Fraternity, JCU Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Alumni, Andrew “Dewey” McCarthy '81 Alumni Soccer Weekend, and more.

October 14-16

## ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM: GETTYSBURG

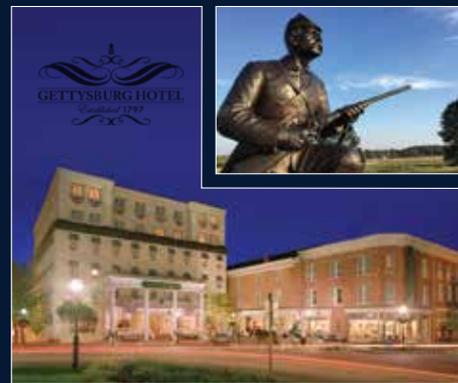
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It took President Abraham Lincoln just 272 words to honor those who gave the last full measure of devotion to preserve our Union. His words have reverberated through history.

The Battle of Gettysburg was a turning point in the Civil War, the Union victory that ended General Robert E. Lee's second and most ambitious invasion of the North. Gettysburg was the highwater mark of the Confederacy, the Civil War's bloodiest battle, and the inspiration for Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address."

Join George Vourlojianis, Ph.D., '70, JCU's expert on military history, as he guides us through one of the most consequential battles in history, and learn about the impact of those three days in Gettysburg in 1863!

For more information, call **216.397.3061** or visit [jcu.edu/alumni](http://jcu.edu/alumni).



ALUMNI RELATIONS

# ANSWERING THE CALL FOR HELP

*George Lewandowski '78, M.D.,  
Brendan Sieber, and Colin Swearingen*

It was June 2017. Our familiar autobus viejo (old bus) jostled and swerved on the Honduran roads from Danli to the Tegucigalpa airport. Brendan Sieber swayed up the aisle from political science professor Colin Swearingen to physician-in-residence George Lewandowski. The autobus viejo was full of Blue Streak undergrads who had finished their Spring semester and were heading home from a grueling nine-day medical immersion trip.

There was no excited noise of returning home. Long before we had left the U.S., our reflection songs for this bus ride were well-chosen. Not surprisingly, they prompted reflection. A respectful quiet filled our hearts and minds as the mountains swept by.

Many of these Blue Streaks will never return; most will never completely leave.

During this trip, Brendan had asked, “How can we help the people of Honduras the most?” The answer became clear: clean water.

The group carefully considered Brendan’s question in deep discussions during their walks around the quadrangle of the Sociedad Amigos de los Niños (SAN) compound in Nuevo Paraíso. These conversations sculpted Brendan, Liz Marcelli, and Rachel Schubert into an indescribably strong leadership troika. Others joined their efforts, but the catalysts of this project—bringing clean water for daily use to the people we served in rural Honduras—were these three then-rising JCU sophomores.

At first glance, their goal seemed to be a stretch, but attainable. Identify filters. Obtain funding. Acquire filters.

Deliver filters. Teach their use. Assess their value. Repeat. Simple in concept but challenging in execution; the devil lies in the details.

The group faced an iron-clad deadline: the next immersion group would land in Honduras in May 2018. When reviewing this timeline in retrospect, the transformation from 2017 idea to 2018 success seems almost miraculous.

With help, they evaluated filter options. Cost? Availability? Ease of use? Durability? Repairability? Could they survive the trip and be transported around rural Honduras? Most importantly—would they work on a water supply teeming with biohazards? And in the hands of our Honduran brothers and sisters, most of whom have little formal education?

A filter was identified, one with 0.1-micron pores that removed both large debris and microscopic bacteria and parasites. Funding was the next concern. Terri Lewandowski

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found an ally in Filter of Hope, a nonprofit organization in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. For \$50, a filter about the size of a toilet paper roll could be connected with hand tools to a 5-gallon bucket, with the potential to purify 250 gallons per day.

JCU biologists and chemists performed field trials by tossing handfuls of dirt and mulch into melted Cleveland snow. When tested for purity ... it worked! The grimy, soot-filled water sprung from the filter as crystal clear as if it came from a faucet in your home.

The student-leaders sought funding from various campus sources, but available funds from most JCU departments were earmarked for other noble pursuits. So they looked beyond John Carroll and Brendan, Liz, and Rachel turned to Dr. Swearingen. After a month's work and countless edits, they produced and sent a letter of intent and application to various U.S.-based nonprofit agencies.

One by one, the rejections followed. Discouraged but not disheartened, the team vetted GlobalGiving, an online, nonprofit crowdsourcing site. Our application was accepted, and the site posted our project: Sponsor Valle Arriba-Medicine & Clean Water. To date, the site has raised \$9,460.

Simultaneously, Dr. Darla Boyk, the heavily-involved parent of an immersion alumna, approached her church members and created an email firestorm. Darla completed the improbable. Paired with the donations from the GlobalGiving page, enough money was raised to purchase filters for the entire village of Valle Arriba, Honduras.

Operationally, the students for the 2018 immersion worked with the prototypes until they could not only assemble them but teach assembly. Instructions were reviewed and printed in Spanish. Our excitement grew!

Finally, on Hondo '18 in May, we refined plans with our friends from SAN, and delivered and set-up 125 water filters (one per family) for the villagers of Valle Arriba. This was an extension of our normal work—bringing health screening and medications to between 200–250 rural Hondurans each day. As we left, our question had changed: Did it work?

Without an answer, September 2018 found us in preparation for Hondo '19. We sought more funds and filters to be offered to new villagers. We were thrilled when Dr. Boyk returned from her own group's immersion in February 2019 with the early news ... about 85% of our first group were still using their filters!!!

Our JCU group redoubled efforts: more funding for more filters and buckets. New villages were identified and Katie Doud refined a water testing system to chemically



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More importantly, the filters also reduced the likelihood of being diagnosed with an infectious or parasitic disease by half among all patients, and 87% among children.

characterize water samples from each of the five villages we would visit, with an eye to prioritize future efforts.

May 2019's trip found us at the villages served one year earlier where our annual health assessment data confirmed success! Those using the filter reported fewer GI symptoms, including fewer episodes of stomach aches, diarrhea, and vomiting. More importantly, the filters also reduced the likelihood of being diagnosed with an infectious or parasitic disease by half among all patients, and 87% among children.

COVID-19 scuttled our hopes and plans for Hondo '20. And Hondo '21. This year, we are planning to return. It will be a much different trip. Safety for our group was always paramount, but now we must address the direct threat from a viral killer. Although the situation in Honduras remains uncertain, John Carroll remains in solidarity with our Honduran brothers and sisters. We hope that with hard, hard work we will find more ways—like the Filter of Hope clean water project—to support their good health and our understanding of our role in the world.

**Have news to share?** Contact your class columnist with your updates or email [journal@jcu.edu](mailto:journal@jcu.edu).

Stay connected to JCU throughout the year! Visit [jcu.edu/alumni](http://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.

## 1942 | Robert Trivison

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Last attendance at JCU campus was in 1992 at the 50th reunion. The growth and beauty of the campus was startling. Meeting former classmates I had not seen in 50 years was a singular experience. We celebrated! A number of us were from Cathedral Latin. I highly recommend JCU to college seekers. Hard to attend better. If I could do so I would like to visit again. God bless!

## 1947 | Seeking Class Columnist

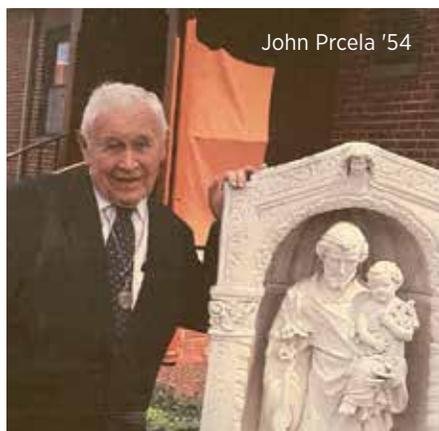
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**Herbert Legan** passed away on January 13, 2022 at the age of 98 in Fairfax, Virginia surrounded by his loving family. Our sincere condolences to the Legan family.

## 1952 | Dorothy Poland

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Hello, Class of '52! We look forward to welcoming you back to campus the weekend of June 10-12 to celebrate your 70-year class reunion! Please contact the alumni office at 216-397-4336 with any questions or if you need additional information. We received some sad news from the family of **Dr. Ed Hahn** who passed away in October, 2021. Our sincere condolences to the Hahn family and may Ed rest in peace.



John Prcela '54

## 1954 | Peter Mahoney

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Last spring, I offered some questions that may refresh memories of life at JCU. Here are some of the answers:

1. Number of undergrad diplomas at graduation?
  - Authentic - 206
  - Counterfeit - 51 (Many guys in the Business School printed their own.)
  - In absentia - 54
2. Class members deceased?
  - Only God knows
  - Purgatory is crowded
3. Class Treasurer?
  - I can only say that his IRA is held by a bank in the Hawaiian Islands (Moloka'i) and he contributes to the Carroll Fund every year.
4. Captain of the football team?
  - The big man from Elyria - **Russ Sherman**
5. Witness protection?
  - This was a challenge. It started with a call to a friend who retired from the FBI. His suggestion was to call his friend who works with the Freedom of Information Act records located at Ft. Belvoir, VA. Tell her it's a FDIA request. My contact at Ft. Belvoir told me that under no circumstances would any names be released. But, if I would send her a roster of our class, she could tell me how many were in or had been in witness protection. Three days after I mailed the roster, I had the answer. Eleven members of the class had been in or are presently in witness protection, and, as a bonus, there was a note that said, "The last letter of their last names is a vowel." There are 63 members of our class whose last letter of their last name is a vowel.

I received an email from Michael McGannon, M.D. '64. Mike and I grew

up in the same area on the westside of Cleveland. Open fields and lots of trees and streets paved with bricks. Winter was a great time for skating on frozen ponds. One of the more daring feats required the right conditions, darkness, snow on the street and a slow-moving car. Dash out and catch onto the rear bumper of the car and get pulled up the street. Wow, what fun! The other required a sled. Not far from our street, W. 162nd, was Rocky River Drive along the top of Rocky River Valley. Along the road was a narrow steep path that ran from the road to the valley below. The idea was to ride your sled through the trees down the bumpy path to the valley. To add more of a challenge, about three-quarters of the way down was a sharp left turn. If you missed the turn, you had a problem. If you made the turn but did not reduce your speed, you shot out onto the main road in the valley. You had a problem. Many thanks for those memories, Mike. Did any of your experiences as a Flight Surgeon or Emergency Room M.D. remind you of the chances we took or the fun we had? Lastly, but certainly not least ... Congratulations to our classmate, **John Prcela** (pictured left) who celebrated his 100th birthday on March 9, 2022! John graduated from JCU and then obtained his Master of Arts Degree from Western Reserve University in May 1957. From 1954 to 1988, he taught high school students Latin, French, Spanish, and German, the first four years at St. Edward High School in Lakewood and the next thirty years in South Euclid-Lyndhurst, Ohio. In July 1988, he retired from the teaching profession but never retired as a Croatian dynamic activist. For decades, he has been a prolific writer, both in English and Croatian, writing history books about his heroic Croatian generation. John and his late wife, Amelia have four children and eight grandchildren.

Keep the faith, Pete



### 1955 | Seeking Class Columnist

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Hello, Class of 1955! We heard from **Emmett "Bud" Feely**. Bud and **Jack Martin** recently enjoyed dinner together in Naples, Florida (pictured). They met as freshmen at JCU, 71 years ago, and graduated together. They were also commissioned as U. S. Army Officers 67 years ago.

Please send us your updates and photos. We'd love to hear from you!

### 1956 | Albert Knute Oberst, JD

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Greetings to all of our class of 1956 members. I apologize for not having any news from our classmates but I tried to contact numerous class members without any luck, because of no workable phone numbers and email addresses. We sure would appreciate you contacting me at 216-371-3946 or [KnuteOICP@webtv.net](mailto:KnuteOICP@webtv.net) with your good news. I made several trips to our John Carroll campus this month to show a friend around who is interested in attending there. Sure has changed amazingly since my dad started in 1936 and when we graduated in 1956. You will see names of our class members all over the campus, especially on the big water fountain. We made visits to the St. Francis Chapel and I prayed for our class members. GOD bless!

Albert Knute Oberst, JD

### 1957 | Bart Merella

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To quote the well-used axiom, "how time flies when you are having fun," just got a notice from the Alumni Office in October 2021 inviting me to assist with the 2022 Class Reunion (our 65<sup>th</sup>) this coming June. Imagine that!! By the time you read

this, you may have received your own personal invitation. Hopefully, COVID-19, in all its variants, will be pretty much in remission and no third phase or variant confronting us. In that vein, **Dick Huberty** would be on my case, if I did not remind you all about your addition to our Class Scholarship, which is such an important source for needy seniors requiring financial support to graduate. Even if you cannot make the reunion, do contribute. A personal note to begin. Although by church law I officially retired in 2010, I am still an active deacon. In that vein, I have changed parishes again, moving from the Cathedral of St. Matthew in DC to St. Edward the Confessor parish, much closer to my home in Bowie, MD and my fourth (and most probably last) as deacon. In this modern era of dispersed families, **Paul Vertin's** is a rarity. He wrote to me that he and his five daughters and 13 grandchildren all live within five minutes or at most three hours of his home in Sanibel, FL. I'll bet very few others of us are that fortunate. A note about our reunion, especially for those whose golfing capability has not degraded over time. The Alumni Office has now incorporated the Annual Golf Classic into the Reunion Weekend; it previously had been a separate activity. So, if you are still able to swing the irons, be alert for the information on signing up for the outing. The reunion weekend will be somewhat different than our past gatherings, especially the Saturday night dinner and flashy fireworks display, initiated in 2021. So COVID-19 notwithstanding, hope to see you there!! Finally, on a very sad note for those of you who may have missed the Alumni Office email, I sadly report the death of my good friend and classmate **Dick Murphy**, the indefatigable wry humorist of our class and member of the old JCU Glee Club and Little Theater Society. My wife and I remember our many and great times together with Dick and LaVerne, both now eternally together.

### 1958 | Bob Maynard

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Hello, Class of '58! Please send us your news and updates. We'd love to hear from you!

### 1959 | Jerry Burke

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Hey, Gang! **John Breznai**, **Paul Brust** and myself have been called upon to take us down the stretch. Now for starters,

we have to find out how many of us are still above ground. Would appreciate your cooperation in this effort. Our class recently lost one of our special members with the death of **J. Peter Fegen, M.D.** Pete was the president of the John Carroll Union and an original member of IXY. After graduating, Pete went to Cornell Medical School and then to the armed services where he served as a surgeon. After service, he established a practice as a urologist. Much appreciation to **Paul Moon** for sharing this information. Paul and Pete were good friends, even sharing a birthday. They enjoyed lunch every year to celebrate their birthday on Dec 19th. Paul said it was a very sad birthday, this past December, without lunch with Pete. Thanks also to **Joe Miller** for providing much of this info. Another very special member of our group, Carolyn Ruble, passed away quite suddenly. You may remember that Carolyn was at Notre Dame while we were at JCU. She and Joe married after graduating and raised six children. **Joe Ruble** is still living in Apollo Beach. Believe it or not, Joe Miller is still working for JCU. I have been informed by JCU that he faces mandatory retirement at age 100. **Ed Kelly** and his wife, Gerti, are enjoying retirement in Smyrna, GA. Ed reports that they enjoy traveling, both abroad and in the States. When he does get to Cleveland, Ed stays in touch with Tom Bush. I heard from **Gary Furin** who talked to **Don Gould**. Don had a successful travel business which he sold to Travelocity. Don lives in Ponte Vedra where he continues playing a lot of golf. Since Don was a PR, Gary reminded him that the Pershing Rifles and the Booster Club were the only fraternity-like clubs on campus. Gary, your comments are appreciated and I'd like to hear more from you about life in Atlanta. This past January, I had the pleasure of gathering with **Paul Brust**, **Joe Ruble**, **Tom McGann** and **Ed Paglione** at Big Storm Brewery, organized by JCU alumnus, Leo "LJ" Govoni '09. LJ stopped to visit with us. He is a friend of Ben Milsom '01 who was also present. Ben brought the autographed (by Don Shula) JCU helmet that will be displayed in the taproom. Let me hear from all of you.

Best Regards, JB

### 1960 | Gerald Schweickert

(Seeking Class Columnist)

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Classmates: I regret to inform you that this will be my last column as your class scribe for the class of '60. Beverly and I found it prudent to move to an adult, independent

living facility in Louisville, Ohio. The past year has seen a marked change in our physical and cognitive abilities. Our children convinced us to consider the move and we agreed with them. It seems to be the right time for the move. We look forward to seeing many of you at future reunions. I hope one of you will step up to take over the job of scribe. Please contact the alumni office at [alumni@jcu.edu](mailto:alumni@jcu.edu) or 216-397-4336 if you are interested in this opportunity. Until we get together at JCU once again,

BE WELL! Schweick

**1961 | Jack Hearn**  
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**Chuck Durbin** and his wife, Madeline, are living in Denver, Colorado. They have 10 children, 16 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Chuck received an advanced degree from The Ohio State University and was an engineer with EG&G, Inc., a national defense contractor that provided management and technical services to the United States government and conducted weapons research and development—as such, it had close involvement with some of the government’s most sensitive technologies. **Mike Frank** retired from Troy High School in Michigan after 44 years of teaching Latin and English. He received an MA from the University of Michigan and now runs film programs and a speakers’ program for the city of Troy. For many years, Mike has served as a docent at Christ Church Cranbrook which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is well known for its rich architectural detail and historic paintings and tapestries. **Gerry Burns** is a fourth-degree Knight of Columbus and, for several years now, has participated in Operation Hope by requesting cash donations for those with developmental disabilities at numerous retail locations in Florence, SC. Last year, over \$20,000 was raised by his brother Knights. **Chuck Nieset** and wife Carolyn recently celebrated their 63<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Fort Myers, FL and have added cruising to their lifestyle by taking approximately 25 cruises in a ten-year period. The Niesets have two children (both JCU grads), six grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. **John Cleary**, from Whitesboro, NY, spent 38 years with the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, NY. He and his wife, Irene, just celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and have three children, four grandchildren, and

five great-grandchildren. John and **Bill Newman** from Avon, CT were high school classmates and are looking forward to seeing each other at their 65<sup>th</sup> high school reunion this spring. Sadly, our class has suffered a number of deaths in recent times, including the following: **Dr. John A. Domonkos; George Hopkins; The Most Rev. Anthony Michael Pilla**, Bishop Emeritus of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and former president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops; and **Charles Tuhacek**. As we entered the year 2022, we received information that **Lt. Col. John M. (Jack) Horvath** passed away in Tucker, GA. Jack served in the U.S. Army for 25 years—completed two tours in Vietnam and one tour in Saudi Arabia as an advisor to the Saudi Army. Classmates for whom the University has email addresses received a full obituary of Jack’s life, including his extensive civic and church-related volunteer service. May all our deceased classmates Rest in Peace.

**1962 | Terry Leiden**  
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Our 60<sup>th</sup> class reunion is the weekend of June 10–11, 2022. Please put this on your calendar. The festivities start the afternoon of Friday, June 10, 2022. Eight of our classmates had a practice rehearsal for the reunion on December 2, 2021 at a luncheon in Cleveland, Ohio. Thanks to **John Lewis** and **Bob Finnessy** who got the picture (below) of the rehearsal for me. Left to right, **Doc Kopfinger, Frank Karlik, Bob Finnessy, and Mike Sullivan**. Top row, **John Lewis, Jim Divine, Bernie Harf** and **Jack Kirkhope**.

Also pictured below is a photo of the 20<sup>th</sup> reunion held June 1982. Who are those people? **Terry Leiden**, columnist, is on the sidewalk wearing the battle of Augusta T-shirt and shorts.

Unfortunately, as always, we have lost a few of our classmates. Condolences



to Holly Santoro, daughter of **Robert “Buzzer” Ranquist**, who passed away November 9, 2021. We always enjoyed his escapades, both on and off campus, which made school life memorable. Just as I was putting the column to bed, I was notified by JoAnn Loria advising us that her husband and our classmate **Robert Loria** passed away January 21, 2022. Definitely planning to be at the 2022 reunion is **Gerald “Jerry” Johnson Jr.** Jerry graduated with us and then went on to earn a Ph.D. from Penn State in 1965 in three years as a NASA fellow. He joined the computer science department at Penn State and stayed there until 1998. During the course of his employment with UNESCO and the World Bank, he visited 113 countries. We look forward to hearing some great stories from him in June of this year. Because of space limitations, I am withholding my grandson-nemesis story until the next addition. See you all in June 2022.

**1963 | Pete Mykytyn**  
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Well, here we are into 2022, at least at the time I am writing this, which is mid-January. I’m not sure when the column will be published, but it’s probably safe to say that we will still be dealing with the virus and pandemic in some form or another. One of these days we may hopefully be able to abandon talk of COVID-19, Omicron, Delta, etc. Talk about continuing bad times!! I did receive a nice note from **John Zvolensky**. He and Rachael spent ten days in Umbria and Tuscany last fall after grape harvesting and gathering time for olives. Yum!! They were able to visit Il Molino di Grace, the beautiful winery outside of Florence. You may remember that the winery is owned by one of our ’63 classmates, **Frank Grace**. Unfortunately, Frank was not there at the time, but John said he and his traveling companions were treated exceptionally well. Of course, the tasting was great and much fun, as was the



food. They bought some cases and had them delivered, and spent time at a villa in Umbria where they have been in the past. John reminded us that like many, he turned 80 last year. It's June '22 for me to hit that next decade. Of course, he is still playing golf and probably shooting par or better. Keep it up, John, and thanks for the note. I remember a few years ago when Kathy and I visited Frank at his winery. I must echo John's thoughts about great food, certainly great wine, and a great part of the day with Frank. His hospitality was truly appreciated. I received some sad news on the passing of **Dr. Tom Evans**. He returned to Carroll and taught Psychology from 1970–2015. He was very well known in the community, extremely popular with the students. He also made more than 100 television news appearances related to the topics of violence and terrorism; he was a recognized expert and served as a police psychologist for many municipalities in Northeast Ohio. Tom's son, Eric, is also a Carroll grad ('95). The **Mykytyns** are doing well in Carbondale. Yes, even approaching 80, I'm still at SIU Carbondale teaching full time. Fortunately, I'm no longer Chair, stepping down from that responsibility two years ago. I don't miss it at all. Please let me hear from you. It can be difficult to compile a column of 450 words with limited input from those whom I write about. Stay safe and have a great 2022!

#### 1964 | Frank Kelley

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Class members met in mid-December at the annual Allyn Adams Christmas luncheon, held at Market Garden restaurant next to Cleveland's 100+ year old West Side Market. It's fitting that we remember Allyn, who presided over the Carroll News for an unprecedented three years. He was the driving force behind two of the Class of '64 lasting legacies—our sustaining scholarships benefitting underclass students, and the magnificent St. Ignatius Fountain set in front of Pacelli Hall. Attending were **Tom Quinn, Jim Metzger, Gordon Priemer, Dave Fegen, Tom Leahy, Bill Kerner, Bill Gibbons, Don Mahalko, Pat Holland**, and JCU's longtime advisor to our scholarship committee, Mary Rycyna. Watch for scholarship committee chairman Bill Kerner's annual report on the fund's continuing success. The ongoing COVID-19 ordeal has been especially rough on independent restaurants, so we checked in with **Mike Herald** about our

favorite Ft. Wayne eatery, his daughter Kara and her husband Chuck Pastor's aptly named Pastor's Place. One of their best customers is the popular officiant at Mike's church, who is renowned for his excellent homilies. Upon entering he will spread his arms and announce "I'm Pastor's Pastor." Never one to let anyone get too big for their britches, Mike routinely monitors the weekly homily length and occasionally renders subtle rebukes for exceeding ten minutes, with a mischievous arched eyebrow and not-so-subtle tapping of his watch. Meanwhile, Kara and Chuck have maintained brisk sales by innovative substitution of carryout for dining room business during COVID-19 restrictions. We wish them continued success. Our official class Energizer bunny **Dick Koenig** has dived headfirst into another significant project, enthusiastically joining the board of directors of the New England Air Museum, located next to Bradley International Airport serving Hartford CT. He reports the collection of over 150 airplane, helicopter, simulator, and related exhibits is first class, and includes a fully restored B-29 Superfortress, K-28 Blimp Car, and A-10 Warthog. The several hangars housing them, however, are aging and in need of modernization. Dick will be actively engaged in fundraising and building restoration, with a goal of stimulating visitation and enhanced visitor education and enjoyment. As he tackles this agenda with his customary drive and vigor, it bodes well for the museum's future. This year, most of us will attain 80 years of age and achieve by default a certain presumption of wisdom. It is upon this presumptive and shaky soapbox I address the state of America's education system. We note disturbing incidents denying, sometimes violently, free speech on American college campuses. As JCU undergrads, we would have considered such a close-minded thought process unthinkable. Our Jesuit curriculum, grounded in logic and philosophy, prepared us to navigate any variety of argument and helped us develop the intellectual capacity to evaluate and debate, not shut down, diverse points of view. It's imperative that today's educators at every level follow that example and teach our grandkids HOW to think, not WHAT to think. This spring we are only two years away from our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the summer of 2024. Wishing you good health until then and beyond, God bless all Streaks. Frank

#### 1965 | Richard Conoboy

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This column includes information received just after I sent in my column last July, so some information might seem dated. **Mark Hanket** apologized for missing our reunion but was having a pacemaker installed. Good choice, Mark! He went to Orange Beach, AL for the 4th of July week with children and grandchildren to celebrate his wife Carole's significant birthday (age not divulged!). He's now looking forward to the 60th reunion. **John Murray** and his wife, Ann, have moved into Heron Point, a retirement community in Chestertown, MD that provides care from independent living to assisted living and nursing care. They are independently living in a cottage. John says, "It was a prudent move now that I am 78 and Ann is 76, but I miss shoveling snow and cutting grass (NOT). **Neil Evans** is still into rose photography and entered the American Rose Society Annual Photography contest, making it to the master's class quite a few years ago. If anybody wants to see his photography, Neil is on Facebook and posts quite regularly. Like many of us, Neil says he is getting older and can't run up the basement stairs anymore. **Ed Doherty** and wife Tonya both had COVID-19 in October. They completed a 17-day transatlantic cruise from Rome to Miami in December. **Marilyn Sophie Hormann** reaches back to the start of her formal education in the first grade, 80 years ago, where the teacher planted the idea of lifelong learning. She is grateful to JCU for providing graduate education which is still a source of confidence in living. Brian Peterson wrote to the alumni office regarding the passing of his father and our classmate, **Jan Peterson**. Classmate **Paul Kochanowski** passed away recently. Paul obtained a Doctorate in Psychology from Wright State University in 1985 and worked as a counselor for the Veterans Administration until retirement. **Tim Treter** called to advise us that he is still among the living, although this columnist reported in the last class notes that he had passed away. Welcome Tim back to the land of the living at [johntreter@gmail.com](mailto:johntreter@gmail.com) or 248-701-1257. **John Tarpey** and his wife, Mary, now have 13 grandkids, four of whom are in college. The oldest graduated in December from the University of Illinois with a Master's Degree in Structural Engineering. Mary and John have been maintaining a home in Naperville, IL for 44 years and one in Florida for over 16 years. They call themselves hurricane birds, leaving FL

around the beginning of hurricane season and returning near the end. Fighting blood cancer for five years, John says chemo is still working. They are now cleaning out their Naperville residence so they can sell next year. All the best for 2022. Dick

### 1966 | Tom Gibbons

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**Jim Adair** got his law degree at Cleveland State post JCU, married and had eight children. His successful tour company sent over 40,000 American pilgrims on trips to Europe and the Holy Land. Jim's limited law practice allows him time to keep his eye on his 19 grandchildren. After a one-year stint teaching in the Cleveland Public Schools, **Paul Donato**, newly married to Mary Anne, joined the U.S. Air Force, where he served in the AF Security Service. He then received an M. Ed. From Pennsylvania's Edinboro State and spent 30 years in sales and marketing with educational publishers. Paul has three children and 10 grandchildren, lives in North Carolina, and remains an OSU fan. Go Bucks! Former (10 years) class correspondent

**Steve Chamberlain** writes he has been retired for 10 years. He and Judi travel frequently—10 cruises and an annual stop in Aruba. His grandchildren have achieved academic success that far surpasses his, which he attributes to good genes. Probably from Judi, Steve. **Bill Gordon's** JCU stretch included a detour into the U.S. Army in Alaska. After that, he returned to JCU part-time and graduated with us. He then got his law degree from Cleveland Marshall and managed IRS offices in northern Ohio. (I probably met him at one of those.) He was tax counsel for a Youngstown developer and formed his own law firm in the 80s. **Bob "Dean" Searson** began his career in education, teaching for 13 years at St. Joseph HS in Cleveland. He returned to JCU for an MA in English and an MBA, then worked in marketing for several corporations. In the '90s, he was recruited by **Jim Smith** at Cuyahoga Community College, where he moved up to Academic Dean (hence the nickname) of the CCC Westlake campus and retired in 2021, spending his time playing golf (not so well) with **Bob Jacobs** and **Kevin Leigh. Warren Cromer** (pictured) married, had three children and worked for 32 years for Alcoa. He retired and moved to Florida where he focused on traveling—rather than IT—to over 60 separate countries. Warren lost his beloved wife recently,

then remarried a beautiful widow, Florida Anilao, with seven daughters: that's 10 kids altogether.

**Ray Gorski**, a 20-year military veteran, earned an MBA from Tulane University and retired as the CFO for a consulting company. He and his wife enjoy life (very nicely) in Virginia Beach, VA. **Joe Nieberding** got his BS in physics and went on to NASA. At the space agency, he received an MS from the University of Toledo. Joe was proud to be on the launch team for 65 Atlas and Centaur launches and is a highly regarded launch expert. Post-space orbits, he founded an aerospace consulting firm that worked with NASA and other U.S. government agencies. On earth, he's the father of four and grandfather of three. *Loyal ever, brave and true.* We lost more classmates: **John Naylor, Tom Madden, Dave Griffin, and Dr. Heidi Stull**, who was also a tenured JCU professor and taught in the Modern Language Dept. from 1970–1994. May they rest in peace in our memories.

### 1967 | Seeking Class Columnist

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Hello, class of '67! We look forward to welcoming you back to campus this June 10–12 for Reunion Weekend to celebrate your 55th class reunion! We have a full weekend planned for our returning alumni, including the alumni golf outing on Friday afternoon at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, followed by food trucks and entertainment Friday evening on campus. Saturday will be filled with programming and various activities, followed by dinner and dancing and an amazing fireworks display. Please check your email for updates and contact the alumni office at [alumni@jcu.edu](mailto:alumni@jcu.edu) or call 216.397.4336 for more information. We recently heard from **Tim Davis** who



submitted this update and great photo (pictured top right). "In November 2021, a few longtime friends from the Class of '67 and a few wives got together at the home of Tater and **William Beak**, co hosted by Peggy and **Thomas Grace**. For two very short days in Charleston, SC, we celebrated friendships and memories that have endured since graduation. Included in those two days were very special dinners, a walking tour of Charleston, and a large outdoor lunch, all of which served to reminisce our past histories and accomplishments as well as establish events and circumstances of our lives today.

Please send us your updates, we'd love to hear from you!

### 1968 | Jeff Hawk

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Jenny and I wish all of you a very happy, healthy, prosperous New Year. Our hope and prayer for all is that you are well and happy in this world crisis of COVID-19. As many of you, we've lost a great number of family, friends, neighbors to COVID-19. This is certainly a new world for all of us. Just a simple snapshot of COVID-19's effect on Jenny and me. We've traveled internationally and seen and visited most of the world. Like many of you, we are constantly on the go. We had international trips scheduled, but all were canceled due to COVID-19. We've not traveled internationally for five years and not stateside for three years. You may remember in previous columns, I mentioned there were six senior girls from Carmel High School bound for JCU. Recently, another girl from our parish went to JCU. We've been very active members of our parish, St. Louis De Montfort Catholic Church in Fishers, IN, for over 32 years. We often share news of JCU and Ohio Dominican University with all. Last Sunday was wonderful for Jenny and me. A mother and daughter walked up to us. The mother said, "My daughter is a JCU graduate. She lives in Cleveland, Ohio and has a very responsible position at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation." She went on and told us that she, too, is a JCU graduate and her husband also is a JCU graduate. I'm starting my 39<sup>th</sup> year telling all about your wonderful stories. We are a John Carroll University family and John Carroll University is our family. I pray and hope that I'll be able to write for you and John Carroll for 39 more years. In your kindness, please continue your financial support for John Carroll



Front row: J. Paul Schmidt, William Beak/Middle Row: Paul Bernhard, William Olhasso/Back Row: Timothy Davis, David Smith

University. Jenny and I like to develop phrases and sentences. We came up with this one for COVID-19 which we hope helps you ... ALWAYS BE POSITIVE, PRAYERFUL, AND PATIENT. Please send your news to: [jjhawk68@comcast.net](mailto:jjhawk68@comcast.net) or my home address of 11452 Songbird Lane, East Wildwood Estates, Fishers, IN 46038.

My cell phone is (317) 654-9057.

For YOU and John Carroll University,

Jeff '68

**1969 | Edward Christy**  
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Last issue, I suggested a number of questions to prompt some news. I'm sure that I asked more than two questions, but that's how many responses I received, thanks to **Mike Hardy** and **Rich Guinta**. Mike headed to the University of Michigan law school after graduation where he met his future bride, Marti. Forty-nine years later, their family includes two sons and four grandchildren. Professionally, Mike became Partner in Charge of the Cleveland office and he had to keep an eye on 400 employees. Not content to just put his feet up, Mike is currently chairman of the board of the Ohio and Erie Canalway Association, which promotes the area between Lake Erie and the Tuscarawas River along the old canal path. If you're new to retirement and are seeking some advice, Contact Rich Guinta, who retired after 28 years with IBM at age 55. Rich and his wife Elaine met at JCU and have been married for 52 years. They have three children and four grandchildren. Like some retirees, they split their year between Michigan and Florida. Ironically, despite avoiding the cold days, Rich loves to ski! In the warm weather, he water skis and plays pickleball. Unfortunately, the downside of this activity is learning of the passing of some of our classmates.

Space doesn't allow for a complete remembrance so I'll keep it personal. My Junior year, I ended up in a single room in Murphy Hall. Helping to keep me sane were **Jerry McFarland** and the late **Greg Jodzio**. Greg was working in economic development in western Minnesota, where he attempted to raise money from Minnesotans spending the winter there. We enjoyed catching up here and at the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. A faithful Reunion attendee was **Bill Kirk**. Bill was a fellow Circle K'er with me. After Carroll, he had a career as an Army officer in the JAG Corps. He retired to San Antonio, TX where he succumbed to cancer. Finally, we suddenly lost another faithful Reunion attendee, **Tom Harold**. I don't remember much interaction with Tom at Carroll, but maybe he was making a lot of trips to the University of Dayton to court his future wife, Pat. They raised their family in the Chicago area where he had a successful business. Sympathies to all the friends and families of these and the other grads we lost.

**1970 | Ted Heutsche**  
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**Richard Starr** published his book for entrepreneurs, "Do You Have IT?" a how-to guide for people who want to start their own business. Richard followed his entrepreneurial spirit and owned a successful HVAC company for forty years. He was elected national chairman of the MSCA and won the Contracting Business Commercial HVAC Contractor of the Year award. Richard lives in Hudson, Ohio with his wife; they have four daughters and 11 grandchildren.

**1971 | Rosemary Costello**  
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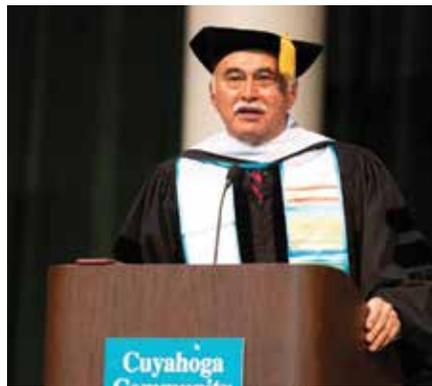
Another year has passed since our reunion in 2021. Our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion was fun, but it was very limited because of the pandemic. Several of you had expressed

the desire to attend, but chose instead, as the pandemic lightened, to visit family that you hadn't been able to see for a long time. This year, we invite you back to celebrate with the class of '72 on Friday, 6/10 evening. Some of the highlights include food trucks, live entertainment and the viewing of the Tim Russert documentary! Several of us plan on coming back for these Friday night festivities, even though it is technically not our class's year. I'll be there and look forward to seeing you. I haven't heard from many of you. In early December, **Rick Welchans** wrote about how he and his wife Marj were involved in their community's first effort at a radio play. He was the director and Marj was in charge of live sound effects. It was a version of "A Christmas Carol" streamed on WQMVradio.com. As you know, Rick has always been involved in the theater. Years ago, we enjoyed a performance that Rick was in with a Champaign-Urbana community group's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." **Rich Buckingham** also emailed me in December about his memories of **Rick Roberts** who passed away in November, 2021. His favorite part of JCU was Rick Roberts and his stories. On the same sad note, we also lost **Richard Ward** in October and **John "Jocko" Cronin** in September. As Buck reminds us, it is important to continue to tell the stories about those we have lost. I hope you all were able to see the Tim Russert '72 documentary trailer that was sent out by JCU. Linda Meglin '74 has put together a great film about Tim's time at John Carroll. The trailer contains remarks about Tim from several of his friends during his time at JCU, and opens with fellow UClubber **Tom Costello's** thoughts about Tim. Needless to say, I play it often. The documentary is scheduled to be broadcast on PBS in June, 2022. I look forward to your emails.

**1972 | John Marcus**  
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"Old friends ... Old Friends ... Sat on the park bench like bookends. How terribly strange to be seventy." Oh yeah, Art, how about 71?! We're all feeling pretty good! **John Ropar** is running marathons and **Anne Conway** is climbing mountains in Asia. Matter of fact, we're heading back to Mother Carroll for our 50<sup>th</sup> in June and "got me dancin' shoes on!" We've been planning the reunion for a while and are revved up for June 11-12. See you there. In the meantime, **Frankie Palamara**—or Sir Francis, as he's known around Leicester Square—sent everyone Christmas

greetings with a class gift. Frank sent “Elaine’s fettuccine alfredo recipe” (look it up on your Google-machine), writing, “Now, I know that pasta keeps you young, *So mangia and buon natale!*” (Elaine’s is the famous NYC eatery where Woody Allen hung out and played the clarinet, with Frank accompanying on the spoons. Frank has updated his passport and will sail across the pond on the QE2 to join us in June.) Talked to **T Ryan**. Tom has been busy in retirement, babysitting 14 grandkids spread out across the country. He still winters in the Ft. Myers area and meets up with **Mark Pacelli**, where both occasionally crew on **John and Holly Collins** dinghy. Both Ryan and Pacelli will make it back in June, but **Pete LaBianca** won’t be back. Pete is chair of the Beverage Team at the renowned Columbus Arts Festival. Pete writes, “I’m the Beer Guy for the 400,000 people who come every year.” You gotta respect a man who is so devoted to his beer! I received a note from **Rich Buttery**. His youngest just got married off, but the others have given him enough grands, as Rich writes, “to field a 16 softball team.” No memory loss for Dr. B! He recalls that, “senior year I worked at Browns games cooking hot dogs! To this day, I do NOT eat hot dogs at sporting events!” (Note to the Reunion Committee: no hot dogs at the Saturday class dinner!) **Paul McGurr**, who the Committee may draft as CFO, retired from his accounting career (before which he had special access to his dad, Accounting prof, Dean McGurr). Paul has recently given up the visor and lives in Fredericksburg, OH in Amish country. Paul will be at the reunion and is opting for a car rather than a buggy. Slingin’ **Sammy Morocco** is pumped for the reunion. He told me, “If I’m alive, I’ll be there!” The old QB spent his career in the Canfield, OH/Sharon, PA area as a Retirement Income Certified Professional. Sam loved his job, though he mentioned that dealing with older retirees could be a challenge. He wrote me, “I know my clients are old when they call me at 9 p.m. and ask, ‘Did I wake you?’” But he was very concerned when another client called him and asked if he had heard that “another world’s oldest man died.” The client, a retired cop, told Sam, “this is beginning to look suspicious.” Your patience is inspiring, Sammy. **Neil Conway**, father of four professional and international hockey players, wrote to say the hockey season will be over in June, so he is planning on attending the reunion, “even though **Al Kumpf** and I



were supposed to go to the University of Dayton.” Neil promised to help herd GDIs and ruggers back to the reunion, but feels he has a bigger challenge in enticing **Mark Mulcahy** to come back for Mark’s every 50-year visit. Another tall task—**Chris Loerch** wrote he is returning in June and will be working on getting **Pete Mancuso** back. Meanwhile, **Frank Gerbig** is herding the University Club lads, **Jack Bertges** the AKPsi boys, and **Jimmy Hughes** will be helping club president **Joe Pearl** with the rugby club. And kudos to **Jose Feliciano** (pictured). Jose was awarded an honorary Doctorate from Cuyahoga Community College and delivered its commencement address. Jose is a former White House Fellow, a partner at Cleveland’s Baker Hostetler law firm and founder of the Hispanic Roundtable. Congrats, Jose! Finally, a really good reason to make the reunion in June. One of John Carroll’s most exciting wrestlers from the legendary JCU wrestling teams of our era, has passed away. **Jack Hague**, a tenacious 118-pound class wrestler and later, a Boston restaurateur, passed away in December. We received many notes from classmates remembering Jack as very funny, a very good guy, and a dedicated and terrific athlete. As one classmate wrote, “every time one of these great humans like Jack passes, the lights grow dimmer.” RIP Jack ... That’s it for this time. Take care, stay well, and see you in June!!! JM

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Spring’s coming! At least that’s the latest rumor ... Many of our class are laying low, others are venturing out to the four corners of the earth defying the pandemic, the weather, travel issues, et. al. **Frank Castelli** has a wonderfully inspiring book, “Just Show Up,” compiled from his 46 years in the insurance

industry, where he often did public speaking about the psychology of selling and managing managers. He and his wife have two children and live in Northern Virginia.

**John Jaras** is our unofficial Florida weatherman, keeping us informed of the (mostly) beautiful conditions and beach photos. Chatted up lots of memories for awhile with my old roommate, **Tom “Cous” Tardio**, who’s enjoying retirement with his wife, Cathy, in Studio City, CA. I reminded him of our 50th reunion next year, as many in our class have not been back to the homeland since ‘73. **Tom Berges** and his adoring wife, Mary ‘74, continue to globe-trot in distant locales; their most recent itinerary included Iceland, as I recall. Best wishes are in order for **Mary Beth Chambers Carroll** who became engaged last fall to Dr. Keith Wilson. **Beth Grimes Haley** and I reminisced about our shared social and academic years. The alumni office also heard from **Bob Kraft**, who resides in Milwaukee with his wife of 47 years. They have three children and four grandchildren and Bob is always looking to reconnect with JCU classmates! I encourage our classmates to call, text, write or just meet up to rekindle our past. Be well and stay safe.

Rock on!  
 Bob Larocca

**1974 | Dave Robinson**  
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After a 30+ year career teaching and tutoring mathematics in the Cleveland area, **Cathy Martine Dunn** made the move to Nashville, Tennessee in 2017. She started taking watercolor classes and it quickly became a new passion. She has been accepted into several local, national, and international exhibitions and is represented by two galleries. Some of her paintings can be seen at [dunnwatercolor.com](http://dunnwatercolor.com). She is incredibly happy with the birth of five grandchildren in the last four years! **Helen Callahan Hirsch** and her husband Dave are enjoying life in Summerville, SC. They were thrilled to welcome their sixth grandchild in April (fifth grandson!). They had fun reconnecting with **Ingrid Pinter Arsuaga** at Helen’s 50th high school reunion at Beaumont. **Patty Ferrone DiBello** retired from the Cleveland Clinic after 40 years and is happily teaching Chemistry part-time at Cleveland State University. The most interesting event in 2021 was her son Ross’ candidacy for Mayor of Cleveland. He did not win but Patty found the campaign

experience interesting. **Val Street** has been practicing the “Three P” Principles of Prayer, Patience and Presence in her hometown of San Francisco. In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, Val started a food program for the homeless in her neighborhood. She cooks various meals, including hot soups and stews in her home weekly and delivers them to various places in the neighborhood, where she talks and prays with people.

**Mary Lynn Crowley Laughlin** sent her update from Hilton Head, SC, where she and **Gary** spend about six months of the year. They have been married for 45 years and both are retired. Their oldest son, Michael, and his wife, Robin, live in Bay Village, Ohio and their younger son, Mark, and his wife, Danielle, live in Atlanta and have three children, ages 4, 3 and 6 months. **Kathy Crowley Kelly** and Kenny '73 live in Chicago. She celebrated the 11th year of her swim school, Swim with Kathy ([www.swkchicago.com](http://www.swkchicago.com)), located in downtown Chicago. In February 2021, Kenny learned he needed a kidney transplant. He was fortunate to get into a swap program at Northwestern Hospital and received a kidney on November 30. He is doing great! **Mary Richards Madden** became semi-retired after working 26 years at a private golf club. She is looking to spend more time with her 13 grandchildren as well as travel with **Bob**. Mary took two trips to see Bob in Germany last year, when he was head coach for the Hildesheim Invaders American football team. While there, they were able to take side trips to Prague and Poland. From our Foreign Desk, **Rose Mary Amato** was able to make it home from Europe to St. Louis for Christmas for the first time in two years due to COVID-19 restrictions. She spent time with her two sisters, and seven of her eight nieces and nephews. Rose Mary is coauthor of a new book, “Ready for Female Leadership – the Future is Now” ([www.readyforfemaleleadership.com](http://www.readyforfemaleleadership.com)), published last November. Proceeds from the book support the leadership development of women. **Linda Meglin** is in the process of producing a documentary to preserve the legacy of Tim Russert '72 and raise awareness to current and prospective students about Tim's JCU story and his impact as a journalist. She has interviewed classmates, professors, friends, family members and rock and roll mogul Jules Belkin. If you have any photographs of Tim while he was at JCU, please send them to Linda at [lindameglin@gmail.com](mailto:lindameglin@gmail.com).

The documentary is to premiere at JCU on June 10, 2022. You can see the film trailer at <https://vimeo.com/618918667>. Congratulations to **Dr. Don Kuratko** for receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Better known as Dr. K, Don is a distinguished scholar at the Indiana University Kelley School of Business and the executive academic director of the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. In January, Don received the Max S. Wortman/USASBE Lifetime Achievement Award for Entrepreneurship. The award is given to an entrepreneurship educator who embodies entrepreneurial activity. Don is the author of more than 200 articles and 30 books on various aspects of entrepreneurship. Chris and **Phil Niedzielski-Eichner** are semi-retired and enjoying their life in northern Virginia, where they have lived since 1988. Their two daughters are successful attorneys, and they are blessed with three school-aged granddaughters. Please send the Alumni Office your most current contact information and any personal updates you would like included in the next column. Wishing all a safe and healthy spring and summer.

Dave “Robby” Robinson

**1975 | Mary Kay Malone**  
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Happy New Year, Class of '75! **Bob Zotti** sent this update ... I am still working (practicing law for 42+ years) and have had my own law practice in Wheaton, IL since 1985. I have been married to Barbara Begale for 41 years and have five children and three grandchildren, all living in the Chicago area. I attended the Tony DeCarlo Memorial Golf outing (for JCU Alumni of Football and Wrestling) at Fowler's Mill. Other classmates in attendance were **Dave Segerson** and **Joe Duffy**. Next year's outing will be 6/25/22 at Tanglewood Golf Club in Chagrin. The date was moved up so that alumni who are NFL coaches or college coaches can attend. I encourage you all to make an effort to attend. **Greg Baida's** grandson competed as a diver at the Junior National championship and may qualify for the USA Olympic Team in Paris. **Barb Varone** writes ... I am living in Solon. My daughter-in-law, Mary Flachbart Varone, graduated from JCU in 2000. I have three grandchildren. **Tom Lyon** (all these years I thought there was an s at the

end, apologies) retired from teaching at Cuyahoga Community College. **Bishop Neal Buckon** was in town in August to preside at his mother's funeral mass held at Gesu. **Ben Carlozzo** was a JCU Chemistry major and is a highly regarded scientist living in Solon, OH. **Dr. Susan Sonchik Marine** wrote: “Last summer when everything was canceled, including the National American Chemical Society Meeting, I became a Fellow of the American Chemical Society. This year I am chair of the Cincinnati Local Section and am introducing new activities, including a glassblowing outing and a virtual beer tasting social event (based on the JCU virtual wine tasting this past spring). I retired during the pandemic and am now Professor Emerita at Miami University.” **Bill McGah** recently moved to Olympia, WA. to be closer to his grandkids in Seattle.

Tom '73 and I met up with **Paul Seaburn** and his wife Donna, along with Bill Jirousek '72 and his wife Carolyn. A quick bite to eat turned into hours reminiscing about JCU and DAT. Paul is the editor of Mysterious Universe. You can follow him on Twitter and Facebook ... you're guaranteed a good laugh. **Karen and Jack Kleinhenz** celebrated the marriage of their daughter on New Year's Eve at Gesu. I hope you take advantage of the online, virtual, and in-person programs JCU offers throughout the year. I signed up for the virtual cooking demo with Bob Sferra '86 of Culinary Occasions and loved the easy recipes he demonstrated.

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

**1976 | Joe Barmann**  
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**Betsy Trocki** retired from a career as a teacher but has stayed quite busy with the Pennsylvania Association of Retirees, and is a Zoom tutor for the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network for inner city families and youth in Erie. She sings in her church choir.

**John Simon** retired after a 43-year career mostly at Medical Mutual (Ohio), but then accepted an offer to become president of Cleveland Central Catholic High School, his alma mater. He is finding this new calling to be both challenging and energizing. **Pat Cataldo** plans to continue retirement in 2022, and spend time at his summer home with wife Eileen (Phillips) Cataldo '75 at Kenisee Grand

River Campground in Geneva, Ohio. He is busy with the Knights of Columbus, and is president of the Geauga County Retired Teachers Association. **Mary Zajac** retired from the Cuyahoga County Treasurer's office. **Gwen Dickerhoof** has been retired for 10 years, and she is looking forward to the birth of her 13<sup>th</sup> grandchild in February. **Tim Iacofano** says retirement is not on the horizon while he is in Columbia producing and directing a series for Apple TV+. He says it is fun and exciting, but he's in the jungle, and that means there are lots of extra challenges, along with working with drones and helicopters, and all during the pandemic. Tim's family in California is doing well, and he definitely can handle waking up in February with forecasts of sun and 70 degrees. He met a California girl who is now his wife and the mother of their four children. He says the Beach Boys were right about California girls, and he hopes that one of these days, he'll make it to our '76 class reunion. After 28 years as assistant finance director for Westlake, Ohio, **Bonnie (Smith) Freeh** retired at the beginning of 2020. Bonnie and her husband Dave hope to do some cycling, sailing, and hanging with college roommate **Maureen McSweeney** on Catawba Island where they are vacation home neighbors. Bonnie and Dave welcomed their second grandchild in January, 2022. **Mary Ann (Bergerson) Ahern** was featured in a recent JCU Chicago Alumnae Leadership Panel discussion. They focused on networking, career challenges, and, of course, coping during the pandemic. Mary Ann has been reporting for nearly 33 years at NBC 5 Chicago, including the last 15 years as the political/religion reporter. She always credits fellow JCU alumnus Tim Russert for being her closer as she moved up the corporate ladder. **Joe Gibbons** is practicing law for Schneider, Smeltz, Spieth & Bell in downtown Cleveland, and he says the firm is fortunate to have a few JCU alums there. Joe and his wife Peggy have two adult children who both live in Fairview Park. Joe and Peggy have lived in Lakewood for 40+ years, and have both been active in the community. He is currently on the board of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland. He is also an avid runner and can still play ice hockey! **Joan (Kennedy) Naugle** married JCU alum **Karl Naugle** over 42 years ago. After a thirty-year career as an elementary and middle school teacher in Mayfield, OH, the family moved to Summerville SC, where they both continued as educators. They love spending time with their three children and five grandchildren, although none of

them have become teachers, so far. She has had a number of volunteer jobs in addition to reading, sewing, walking, and yoga. **Dr. Vincent Casaregola** is a tenured, full professor of English at St. Louis University. Vince lives in St. Louis with his wife Victoria Carlson-Casaregola, and they have two children, both adopted from China. Vince finds great satisfaction in teaching and writing, and with no required retirement age, he hopes to continue doing so for as long as he can.

**1977 | Carol Dougherty**  
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If you haven't already signed up for our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion, June 10-11, 2022, we hope you'll do so immediately! Hope to see you there! Thanks to all of you for your wonderful updates. As always, I'll leave them in your words—and thanks to the folks who emailed just to say hi. Take care, Carol Dougherty.

**David South:** My wife (Michaelen) and I moved back to the Washington DC area from Chicago after 11 years to be closer to our son, his wife and two grandsons. After moving, our second son, wife, and granddaughter moved from Portland to Virginia. I am able to work remotely for West Monroe Partners, so the move gave us access to grandkids, warmer weather, the Shenandoah Valley, and Atlantic Ocean beaches that we came to love during our first 15-year stint here (1995-2010). I look forward to reconnecting to JCU alumni in DC. **Kathleen Berry: Nancy Cunningham Benacci** is going to be a grandmother again! In 2021, she welcomed her first granddaughter, Charlotte Benacci, and this March, Baby Girl Flattery will arrive. The Honorable Leo M. Spellacy '52 Bellarmine Award was presented to **Kevin Hinkel** on 9/17/21 at Saint Ignatius High School. **Mark McMullen:** 2021 was a big year for the McMullen family: three

weddings and three babies! We now have six grandchildren among our five kids. Hope all is well with you. Happy New Year! **Terry Bedell: Mike and Maura Powers'** son Seamus was married early November in Philly. **Mary Anne Garvey, Demaris** and **Chris Kress** have all the dirty details. It's rumored there were other characters in attendance. **Peter Gailey:** Been in Plano, a suburb of Dallas, TX for 32 years. Happily married to Robin for 32 years. Our daughter Lauren is a chef, and our son Nick is a marketing manager. I own Gailey Solutions, a cyber security services firm. Have been hosting a weekly call with IBG Fraternity brothers for six months or so. Rob Dwyer, Bob Reighert, Gary Stanis, JoJo Bertolone '75, Mark Donovan '75, and several others. Great stories. Lots of laughs. Stay safe everyone!! **Doug Hogan:** The Hogans (**Doug Hogan** and Cathy Monaco '78) have been retired for about six years, enjoying life and family, traveling and golfing. Our daughter Madison was married in September and several alumni made the wedding. We have two wonderful grandsons Killian (3) and Jackson (6). Each fall we spend five weeks in Hilton Head. This year we invited good friends and relatives. **Alan Baldarelli** and Holly, Mark McGinley '78 and Patty, Tom '78 and Beth '79 Keir, all joined us on the beach. **Peter Schmidt & Donna (Wardega) Schmidt:** Peter and I have both retired in the last couple of years. After receiving his Ph.D. in electrical engineering, Peter worked for Rockwell Automation for 40+ years, while also teaching as an adjunct professor at Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee). Donna worked as an elementary school principal in urban Milwaukee, and also served as an adjunct instructor at Alverno College and Mount Mary University. These were great experiences for us, but it is great being retired and enjoying a different pace to life. Our four children are grown and married, and our seven grandchildren are pure joy. **Sue (D'Orazio) Generazio:** This picture (below) was taken this past August at the Chicago wedding of **Kathy Michael's** daughter, Jeannie. We had a great time catching up.

**1978 | Tim Freeman**  
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**Cathy Monaco Hogan** and spouse Doug '77 have been retired for six years. See the great photo of the Hogans in Hilton Head in fall, 2021 with Beth '80 & **Tom Keir** and Patty and **Mark McGinley.**



Left to right, Sylvia (Sotirovich) Bahr, Mary Ann (Osgood) Morrison, Kathy (Norris) Michael, Sue (D'Orazio) Generazio and Kathy (Coffey) Kenny.



Celebrating in Hilton Head in fall, 2021: Doug Hogan '77, Cathy Monaco Hogan '78, Beth Keir '80, Tom Keir '78, Patty '78 & Mark McGinley '78.

John Carroll's October 1–2 Homecoming weekend also celebrated the JCU alumni medal winners. Among the multitudes attending the weekend to salute Alumni Medal winner Mike Schmidt '81 (for golf, tailgating, and several parties) were classmates **Dan Weitzel, Kevin McCarthy, Earl Hamlin, Jim Gentile, Brian Farrell, Jack Blackburn, Chris Parrilli** and **Tim Freeman**. Highlights included the return of the Mr. Ed door and presence of Earl's wolf ... Thank you to classmate **Bob Kirkeby** for his career in the U.S. military service! Bob retired from the U.S. Army in 1998 after ten years on active duty. Service included Korea and for Operation Desert Storm. Bob also worked for a Marine Corp contractor, as a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and volunteered in various service organizations. Bob and his wife live in St. Augustine, Florida (since 2004). They have three grown children (a lawyer, a senior comptroller and financial analyst) and two grandkids. **Mark Talamonti** finished his 30<sup>th</sup> year as a surgical oncologist, the first 15 as Chief of Surgical Oncology at Northwestern and most recent 15 as Chair of Surgery at NorthShore Health System/University of Chicago. With challenging times the past few years with COVID-19 and its impact on the population and healthcare providers, Mark still loves being a surgeon with no plans to retire anytime soon. Mark and Anne celebrated 39 years of marriage in 2021. Their two children are established in their own careers (Jason as a first-responder and Brittney as a specialist in early childhood special education). **Kevin Leonard** is ready for our June, 2023 reunion. Kevin has attended every '78 reunion. He has been a lawyer for 40 years in Latrobe, Pa. His two daughters are on that same career path and two sons are in business and recreation management. Kevin and Jennifer also have six grandchildren. Kevin shared the return of **Rob Herald** to

the U.S. and reports the golf courses are busy. Kevin also keeps in contact with classmates **Paul Giba, Jim Szakos** and **Jim Bircher** ... Attorney **John Kostyo** and spouse Shirley are overjoyed with 2021's arrival of first grandchildren Sebastian (parents are Annelise '13 and Chris '13) Russo and Maeve (parents are Stephen and Jessica). Shirley retired after 35 years of teaching. John looks forward to a warmer climate to vacation more and visit the grandkids. In December, 2021, **Peter Ruffing** recovered from the latest COVID-19 ("it was bad and glad it's over!"). Pete and Jeanine are retired (since 2014) and live on the Scioto River in Delaware County, with their four kids and six grandkids within a half hour drive. A summer 2021 highlight was the wedding of their oldest (wedding and reception in a big tent in their backyard) with Pete as the official presider. Thanks for writing!

#### 1979 | Nancy Agacinski [nagacinski@yahoo.com](mailto:nagacinski@yahoo.com)

Hi, All—hard to believe we're going into the third year of the pandemic. How are you all handling it? It's sure been hard on all of us in so many ways. I'm hoping you're staying healthy. The pandemic has made me realize even more how much my friends and classmates at John Carroll meant to me. I'm sure many of you feel the same. It wasn't just the place that educated us and helped form us for our professions but gave us so much more with our relationships. I've seen several former classmates at events in the past several months that further cemented my feelings. In October, I attended an event sponsored by Kevin Hinkel and his wife. It was really nice to see them and their turnout including **Mike Pappas**, Tom Maurerer '77, and Jack Mulhall '76. Over 50 IXYS came to Carroll Homecoming weekend to support Michael Schmidt

'81 for his alumni medal award. The guys held several events over three days and reported great celebrations, lots of laughs and storytelling. Homecoming was held on a perfect sunny warm October day. Among those in attendance: Tim Freeman '78, Kevin Kane '75, Larry Dinofrio, Nick Iarussi '81, Tom Hartnett '81, **Rick Farrell**, Stan Mambort '77 (U club) and so many others. (The guys missed you, Stro!) In December, **John Burke** held his annual Army-Navy game party. Always a fun event. In attendance were **Mark Costa, Paul Lange**, Andrew Costa '13, Tom Armagno '80, Bill Cloonan '77, Jim Wagner '76, Paul Giba '78, Tim Tabar '84, Tom Gallagher '83, Tom Lyon '75, Tom McLaughlin '80, Dan Tyransky '83, Bob Monitello '80, Catherine Burke '09, and Dan Burke '13. Attended a JCU wrestling match against Heidelberg in January with a pre-match meetup at Pizzazz. So nice to see **Mike Pappas**, Al Evangelista '77, Tom Maurerer '77, Jack Mulhall '76, Chad Gross '81, Kevin Hinkel '77, **Mike Gianetti, Mark Haywald**, Brandon Steinmetz '99, Dan Stefancin '81, Carl Dibernardo '90, and Joe Schmidt '90. Carroll dominated 29-10. Just like the wrestling matches we had back in our day! So fun to watch. They have an awesome coach, too: Mark Hayward's son, Mark Jr! So cool, isn't it? Heard from Pete Cimeroni. He reports his company is involved in launching a new training program for sales execs. **Jean Ricci Goodman** updated us, "I relocated from Loyola University in Chicago, where I was the maternal fetal medicine division director, to the University of Missouri to assume the position of chair of the department of obstetric, gynecology and women's health."

**Mary Nell** reports that the ladies have been taking an annual trip to **Karen Greco's** beautiful home on Lake Chautauqua for the past six years. It's been great for them to reconnect, as they live in different areas now. **Mary Jo Gill** is in Chicago, **Mary Meehan** lives in North Carolina, **Pat Schreiner** lives in Kirtland, Karen lives in Gates Mills, **Ellen Hobbes** lives in Cleveland Heights and Mary Nell lives near Cincinnati. Mary Nell reports that all these years later they still finish each other's sentences which usually end in laughter. As the years go on, their time together is more precious. It's always fun to reminisce about the great days in Murphy Hall. I know what you ladies mean, it's hard to believe how far we are from those days at school but the memories seem stronger than ever, as we get older we realize more and more how fragile and short life is.



Check out these great pics (above) from Mary Nell Barrord Gorski—1979 picture front row: Mary Nell Barrord, Mary Jo Gill, Pat Schreiner, Karen Lysyk; back row: Ellen Hobbes, Laura Norton (Anyone know how to find Laura?), Mary Meehan and Tyler Ham.

2021 photo front row (below): Karen Lysyk Greco, Mary Nell Barrord Gorski, Mary Meehan Kirby. Back Row: Pat Schreiner Ham, Ellen Hobbes Hirschman, Mary Jo Gill Harney.



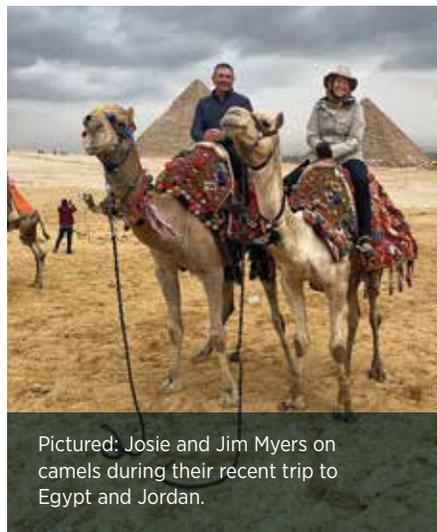
So my friends, send me your news, call your friends, reconnect with classmates and don't forget: Every five (which is coming in two years BTW!)

Nancy

**1980 | Matt Holtz**  
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It is amazing we are in the year 2022 with our first set of class notes. Hope all are doing well. I am still working at Medical Mutual; 37 years January 2022. Currently working in my basement but should be in a hybrid model by the time you read the notes, with two days in the office and three at home. Everyone's work environment has evolved and changed forever. My twins graduate this May and my daughter is a dietician living in Chicago. My wife Mary works part-time at Rocky River Senior Center along with teaching her Tai Chi classes and

water exercise classes. Yes, retirement has crossed my mind and yes, I should attend some of the Tai Chi classes and do some swimming as I am as flexible as a 2x4. I recently heard folks talking about the blizzard of 1978 which would have been during our sophomore year. Pretty sure some you may remember that time but all I recall is being at Grasselli Library finding out school was canceled. **Tina Romano Allen** dropped a line that she is still enjoying her HR work. Her son recently graduated from the School of Engineering at the University of Cincinnati. Go Bearcats! My son Adam will graduate this May from University of Cincinnati and my other son, Patrick, will graduate from Xavier. Congrats are in order for **John Ettorre** and wife Julie, as son Michael presented them with their second grandchild, Jordyn, who joins cousin August as Ettorre grandchildren. John and Julie will be shuttling between Cleveland and St. Louis, perhaps flying American Airlines as the recent Alumni Spotlight featured **Jim Moses**, VP of Dallas-Ft. Worth Flight Operations, speaking on The Future of Air Travel. Jim is former Blue Streak football player and has been head of flight operations at numerous airports, including Los Angeles, Boston, New York, Philadelphia. Being retired allows you to cross a few items off your bucket list. Just ask Josie and **Jim Myers** (pictured) who had the opportunity to visit Egypt and Jordan. A great trip rich in history. **Jeanne Ann Cannon** is enjoying the beach life in Long Beach, Indiana with spouse, Pat. Jeanne is returning to her practice as a therapist and life coach after seven years as a director of Dunebrook, a child abuse prevention agency. Jeanne's last child graduates, like mine, in May. She has



Pictured: Josie and Jim Myers on camels during their recent trip to Egypt and Jordan.

Maggie in New York and Patrick in Chicago. She keeps in touch with **Meg Towey Rabol**, Paul '82 and **Patrice Hulseman**, Katie Grace '81, Suzie Whelan '81, and Ellen McMullen '81.

Feel free to drop a line anytime. Thanks. MFH.

**1981 | Bob Hill**  
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Greetings, Class of '81! Please send us your news and updates, we'd love to hear from you!

**1982 | Mark McDonnell**  
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Before I start my class notes, I wanted to recognize Dave Vitatoe and his staff for all they have done during the pandemic to keep alumni engaged. Despite the challenges of the new virtual and socially distanced world, Dave and his staff continue to offer programming that all alumni can take part in. Thank you, Dave, for all that you do! A big part of the focus for the Alumni staff has been the restructuring of reunion weekend. I invite and encourage everyone from the class of 1982 to return to campus on Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11 for our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion. This is a great opportunity to catch up with classmates and experience firsthand all the changes that have happened on campus over the past few years. The IBGs will be hosting their first-ever reunion during Homecoming and the McCarthy weekend, Friday, September 24 and Saturday, September 25. **Don MacMillan** and Jim Kisthardt '83 are organizing this event. I did hear from **Katie Brant** that she is planning to attend our reunion! She continues to love living in Chicago and working at Old St. Pat's; each of her three children live within three miles of her. I also heard from **Tony Coyne**: "In addition to being the president and managing partner of my law firm, I was recently elected to serve as chairman of the board of St. Vincent Charity Medical Center. I am having a lot of fun working with my partner, **Chuck Brown** as well. My wife Rachelle and I have one more to get through high school and still live in the shadow of the original Jesuit College in Cleveland, St. Ignatius High School, in Ohio City. Although we moved in 30 years ago before it was cool! Looking forward to our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion from JCU. Hard to believe. My best, Tony" I am looking forward to our 40<sup>th</sup> Class and IBG reunions this year. I hope to see many of you at these events.

### 1983 | Mark Schroeder [briome@auctionbrio.com](mailto:briome@auctionbrio.com)

Summer! It cannot arrive fast enough. May is filled with graduations and anticipation for vacation and seriously, who doesn't need a refreshing escape? The man who is always on the move is **Ed Devney**. Summer or winter, Ed is a fixture with the Olympics, working in broadcast production. Ed was in Beijing, China to cover the games for NBC. Ed was one of the first to arrive in January and one of the last to leave after the closing ceremonies. Ed also was in Cleveland working the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies in October '21, as the chief of personal attendants to the inductees. Ed had a couple classmates, **Mary (Power) Patton** and **Jane Cunin**, assisting him as personal attendants to the rock & roll icons. What a great gig, Ed. The real estate market is soaring and **Joe Keller** is in the middle of it in the Cleveland area. Joe is in his 26<sup>th</sup> year in residential real estate, with over \$90 million in sold properties. Joe is with Howard Hanna and selling for CEO and JCU grad Hody Hanna '69. Joe is also part owner of Founders Title, and says Tommy Walsh '82 and John "Double J" Halloran '82 are also doing well in real estate. **Cathy (Babcock) Bates** and husband Jeff are on the move. The Bates left Indianapolis, bought a pickup truck and moved to their country cabin in southern Indiana. The Pittsburgh ladies are as close to any group in our class. **Deb Solyan**, **BethAnn (McCombs) Coughlin**, **Mary Margaret (Pearson) Gleason**, **Molly (Donnelly) MacDonald** and **Susan (Benz) Callahan** gathered in the Steel City for laughs and fun. I hope many of you had the opportunity to listen to **Andrea McGinty** in the Alumni Spotlight series in February. Andrea knows business and relationships. She is the founder of It's Just Lunch and 33000Dates. She has created four successful entrepreneurial businesses. Sadly, only weeks before her JCU appearance, Andrea's father, Jack McGinty, passed. Please keep the McGintys in your prayers. One of the funniest guys I have ever met was Dave Bassi '81. Dave was a JCU baseball teammate. He loved the game and was the team comedian. He lived on my floor at New Dorm my sophomore year. "The Count" was a beauty. We held a friendship for decades until he passed unexpectedly on September 13, 2021. Dave had written his own obituary.

Search for it. It was so Dave. A reflection of a guy who loved to make people laugh, enjoy life, and he gave life with his kidneys to two matching recipients. Dave leaves behind a son, daughter, and wife Traci. Please keep them in your prayers. **Terese (Buehrle) Booth** and her husband Ric are feeling the joy of a new granddaughter. Terese's daughter Rachel gave birth to baby Lucy. Reunion weekend at JCU is June 10-11. Next year is our 40<sup>th</sup>, so start planning. Email me with family news, business updates and like JCU Class of '83 on Facebook.

### 1984 | Don D'Amore [jcuclassof84@yahoo.com](mailto:jcuclassof84@yahoo.com)

Hello! Press Release: Cavanagh Law Group's founding partner **Tim Cavanagh** was named the Best Lawyers' 2022 Plaintiffs' Personal Injury Litigation Lawyer of the Year in Chicago! Tim was also selected for his eighth consecutive year for inclusion in the 2022 edition of The Best Lawyers in America, in the field of Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs. Tim is a nationally recognized personal injury attorney. He's also been on JCU's board of directors since 2019!

**Andrea McGinty** was featured on JCU's Alumni Spotlight in February! Andrea is the founder and CEO of It's Just Lunch, a dating service which she grew from one office to 110 before selling the company. She has also started other high profile organizations. Andrea's topic was "What it takes to be a successful entrepreneur, how to make meaningful connections in our ever changing world, and how JCU shaped her personal and professional life." Andrea was also featured on "The Carroll News" podcast in December, 2020! I listened, and she gives many great insights! Aside from JCU class of '84, we all have something else in common: celebrating our big birthday milestones simultaneously! **Michelle D'Amore** and I were invited in November to a Big 6-0 surprise party in Erie, PA for **Joe Sivak M.D.**! Somehow, Joe's sweet wife Lorraine managed to get him all the way from their Florida home to his old hometown, and into a restaurant back room well-decorated and also filled with his family and friends from his many years. Joe is a psychiatrist practicing in Florida. (Joe & I constantly text. We suffer through Browns seasons together ... among other things.) Attending was classmate **Fr. Tim Kesicki, S.J.**! (I also spotted Tim on JCU's Instagram. He was the featured speaker at last year's



Pictured: Front Row: Mary (Kesicki) McDermott Ed.D.'87, Michelle (Sciangula) D'Amore '84, Fr. Tim Kesicki S.J.'84. Back Row: Joe Sivak MD.'84, Don D'Amore '84.

Founder's Day celebration for JCU's 135th anniversary!) Tim served as president of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the U.S., headquartered in Washington, DC, among many other accomplishments! Also attending was Tim's sister, Dr. Mary (Kesicki) McDermott ('87). Mary and I are both speech language pathologists and she was a roommate at JCU of my sister Laura ('87), so we had a lot to talk about that evening! Mary is a program director and an assistant professor of speech language pathology at Gannon University in Erie! Mary is in the process of establishing a new graduate program there, after helping to establish one in 2020 at their Florida Campus!

How are you celebrating 60?! ~ Don

### 1985 | Diane Nerem Wendel [WendelFamily10514@gmail.com](mailto:WendelFamily10514@gmail.com)

When did you realize 2022 is pronounced 2020, too? I hope everyone is healthy and managing to push through these unprecedented times. Big news to announce, our classmate **Cornelius J. O'Sullivan** was sworn in as judge to the Ohio Court of Appeals Eighth Judicial District of Cuyahoga County this past December. Congratulations Honorable Cornelius J. O'Sullivan!

My son, Joshua, just finished his Master's in tax and started adulting, as he started full-time employment with EY in NYC in their tax department. Along with the busy season, he is studying for the CPA. My daughter, Elizabeth, graduates this May from Notre Dame University with a major in neuroscience and education schooling and society. The future looks bright! On a sad note, heartfelt condolences go out to Nate '87 and **Jennifer Kehm** as they mourn the loss of Nate's father, Dr. George Kehm. **Meg Flaherty Huwar** had an especially

difficult year, as she mourned the loss of her husband, Brad Huwar, last summer and recently lost her father, John “Jack” Flaherty. Finally, condolences to **Maureen Flaherty Menton** on the sudden loss of her brother, Mark Flaherty. May the words of Helen Keller help ease your heartache, *“What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.”* Please feel free to send an update for our next issue! Until then, *“May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.” Numbers 6:24-26 NLT.* Diane

**1986 | Jenny Labuda & Karen Judy**  
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A joyful New Year to the amazing class of 1986!! **Rex Littrell** was promoted to partner in charge in the Ulmer & Berne LLP Columbus office. He has been a partner with Ulmer since joining the firm in 2000. He is an experienced litigator who focuses his practice on defending mass torts involving pharmaceutical products. He has also been named to The Best Lawyers in America for Product Liability Litigation-Defendants. **John Brunel** is a marketing communications specialist at Lincoln Electric, a global manufacturer of arc welding equipment and systems headquartered in Euclid, Ohio. John also co-founded a small press publishing company called Finch Books, which has been the platform for his first two novels (Midnight Guardian series). His third and latest novel will be released in fall 2022. He lives in Cleveland with his wife and two children. **“Richie” Rich Kramer** and **Christine O’Brien Kramer** were the proud presenters of the NASCAR trophy to Jimmy Johnson. These two JCU sweethearts have been presenting this trophy for the past 15 years. Next stop ... the Oscars. **Billy O’Donnell** has come a long way from a The Price is Right contestant to a producer of fine spirits: Blue Ash Farms bourbon (maple, honey), cherry vodka, and gin. **Jenny Labuda** and **Howie Collins** have been spied tasting bourbon together with Billy OD; their spouses, nowhere in sight:) **Beth Bonanno**, **Jenny Labuda**, and **Karen Judy** attended the JCU sing-a-long, White Christmas at the Music Box Theater, and were heard belting out the tune “Sisters, Sisters” to everyone in the theater. **Mary Hoenig** is the lucky duck who will be retiring this year after almost 36 years with Sherwin Williams. She moved three times with them and spent most of her time in sales and 14

years in marketing positions. Mary says that “Sherwin Williams was very good to us.” Barry and Mary plan on doing some European vacations to ancestral areas, home renovations, and spending more time with their three children who now have busier lives than they do. **Maureen Lennon** and **Karin Van Egmond** continue their wonderful JCU friendship: 4-year JCU roomies and now sisters-in-law. Karin married Maureen’s brother years ago. So she is Karin Lennon! That’s truly solidifying the friendship bond!! On a sadder note, our condolences go out to **Pat Harris ’86G** who lost her husband, Rob, unexpectedly this past January. Pat was also a JCU staff member for several years before retiring a few years ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Pat. Please send us your updated exciting news so we can include it in the next edition of the column. Otherwise, we will be forced to make things up:)

Sincerely,  
Jenny & Karen

**1987 | Dennis Casey**  
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We are in a great year for our great class. Our focus is, of course, our 35<sup>th</sup> reunion, June 10 and 11, 2022! Make sure you block these dates, round up your friends and classmates, and come back to campus for the best collegiate reunion weekend. Watch your mailbox and email for updates and an event schedule, as well as discounts at area hotels. **Chris Ulinski** and I were on an all-class reunion kick-off call this past November and we need more to help with the planning and attendance. If you are interested, reach out to me or Chris or the alumni office.

Congrats to **Laurie Sterlini Gumieny** and husband Rick on their son Jacob’s commitment to play baseball at Central Michigan University. All the best, Jacob! The University recently announced a major gift of \$1.5 million to establish an endowed chair in Jewish Studies within the Theology and Religious Studies Department. Our classmate **Norma Geller** made a very generous lead gift and was an early advocate of the University’s efforts to create this program. Thank you, Norma, for your continued generosity to our alma mater and commitment to the rich diversity of our faith-based curriculum. John Carroll and the local Jewish community have

been neighbors for decades and enjoy a long-standing mutual respect and inclusion of our faith traditions. Heartfelt condolences to **Joe and Janet Bordonaro Burrello** on the passing of Joe’s father in September, **Eric Sosinski** on the passing of his father in October, and to **Jeff Smart** on the passing of his mother in January. Jeff is the executive director of San Miguel School in Chicago’s Back-of-the-Yards neighborhood. On a personal note, I have been proud to be our class columnist since 2012, taking over for **Sue Farinacci Grazia**. As with any effort on behalf of a large group, it’s time for a new voice for our class to continue our class’ part in this great John Carroll alumni tradition. The column has been a labor of love and I am pleased that I never missed a column for our class. I tried to include updates from as many of you and your families as possible, as well as notable University initiatives and achievements and other news that I thought you would enjoy with our column. I created a Facebook page for our class as well, to help us stay connected. I hope I have been a good steward of our class and our great accomplishments and family moments. Now—please give consideration to stepping in and taking the helm of our column, and putting a new feel and direction for the column. I will stay on through our reunion in June and plan my final column to be the one just after reunion, at which point I would transition to my successor. If you are interested, please drop me a line at [dcasey87@comcast.net](mailto:dcasey87@comcast.net).

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!  
Dennis

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Hi, Everyone! Hope you’re all doing well! As I write this, it’s February 1<sup>st</sup> and we’re expecting another round of snow in Cleveland. Luckily, back in December, I planned a trip to Florida this week and my plane takes off 12 hours before a foot of snow starts falling. The BEST part is ... I’m meeting **Colleen Connery Coyne**, **Jeanine McGratty Lee** and **Kit Burgess Lau** for a much-needed sunny getaway. The last time we were all together was Paris in March, 2019 (oh, what a trip that was) so ... safe to say ... we’re DUE for a girls weekend! I think you’ll agree

... there's nothing like connecting with dear JCU friends. Florida here we come! Speaking of seeing JCU friends—**Dave and Karyn (Sikaitis) Brickner** sent a New Year greeting from their home in Key West and shared a photo from meeting up with **Chris Galo** and Diane Palumbo Galo '87. Key West is always a good idea! It's awesome to see Dave and Karyn enjoying Dave's much-deserved retirement as of December, 2021. CONGRATS, DAVE. Dave's periodic FB posts of his fishing excursions and amazing Key West breakfasts (Bloody Mary's and lobster benedict anyone?!!) are fun to see ... especially as I'm joining a morning Zoom call at work ... lol! **Beth Galle DeVente** made a quick visit to Cleveland from Columbus and we had a great night catching up with **Michelle LoSchiavo**, Michelle McNulty Flando '89, Karen Welsh Levis '87, and Deanna Dellafiora Chambers '87 (**Ellen Maglicic Kramer** couldn't join us and was missed!). Beth had recently returned from a visit to Blue Ash Farm with **Shannon McChesney Fanshawe**. Blue Ash Farm is an amazing spot in Argyle, Wisconsin, owned and operated by JCU's own Billy O'Donnell '86. Beth and Shannon had a blast and Beth brought us some Blue Ash Farm bourbons and vodkas to taste ... they were fabulous. Blue Ash Farm distributes in Chicago so check them out! **Christine Horwath** has moved back to Cleveland from Dublin, Ohio and closed on a house in South Euclid. She's working at JCU and happy to be back in CLE. Nice having you back home, Christine! Well ... that's all I have for now. As always, I'd love to hear from you with any updates or news to share. I'll leave you where this column started ... there's nothing like connecting with our JCU friends. It has been 34 years since we graduated (!) and the true friends we made at JCU are like no others. The history we share runs deep. No matter how much time passes, we pick up where we left off, the fun and laughter come easy, and our JCU memories we remember keep getting better and better—lol. And we all know ... when we do what it takes to get together ... it's ALWAYS worth it!

Till next time ... all the best,  
Sharon

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Greetings, 89'ers ... Hope all are well as we continue to navigate this COVID-19 landscape and grow more and more

tired of not being as social as we might want ... A few updates are below and hopefully some of you might send news soon ... **Katherine Kerestman** has won the Literary Titan Silver Book Award for "Creepy Cat's Macabre Travels: Prowling around Haunted Towers, Crumbling Castles and Ghoulish Graveyards" (WordCrafts Press 2020), a nonfiction literary- and historically-oriented travel memoir that placed on the Preliminary Ballot for the 2020 Bram Stoker Awards, in the nonfiction category. Her website is [www.creepycatlair.com](http://www.creepycatlair.com). The Literary Titan Silver Award "is bestowed on books that expertly deliver complex characters, intricate worlds, and thought provoking themes. The ease with which the story is told is a reflection of the author's talent in exercising fluent, powerful, and appropriate language."

Congrats, Katherine and keep the juices flowing for the next book ... Glad to hear from **John Reddington** (err, former sophomore roommate of someone I know), who received a 2021 Merit Award for Built Design from the New York Upstate chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. His project for the Village of Fairport Bicentennial Canal Gateway created an active pedestrian corridor linking residential neighborhoods with the Village and provided kayak and boat docks on the historic Erie Canal.

That is all for now, fellow mates, I wish you all the best and look forward to SPRING !!

Peace, David

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Greetings, Class of '90! I'm hoping by the time you read this column we are all basking in the warm, sunny days of spring! As I write at this very moment, all of Northeast Ohio is waiting for yet another winter storm! I'm very sad to report our class lost two more members. **MaryBeth Natale Miller** passed away suddenly right after the New Year. She lived in Winter Springs, Florida with her husband, Scott, and daughter Emily and worked for RBG, a video mystery shopping company. MaryBeth is also survived by her father, Anthony M. Natale, JCU class of '66 and her brother Anthony J. Natale, JCU class of '02. **Beth Warfield Hansen**, of Euclid, Ohio also passed away in January after a battle with cancer and other complications.

She is survived by her husband, Toby, her children, Eric, Emily, and Luke, and her parents, Kay and Chuck Warfield. Please remember both families in your prayers. There is some happy news to report, though. **Mark Perretta** recently finished "Song of Cigale," a historical fiction/romance novel set in 1944 France. The novel is dedicated to Beth Warfield Hansen and her grandfather, Charles, who served as a medic during WWII. Want to get a copy? The book is currently available on Amazon and has a five-star rating. When Mark isn't writing, he works as an English teacher with incarcerated youth in Canton, Ohio, and enjoys playing chess, traveling with family, and working outside. Congratulations Mark! That's all for now, Class of '90. Remember to send me your news, updates, or just a hello!

Stay healthy and safe!  
A-M

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I hope everyone is doing well and staying warm and healthy through this winter and spring. My boys are looking forward to baseball season coming up and outdoor games on the field this spring. I heard from **Nick Zolikoff** and his wife Kate '92. They are in Chesterland with their one remaining child who has not flown the coop yet. Their youngest daughter Justina is a senior at Notre Dame Cathedral Latin in Chardon. Their two oldest children are living and working in Northeast Ohio and their other son is a senior at Ohio State University. Nick works at home for CHAMPS Group Purchasing as a sourcing manager and Kate works at St. Ignatius High School in the Information Technology Department. The alumni office also received this outstanding update regarding **Laura A. Gorski, DO, '91**, who is being recognized by Continental Who's Who as a trusted maternal-fetal medicine physician, for her work in the medical field and at the High-Risk Pregnancy Center in Las Vegas, NV. Dr. Gorski is a respected maternal-fetal medicine physician with many years of experience in her specialized field. I hope to hear from more of you for the next class updates.

-Betsy Benander Trabren

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Hello, Class of 1992!  
By the time you're reading this, our 30-year reunion will be right around the corner! Weren't we just walking across the Quad

to class, singing at Sunday night Mass in St. Francis Chapel, and cheering on our Blue Streaks at the stadium next to the “new” dorms? Where has the time gone? Reunion weekend is June 10-11, 2022. I am excited to pass along the following information from the alumni office: On Friday, 6/10, the Alumni Golf Classic will take place at Sleepy Hollow in Brecksville with a shotgun start at noon. There will also be events and food trucks on campus Friday night, and dorm lodging will hopefully return (pending COVID-19 protocol). Several blocks of rooms will be reserved at area hotels. Saturday, 6/11, will include the usual reunion festivities throughout the day: wellness and educational programs, a beer garden on Keller Commons, live entertainment, breakfast, lunch, and a delicious dinner. The night will conclude with an amazing fireworks display. It should be an incredible event! Congratulations to **Gregory Suher** who recently joined Leech Tishman as partner in the Litigation Practice Group, where he is a member of the Family Law Group. He is based in the Pittsburgh office and represents clients in Pittsburgh and in all counties within the Pittsburgh area. Greg has been practicing Family Law since 1995. It is with a heavy heart that I deliver the news that our classmate, **Sharon Ann (Schwarten) Lohan** passed away on May 26, 2020, after an 18-year battle with brain cancer. Please keep Sharon and her family in your prayers. I hope all of you have a safe and healthy year, and please email me with any updates or just to say hi.

Hugs from Houston,  
Gina

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Hello, Class of '93! We want to congratulate our classmate, **Doug Ennis**, who was the recipient of the Alumni Volunteer Service Award. Doug was presented with this award at the Alumni Medal Award ceremony during homecoming weekend in October, 2021. Congratulations, Doug and thank you for all you do for JCU! Please send us your news and updates, we want to hear from you!

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Our Golden Year! Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthdays to everyone (some already, others coming up)! I came across this quote that I

thought was fitting. “The best part of being over fifty is that you did all your stupid stuff before the Internet.” So true! Hopefully people have been able to do special things for their birthdays. **Lisa Chambers, Michelle Thomas Burchfiel,** and **Michelle Macaluso** got together in Raleigh recently and are planning a trip to Telluride for their 50<sup>th</sup>s. Others may continue to excel at their jobs like **David Kocob**. He has been promoted to the vice president and general counsel to the signal and power solutions division of Aptiv. He also volunteers on the board of two nonprofits, one being the only Down Syndrome achievement center in the State of Michigan. Not to mention being a father to five boys and a great husband to **Lisa Chrysler Kocob**.

**Kiersten Mikelas** (pictured with Betty White below) sure has something to talk about at her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party. She was Betty White’s personal assistant. Kiersten said, “I’ve spent my career in the entertainment industry and I’ve worked for some truly remarkable artists and impresarios. To have spent the past decade with Betty White is truly the privilege of a lifetime. Her work ethic, her optimism, her curiosity for life, her humor ... her talents truly knew no bounds.”

**Nora Mackin Lally** just finished her first gig as a part-time faculty at JCU, teaching “Public Policy and Program Evaluation for Nonprofits” in the Nonprofit Administration Graduate Program. She said it was exciting, challenging, and a little bit bizarre to see the classroom from the other side of the podium and to get a key to an office in the basement of the AD building. She also said that the faculty parking pass was a big highlight. She had a fantastic semester, and admires those who teach full-time, at any level, all the more. She



is excited to be a part of this growing program at JCU and happy to talk to anyone who might be interested in it ([nlally@jcu.edu](mailto:nlally@jcu.edu)). I also enjoyed my time as an adjunct professor at JCU and agree that having a faculty parking pass was pretty convenient. I ended up teaching a student at JCU who was in my first 4<sup>th</sup> grade class at Gesu. She sure was surprised at the first class because my married name was listed on the course. Well, if teaching at JCU has ever crossed your mind, maybe this is the year for you. Hope everyone continues to stay healthy and I look forward to hearing from you either through email or Facebook.

**1995 | Annie DePerro**  
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**Kathy Apple Francis**, Bob Francis, and their two teenage boys, Sam and Will, joined me for lunch recently at Element 41 in Chardon while I was hosting a family from Texas who was considering Cleveland as their next home base. Kathy and Bob have been proud Chardon residents for the past twenty years. Bob wore his State Champion Football ring to lunch, having been one of the assistant coaches who led the Chardon Hilltoppers to victory in back-to-back years, 2020 and 2021. Last year was particularly sentimental as Kathy and Bob’s son Will was also a player on the winning team. Congratulations, Francis Family! Kathy also suggested I call **Ken Cardaman** (class of 1994) if I wanted to introduce my clients to another football family in the area and Ken gave me a great update on his family. Ken and his wife have raised their twins (boy and a girl) in Aurora and are preparing for an empty nest as the kids head off to college next year. Ken teaches and coaches at Garfield Heights High School outside Cleveland. I had the pleasure of speaking with **Catherine (Carnago) Badalamente** after reading an article published in Virginia Business that reports her promotion to president and CEO of Graham Media Group, based in Arlington, Virginia. She takes over for outgoing CEO Emily L. Barr, who is retiring in March. Catherine has been with Graham Media Group—formerly Post-Newsweek Station—since 2000, and has most recently focused on the digital side of the business and developing new revenue streams as CIO for the company. A native of Romeo, Michigan, Catherine started her career at WKYC in Cleveland and eventually ended back in her hometown where she currently resides with her husband and two daughters,

ages 11 and 14. Catherine is not the only JCU graduate in the family: her sister, Maria Carnago Book, graduated in 1992 and father, James Carnago, was in the class of 1962. **Michelle Cull Lease** is opening a shop in March in Harding, New Jersey. The Ginger Jar is a curated collection of home goods including trending blue and white, chic antiques, chinoiserie, topiaries, all things striped, hydrangea, gingham, seersucker, with a sprinkle of equestrian and hunt items! The Ginger Jar features a mix of products from select vendors, vintage home decor items, and monogrammed embroidered gifts from the Elke Spoor line. Find her on Insta: @thegingerjarshopnj and FB.

### 1996 | Genesis Brown

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Hello, Class of 1996! I hope everyone had a relatively good winter and is looking forward to a fantastic spring! Just a few notes this time around. We had one of our own speak at the Alumni Author Series, **David Prologo, M.D.** He has a very popular medical career, and is an author, doctor, professor, and leading thinker in his field. Check out his book on weight loss; I know I need to read a few of those pages, hahahahaha. **John Cranley, Esq.** is running for Governor of Ohio after a successful time as Mayor of Cincinnati. Wishing him all the best. Finally, some of your Facebook posts bring a smile to my face. One that I want to call out is a group of our classmates that have been gathering since graduation to celebrate each other. So I celebrate you: **Melissa Winberry, JoAnna Crago, Melissa Dobbins-Erickson, Leslie (McAndrews) Logan, Tracey (Potts) Winterich, & Margaret (Znidarsic) Matthews!** It is awesome to see you all together and wishing you many more years together! Class of 1996, I hope you have some wonderful stories to share with me. All the best! GO

### 1997 | Brian Sparks

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Hi, Everyone—I didn't receive any updates this time around (why not?). So, I'll use this space to plug our upcoming Class Reunion (25 years, yikes!). The 2022 reunion will take place on the JCU campus, June 10-11. Details are still being finalized, but plan on food trucks and festivities on campus, on Friday night. The Alumni Golf Classic will also take place on Friday, June 10th at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course in Brecksville, time

TBD. Saturday will include a full schedule of events, programs, dinner, music, and will end with a spectacular fireworks display on the quad! Be sure to check [JCU.edu/jcu-reunion-2022](http://JCU.edu/jcu-reunion-2022) for the latest updates. Hopefully we can all celebrate together, in person!

### 1998 | Michael Gildea

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Hello, Classmates! Congratulations to **Jennifer "Ennie" Brosius** who accepted a new position as program coordinator with the Arts and Business Council of Greater Nashville. She shared that it is intense and busy, but such a perfect fit it doesn't matter. Jennifer and husband George started dating in 1995 and have been together ever since. George has been a programmer beginning as a teenager, has a passion for photography, and took the picture of Jennifer that appeared with her new position announcement. Here's to Jennifer's new position and the happy couple! Thank you to **Nick Caserio**, Houston Texans general manager and JCU Hall of Fame quarterback, for funding a new leadership position within JCU Athletics. The Assistant Athletic Director for Leadership Development and Student-Athlete Success will focus on fostering a stronger connection between the playing field, academics, and professional development, and JCU's wide-ranging student support services for athletes on all 23 intercollegiate teams. Thank you, Nick, for your leadership on and off the field and good luck next season! **Ryan Huston** shared that he returned to the U.S. in 2020 to the Washington DC area after three years living in Austria working in the U.S. Embassy. His wife and two young girls (ages 9 and 6) are doing great and settled back into life in the U.S. The girls took up skiing in Austria and are keeping up with it in nearby West Virginia on the weekends. I personally am waiting for the ski trip when Ryan breaks out his jean jacket again and tells his daughters about the adventures of Ryan "Sweet Chuck Fonzarelli" at JCU! Congratulations to **Jeff Sobeck, Esq.** who shared in 2020 he began a new position as general counsel at The Cadle Company in Newton Falls, OH. After JCU, Jeff earned his law degree from Case Western Reserve University and practices in the financial services industry. Jeff and his wife, Dr. Sarah Sobeck, live in Wooster, OH where she is a professor of chemistry, and the associate dean for experiential learning at The College

of Wooster. While it has been a long time since Jeff, **John Ramos, Scott Maxam**, and I shared a house senior year, great memories last a lifetime! Thank you to **Lisa Zone**, managing director with Dix and Eaton, for being one of the speakers at a recent JCU Alumni Continuing Education Series (A.C.E.S.) event titled "Current Trends in Marketing & Communications." In addition, Lisa further supports JCU by serving on the Alumni Board. In her role at Dix and Eaton, Lisa is the leader for the firm's Marketing Communications practice. Thank you, Lisa, for sharing your time and your vast professional experiences with your fellow JCU alums! I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer with friends and family. For ongoing updates and news from your fellow classmates, please check out our Class of 1998 Facebook page at [facebook.com/groups/jcu1998](https://facebook.com/groups/jcu1998). Mike

### 1999 | Christine Weimer Papesch

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Greetings, Class of '99!! hope this issue finds you well! Since the last column, several alumni participated in the Blue Streaks Supper Club on September 25, 2021, including our own **Brian and Renee (Cheraso) Doyle!** They got together with Peter and Angela (Zingale) Rodenhauser '00 to enjoy a meal and support our beloved alma mater (picture bottom right). Thanks to all for giving back to JCU!

State Representative **Rick Carfagna** will move from the Ohio House of Representatives to accept a position with the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. He will lead the Chamber's government affairs team and oversee their public policy agenda.

As I write, we just celebrated turning the calendar to 2022. For many, the recent Christmas and New Year celebrations \*still\* are not what was planned and hoped for, but "onward on" to a better year ahead. If you have anything to share—marriages, births, career changes, vacations, favorite



memories—please forward it so our class can share your joy! Until next time, may God bless you and keep you all happy and healthy!

### 2000 | Lisa (Foster) Smith & Clare Taft

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One of the most notable updates from our class is the hiring of **Dave Ziegler** as the general manager of the Las Vegas Raiders. He of course is joined by Josh McDaniels '99 as the team embarks on a new era with Blue Streaks leading the way. A big-shout out goes to **Jon Powers** who hosted a Western New York alumni outing at HoliMont Ski Club. Over 80 alumni and friends registered and enjoyed a day of tubing and skiing among friends. **Tricia Barrett** also helped plan the event and other classmates like **Tara Wisniewski**, **Pete Rodenhauser**, and **Taryn (Leas) Chmielowicz** joined in the fun. **Bobby Kraft** continues to grow his business at Atlas World Sports, a second-to-none sports betting software platform. As Bobby describes it, "think Travelocity or Expedia for online sportsbooks." And just before the Christmas holiday, **Jim Ross** made the trip up from Atlanta and organized a mini-reunion with various classmates and former teammates **Joe Lukac**, **Speedy Gonakis**, **Pat Robinette**, and **Mike Soeder**. **Dave Vitatoe** shares that many others were scheduled to attend but ... Omicron.

### 2001 | Maureen (Fariello) DeMers

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Hello, Class of 2001! We heard from **Kevin Klein** who was promoted to senior vice president at Merrill Lynch. He is a senior financial advisor and portfolio manager with the Hahn Scott Klein Gates Gandolfo Group in Williamsville, NY. Please send us your updates; we want to hear from you!

### 2002 | Kristen McVean

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Hi, All, can you believe that we're approaching 20 years since graduation? This year, John Carroll is returning to a two-day reunion format, which is exciting for our class. JCU reunion will be held on campus June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, so please save the dates and keep an eye out for information about registration. Also, be sure to check out the Alumni section of the JCU web site; it's a great way to see upcoming events and to find alumni chapters and groups. As far as

news this time around, I heard from **Tina Marchiano**. She is currently residing in San Diego, California, and works as a billing specialist for the CPA firm, Hutchinson and Bloodgood LLP. Also, congratulations to **Jessica Miller**, who married Thomas A. Nock on September 25, 2021. The couple resides in Poland, OH. Please keep the news coming!

Kristen (Muoi) McVean

### 2003 | Lori Culliton

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Hi, All—we hope you're enjoying your new year so far. **Collin Braun Ph.D.**, his wife Janine, and their daughters, Kensington (7) and Charlotte (3), recently moved into a new home in Pacific Palisades, California. Collin has directed the Junior Tennis Academy with more than 600 students at The Riviera Country Club for the past two years. This past summer he brought the family home to visit Cedar Point. They loved it! **Matt Warzel** earned distribution for a feature length film, "Dale Archdale," that he wrote, produced and starred in. It is available to watch at [www.dalearchdale.com](http://www.dalearchdale.com). Way to go, Matt! It is with great sadness that I share the loss of our classmate, **Tiffany Bell**. Tiffany's warm and inviting personality made her a well-known and liked member of our class. She was friends with everyone she encountered. Her outgoing personality and smile always lit up any room she was in. Tiffany's family created a Facebook page to celebrate her life and legacy. They are offering Blessing Cards to anyone interested in paying forward random acts of kindness. I encourage you to find the page on Facebook: Blessed by Tiffany Brooke Bell. Please keep Tiffany and her family in your prayers during this difficult time. God bless you, Tiffany.

### 2004 | Paul Clapp

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Hello, Carroll,

More and more of our classmates have slowed up or stopped being on social media, so updates here continue to be important—so keep emailing and sharing your good news. Middle of last year, I joined the Adobe Sales team which gave me the opportunity to go back and watch the 2012 JCU Commencement speech of Adobe cofounder, the late Charles "Chuck" Geschke. It's neat to know how much the interaction of a JCU student and professor played in the Adobe story. Check it out if

you haven't seen the video. I heard from **Gina Edgehouse**, who married Giovanni Castelli on May 4, 2019. On January 14, 2021 they welcomed their daughter Genevieve Leia Castelli to the world! They are living in the West Park area in Cleveland. Gina is a first grade intervention specialist at Julie Billiard School Westlake campus. The Julie Billiard School is a Catholic school that serves kids with special learning needs, and the original campus is in Lyndhurst, right around the corner from JCU! I'm thankful to live on a beautiful street with a lot of John Carroll alumni and even a few current students. There is potential for more alumni in the future as our neighbors across the street, **John & Caitlin Zaluski** (and big brother Sean) welcomed their daughter, Scarlett Mary Zaluski, on January 3, 2022. John sent in a photo (below).

Until next time, stay well and don't forget to send in the updates. All my best. Paul

### 2005 | Jennifer Tolhurst

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Hello, Class of '05! Please send us your updates, and photos. We want to hear from you!

### 2006 | Allison Kaufman

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Hello, Class of 2006! I hope 2022 is off to a wonderful start. Our class has so many exciting updates to share. **Alex Kern** and Fletcher O'Connor just celebrated their daughter Lillian Catherine's first birthday on January 8. Gloria '07 & **Will Kawalek** welcomed their first child, Celine Reese, on January 10, 2021 in Mountain View, CA. Amy '09 & **Brendan O'Donnell** welcomed son Briggs Bradley O'Donnell (pictured) on April 20! **Kristen (Meng) Stark** and husband Patrick celebrated their 5-year wedding anniversary and welcomed son James Patrick last





Natalie Singer Meyer



The O'Donnell Family



Pictured L-R: Rosanna Hoelzle, Luz Betancourt, Kenny, Danilo, Katy DeGirolamo, Jennifer Clark, and Jesus Sanchez.

summer with big sister Madilyn Marie (3). **Vince & Julie (Poling) Bonacci** welcomed their third child, Mila Rose, in September. **Molly (McBride) Hickey** and her husband, Ryan, were thrilled to welcome twin boys in October! James Joseph (7 lbs. 10 oz.) and Liam Matthew (7 lbs. 14 oz.) join big sister Anna and big brother Luke. **Kimberly (White) Shorr** and her husband Jeremy welcomed baby Luna Alaina on November 28. She joins older sisters Lila (12) and Lucy (10). **Caitlin (McGrath) Gerber** and her husband Will welcomed their “Christmas miracle,” daughter Elliott Adair “Ellie” on December 24. Major **Anthony Grzincic**, USMC, married his bride Alena on June 15, 2021. Fellow alum, Fr. Chris Zeucha presided over the nuptials. **Kristi (Hosko) Senko** celebrated eight years with Johnson & Johnson/Janssen Biotech, Inc. and was promoted to immunology key accounts specialist. **Natalie (Singer) Meyer** (pictured) recently appeared on Fox 8’s “New Day Cleveland” with Natalie Herbeck in support of her interior design and decorating firm, CNC Home & Design. Jim ’05 & **Meghan (Tighe) Fink** and family moved to Kailua, HI. After 15 years in Washington, DC, **Jack Costello** and his family returned to Cleveland! Jack has been working with OUTFRONT, an out-of-home billboard company, since graduation. Jack, his wife, Laura, and their two-year-old son, Rory, welcomed baby Cora in July.

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!

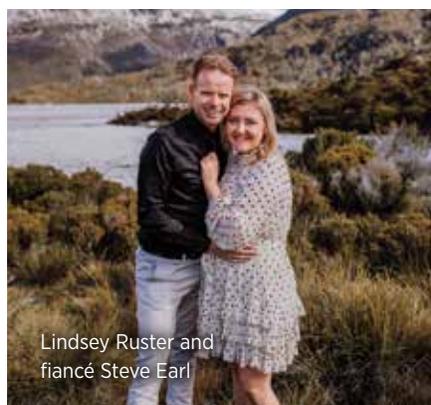
**2007 | Lisa (Iafelice) Catalano & Brittany Bush**

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We’re delighted to share the recent updates from our classmates from

weddings, job promotions, new babies, and serving the community. **Phil Taneyhill** and Elisa (Gould-Lucht) Taneyhill ’10 welcomed their son in early August of 2021—Callum Kowal Taneyhill, born with a full head of hair and a full set of cheeks. **Kenny Poleski** celebrated his recent marriage to Danilo Silva with many JCU 2007 classmates (pictured page 43 top right).

**Rosanna (Violi) Hoelzle** and her husband Paul welcomed baby girl #3, Emilia Josephine. She joins big sisters Bernadette and Victoria. Rosanna was recently appointed to the board of trustees at her high school alma mater, Notre Dame Academy, in Toledo. **Michael Charlillo**, an associate attorney with Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been appointed to the board of directors of Empower Sports, a Cleveland nonprofit committed to providing sport and exercise programs for children and adults with various physical and cognitive disabilities. **Lindsey Ruster** and fiancé Steve Earl (pictured bottom right) got engaged in front of the Sydney Opera House in May 2021. They are planning a September 2023 wedding in Hawaii. **Dan Kaminski** (’07 ; MBA ’08) was promoted to principal at HW&Co., a CPA firm headquartered in Beachwood, Oh. **Matthew Stipe** will reopen his restaurant, Banter, in Gordon Square this year.



Lindsey Ruster and fiancé Steve Earl

Banter, known for its Canadian comfort food, also operates a shop at Market Hall in the Van Aken District. We know many of you are also looking forward to connecting for our 15<sup>th</sup> reunion on campus! As always, continue to share your updates with us to include in the column.

- Lisa (Iafelice) Catalano & Brittany Bush

**2008 | Ann Awadalla, D.O., F.A.C.O.I.**  
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Hello, Everyone! I’m coming to you with some more wonderful news from our great class! Big congratulations go to **Rich Ganim** and his wife Triah! They welcomed their second son, Wyatt Vance, on November 18, 2021. What’s unique about Wyatt’s birth is that he was born exactly one year to the day after his big brother Jacob! Good luck, Rich and Triah, with your two under two! Perhaps they can get some tips from **Lisa (Shano) Krainz** and her husband Mike ’09 as they balance their three little ones! They welcomed baby Austin on November 14, 2021. He joins big sister, Amelia (age 5,) and Michael (age 2). Babies are in the air as **Jamie (Rhodes) Sharma** and her husband, Vinny, welcomed Akash Paul, born on September 22, 2021! His big brother, Vinod James, is so excited to have a little brother! They are living in Oak Park, Illinois where Jamie is a private practice pediatrician. Congratulations to these amazing families on their new additions! Switching gears, I want to say a gigantic congratulations to **Tom Haren** and **Luke Palmisano** for being recognized in Crain’s Cleveland Business 40 under 40 class of 2021! Crain’s is a trusted source for business news in Northeast Ohio and it is such an honor that our two fellow classmates were honored! Tom is working as an attorney with the firm Frantz Ward and Luke is the chief operating officer at Max Collaborative. Way to go, you two! Thanks for sharing all of this wonderful news and I cannot wait to share more with everyone next time!

XOXO Ann

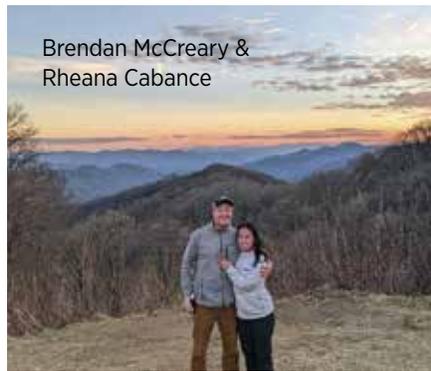
## 2009 | Lisa (Ugran) Pacconi

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**Br. Matt Wooters** moved to Chicago for his new job with the Jesuits and began with a splash! He swam eight miles in Lake Michigan for Cristo Rey Jesuit School, swimming from Loyola University to Navy Pier. **Melissa (Calabrese) Douglas** was awarded the Excellence in Oncology Nursing award through the Cleveland chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society. The award is given annually to a registered nurse and/or advanced practice nurse who consistently provides exemplary nursing care and actively pursues professional development. Melissa has been in her role as a breast oncology nurse navigator for eight years with UH Seidman Cancer Center. She became a certified breast care nurse in 2019. Melissa works with patients diagnosed with breast cancer throughout their cancer journey starting at initial diagnosis through survivorship. **Chester Banaszak** and **Maria Roberts Banaszak** are living in the Atlanta suburbs where Chester is the director of IT at a \$1 billion valued company at Salesloft and Maria is a high school Latin teacher at a Catholic school in North Atlanta. Chester is also working on his executive MBA, which he is set to complete in 2022. Chester and Maria are parents to C.J. (9), Veronica (6), Ambrose (3), Geneviève (1), and a fifth baby due in March 2022. **Rebecca (Taylor) Frank** and her husband Devin welcomed their baby girl, Adeline Barbara Frank, on December 20, 2021. Adeline enjoyed her first Christmas and was able to be a part of her big brother Teddy's first birthday celebration several weeks later! Rebecca shared that while she knows that her "Irish twins" will one day be best friends, Teddy and Adeline's current favorite game together is seeing which one can scream louder. **Kerry (Keyes) Jonke** and I traveled in November 2021 from chilly Northeast



Pictured: Lisa (Ugran) Pacconi, Kerry (Keyes) Jonke, Cassie (Larson) Seccombe, and Theresa Kaschak together in Arizona.



Brendan McCreary & Rheana Cabance

Ohio to sunny Arizona to visit with some JCU friends. Our former Cedar Road housemate, **Theresa Kaschak**, kindly hosted us at her Phoenix, AZ home. We also visited Cassie (**Larson**) **Seccombe** at her Scottsdale, AZ home. Cassie and her husband Matt welcomed a daughter, Polly Rose Seccombe, on July 11, 2021. It was such a treat for all of us to spend a few days together and meet beautiful Polly Rose! I hope that all classmates are finding joy in these first few months of 2022. Please continue to share photos and updates, whether it be about family, career, travel, personal achievements, or alumni gatherings!

## 2010 | Megan O'Keefe

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Hi, Everyone, Happy 2022! I hope you had a great end to last year and that this year is off to a strong start for you. We have a short but sweet column to close 2021 from some of our classmates. **Natalie Terry** began new work and ministry with Mercy Health Youngstown as the new mission director. Last summer, Phil Taneyhill '07 & **Elisa (Gould-Lucht) Taneyhill** welcomed their son Callum Kowal Taneyhill in early August. **Mike Eller** was recently married to Nora Crossen on June 19, 2021 in Lakewood, OH. **Mike McGrath & Darren Karaba** served as groomsmen while **Chris Sever** served as a reader during the Ceremony. **Brendan Roberts** and **Sam Roberts** were also fellow Blue Streaks in attendance. **Carasai Ihentuge** and brother, Godwin, opened their restaurant, Yum Village, on Chester Avenue across from Cleveland State University. It features fast, casual Afro-Caribbean food that is healthy and hearty, with non-GMO ingredients and both vegan and meat options. Wishing you all the best this year with many successes, achievements and milestones!

Best,  
Meghan O'Keefe

## 2011 | Maura Jochum

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As I write this column, campus is buried in snow and classes have been canceled or remote the last two days. The snowmen have appeared on the Quad and it reminds me of the fun winter days we enjoyed. Thank you to those who submitted updates—we have just a few this time because your trusty class columnist has returned to school, got caught up in assignments, and neglected to send a timely request for submissions. Forgive me and take this note as a reminder to email me your updates now for the next column. We definitely have a few things to celebrate as we begin 2022! Congratulations to **Brendan McCreary** and Rheana Cabance (pictured) of San Diego, CA who were engaged on December 26, 2021 in Smoky Mountain National Park and are planning a spring '22 wedding. **Sarah Narkin** and husband, Marcos Abreo '16G, welcomed their son (and future Blue Streak!), Emilio Gennaro Abreo, on September 15, 2020. **Richard Rozewski**, IIDA wrote to share that he joined Bialosky Cleveland in 2021 as an interior designer. Richard currently serves as an adjunct professor at the Kent State University College of Architecture and Environmental Design and formerly taught at Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts. He was recently appointed as IIDA Cleveland-Akron city center board student relations coordinator. At Bialosky, Richard serves on the community and hiring EDI groups; his current projects include the Cuyahoga Community College Food Pantry Projects, The May Dugan Center, and the Cleveland Leadership Center.

Friends, please let me know if you ever stop by campus. I would love to reconnect. Until next time ... With love for JCU, Maura

## 2012 | Emily Herfel, D.O.

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Happy 10-year reunion, Class of 2012! 3,650 trips around the sun have passed since we last were all on the Quad baking in the sun during an unseasonably hot May weekend. This past decade has brought hardship, adventure, love, and likely a few pivots to career and life plans. It has been an absolute delight sharing the journey with each of you! We are starting off the reunion year with much exciting news! **Kara Naylor**

recently earned her Doctorate in Neuropsychology and is practicing in the Boston, Massachusetts area. **Kathleen Ratajczak** completed her Ph.D. in Sociology in the spring of 2020 and is now serving as an assistant professor in the first Victim Studies Department in the country at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. As a fellow physician who trained in Ohio, I wanted to extend a big congratulations to **Cory Gotowka, DO, MS** who is finishing pediatric residency at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. He will move to Pittsburgh in the summer to work full-time as a pediatric hospitalist in Erie, PA at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Hamot. Join me in wishing endless happy years to **Matt Bury** and his new wife Maddie Sheppard, who married early October 2021 at St. Bernard's Church in Akron, Ohio. And last, but not least, help me welcome into the world one of the newest future Blue Streaks, **Jill (Habursky) O'Brien** and her husband Michael welcomed their first daughter to the family on May 7, 2021.

I wish you and your family a healthy 2022 and I hope to see many of you in June for Reunion Weekend!

-Emily

**2013 | Larry Napoli**  
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**Katherine (Spillman) Irish** and her husband, Kyle, welcomed a baby, Molly June Irish, on July 28, 2021. **Maribeth (Keppler) Herrilko** and her husband, Mike, welcomed their first child, a boy, Austin Henry Herrilko, on August 18, 2021. He is the first grandchild on both sides of the family and plans to suit up for the Blue Streak football team one day! **Tony Dibo '13, '14G** and Lauren (Rose) Dibo '15G, welcomed their second son, Kai Anthony Dibo, on August 18, 2021. He joins his older brother, Leo, and his parents who reside in Peninsula, OH. **Kevin McCall** and Nikki Wise got engaged on March 17, 2021. The couple is planning a wedding for August 6, 2022 at Lakewood Country Club in Westlake, OH. **Chase Banyots and Chloé Dibbin** (photo below) were engaged on February 21, 2020 in downtown Cleveland. The couple is heading to Riviera Maya, Mexico for a week-long wedding celebration in June 2022. Chase and Chloé will be surrounded by family and friends, including many fellow JCU alums, and will actually tie the knot on June 13th. **Nate Kreutzer '13, '14G** and Allie Santho (pictured) were



Chase Banyots and Chloé Dibbi



Nate Kreutzer and Allie Santho



Talyah Bernardon and Tom Dorner

engaged during December 2020 while walking in the Rocky River Reservation. The couple is planning to wed on May 28, 2022 in Cleveland. **Zach McGuire** and Kinzie Harper (pictured) were engaged on September 6, 2021 in Colorado. The couple currently resides in Columbus, OH and is planning a spring 2023 wedding. **Talyah Bernardon** and fiancé Tom Dorner (pictured) were engaged on September 11, 2021.



Zach McGuire and Kinzie Harper

**Madi Maruna** and V'Del Bell were married on November 6, 2021 at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens in Akron, OH. They were joined in their wedding party by fellow JCU graduates, **Jessica (Weisburn) Colaner** and Dena (Pagano) McSweeney '14. **Mary (Matisak) Mosley** and husband, Larry, welcomed their first child, Payton Skye Matisak Mosley, on October 12, 2021. John Carroll alumni (below) at the wedding of **Gage Trott** and Sudipa Biswas in May 2021.



Pictured L to R) are: Chloé Dibbin, Kevin McCall, Harry Schneider, Chase Banyots, Gage Trott, Larry Napoli, Nate Kreutzer, and Bryan McCarthy.

**David Yarnell** was nominated as one of four finalists by The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to be considered by Governor Mike DeWine for the position of commissioner of the PUCO beginning this year. If selected, David will begin a five-year term as one of five commissioners who regulate and ensure that Ohioans have access to adequate, safe, and reliable public utilities at a fair price. He lives with his wife, **Megan (Hazel)**, in Westerville, OH, with their 3-year old daughter, Caroline, and new baby girl arriving in spring 2022. 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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Thank you to everyone who has reached out and shared an update over the past eight years since we graduated. It seems

like yesterday that we were on the Quad on that hot and humid May afternoon, and as this is the last column I will write for our class, it's been a pleasure to hear from you all and share your exciting news with the rest of the alumni community. We welcome **Deidre Byrne** as the new class columnist for 2014! Please feel free to reach out to Deidre at [dbyrne14@jcu.edu](mailto:dbyrne14@jcu.edu) with news, updates, and photos! Congratulations to **Gabriel Menendez & Julia (Ciccolini) Menendez** who welcomed baby boy Roger Gabriel Menendez on April 22, 2021. Gabriel and Julia were married in July 2016 at Gesu Church across from JCU. We have another young Blue Streak to welcome into the family! Congratulations to Thor Eriksen '13 and **Katelyn Eriksen** who welcomed daughter Aria Grace Eriksen into the world



Allison Colpoys & Jeff Russell '14



Kylie Brooks & Zack Zenger



Courtney & Alex Barilec wedding

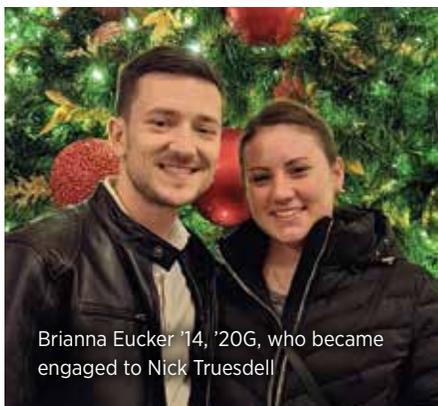
on October 19, 2021.

Finally, congratulations to **Brianna Eucker** '14, '20G, who became engaged to Nick Truesdell (pictured) on August 24, 2021. Nick popped the question while he and Brianna were on vacation in North Carolina. The couple is planning a November 2022 wedding in Cleveland. Please send your updates to Deidre Byrne at [dbyrne14@jcu.edu](mailto:dbyrne14@jcu.edu) or the JCU Alumni office at [journal@jcu.edu](mailto:journal@jcu.edu) to be included in future columns. I look forward to staying in touch!

AMDG.Desiree

### 2015 | Colleen Reilly Gong [creilly15@jcu.edu](mailto:creilly15@jcu.edu)

Hello, Class of 2015! Colleen (Reilly) Gong here—I have taken over as class columnist and I'd like to start my tenure by saying a very heartfelt thank you to our previous columnist, **Bri Lazarchik** for doing such a wonderful job over the years. I'm excited to take on the role and to share the exciting life updates of our classmates—and there are many! **Courtney (Radtkin) Barilec** and **Alex Barilec** got married on August 21, 2021, with many Blue Streaks



Brianna Eucker '14, '20G, who became engaged to Nick Truesdell

in attendance (pictured). They have started their own business as a couple called The Mindful Health Collective. Courtney is a mindful nutrition coach and certified health education specialist and Alex is a certified professional life coach. **Kylie Brooks** and **Zack Zenger** (pictured) got engaged, as did **April Zaratsian** and **Tyler Kempton**. **Allison Colpoys** and Jeff Russell '14 (pictured) also got engaged at the end of 2020 and are getting married next summer. They recently moved to Manhattan, where Allison is working as a CRNA at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Jeff is completing his plastic surgery residency at Mount Sinai Hospital. **Jack Corrigan** had a big year, passing the February 2021 bar exam, getting sworn in in May 2021, and getting engaged to Allie Kaminski '19 in November 2021. **Tyler Lenzion** shared the exciting news that he got engaged to his fiancée Rona, graduated from Harvard Business School, and launched an entrepreneurial venture to acquire medical practices and support them from the business side. **Meghan (Weber) Roessler** married Bradley Roessler in October. She is currently working as the MBA program manager at Kennesaw State University's Coles College of Business and living in Atlanta, GA. **Carolyn Kriebel** married Corey Wright on October 23, 2021. **Ellen Dietrick** celebrated her wedding to her husband Dominic in November. **Kevin Kusmaul** was elected to City Council in his hometown of Parma. **Ashley Bostock** also got a new and exciting job—she is covering the Browns full-time for [cleveland.com](http://cleveland.com). **Matthew Dracoules** plans to graduate in spring 2022 from Villanova with an MA in Greek and Latin. **Carleen (Sadowski) Poling** and Brandon Poling '16 welcomed their son, James William Poling, on October 21st, 2021. **Becca**

**(Gerken) Cherpak** and **Alex Cherpak** welcomed their baby, Parker Kate Cherpak, on November 5, 2021 in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. **Kayla (Leeh) McNamara** and **Dan McNamara** welcomed baby boy James McNamara on November 18, 2021. **Emily (Eicher) Aerni** and Chad Aerni '16 welcomed baby girl Josie Aerni on September 8, 2021. It seems difficult to believe that it was eleven years ago that we were wrapping up our final year of high school, about to embark on our John Carroll adventure. The older I get, the more I appreciate JCU and all the people I met there. Please stay well and keep the news coming. *AMDG.*

### 2016 | Madeline Sweeney [madelinegsweeney@gmail.com](mailto:madelinegsweeney@gmail.com)

**Sydney Muggia** is getting married this October and **Emma McCarthey** passed the Certified Health Education Specialist Exam back in April. She was also published in the Chicago Tribune in December. I encourage you to look up her op-ed article titled "We are the ones failing our teens, not social media." **Renee Frageau** also started a new job at M&T Bank and will be marrying her fiancé **Stewart Smith-Thomas** on October 1 in Buffalo, NY! Plot twist, Stewart also recently started at M&T Bank as well. Congrats, both! **Elissa Day** left her mark on Columbus, OH, and is moving back to Cleveland to pursue a position as a nurse at Metro Health in the Emergency Department. There's no doubt in my mind Columbus is going to miss Elissa's charisma, electric energy, and primetime dance moves. **Ashley Christopher** started a new position at Cleveland Clinic as a physical therapist in the Mellen Center for MS and is getting married to **Joe Gaglione** on September 3 in Cleveland. **Jane Kosko** is also getting married on Memorial Day weekend this year. Also

on the marriage train, **Hannah Suttles** married **Daniel Mascio** and **Jayne Fasola** said “I do” to **Chad Guy**. Absolutely love how many times I say “Jayme’s just one of the Guys,” on Instagram. **Ashley Ambrose** was married to Max Westover on October 16. Congrats to all of you! **Silvia Lorio** started a new job at the Van Aken District in Shaker Heights as a marketing coordinator, and **Kate DeBaun-Fee** began a new position as a content editor at the CMR Institute. **Patrick Munschauer** was promoted as an FP&A manager for Targeted Victory, congrats, Munchie! **Sarah Sternbach** also graduated with her Neuroscience Ph.D. from Kent State and moved to New York City for a job, and **Kyle Mollison** was promoted to director of marketing tech and analytics at VividFront in October and was married in December! **Emily Morris** welcomed her sweet baby boy, Levi Morris, on November 23, and he is absolutely the most handsome babe! **Kaitlin Fallos** had a baby boy as well on August 21 and his name is Jax! Also, see the photo for cute baby spam. **Emily Burt** had her second baby, Logan, on January 24 and started her own business as a childbirth educator and doula after spending two years as a stay-at-home mama! **Emma Nowak** welcomed baby number two as well, and both Emily and Emma celebrated their five-year wedding anniversaries. **Corinne Hendrock** started a new position with a medical device company in Dallas and **Emily Fuller** got married in June. **Erika La Londe** is living and working in Dallas, was married in June, and is expecting her first baby in March! **Jacob Shriner** had a baby boy, Theodore (Teddy), on December 2, and **Aubry Anderson** had her second baby and continues to flourish in her cookie-baking business. **Chad Aerni** also had a baby named Josie! **Pat Vecellio & Emma DiPasquale Vecellio** tied the knot this past fall with many JCU alumni in attendance. **Josh Dasch**, aka sweet honey aka rockin’ fisherman aka daddy dance/



Megan Isherwood &amp; Evan Keleher

champagnepapi#2, bought a house and has an awesome pup named Reggie. I moved to California to be a wannabe surfer and last, but certainly not least, a friendly reminder that **Kaley LaForce** is still an awesome gal!

**2017 | Amy Awadalla**  
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Hello, Carroll Cuties! I am so excited to be writing my very first column for the JCU Class of 2017! Our class has been up to some big things recently and I’m pumped to share all of the news with you all! Our class was busy on the career front. **Dylan Hall** recently moved to Washington DC, working at his dream company, Deloitte. Congratulations, Dylan! **Katie Hills** started her new job at AML RightSource based in Cleveland. Get it, girl! I am also happy to announce that I, **Amy Awadalla**, recently started working at BoxCast in Cleveland this past fall. Shout out to those awesome networking skills we all learned back in school. Not only have we been career hustling, but romance is blooming for a few of our classmates as well! Congratulations to **Molly Hill** and her now husband, KJ! And a big congratulations to **Haley Kocisko** as she prepares to walk down the aisle this summer! We also heard from **Megan Isherwood** who became engaged to Evan Keleher (pictured) and will be getting married in October 2022 in Buffalo, New York. 2022 is a great year for the class of 2017 because this is the year of our REUNION! Reunion weekend is June 10–11, 2022. On Friday, 6/10, we will be hosting the Alumni Golf Classic at Sleepy Hollow in Brecksville (time TBD). There will also be events and food trucks on campus Friday night and dorm lodging will hopefully return (pending COVID-19 protocol). We also have several blocks of rooms reserved at area hotels. Saturday, 6/11 will include the usual reunion festivities throughout the day; wellness and educational programs, a beer garden on Keller Commons, live entertainment, breakfast, lunch, a delicious catered dinner AND the night will conclude with an amazing fireworks display. We are looking forward to an incredible event! I am so looking forward to seeing some of you this summer during reunion weekend! Until then, stay fabulous and keep hustling, friends!

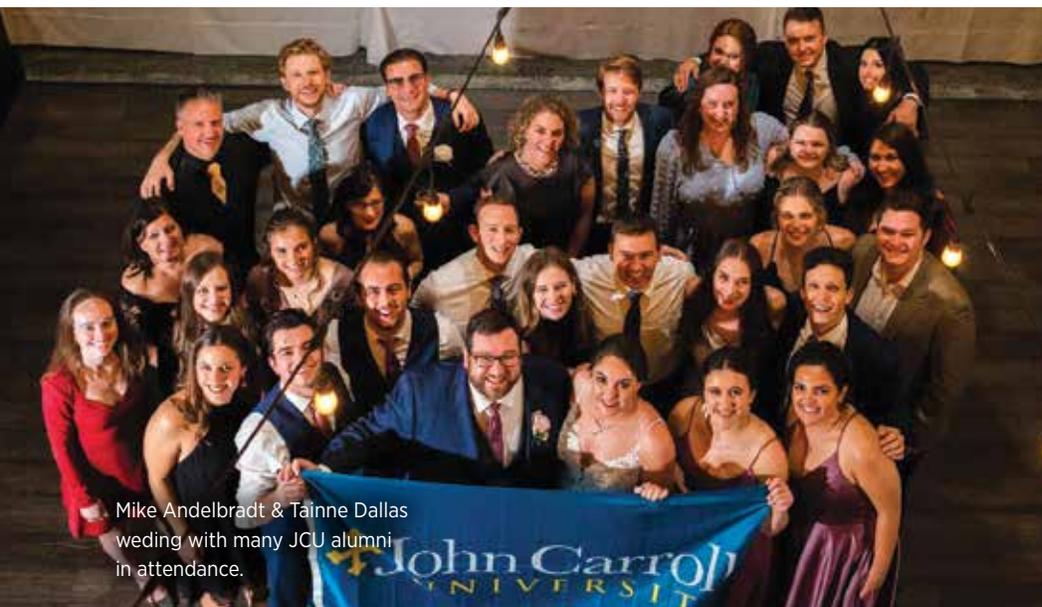
xoxo, Amy

**2018 | Michael Andelbradt**  
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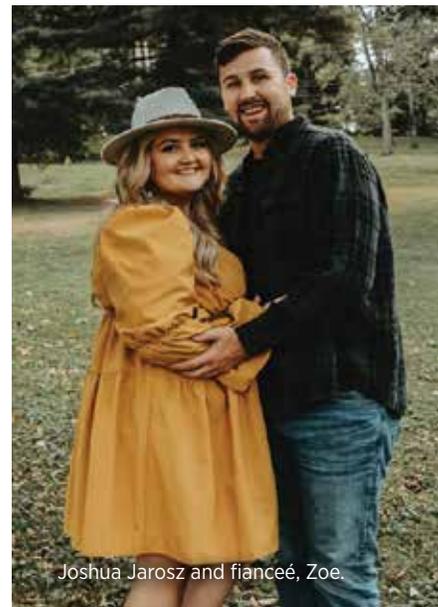
Our mid-20’s (yes ... mid) are a time of so much change and excitement. I am very lucky that I get to share just a sliver of that news with you all through this column. Not to get overly dramatic, but it truly makes me proud seeing us take on the world and be so darn good at it!

Not surprisingly, many of our classmates are thriving professionally. Here are just a few of the awesome stories of our classmates taking the next step toward something amazing!

**Emma Tomsik** accepted a position as an associate in Ulmer & Berne’s Litigation Department. **Rob Popik** has started to pursue his Masters at Columbia University in New York City. **Steve Virost** rejoined us in Cleveland when he accepted a job with GE Current as a financial analyst. **Rich Jenkins** recently accepted a position as sales operation account manager with Great Lakes Cheese. Feel free to harass him for all of your charcuterie needs! On the personal side, we have even more engagements and weddings! Engagement wise, we have **Grace DeMarco** and Sean Johnson ’17, **Joe Carrier** and Ashley Amendol, **Anthony Christopher** and Nadine Laham ’17, **Noelle Saluan** and **Dalton Browsey**, **Janessa Brickman** and **Nick Di Geronimo**, **Mo Moran** and Jon McCollister, **Chloe Slavin** and David Cremi ’17, **Grace Berry** and Alec Ciferno ’16 and also more couples, I am sure! Congratulations to you all! Even more congratulations are in order for **Emily (Biniszkiewicz) Volpe** and **Paul Volpe III** who were married in Niagara Falls on October 23, 2021. Included in their wedding party were the following JCU alumni: **Maggie Rybak**, **Lauren (Mangan) Clifford**, **Leah Calandra**, **Dana Bartolomeo**, **Alex Bierut**, and Danny Volpe ’20 who served as the best man. **Liz (Polomsky) Jones** and **Connor Jones** were married in the St. Francis Chapel on our JCU campus in October 2021. Many JCU alumni were in attendance, including **Dan Biron**, **Teresa Prinster**, **Daniella Spiranovich**, **Logan Calhoun**, **Liz Jones**, **Brian McMullen**, **Sarah Rothschild**, **Jon Koller**, **Ryan Crater**, **RP Whitty**, **Matt Polomsky** ’04, **Moneer Saghafi** ’17, **Alexis Guage** ’19. Also congratulations to **Jess (Thompson)** and **Matt Sasala**, **KTB English** and **Sean Breslin**, **Lauren (Mangan)** and **Dan Clifford** ’17, **Emily (Biniszkiewicz)** and **PJ Volpe**, and even **Tainne (Dallas)** and I (pictured) for tying the knot this past year.



Mike Andelbradt & Tainne Dallas wedding with many JCU alumni in attendance.



Joshua Jarosz and fiancée, Zoe.

Carroll Couples are becoming Carroll Families and we are all so excited for you! As always, please share any exciting updates in you or your friend's lives (email above!). I love relying on Facebook, LinkedIn, and **Emma Schapp**, but hearing the news from the source is always the best! Until next time, Blue Streaks!

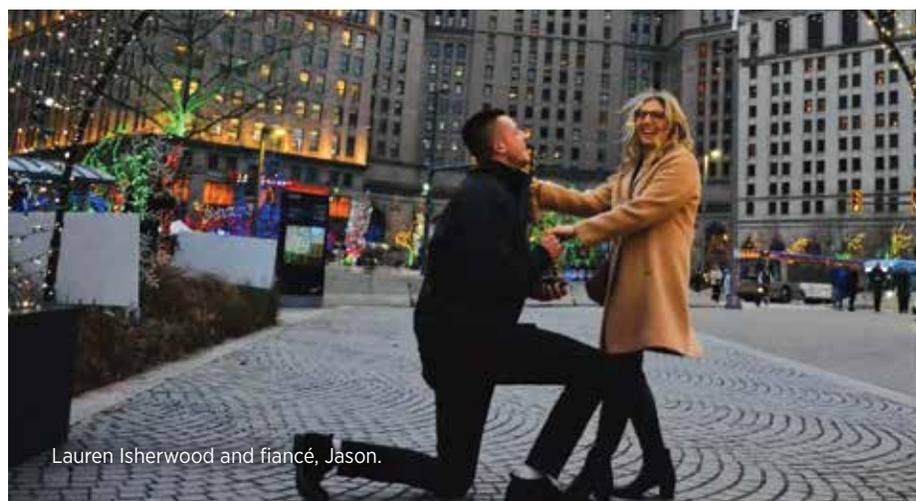
Onward On,  
Mike

**2019 | Sean Freeman**  
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Nearing three years in the real world, Blue Streaks are traveling to further their careers. Spending her 25th birthday sunbathing, **Claire Kelly** has turned a Hawai'iian internship she found in 2019 into a three-year teaching assistant program. "I oversee a team of four college-aged interns and teach them proper field collection skills [and] different whale behaviors," Claire explained. "[We] see if the tourist boat presence is having a negative effect on the surface behavior prevalence in the humpback whales, who come to Hawai'i to breed and birth each year from the Aleutian Islands." The project encompasses ecopsychology, the study of the connection between humans and the natural world. "By being in the company of whales, I have learned how we can live in harmony with other creatures on this planet and remember our connection to the larger family of life." Learn more of Claire's work at <https://oceanmammal.org>.

Across the other pond, **Gina Patella** is proving CLE runs the world by taking ClearSulting International. A Cleveland-grown management consulting firm, ClearSulting hired Gina in 2019. Since then, the company has tripled in size to include team members outside of the U.S. Her experience led to a year rotation in London to elevate ClearSulting's international presence and grow their team. Entering the program with only three other Americans, this much transition would make anyone's head spin, if Gina wasn't all in. "I enjoy my job every single day due to the people," Gina beamed. "There is nothing quite like the teamwork, grit, and growth mindset of ClearSulting." When asked why she took a job overseas, she explained this was a crucial step in her journey to, "grow as an individual who has officially stepped out of her comfort zone. I was hesitant ... but growth doesn't occur

within comfortability, so I have forced myself to be uncomfortable." Send any travel recommendations on Gina's way! Thankfully, all the talent isn't leaving Ohio. One of Cleveland's Most Interesting People of 2022, **Kahrin Spear** put herself in a party of one in her reaction to the news: shocked. "It honestly took me by such surprise I had to read the email twice to make sure it wasn't spam," she laughs. "To be recognized at all, especially among such incredible folks, is an honor." A singer/songwriter, speaker, and videographer, our OAC Champion reminds us what it means to live as a full person. In 2022, Kahrin is completing her second record and Happy Healing Art & Music Festival. "I have big dreams for both projects and look forward to seeing them both come to fruition." The wedding bells continue to chime in 2022. **Nick Wilson** popped the question to **Jalena Colozza** (pictured) late in 2021.



Lauren Isherwood and fiancé, Jason.



Nick Wilson and Jalena Colozza

**Devin La Barge Cubra** donned a white coat and a white dress, graduating from PA school and marrying Class of 2020 Trevor Cubra. **Joshua Jarosz**, famously known as “Cheeks,” got on one knee for his finance, Zoe (pictured). **Lauren Isherwood** said Yes on a beautiful night in Cleveland’s Public Square with her fiancé, Jason (photo).

## 2020 | Kendall Miller

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I was recently catching up with a dear friend and member of the class of 2020, **Rachel Schubert**. We exchanged text messages of pictures from running track together, proudly sporting our JCU uniforms and attempting to prepare ourselves for our race by singing and dancing in the locker room. We laughed at how much we looked like “babies” and truly couldn’t believe that the photos and videos were from four years ago. FOUR. And we weren’t even freshmen. These are the moments I am truly reminded of how grateful I am for the people and experiences that Carroll has given us. I love continuing to hear from so many of you on your new journeys ... A very big congratulations are in store for **Nicholas** and **Rebekah Holoman**. They tied the knot in May 2020, and welcomed the most precious bundle of joy, Annemarie Bernadette Holoman, in August 2021. Rightfully so, they are enjoying (and maybe even slightly obsessed) with their new little family. Wishing many continued blessings upon you three!

**Danielle Brinkman** shared with me that she is in her second year of teaching at

the grade school she once attended, Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School. She is teaching first grade and loves it. Danielle mentioned that, “It is definitely a challenge but watching the students grow and learn is the coolest thing. You get to really see the impact that you can make on students when you are a teacher. I do a lot of different things after school. I work the extended care program and get to work with my students from last year. I am also the cheerleading coach for Kindergarten, First, and Second graders. It has been a lot of fun to coach these kids and watch them perform at basketball games!” Danielle, you are a true inspiration and your little ones are incredibly lucky to have you! After graduation, **Trevor Ward** began working as a computer engineer for Health Jump, Inc., a startup health services company based in Pennsylvania. He’s truly grateful for all the connections he made during his time at JCU and owes his fabulous job opportunity to those connections! Trevor is working online at his home in Bellingham, Washington, and loves the three hour time difference, so his work days end at 2:00 p.m. Washington time! Another superstar, **Julie Booth**, completed her year of service through JCU in July of 2021. She is now teaching 6th-8th grade science at Nativity Prep Academy in the beautiful San Diego, California. **Ashley Miller** and **Ben Meyer** got engaged on August 6, 2021, and have set their wedding date for November 3, 2022 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. These two took engagement pictures at JCU over the holidays, and had so much fun being back on campus! Keep doing great things, Class of 2020! Be sure to stay in touch so we can continue to celebrate all that you are doing to set the world on fire.

Lots of love,  
Kendall

## 2021 | Morgan Jochum

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**Kathryn Duarte** started grad school in January 2022 for a master’s in applied behavior analysis in hopes of becoming a BCBA. **Morgan Fink** will begin working full-time at Progressive this February as a data analyst in their Analyst Development Program, a two-year rotational program which provides analyst experience in different areas of the company. **Cassandra Harper** moved to Houston to teach 8th grade ELA with Teach for America at a local

charter school. **Aleya Hooker** is working as a chemist at Labcorp. **Alexis Huet** is currently working at Bellefaire as a mental health specialist and at Meditelecare as a BHI specialist. In Fall 2022, she will be starting at Capital University Law School in Columbus. **Riley Justice** is serving as a Jesuit Volunteer in Sacramento, California. She works as a teaching assistant for middle schoolers at St. Hope Charter School. **Kyle Kelly** is enrolled in a Master’s of Science in Journalism program at Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism in Chicago, specializing in sports media. **Lilian Lebenick** is in the TRACK rotational program in global purchasing and supply chain at General Motors in Warren, MI. She completed her first rotation in purchasing in January. **Emma Maestle** is working at UPMC Jameson Hospital in New Castle, PA, in the laboratory. **Jessica Merolla** received a job offer for a systems analyst position at the Cleveland Clinic’s Heart, Vascular, and Thoracic Institute. **Sara Mihalik** is a Special Wish’s programs director, at A Special Wish Northeast Ohio. The organization is dedicated to granting wishes to children under the age of 21 who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening disorder. **Riley Napoleon** has been enrolled in Miami University’s Graduate Child Life Specialist Certification Program since Fall 2021. This spring, she will take her last couple of classes and apply to various Children’s Hospitals for Fall 2022 practicums. **Paityn Nicolosi** is currently taking a gap year serving at AmeriCorps. **Lucy Peloso** is a Jesuit Volunteer AmeriCorps Member serving in Bethel, Alaska. She serves at the rural Kuskokwim Campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks as the wellness programming specialist. **Lauren Price** is in law school full-time at University of Akron School of Law. **Landon Rhoads** was hired by Bally Sports Ohio & Great Lakes, working production for “Cavaliers Live,” “Browns Redzone,” and “Drennan Live.” **Sophie Rodgers** moved to Denver, CO to engage in a year of post-graduate volunteer service with Colorado Vincentian Volunteers. She is serving at an early-intervention school and therapy center for children, birth to age 5, who are blind or visually impaired. **Rachel Scully** is currently living in DC, working as a social media curator and staff writer at The Hill. **Madeline Speer** has begun her first year of PA school at The University of Toledo.

Once a Blue Streak, always a Blue Streak!  
Morgan



# In Memoriam

John Carroll University extends condolences to the families and friends of our recently departed community members. We apologize for any omissions. Death notices through March 15, 2022.



<b>Milan Busta</b>	1943	9/26/2021	<b>Robert Loria</b>	1962	1/12/2022	<b>Bernard Morman</b>	1979	1/6/2022
<b>Herbert Legan</b>	1947	1/13/2022	<b>Robert Ranquist</b>	1962	11/9/2021	<b>Giuseppe Musso</b>	1979	12/4/2021
<b>John McCudden</b>	1950	1/5/2022	<b>Wayne Wiley</b>	1962	9/4/2020	<b>Wanda Matthews Boudinot</b>	1980	10/30/2021
<b>John Moloney</b>	1950	11/12/2021	<b>Clement Cykowski</b>	1963	7/27/2021	<b>David Bassi</b>	1981	9/13/2021
<b>Maryalice Mittinger O'Brien</b>	1950	2/2/2022	<b>Thomas Evans</b>	1963	11/9/2021	<b>Margaret Diemer</b>	1981	1/23/2022
<b>John Bouhall</b>	1951	7/12/2021	<b>Ronald Griffin</b>	1963	8/1/2021	<b>Lorraine Muir Anderson</b>	1982	8/10/2021
<b>Edward Carome</b>	1951	8/16/2021	<b>Farrell Kilbane</b>	1963	1/27/2022	<b>Zeola Taylor Lawson</b>	1982	8/5/2021
<b>Chester Howe (Zychowski)</b>	1951	9/19/2021	<b>Jon Knight</b>	1963	8/20/2021	<b>Ann Devitt Tobbe</b>	1982	2/22/2022
<b>George Beltakis</b>	1952	12/4/2021	<b>Charles Kunovic</b>	1963	12/28/2021	<b>Karen Gardner-Lick</b>	1985	2/15/2022
<b>Edward Hahn</b>	1952	10/20/2021	<b>Jerome Murray</b>	1963	9/28/2021	<b>Carole Young Marshall</b>	1989	12/25/2021
<b>Frank Kysela</b>	1952	11/27/2021	<b>Carol Meeks Brown</b>	1964	1/24/2022	<b>Mary Beth Natale Miller</b>	1990	1/2/2022
<b>Arthur Branco</b>	1953	7/26/2021	<b>Louis Chorich</b>	1964	2/14/2022	<b>Beth Warfield Hansen</b>	1990	1/22/2022
<b>James Myers</b>	1953	8/5/2021	<b>John Kelly</b>	1965	9/30/2021	<b>Carol VanValkenburg</b>	1991	8/16/2021
<b>Norman Perney</b>	1953	11/5/2021	<b>John Kelly</b>	1965	9/30/2021	<b>John Cayne</b>	1992	2/14/2022
<b>Edmund Tobin</b>	1953	12/13/2021	<b>Paul Kochanowski</b>	1965	10/10/2021	<b>Sharon Lohan</b>	1992	5/26/2020
<b>Kenneth Knuebel</b>	1955	7/25/2021	<b>Jan Peterson</b>	1965	11/6/2021	<b>William (Bill) Zadeskey</b>	1992	5/27/2020
<b>Gordon LaGanke</b>	1955	8/29/2021	<b>Mary Mackin Bourke</b>	1966	7/27/2021	<b>Sarah Swingle Kuhar</b>	1993	8/1/2021
<b>Robert Muzic</b>	1955	10/25/2021	<b>William Filipkowski</b>	1966	9/4/2021	<b>Matthew Miller</b>	1993	9/2/2021
<b>Thomas Skulina</b>	1955	10/17/2021	<b>David Griffin</b>	1966	10/20/2021	<b>Timothy Sergi</b>	1994	12/24/2021
<b>Michael Torrelli</b>	1955	1/9/2022	<b>Branimir Rieger</b>	1966	2/11/2022	<b>Brian Royle</b>	1995	11/8/2021
<b>Sanford Aaronson</b>	1956	8/6/2021	<b>James Tekavec</b>	1967	10/2/2021	<b>Ronald Fish</b>	1996	11/5/2021
<b>Donald Gehlmann</b>	1956	9/15/2021	<b>Thomas Hayes</b>	1968	12/1/2021	<b>Susan Marazza Hinkle</b>	1998	9/9/2021
<b>William Hagerty</b>	1956	7/5/2021	<b>Vincent Opaskar</b>	1968	2/17/2022	<b>Maureen Fielder Bailey</b>	2001	1/15/2022
<b>Thomas O'Neil</b>	1956	12/3/2021	<b>Joseph Amon</b>	1969	1/13/2022	<b>Frank Percaciante</b>	2002	12/18/2021
<b>Joseph Sedlock</b>	1956	9/20/2021	<b>Robert Redlin</b>	1969	9/9/2021	<b>Tiffany Bell</b>	2003	9/12/2021
<b>Niel Butch</b>	1957	7/3/2021	<b>Daniel Snyder</b>	1969	8/1/2021	<b>Shirley Greenfield</b>	1971-2000	9/1/2021
<b>Edward Crowley</b>	1957	1/19/2022	<b>Barbara Toth Czerwony</b>	1970	12/27/2021	JCU Dining Hall "Mom"		
<b>Anthony Cuttone</b>	1957	12/30/2021	<b>Dale Gabor</b>	1970	10/28/2021			
<b>John Frain</b>	1957	8/17/2021	<b>John Wagner</b>	1970	1/31/2022			
<b>John P. McGinty</b>	1957	1/4/2022	<b>James Bailey</b>	1971	1/5/2021	<h2>BISHOP ANTHONY PILLA</h2> <p>The John Carroll University community mourns the loss of Retired Bishop of Cleveland Anthony M. Pilla '61, '67G. Pilla became a bishop in 1979, when St. John Paul II named him an auxiliary bishop of Cleveland. He was named the ninth bishop of Cleveland in November 1980 and was installed Jan. 6, 1981. He retired in 2006 due to health reasons. Pilla was widely known as a "champion for social justice and peace" who had a heart for the poor. - <i>Catholic Review</i></p>		
<b>Donald Toth</b>	1957	9/24/2021	<b>Joseph Cappelletti</b>	1971	11/15/2021			
<b>Donald Emmerich</b>	1958	8/22/2021	<b>John Cronin</b>	1971	9/16/2021			
<b>Harvey Gregoire</b>	1958	1/20/2022	<b>Jeffrey Kline</b>	1971	9/10/2021			
<b>Pat McCreary</b>	1958	10/30/2020	<b>Richard Macaro</b>	1971	9/14/2021			
<b>Robert Nix</b>	1958	12/14/2021	<b>Richard Roberts</b>	1971	8/19/2021			
<b>David Basinski</b>	1959	8/6/2021	<b>Richard Ward</b>	1971	10/17/2021			
<b>J. Peter Fegen</b>	1959	10/8/2021	<b>Frank Fejes</b>	1972	9/10/2021			
<b>Michael Stanton</b>	1959	10/9/2021	<b>Robert Sidow</b>	1972	7/26/2021			
<b>Robert Conrad</b>	1960	12/12/2021	<b>Joseph Ule</b>	1972	7/6/2021			
<b>Robert Edelman</b>	1960	11/30/2021	<b>Carmine Camino</b>	1973	8/7/2021			
<b>Richard Fromholtz</b>	1960	1/22/2022	<b>Maureen Nolan</b>	1973	2/25/2022			
<b>David Howard</b>	1960	11/23/2021	<b>Thomas Palella</b>	1973	9/1/2021			
<b>William Lansdowne</b>	1960	8/4/2021	<b>David Toole</b>	1973	8/24/2021			
<b>Lawrence Marsalek</b>	1960	8/17/2021	<b>Meryl Hershey Beck</b>	1974	12/25/2021			
<b>John Horvath</b>	1961	12/30/2021	<b>Christian Saracco</b>	1974	8/4/2021			
<b>Anthony Pilla</b>	1961	9/21/2021	<b>Theodore Klimczak</b>	1975	12/6/2021			
<b>William Chinnock</b>	1962	8/29/2021	<b>Mark Fragassi</b>	1976	10/7/2021			
			<b>Cheryl Gold</b>	1976	9/16/2021			
			<b>David Chervenak</b>	1979	7/17/2021			



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