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LETTER from THE PRESIDENT



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Built on the foundation of the nearly 500-year-old Jesuit tradition, John Carroll University offers a dynamic combination of a liberal arts, values-based education, impactful experiences, and a welcoming, faith-filled community. John Carroll has always provided our graduates with a powerful educational experience.

The amazing work of our alumni is captured in our message of **Inspired Futures**. My conversations with alumni continue to reinforce the notion that while *Inspired Futures* is a new expression, our graduates have set the standard for living inspired lives since our founding in 1886.

As we prepare the next generation of John Carroll students, you serve as a tangible example of the power of a John Carroll degree. Our students provide the pulse for our campus, but our alumni are the heartbeat of John Carroll around the country. You are our ambassadors, our recruiters, our donors, and our friends. You inspire us through the lives you live whether you're in Ohio, across the country, or around the world. I thank you for supporting the next generation of John Carroll graduates.

Inspired by your lives, we invest in the future of our academic portfolio, our student experience, and our campus infrastructure. There are a thousand inspirational alumni stories that call to mind the power of a John Carroll education. This issue highlights just a few such stories. These alumni embody why we do what we do.

No matter where you call home, we want you to stay involved with your alma mater. I hope to see many of you at our annual Reunion Weekend in June or at our next event in your area.

Regards,

Alan R. Miciak, Ph.D.

President, John Carroll University

Around the

JOHN CARROLL **UNIVERSITY NAMES NEW SENIOR LEADERS**

Ryan Daly '99, '12G was named Vice President for University Advancement. He returns to JCU following a 10-year stint as a development executive at Beaumont Health, Michigan's largest healthcare system.

Carolyn Noll Sorg, a 16-year veteran of higher education leadership, has been named Vice President for Enrollment Management, effective May 15, 2023. A Cleveland native, Noll Sorg previously served as Director of Recruitment and **Enrollment Success Management** at College Board.

HONORING TIM RUSSERT

Nora McKee '23 is the 15th recipient of the NBC/JCU Meet the Press Fellowship. McKee, of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, a Communication major with minors in Leadership Development, Creative Writing, and Peace, Justice & Human Rights, will begin her 10-month fellowship at NBC Washington this summer.

Retired NBC News justice correspondent Pete Williams joined the College of Arts & Sciences as Journalist in Residence, a role that will include multiple trips to campus each year to mentor students, work alongside faculty, and offer public programming. "I feel grateful to do my part in carrying on Tim's impactful legacy together with the JCU community," said Williams.









The modernization of John Carroll University's campus continues this summer with a renovation of the D.J. Lombardo Student Center, including a new bookstore, a cafe in the atrium, and a new Welcome Center for prospective students and families.









- 1 Matthew Berg, Ph.D., professor of history, has been selected as a Fulbright Scholar to Austria for the 2023-24 academic year.
- 2 Doan Winkel, Ph.D., the John J. Kahl, Sr. Chair in Entrepreneurship, has been selected as a Justin G. Longenecker Fellow, the highest honor given by the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (USASBE) to entrepreneurship educators.
- 3 Thomas Frazier, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist, autism researcher, and professor of psychology, has
- received a 2022 Human Cognitive and Behavioral Science Grant from the Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI). Grants awarded are intended to produce foundational knowledge about the neurobehavioral differences associated with the autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
- 4 Fr. Maurice Emelu, assistant professor of digital communication and co-director of the Master of Science in Digital Marketing and Communication Strategy program, received The Television Academy Foundation Alex Trebek Legacy Fellowships award.

5 Jacquelyn Zera, Ph.D., associate professor of exercise science, has been awarded Fellow Status with the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM).



FACULTY FOOTNOTES



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Christopher Coburn '79 will serve as the keynote speaker for the Graduate Commencement. Coburn is the Chief Innovation Officer for Mass General Brigham (formerly Partners HealthCare System) which consists of Harvard University affiliates Brigham and Women's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, Massachusetts Eye and Ear, McLean Hospital, and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital.

Dr. Michael Anderson '86 will serve as the keynote speaker for the Undergraduate Commencement. Anderson is a Pediatric Critical Care Physician and a nationally renowned expert in disaster response and health policy who serves as a Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.







RING IT IN

Jalen Myrick '19, a college and pro scout for the Kansas City Chiefs, earned his second Super Bowl ring as a member of the Chiefs front office. Myrick now counts rings from Super Bowls LIV and LVII to his name.

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING ADDED TO ACADEMIC PORTFOLIO

John Carroll University's new Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program received approval from the Higher Learning Commission in October 2022. Adding to the institution's impactful history of preparing discerning students for careers in direct patient care, the business of healthcare, and other health professions, the BSN program will welcome its first cohort in Fall 2023.

A high-fidelity lab and a low-fidelity lab where the nurses of the future will train were unveiled in the Dolan Center for Science and Technology this spring.

The BSN program adds to John Carroll's portfolio of healthcare-related academic offerings of direct patient care programs including psychology, exercise science, and counseling; and pre-health professions majors like



biology and chemistry that serve as the foundation for graduates to pursue professional careers across the healthcare spectrum, including medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and pharmacy. John Carroll is also pursuing plans to expand its healthcare portfolio beyond these programs in the near future.

Former University Hospitals executive Melissa Cole, MSN, APRN, ANP-BC, CENP, was named the inaugural Director of Nursing and Strategic Healthcare Initiatives.

Cole will oversee the recently announced BSN program and the expansion of John Carroll's academic healthcare portfolio. A nurse practitioner in emergency medicine, Cole brings 20 years of clinical experience,

healthcare administration leadership, and higher education experience to John Carroll.

Medical Mutual, the oldest and one of the largest health insurance companies based in Ohio, made a significant investment in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. A portion of the gift will support the Medical Mutual Assistant Professor in Nursing faculty role. Shanna Botos, DNP, a JCU graduate from the class of 2000, has been named to this position. She joins JCU from Cleveland Clinic where she serves as an inpatient provider in pediatric hospitalist medicine.



Shanna Botos, DNP JCU Class of 2000

WE'RE NOT JUST INVESTING IN STUDENTS. WE'RE INVESTING IN OUR CAMPUS TOO.

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SPRING 2023

HIGH AND LOW FIDELITY NURSING LABS

SUMMER 2023

PACELLI HALL+ AIR-CONDITIONING IN ALL **RESIDENCE HALL ROOMS**

SUMMER 2023

D.J. LOMBARDO STUDENT **CENTER RENOVATION**

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Schedule a visit to tour our new nursing simulation labs, and learn more about enhancements, and why JCU is Building Inspired Futures. Visit jcu.edu.



Following the conclusion of the 2022 football season that saw the Blue Streaks finish 8-2 and a comprehensive interview process, former JCU quarterback Jeff Behrman '95 (1) was named the program's 20th head coach in December. Jeff returned to his Alma Mater after spending the last seven years at Union College in Schenectady, New York.

The fall sports season also featured another Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) title for the Men's Soccer program (their 5th in a row), before their journey ended in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

As fall turned to winter, Blue Streak fans were given one of the most memorable men's basketball seasons in program history, as the team went from worst to first in the OAC, capturing the regular season conference title, before falling to Oswego State in the round of 32 of the tournament.

Meanwhile, the wrestling program sent three athletes to nationals, in seniors Andrew Perelka (3), Patrick McGraw, and Luke Reicosky (2). Both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams (4) claimed their seventh straight OAC Championships, respectively.

Additionally, the men's and women's track and field programs each returned to University Heights as second place finishers in the OAC's indoor championships.



SERVICE LIVES ACROSTHE REGION

In the New Testament parable of the sower found in Matthew 13, a sower scatters seed across a variety of places. Some of the seed is eaten by birds, some drops on rocky ground and withers away, some lands among thorns that choke it as it grows. But some falls on rich soil and produces abundant fruit.

John Carroll University is the rich soil that produces innovation, determination, and servant leadership across the Great Lakes region and beyond. We are honored to present a few stories of vibrant alumni in Chicago, Buffalo and Western New York, Pittsburgh, and Columbus who are working in fields that range from construction and healthcare to environmental entrepreneurship to philanthropy and the NFL. While their industries may be different, their work is rooted in lessons learned at John Carroll.

BUFFALO, NEW YORK/WESTERN NEW YORK:

JOE MICCA

Rehabilitation Coordinator, Buffalo Bills 2010: Exercise Science

Since the fourth grade, Joe Micca has been involved almost continuously with football: first as a player in elementary, high school, and for John Carroll; then as a sports medicine practitioner for the NFL.

As Rehabilitation Coordinator for the Buffalo Bills, Micca works with every one of the players—about 90 in training camp and 65 during the season—not only on injury rehabilitation, but also to put players in the best position for injury prevention and overall performance.

It was during his freshman year that Micca became interested in physical therapy through a senior teammate. "He showed me the path," says Micca. "And Don McPhillips,

and Jo Steigerwald

a JCU trainer, whipped me into shape—along with coaches and professors who I'm still in contact with, today!"

That path led to the unforgettable evening this past January, when the Bills safety Damar Hamlin collapsed during the Bills-Bengals game.

"That night was a tense situation," says Micca. "So many individuals were involved with saving his life—each medical team and player care staff member had a specific role that night, and we all went into action. Hamlin is a brave young man, and he's improving, every day."

Micca finds the greatest satisfaction in helping great athletes, some of whom who have never been injured, return to high performance. "When someone is one of the best in the world at what he does and an injury takes that away, you see what that takes out of a person. When one player I worked with got back on the field, he sought me out to thank me, with tears in his eyes. That sat with me."

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

SEAN WALSH

President, Walsh Construction Company 1994: Political Science

The Walsh Family has a legacy in business, leadership, and John Carroll University. Their footprint at John Carroll began in 1969 with Daniel Walsh Sr. Since then, Brian Walsh '05 and Sean Walsh '94 have become part of our vast alumni network.

The Walsh Group is one of the United States' largest general contractors. Matthew Myles Walsh, who emigrated from Ireland, started the company in 1898 while working as a carpenter for the Chicago's World's Fair. For 125 years, the company has grown and evolved its culture to serve its greatest asset—Walsh Construction employees. Sean Walsh is president of Walsh Construction, an arm of the Walsh Group, and strives to foster leaders within the ranks.

Sean credits his time at JCU for helping him understand how to relate to people from different backgrounds. He says the liberal arts education exposed him to peers in various majors, a value he perpetuates as a business leader. "We are a big advocate of building well-rounded teams with people from diverse backgrounds," he says. "There's nothing better than a group of passionate people applying their gifts toward a common goal."

In addition to building a thoughtful team culture, Sean is enthusiastic about employee development. He, along with his family, developed a program to pair leaders with resources needed to grow and become more effective in their roles. The Walsh Group Leadership Initiative, or WGLI (pronounced wiggly) for short, is a two-year program preparing current Walsh employees for leadership roles training across several industry sectors.

"The program allows us to get to know the emerging leaders in our organization and empowers us to build leadership teams with intent and purpose," he says. The Walsh Family created the program to address the barriers emerging leaders face in advancing their careers through active mentoring and development. The program brings together company leaders, traditional graduate school professors, and industry educators to inspire a shared vision.

"WGLI allows us to be intimately involved in our employee's professional development," he says. "We encourage them to dream big and prepare them to represent our organization's vision, mission, and values." Over the past twelve years, the program has graduated more than 150 Walsh employees.

After 125 years in business, Sean says his goal for Walsh Construction's future involves building the lives of its employees ahead of a prosperous balance sheet. "Over the years, we've found we can find happiness in others' success," he says. "We spend more time empowering others to succeed and less time determining if we're successful ourselves."





One of Walsh Construction's latest projects is a full-circle moment for Sean. His company is building the new Athletic, Wellness & Event Center (AWE) on JCU's campus. The AWE will deliver a world-class, indoor, multiuse facility for JCU Athletics and a destination for the campus community. "My freshman year, I lived in Dolan Hall, and I remember seeing the current fieldhouse and thinking of all the amenities right outside my room," he recalls. "To be a part of all the improvements currently underway on campus is pretty cool." The AWE is scheduled to open in late 2024.

Through leading the evolution of company culture at Walsh Construction, Sean is creating community among tradespeople, colleagues, and stakeholders. By empowering a new cadre of leadership, embracing diverse backgrounds, and being a man for others, Sean embodies the same values the John Carroll community instills in its students. "That sense of community is a return on the John Carroll investment that I'm consistently reminded of, both personally and professionally."



PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

HOWARD W. "HODDY" HANNA III

Chairman, Hanna Holdings, Inc. 1969: Political Science, Philosophy

Hoddy Hanna has a simple, direct mission: to create home ownership for all Americans. "It may sound cheesy, but I do wake up every morning to help figure out how to make home ownership simpler, easier, and less expensive," notes Hanna.

His single-minded purpose shows in the growth of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services, a privately held, family-owned company that Hanna's parents began in 1957, and which has grown to over 500 offices in 13 states with more than 14,000 agents and employees.

Hanna makes a habit of innovation: the company was among the first to have a weekly home showcase on television, was an early adopter of digital listings on the internet, and fully integrated all home buying services in the early 1980s.

Their latest innovation rolls out this spring: United Purpose Mortgage, designed to create home ownership in moderate income brackets in underserved neighborhoods.

After looking at the racial disparity of homeownership in Cleveland and Pittsburgh, Howard Hanna leadership asked how they could do a better job serving these markets. United Purpose Mortgage will provide financing and grants to help new homeowners gain wealth through home equity.

"While I learned the business side from my dad, the philosophy, political science, and history I learned at John Carroll has served well for everything I've been able to accomplish," says Hanna. "I look at myself through John Carroll's core mission, and see how I can give back to my community."

BUFFALO, NEW YORK/WESTERN NEW YORK: **JON POWERS**

President and Co-Founder, CleanCapital 2000: Elementary Education

Serving in the U.S. Army during Operation Iraqi Freedom opened Jon Powers' eyes to the concept of energy security. "Like many veterans, this was a life-changing experience," says Powers. "My experiences in Baghdad got me interested in energy security; as I better understood these issues, I became focused on climate change and energy as an issue of national security."

And this interest took him all the way to the top. After Iraq. Powers served in roles at the Pentagon and the White House, where he was President Obama's Chief Sustainability Officer for the Federal Government.

Powers credits John Carroll's focus on a holistic and valuesbased education that gave him the ability to pivot into a new area when needed. "Most importantly, the friendships I built at JCU and my experiences in ROTC gave me the foundation and support I needed to feel like I could tackle big challenges."



His latest big challenge is continuing to build CleanCapital, a mission-focused company helping to finance the transition to clean energy and help address climate change. CleanCapital acquires and operates clean energy assets like solar and energy storage projects nationwide, with expected financial returns.

From a team of five, CleanCapital has grown to over 60 employees, with investments over \$1 billion and assets in 26 states and Guam. "CleanCapital enables markets to not just invest for the social impact of their dollar, but because they are sound financial decisions."

BUFFALO, NEW YORK/WESTERN NEW YORK: TRICIA BARRETT

Chief Operating Officer, Crowley Webb 2000: Communications



On Tricia Barrett's desk is the same sign that sat on Tim Russert's desk at "Meet the Press": Thou shalt not whine. "That connection to Tim brings me joy," says Barrett. It also reflects the energy and focus she brings to her work at Crowley Webb, an advertising agency specializing in healthcare and pharmaceutical clients.

Clients like the once little-known pharmaceutical company Moderna, who called Barrett on June 1, 2020. They sought help with marketing and communications to recruit 30,000 people for the initial clinical trials for the first vaccine to combat COVID-19. "This was an opportunity to change the world," says Barrett. "What normally would have taken years, we were able to get up and running in six weeks. We were just one small piece of Operation Warp Speed—and was that name really true!"

Barrett attributes her success to building relationships and servant leadership, both skills that she honed at John Carroll. "The notion of service was instilled in me at Carroll," says Barrett. "I learned this from my family but Carroll reinforced it, not in an over-the-top way, but in the way character is built in their students daily."

Another element of service for Barrett is to give back to the community. Crowley Webb's Chroma program offers pro bono agency services to minority-owned small businesses. Their current Chroma client is the Buffalo United Resiliency Center, which provides trauma-informed care to people impacted by the May 14, 2022 Tops Market shooting.

"That event transformed our community and rocked us to the core. We wanted to be involved with an initiative to change the systemic problems and issues that caused this horrific event to occur. We are optimistic about how businesses are rallying and creating healing, positive change within a community."

COLUMBUS, OHIO

ESTHER SALATA

Owner/founder Benesafe Solutions 2013: Environmental Science/Biology

Environmental scientist and John Carroll alumna Esther Salata has parlayed her passion for helping people, pets, and the planet into an eco-entrepreneurial venture. She applied her knowledge from educational and career experiences to create plant-based pesticide lawn care treatments safe for people, pets, and the environment. The product is made of natural essential oils targeting mosquitos, fleas, and ticks effectively. The solution kills and repels these

targeted pests without affecting the lifecycle of beneficial insects like bees and butterflies.

Salata's passion for science and the environment began at an early age and she wanted to study and pursue a career in these fields. Her college search narrowed down to two: The Ohio State University and John Carroll University. Ultimately, Salata believes a conversation with one of her teachers solidified her decision to become a Blue Streak. "At John Carroll, you'll get that one-on-one attention from

a professor," Salata recalls from the discussion. She believes this learning style helped her develop her scientific interest.



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JCU immediately impacted Salata, who was determined to get the most out of her education. In addition to a double major in Biology and Environmental Science, she earned acceptance into

the Arrupe Scholar & Honors Programs. During her time at JCU, Salata took part in a medical mission trip to Honduras, where she helped set up medical brigades in villages outside Tegucigalpa. She also advocated for the rights of migrant farmers on an immersion trip to Immokalee, Florida. Salata also took on leadership roles in several sustainability initiatives on campus and led the Recycling Committee, which ushered in the campus-wide recycling program still in use today. These were critical experiences in her personal growth. "These servicerelated initiatives really made me the person I am. I am passionate about the environment and about helping people," she says.

On the academic side, Salata discovered her area of expertise through her professors. Dr. Jeffery Johansen introduced her to cyanobacterial taxonomy, or the classification of new strains of blue-green algae. Through a project funded by the National Science Foundation, Salata and another student spent ten days in Hawaii with Dr. Johansen collecting algae samples. She says that trip was pivotal in her academic career. "It was an incredible experience. That trip made it clear to me that I was committed to the environmental science field," she remembers.

Salata honed her skills in plant physiology research with professor Dr. Drenovsky, who served as a mentor to Salata even through graduate school. Her research, leadership, and service experience won her a fellowship at the University of Michigan's School for Environment and Sustainability, where she earned a Master of Science in Conservation Ecology. "At the end of my grad school experience, I realized I was really passionate about environmental education," she remembers. "I enjoyed educating the public about the importance of conserving our natural resources."

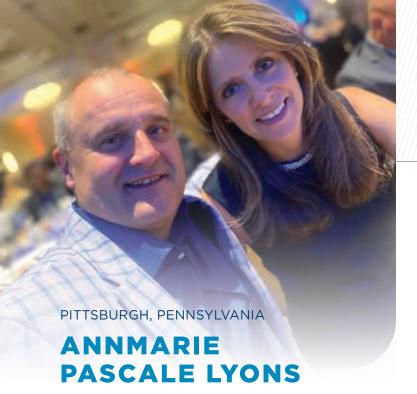
Salata has diverse work experience, with both education and community outreach in park systems on the local, state, and national levels, as well as in workforce development and recruitment. This variety of experiences led her to start a business.

During the summer of 2021, Salata found a new venture that satisfied her inclination to help people and our planet. Esther and her husband, Ryan, a JCU 2013 alum and chemist by trade, were spending a lot of time outside. While they enjoyed the outdoors with their dogs, they consistently dealt with mosquitos. After trips to several stores, they realized the product they searched for did not exist. "We couldn't find anything in the stores that had ingredients we felt comfortable applying; that's when the idea to make our own came about," she says. The Carroll couple, with no business experience, set out to create an eco-friendly, plant-powered backyard bug spray.

With Ryan's chemistry knowledge and support, Esther began her research. "I went to the library and borrowed a book about starting your own business," Salata says. "Once we decided to start the business, things took off quickly." She enlisted the help of a SCORE mentor and created a network of small business owners to learn as much as possible about starting a successful business. She relied on her strong work ethic to understand how companies work. "I'm a first-generation immigrant from India; working hard for what I have is the only thing I know about how to earn success."

Since the summer of 2021, Esther has morphed into a fulltime entrepreneur. Benesafe products are currently sold in more than 25 stores in Ohio and Pennsylvania. She has successfully negotiated deals with regional Ace Hardware stores, garden centers, pet stores, and veterinarian offices. Salata implemented a comprehensive marketing campaign and conducted efficacy studies on how the product compares to other natural and chemical-based sprays. She is currently working with a major retailer that would potentially offer regional distribution of the Backyard Bug Barrier spray.

While her path to becoming a small business owner is unorthodox, Salata firmly believes her values have guided her to her current path. "If you are passionate about something, you can make a positive change—and I've proven this to myself many times," she says. "From high school to John Carroll to U of M, as an environmental educator and now an entrepreneur, I've found several ways to help both people and the environment." She says one thing that John Carroll taught her is to "Go forth and set the world on fire, show the world your passion and get out there so you can make it a better place!"



Vice President, UPMC Women's Health Services and Executive Administrator University of Pittsburgh Physicians, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health

1995: Sociology, Business Minor, Human Services Concentration

Drive and clarity power Annmarie Lyons, who unwaveringly decided to become a healthcare administrator when she was 17 years old. "I was drawn to how hospitals responded to the needs of the community," says Lyons. "My strengths are focused on business, people management, and strategy—that's how I can contribute to health and wellness to reach people in need."

Her healthcare career highlights include opening a new hospital in 2012. "Few places open brand new hospitals, created from scratch, which was a big tactical, technical challenge," notes Lyons. The hospital came in on time and under budget, and its service to the community grew faster than projected.

Lyons has a gift for combining new and innovative ways to provide healthcare with finding ways to save costs without sacrificing care. She credits her success to developing a strong team and building programs that support what people are doing on the front lines of patient care.

... I owed it to Chris [Wenzler] to do so. I am so thankful and blessed to be here, and hope that I can inspire other women to follow in my footsteps. [John Carroll's] Jesuit tradition of serving others...challenged me to pursue serving others while keeping my feet on the ground to advance better health.

She and her team are currently expanding the doula program, which provides physical and emotional support through pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum. The doula program has improved health outcomes—fewer C-sections, increases in breastfeeding, less postpartum depression—especially in underserved communities. Lyons is working with the hospital's government relations team to get doula services recognized by insurance payors, making it a sustainable, holistic patient service.

"The other half of my John Carroll education was its Jesuit tradition of serving others," says Lyons, whose husband, Mike, is also a 1995 John Carroll graduate. "We were immersed in a culture that believed we could make a difference. It challenged me to pursue serving others while keeping my feet on the ground to advance better health."

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

CHRISTINE GAAB

Direct Marketing Coordinator, Pittsburgh Steelers 2017: Integrated Marketing Communications, Spanish

Christine Gaab proudly carries a stone with "Imagination" stamped on it, a graduation gift from John Carroll's Chris Wenzler '90 and one which inspires her every day to be creative at work.

And what a workplace it is: Gaab is on the email marketing team of the Pittsburgh Steelers, overseeing all email communications to fans and strategizing marketing initiatives. It's a dream come true for Gaab, who fell in love wth sports marketing while at John Carroll.



"After working for a handful of companies, I knew that I wanted to achieve my dream of sports marketing for a professional sports team," says Gaab. "Working in the sports space is always changing, fast-paced, and just generally exciting!"

She is also incredibly thankful to be a woman in the sports industry. "In an industry that is so male dominated, it is so special for me to say that this is my career as an alumna of John Carroll. I proudly have my JCU flag displayed behind my desk, because I owe it all to my education. Throughout my career after college, I always knew I wanted to make it back into the sports marketing world, and that I owed it to Chris to do so. I am so thankful and blessed to be here. and hope that I can inspire other women to follow in my footsteps."



PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

KYLE REYNOLDS

Senior Private Banker/Vice President, Huntington Bank 1999: English, Business Minor

Kyle Reynolds helps high net worth individuals with estate planning and banking services. "I've always been a big fan of helping people in a variety of ways," says Reynolds. "Selfishly, it brings me joy to make clients' lives easier."

But he'd rather talk about the Career Closet Initiative at John Carroll, a project with roots in Reynolds' own past. "I paid my way through John Carroll," notes Reynolds. "I had a job interview my senior year. I didn't have a suit or suit coat, so I wore a tie and khaki pants—I had no choice. I felt awkward, like I didn't belong."

Fast-forward to 2021, when watching the dinner scene in the movie "Hillbilly Elegy" brought back those uncomfortable feelings for Reynolds as he remembered that long-ago interview. That night, he emailed John Carroll's Advancement Office with his idea for the Career Closet. "I just didn't want any other student to have that feeling that I did. No one should feel 'less than' at a job interview."

The Career Closet will offer gift cards on a grant basis to students in need of professional attire for job interviews and career activities. Reynolds stresses the importance of giving students the choice to buy something new for themselves; clothing that bolsters their confidence and helps them feel that they do belong in a new, professional environment.

While Reynolds conceived of the project and made the initial donation, the goal is to raise funds to make the Career Closet self-sustaining.

"Going to Carroll changed my life," says Reynolds. "It was a path I didn't ever expect to take, and I've already gone further than I always thought I would."

To support the Career Closet, contact Heather O'Brien at 216.397.4983 or hobrien@jcu.edu.

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

MONICA ANGELOTTI

Economist, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2017: Economics

Monica Angelotti is dedicated to data—specifically, the monthly employment data that drives public policy decisions, influences corporate strategy, impacts nonprofit funding decisions, and reverberates through the stock market—in her role with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"I've always been interested in data and statistics," says Angelotti. "I wanted to work in the public sector and turn data into something meaningful for the public. The Bureau of Labor Statistics provides the gold standard of data that is available for everyone, in a way that everyone can understand what is going on in the economy."

While her work has focused on data for Kentucky and Tennessee, she also assists others in their own economic research and data analysis. Angelotti has contributed to Bureau publications

as a book reviewer, as well as the coauthor of an article on annual employment benchmark methodology and results.





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This year, she will be assigned to cover employment data for Texas, a big switch in geographic coverage and industry detail. Angelotti is also involved with process improvement projects to make data reporting easier, more accurate, and more reliable.

"John Carroll gave me the educational foundation to be an economist," says Angelotti. "But being able to interact one-on-one with professors and learning how to communicate professionally with professors and administrators made it easy for me to do this in my career."

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

LUKE POWERS

Founder & CEO, Gearflow 2008: History, Business Marketing

Even before college, Luke Powers always knew he wanted to create his own business but didn't know what field he would ultimately land in. Working for his in-law's family equipment rental business, he discovered a systemic, industry-wide problem: the inability to easily source parts was causing *huge* equipment downtime costs. He set out to solve this problem with co-founder Ben Preston, and Gearflow was born. The platform simplifies the parts procurement process for construction equipment through easy access to parts, communication tools, and reporting.

An entrepreneurial mindset provided Powers with a simple vetting process for determining where he would go to college. While he says a small school was important, two

main factors helped him calculate his decision. "One, could I play basketball there?" he asked. "Two, I would seek out seniors on campuses I visited—do I see a part of who I want to be in these students?" For Powers, JCU checked both of those boxes. While he was confident in his decision to attend John Carroll, he underestimated the impact of the education he earned here.

During his campus visit in 2003, Powers hit it off with head basketball coach, Mike Moran. Powers, a six-foot-six Freshman from Evanston, Illinois, would earn a spot on the 2004-05 varsity team and split time between center and power forward. Powers says he was not an all-star on the team, but it was still a great experience. "I'm still great friends with some of the guys on the team, Ryan Riggs and Chris Day in particular," he says. Day is the co-founder of Felux, a Cleveland-based steel procurement business. Their relationship shifted from teammates to business colleagues. "Now Chris and I have overlap in investors and community, so we get together to trade notes on business and fundraising; it's been great."

Powers diverted his focus from basketball to academics and service during his junior year. He left the team to pick up a business marketing minor and spend time volunteering. Using the time he previously spent on the hardwood, Powers networked a weekly service commitment for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Powers says the routines of both basketball and service helped him build confidence and a dedicated work ethic.

After graduating from JCU, Powers took the momentum from his final two years in college and took a sales position with Chicago-based logistics firm Echo Global Logistics. He





The culture of support at John Carroll and the community there encourages you to be curious, and that really helped me become who I am today.



ascended the sales ranks over the next four years while remaining focused on starting his own company. In 2010 Powers met his future wife, Cindy, and became close with her family. Cindy's father was an entrepreneur who had started an equipment rental business, U.S. Markets Inc. Powers and his father-in-law became close, and Powers worked for the family business as a strategic director.

While immersing himself in the equipment rental business, Powers discovered a recurring issue costing his clients a lot of money. "It struck me that the inability to source a \$20 part regularly caused *tens of thousands* of dollars in lost rental opportunities due to downtime," he recalls. After research, he found this was a systemic problem in the construction industry and laid out an entrepreneurial vision to solve these issues.

Powers identified one central challenge. These parts were local and available, but long-standing business practices needed improvement in the supply/demand relationship. "It's difficult for construction companies, in legacy ways, to get the parts they need for their machines," he discovered. Powers found that in one extreme case, a broken-down crane was costing one contractor in Chicago over a million dollars an hour. He determined there needed to be a new platform to simplify the part-buying process and ultimately reduce cost-prohibitive equipment downtime.

In June 2018, Powers founded Gearflow with the mission of eliminating equipment downtime. One of his first challenges was changing the perception of an online platform in the parts procurement business. He knew listing sites like eBay and Amazon needed help understanding the nuances in this industry, and set out to modernize parts commerce. "Our biggest goal is to provide access to parts, succinct communication regarding the transaction, and transparency throughout the process," he says.

Since its inception, Gearflow has continued growing, adapting to serve existing customers and gain new partners. In March, they unveiled a new, more intuitive user interface. Strong macro headwinds are also at play: in order to meet the domestic infrastructure needs of the U.S. by 2050, the construction industry will need to reverse decades of declining productivity. Baby Boomers are retiring much faster than younger tradespeople can replace them, and supply chain constraints put additional strain on construction. Powers believes that an "orchestra" of tech innovation is needed to support our future; Gearflow will play an important role in this coming orchestra of construction tech innovation.

Powers believes there is a strong need for entrepreneurs with fresh perspectives and energy in the construction and industrial sectors. He says despite not having a dedicated entrepreneurship program during his time at John Carroll, his experience shaped his entrepreneurial strategy. "My experiences there—academic, athletic, and through service—shaped me as a person," he says. "The culture of support at John Carroll and the community there encourages you to be curious, and that really helped me become who I am today."

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COLUMBUS, OHIO

DAVID MEUSE '67

Senior Advisor, Stonehenge Partners 1967: Political Science

As a first-generation college student, David Meuse came from humble beginnings. After graduating from college, his strong work ethic earned him success in the financial industry. Meuse's innovative approach in the financial sector allowed him to advance quickly and was named partner at age 26. A few years later, in his early 30s, he started his own firm with two other associates. As managing partner, Meuse floated a unique idea to his colleagues. "I proposed that we contribute 5% of our annual earnings back into the community," he remembers.

His colleagues embraced this idea of community support and were happy to contribute. This generous act began Meuse's professional and personal commitment to philanthropy.

Meuse did not take on this endeavor alone; there's a powerful force behind him—his wife of over 50 years, Mo. Together, they would support several Ohio organizations, nearly all of which focused on servant leadership or putting others ahead of themselves. Over the years, inspired in part by his work as Chairman of the Board

of the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA), David and Mo set their sights on creating spaces for people to better themselves. While the couple takes pride in the impact of their contributions, humility guides their giving.

In addition to supporting CAPA, David and Mo have spent years involved with The Columbus Foundation. The organization assists donors in finding the most effective philanthropy possible to improve the Central Ohio community for the benefit of all residents. The Meuses established their first donor advised fund with the Foundation in 1986. "Partnership is one of our core values in work and giving," David says. "We truly believe in partnership amongst ourselves and with the community where we live, work, and raise our families."

The Mueses are creating faith-based educational opportunities for future generations through their current philanthropic passion project.

They are the campaign chairs for the Saint Mary School in German Village, a neighborhood in South Columbus.

The kindergarten through 8th-grade school provides students with a modern, rigorous education rooted in faith traditions. The diverse student body closely matches the school's surrounding community. The values of respect for everyone and responsibly caring for each other are embedded in the curriculum. Despite the diversity in religious beliefs (around 30% of students are Catholic), students are embracing these values,

with 90% of 2022 graduates going on to attend Catholic High Schools.

David and Mo continue to foster civic engagement for young, servant leaders by supporting a summer internship program, one among others, for current John Carroll students. The JCU in the City Program supports sustaining and expanding networks of community in Downtown Cleveland. Paid internships promote deeper civic engagement of students while developing mutually beneficial outcomes with community partners. The Meuses fund student salaries and the framework of this program, enabling advocacy, solidarity, and social change in several non-profit organizations.

David has spoken with students who have participated in this program. "It's really cool to see these young leaders engaged in the community," he says. "It's important for these students to feel the joy and gratitude associated with building a community up; it really does make the world a better place."

David and Mo are committed to improving the world, which is measured by impact, not by money alone. From his start as a servant leader at John Carroll, David has witnessed the full-circle impact of his work on current JCU students. "Seeing these students learn how to serve people, listen, and go to the edges to help bring people together is truly exciting."

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ALUMNI EVENTS

June 9, 2023

ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC

The Historic Tanglewood Club

June 9-10, 2023 ALUMNI REUNION 🚚



June 11, 2023

CLEVELAND GUARDIANS VS. HOUSTON ASTROS

at Progressive Field

June 24, 2023

TONY DECARLO '66G MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

The Historic Tanglewood Club

July 16, 2023

COLUMBUS CLIPPERS VS. IOWA CUBS

at Huntington Park

July 18, 2023

PITTSBURGH PIRATES **VS. CLEVELAND GUARDIANS**

at PNC Park

July 29, 2023

CHICAGO WHITE SOX **VS. CLEVELAND GUARDIANS**

at Guaranteed Rate Field

August 5, 2023

CLEVELAND GUARDIANS VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX

at Progressive Field

September 9, 2023

SIX at Playhouse Square

Sept. 29-Oct 1, 2023

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1942 | Seeking Class Columnist

We sadly share that our oldest alumnus, Robert "Roberto" Trivison passed away peacefully at his home on September 16, 2022. Bob was our class columnist for many years, and was our oldest alumnus.

1952 | Dorothy Poland

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1954 | Peter Mahoney

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No updates this time—please send in your news and start planning for our Reunion next summer!

1955 | Larry Faulhaber

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Hey! Wise Old Owls! Most of us are entering the ninth decade of our lives, and hopefully enjoying spoiling our great-grandchildren! You missed the last two columns due to the passing of Ray Rhode. He provided you news of our classmates and their families for many dedicated years! I am going to try and get the journal for the Class of 1955 started up again, but I need your help!!! Most of us are in contact with a couple of class members and learn about their adventures. Please email any news to me that I can include in future issues of Onward. Somehow, Tony Musca remembers my birthday every year, and I look forward to hearing from him. He has some health problems, but still keeps in touch. With his sons, they manage Musca Properties, that develops and manages strip shopping centers around the country. Tony likes to talk about his 17 grandchildren and one greatgrandchild! Speaking of grandchildren, Bob Ensign and I had lunch last summer, and he talked about his more than 17 grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren. He is especially proud of two of his grandchildren who are in the Service. One is a Captain and doctor



serving the Army. The other is a Captain in the Coast Guard. I wonder if there are classmates who can top those impressive numbers? Let me know. Classmate and deacon **Chuck Mathias** has initiated his own online homily on the weekly Sunday Mass Scriptures. He has over 100 followers who receive his weekly email. His homilies cover his personal interpretation of Scripture readings from his training as a deacon. He also usually gives his readers a challenge for the week! Rosemary and I enjoy and look forward to receiving them. You can join by contacting *Deaconchuckmathias@* gmail.com and asking him to be put on his email list! I am officially retired from the Illuminating Company, with over 50 years in some position of management of senior housing and activity facilities, 29 years as a Director of First Federal Savings and Loan of Lakewood, Ohio, as well as being a 45-year active member of Rotary International. Again, this my first try and I can only keep it going with your input!! Larry

1956 | Albert Knute Oberst, JD

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A special thanks to Father Bernard F. McAniff, S.J. from our JCU's Campus Ministry for delivering masses at our Communion of Saints Parish in Cleveland Heights. He gives our pastor Father John McNulty some personal

time. Also, Father McNulty has a master's degree from John Carroll. When Father McAniff greeted us after Mass, he greeted me as Mr. Oberst and reminded me of the fact my father, Eugene, was a long-time professor at JCU and mentioned

my father's famous winter snowball fight picture on the JCU Campus (photo above).

I appreciate Christine's updated classmate email list which I tried, but got no responses yet. I even had to contact my brother-in-law to get **Jack** Berg's latest phone numbers. John's sister, Toby, is married to Jack. My sister, Patricia, is married to John. Pat attended JCU. After several attempts, I finally reached Jack and was happy to hear that Toby and Jack are fine. Jack retired from being a manager of a Sears Store in Minnesota. Jack and Toby have six children. They moved to another town in Minnesota to be with three of their children. Jack and Toby met at a Sodality Picnic, as did my sister, Pat, and John, my brother-in-law.

Sorry to say that in searching to contact many of our classmates on the internet, I found that they are deceased. Our prayers go out for them. One such couple, both of whom graduated from JCU, was **Leonard Mendel** and **Roberta** (maiden name Bailus).

Please contact me and let me know how you are doing! God bless and AMDG!!!

1957 | Bart Merella

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1959 | Jerry Burke

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1960 | Jerald Rachfal

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After what appears forever, Gerry "Scoop" Schweickert has passed on the torch as the focal point of class correspondence, and a great big vote of thanks goes to him and his wife Beverly for the countless hours he spent on the column.

Gerry and Bev no longer live across the street from Schweickert Field but have retired in Louisville, Ohio and that's a stone's throw away from the NFL Football Hall of Fame in Canton.

And keeping this column on a legendary note, a big thank you goes out to Jim **Mason** for his dedication to the Alumni cause. Jim was the National President for the JCU Alumni Organization for three

years and was the clear leader in making our five-year Reunions the major successes that they were. A picture of our 50th clearly demonstrates that if we were not the leading class in the university's history in attendance, it had to be right near the top, and like "Scoop," the "Shark" (as he was known at JCU) deserves all the credit for his efforts every five years.

Tom Wasserbauer, now a retired pediatrician

living in the Cleveland area (Lakewood native), took a cue from Dr. Yackshaw's English 100 Class (Composition) in our Freshman Year and has authored a book, "Life Experiences and Random Thoughts," about his life which is a wonderful read (book pictured above). He does freelance copywriting now, so he can honestly say that he never lost his love for the written word.

Tom Lewis, also a native Clevelander and now living in the New York City metropolitan area, reports that a JCU Alumni chapter is alive. During the recent holiday season he and his wife, Mary, attended a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and luncheon at LePapillon (French for butterfly) afterward which included 50 people, including Fr. Bernie McAniff who

said the Mass and University President Al Miciak.

A historical note and positive sign for JCU as it reaches out to more of the country: 62 years ago, about a dozen or so students came from the New York City area and among them were Paul Bott and Greg Fisher. In those days, you took the New York Central's "Empire State Express" from New York to Cleveland and it took all day to do it.

On a closing somber note, we lost several members of the Class of '60 in 2021, and their names are listed in the "In Memoriam" section of Onward, so say a prayer for each and every one of them.

Please let me hear from any or all of you as an Alumni Column is only as good as the input it gets from its readers.

Jerry, aka "The Falls"

1960



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reviewer for Fanfare and Listener magazines. **John Blake** and his wife Kay hail from Middletown. Ohio. where he has volunteered with the St. Vincent de Paul Society for the last 15 years at his parish (Holy Family). The society is an international voluntary organization in the Catholic Church which addresses local needs for social services. Congratulations to classmate Dr. Norman Chonacky on receiving the 2023 Excellence in Physics Education Award from the American Physical Society (APS). After he received his BA degree from JCU, Norm went on to earn a Ph.D. degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Subsequently, he was a professor of physics at Yale University until his retirement. The award includes a stipend and an invitation to speak at

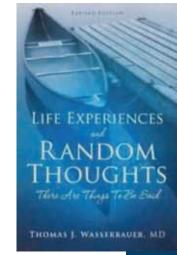
an APS-sponsored meeting. Norm's proposal included working on a long-term effort to understand by research, and to generate resources based on its results, to integrate computation practices into undergraduate physics curricula. George Arthur from Stillwater, Minnesota entered the Naval OCS in Newport, Rhode Island several months after graduation. He served in the U.S. Navv for seven years in the Pacific and at the Naval European Command Center in London prior to working at 3M for 33 years. For many years, he has collected vintage sports cars—his present pride and joy is a 1965 Jensen CV8-Mark 3 auto that has a fiberglass body and is capable of 136 mph. Bill and Janet Newman from Avon, CT have three children, 14 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Two sons, two granddaughters, and a sonin-law have all graduated from JCU and this vear's Class of '26 includes another Newman. Since our last column went to press, we have lost two classmates: Michael O'Donnell and **Jack Durkin**. Mike, husband of Dorothy and father of Mary Kay, was a proud graduate of Cathedral Latin High School and a U.S. Army veteran. Jack Durkin, beloved husband of 60 years to wife Peggy and loving father of Sean, Patrick, and Mary Kay, was a Navy veteran who served in the military for five years prior to enrolling at the University. He was a highly involved alumnus who was most active in class reunions. Much of his professional life was spent as a human resource professional ultimately retiring from Stouffer's/Nestle—a company that honored his service by naming a room at the University library in his honor. Jack and Tom Gerst together were credited with establishing the Placement Center at JCU as we know it today. In 1992, the University presented Jack with the prestigious Alumni Medal at the graduation ceremony. May they rest in peace.

1962 | Terry Leiden

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Like a bolt out of the blue, classmate John Lewis emailed me in late December. He was the bearer of sad news that **Gerald Allen "Doc" Kopfinger** had passed away







Kirkhope, Marty Burke, Bob Donnelly, Frank Karlik.

on December 23, 2022. Doc left behind his wife of 57 years, Betty. Any Carroll graduate, whether active or inactive, knew and saw Doc at countless Reunions or other celebrations he helped organize. He was a mainstay of our class Reunions, especially in the early years, working with Mike Evans. When we lost Mike, Doc took over in organizing events, right up to last year's 60th Reunion.

A Blue Streak right up to the end, funeral services were held at Gesu Church and he requested any remembrance donations be made to the John Carroll Annual Fund. At the service, Frank Karlik gave the eulogy for Doc and Charlie Fitzgerald was a pallbearer. Many of his friends, especially fishermen chasing steelhead trout, remember him fondly. Alumni in attendance were David Vitatoe, Eric Eichoff, Mike Sullivan, Bob Finnesy, and John Lewis. Shortly after the funeral, Paul Napoli sent me a picture with Doc at the 45th John Carroll Reunion.



Paul, who lives in Franklin, Tennessee, also informed me that he is part of the Middle Tennessee Veterans Support Group (MTVSG), also know as the Costco Veterans. They show up for lunch each Friday at the Costco in Brentwood, Tennessee. They support Veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, The Cold War. Dominican Republic, Desert Storm, the War on Terror, and all other conflicts. They all enjoy those famous Costco hot dogs. The group has grown over the years to over 175 names and about 40 to 50 join in for lunch each week. The Carroll alumni located in middle Tennessee are more than welcome to join. Just reach out to Paul at pn51243@yahoo.com.

Paul is what is known as a halfback. They are Northerners who originally relocated to Florida after early retirement. After a period of years, they move half way back north, closer to their original home.

In closing, Charlie McKeon sent me his story of an octogenarian driver who received a phone call from his frantic wife. In a worried voice, she says: "Honey, careful. There was a bit on the news just now, some lunatic is driving the wrong way down the freeway!" "Worse than that," he replies. "There are hundreds of them!"

1963 | Pete Mykytyn

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By the time you read this, 2023 will probably be half over with. Nonetheless. Happy New Year. I hope everyone continues to remain happy and healthy. Unfortunately, as has become the norm over the years, I don't have much to pass on to you. I searched through my John Carroll folder in my Outlook and saw a note from Jim Farrar that he

sent to me last fall. I went online to the online magazine and found the fall 2022 edition but nothing for spring 2023. Thus, it's possible that what follows here was already provided by me for another edition. Regardless, Jim attended the Awards Dinner on September 24 and pointed out that Frank Grace was awarded the JCU Alumni Medal at the dinner. This is the highest honor awarded annually by the JCU Alumni Association for an individual's accomplishments in their profession, exemplary family and personal life, contributions to their community, and dedicated service to the University. Congratulations, Frank. Joe and Joyce Vitale attended the dinner along with, of course, Jim and Caroline Farrar. Unfortunately, Frank and Judy **Grace** were unable to attend but were represented by several family members. Their son, Tim, accepted the award and made heartfelt remarks on behalf of his father. Joe Vitale, along with Frank's sister, Mary Grace and brother, Tom, also spoke. Typical of Frank's generosity, Tom presented other medal recipients with a special bottle of wine from Frank's award-winning vineyard. Il Molino di Grace. My wife, Kathy, and I hope to be able to return to Il Molino di Grace one day. It is indeed a beautiful place in Italy.

I also want to emphasize that this year, 2023, is our highlighted year for our Reunion. For those who can still count, be our 60th get together. For many who still call Cleveland and Ohio home, you probably make it to campus on occasion, perhaps more frequently. For those who do not, a 60th Reunion is fantastic. It will be a two-day event, Friday and Saturday, June 9 and 10.

Here is the schedule for the weekend:

- Annual Alumni Golf Classic on Friday, June 9 at The Tanglewood Club
- Welcome Back Festival featuring food trucks and live music on Friday evening
- Alumni Continuing Education Sessions with JCU faculty and staff
- · Alumni Reunion Mass in St. Francis Chapel
- President's Reception hosted by Alan Miciak, Ph.D., President of John Carroll University
- Dinner and Dancing at the Dolan Center for Science & Technology on Saturday evening with a Fireworks Grand Finale

- Lodging in Murphy Hall and local hotels
- Cleveland Guardians vs. Houston Astros game at Progressive Field (Sunday, June 11-Optional)

Registration will be open starting March 15. More information will be shared via email and posted to the Reunion website as it becomes available.

Keep an eye out for email and perhaps regular mail for more specifics and mark your calendars. Until next time for the column—also, I hope to see you in June.

1964 | Frank Kelley

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1966 | Tom Gibbons

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John Morris joined the Army, leading to a career in the FBI in New York, Washington, and Los Angeles. Post-FBI, he joined a friend's security company and provided services for the MPA, Direct TV and Waste Management. The company then worked for the PGA and John provided annual security for 10 golf tournaments. He was security for Tiger Woods for 18 years which, John says, did not improve his golf game. He's semiretired; he still has a PI license, a "hardboiled private eye." He's happy and healthy with "lots of bionic parts."

After graduating, Jim O'Keefe had a cosmic brush with mortality. For unremembered reasons Jim, Tom Rudell and **Andy Tadie** decided to emulate Huckleberry Finn and float down the Mississippi, 940 miles from Galesburg to New Orleans, traveling in a raft made from steel drums, church pews, and a plywood cabin, built on the Tadie farm in Illinois. Propulsion? Poles and a homemade sail. Provisions? Plenty of beer and little food. After two nights, they ran aground in a thunderstorm. The raft and crew made it ashore where Rudell bought a \$25 outboard motor and proposed they go forward. Tadie, of sound mind, went home. O'Keefe said, "We've got lots of beer; let's go." After three more nights, another storm forced them ashore in Hannibal Missouri, seriously damaging the raft, which they abandoned. Tom and Jim finished the beer, spent the night in the Hannibal jail, and hitchhiked home. None joined the U.S. Navy. O'Keefe went on to become a bilingual psychologist for Chicago Public Schools. He still lives in Chicagoland with wife Mimi; they have three children and five grandchildren.

Vincent "Vince" Basile went from JCU to CWRU Medical School. Post-internship, he became an anesthesiologist, then a Major in the U.S. Army, serving as chief of anesthesia and operating rooms at West Point. During his duty there, he became the personal physician to President Gerald Ford while Ford was visiting USMA's 1974 Commencement. In 1976, he left the Army for private practice in Roanoke, Virginia. Vince married his high school sweetheart; he and Zip have three children and three grandchildren. They golf, ski, travel, and attempt to keep up with friends from the Army, JCU, and Youngstown. Vince owns a 1961 Oldsmobile Super 88 show car; we're hoping he can afford a newer Kia soon.

H.W. "Bill" Buckley went into the U.S. Marine Corps. As a recovering Marine, (there are no "former Marines") Bill, like Morris, became a Special Agent for the FBI. One of his specialties was security clearances where, among others, he interviewed Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsberg for their topsecret classifications. He and (Ursuline graduate) wife Kathy have been living in Baltimore for the past 51 years; their three children and five grandchildren all live nearby. Bill, retired, spends time traveling, golfing, and listening to the "bombs bursting in air" in his Ft. McHenry, Baltimore-urban neighborhood. He's looking forward to our 60th in three years, if he has any money left.

TJG

1968 | Jeff Hawk

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Dear Classmates, Jenny and I wish all of you a Happy New Year 2023 with peace, every happiness, and love.

John Carroll University is our family and we are John Carroll University's family. Thank you for all your notes, calls. Keep them coming. Jenny and I feel so deeply the loss of so many of our classmates. We pray that all have found comfort and peace. We keep all in our prayers, minds, and hearts. On this, my 31st year at the column, Jenny

turned our computer room into the John Carroll University Press Room. I wear my JCU cap and sweatshirt with hood, and keep plagues and my Carillon yearbooks 1964-1968. I noticed in my '68 book that there are a number of JCU ladies and I need to commend them all. They came to JCU during second semester in '68. They are the core of all the ladies at JCU in every class, graduates, and many happy JCU marriages. Ladies, please send me your news. **Donna Wiecek Nelson** was one of the original core. She and I received our MA's from Miami University Oxford, Ohio in '69. She is a wonderful friend. JCU has made so many great improvements: buildings, book store, swimming pool, new Military Science building, and the John Carroll Police Department. Jenny and I have been back home—to JCU many times. When Jenny and I were at a celebration with my Pershing Rifles brothers, I noticed a John Carroll lady there in an Army ROTC uniform; she had all kinds of ribbons, awards, and rank and medals. I was a Cadet Army ROTC Pershing Rifle Lieutenant Colonel and I think she was the same!!!!!

For you and John Carroll University, Jeff '68

1969 | Edward Christy

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1970 | Ted Heutsche

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1971 | Rosemary Costello

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1972 | John Marcus

jmmarcus72@gmail.com

Attorney Jose Feliciano was named to Crain's Cleveland Business's "Power 100."

1973 Bob Larocca

rockyhoopple@yahoo.com

Our own Frank Castelli featured his book, "Just Show Up: An Antidote to Corporate Kool Aid," on a video Zoom in February as part of JCU's Alumni Continuing Education Series (ACES). Whether you were able to join the presentation or not, you are able to view the talk on the JCU Alumni YouTube channel.

Our 50-year Reunion is a milestone that our class is fast approaching. We are scattered to the four winds and have

traveled our own paths. Reunion is a chance to regroup, rekindle, and reexperience those times. Not all have been fortunate to have made the journey, notably **Tom Crimmins**, **Tom** Pallela, and Mike Bolton, who have left us. I invite all of you to join in the celebration this June 9-10. I have been privileged to work on and attend most of these Reunions over the years and have seen many of you return. We had a fabulous collaborative Zoom meeting in November with all the Reunion classes. and I was able to connect with Maureen Vela, Mike Boylan, and Eli Naffah to share in the coordination of contacting classmates and suggestions for this summer's activities. I have been in touch with and often see many, such as Mike "Niner" Nienstedt, Gerry and Bob Patno, Dr. Tom Gallagher, Mike "Corky" Corcoran, Bob Suazo, **Tom Cecconi, Tom Malone,** and many others I know that you connect with in their circles. Although we haven't all met formally to map out a process, the committees of the past have utilized "hubs" of friendships and organizations (fraternities, sororities, geographic locales, etc.) in contacting classmates. If you need phone numbers or email addresses, feel free to contact the Alumni Office or me, as the database is relatively accurate. Only days ago I was in touch with my old roommate, Tom "Cous" Tardio, and swapped old roommate tales that stirred up even more memories. It's an opportune time to catch up by phone, email, or texting someone you haven't been in touch with ... some for even 50 years! If you want to contribute your talents to the Reunion, the Alumni Office has issued an email inviting anyone to

join in doing many different activities including, but not limited to:

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- Cleveland Guardians vs. Houston Astros game at Progressive Field

We had also suggested a possible JCU train ride on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Any input for activities is welcomed. Don't forget to scrounge around for old pics that you've accumulated over the years. Here's one from a wedding from 10 years ago with Lisa Dreussi O'Brien, Jerry Patno ... (pictured bottom left) and yours truly!

Make plans to come and make new memories with us. Even if you can't make it this year, at least contact some old alumni wherever you are!

Love and Peace! Rock On! Bob "Rock" Larocca

1974 | Dave Robinson drobby1818@gmail.com

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

Allen Offinitz retired from HUB International, in January 2018. Allen and his wife Tricia are enjoying the good life in Southern California. He regrets missing the IBG Reunion last fall but gives a shout-out to the organizers.

Laurie Montean is still working at mORIGINS, "the best frozen raw dog and cat food" company she started back in the 90's when she had a dog in trouble. No plans to retire in the near future.

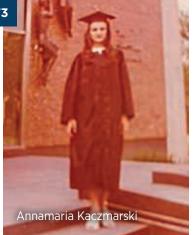
Jim Kozel is still performing professionally and enjoying life as a luthier in Bay Village, Ohio. Check out Jim's music and his work at www. jimkozel.com.

Thanks to a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the University of North Carolina's Southern Folklife Collection has digitized hundreds of interviews Jas Obrecht has done for Guitar Player and Rolling Stone during the past 45 years. Transcriptions and audio recordings can be accessed online at jasobrecht.substack.com. Jas's daughter Ava is currently a Toll Public Interest Scholar at Penn Law.

Van Conway's firm (Van Conway & Partners) was named by Michigan Lawyers Weekly's 2022 "Best in Class" in Crisis Management, Business Accounting and Business Partner. Forensic Accounting Provider, Forensic Experts, & Litigation Consulting Services.

Marlana Pugh Hamer celebrated her 70th Birthday with several of her close









friends at The Wild Vine Uncorked, in Chandler, Arizona. She is proud of her volunteer work with Senator Mark Kelly's campaign, Mission for Arizona, and her work with kids as a substitute teacher.

Professor Dave Hancock's book "Black Students White Teacher: Ruminations and Lamentations" is now available in paperback. The book addresses "What can be done in teaching, learning, schooling, and education."

Marie and **Larry Meath's** youngest daughter, Jackie, is engaged and planning a 2023 wedding. Their oldest daughter, Libby, has blessed them with three grandkids (two girls and a boy), ages five, three, and one. Larry is very grateful for the time he spends with his daughters and grandkids. They all live within eight miles from him.

Ermin Gornik retired in Macomb, Michigan. He facilitates Spiritual Direction both remotely and in person. He welcomes any classmate to contact him who is interested in learning more about Spiritual Direction.

Dr. Fred Pestello, PhD., celebrated his ninth year as president of Saint Louis University. He visits John Carroll at least once a year and enjoys having Al Miciak as a fellow lay president at a Jesuit university. Fred keeps in touch with fellow '74 classmate Frank Geserek.

Linda Meglin has joined the JCU Board of Trustees. At the time of this writing, Linda was looking forward to co-hosting a panel discussion about her Russert Documentary with former NBC News Correspondent Pete Williams, who begins his visiting professorship at JCU in February.

Rosemary Amato retired last October from J&J. She remains active with speaking engagements and promotion of the book she wrote with twenty-seven other co-authors: "Ready for Female Leadership: The Future," available on Amazon. She enjoyed being a guest on JCU's Authors series. Her interview about the book is available on Carroll's YouTube channel. Rosemary still travels throughout Europe. She will be back in the U.S. for a cousin's wedding in June. She is looking forward to working on our 50th JCU Reunion.

On a personal note, I want to say "thank you" to several '74 classmates and many members of lota Chi Upsilon who celebrated the Alumni Awards banquet with my family and me, last September. Greatly appreciated.

I saw Jim Cannan and his wife Barb at our 50th high school reunion last September in Rochester. NY (pictured

Speaking of our 50th Reunion, Rosemary and I welcome volunteers to help organize this milestone in 2024. If you are interested, please send Rosemary, me, or the alumni office an email that you want to help.

The alumni office has approximately 250 email addresses out of a total of 618 members of the class of '74. Please take a few minutes to send your current email address and contact information to alumni@jcu.edu.

Robby

1975 | Mary Kay Malone

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Heard from Bill McNamara ... his son Peter '13 appeared in a History Channel piece called "History's Greatest Hits with Pierce Brosnan." He had the lead in a piece about a criminal, Harry Barber, who in the 1970s, was a bank thief tied to Richard Nixon and Jimmy Hoffa. Peter lives in LA as an actor and secondary school teacher and tutor to celebrity children. Cathy Primuth Lombardo and her husband Mike finally retired in February and plan on visiting son Rob '12, a real estate specialist in Tampa. Son Steve is an intervention specialist and assistant freshman basketball coach at Lake Catholic. Cathy co-authored a book with Coach Bob Krizancic, entitled

"Mental Toughness: The Game Changer." Krizancic was a coach at Mentor High School when Cathy's boys played basketball there. It was the number one new release on May 1, 2022. It is a great inspirational and motivational read for coaches, parents, players, and anyone seeking guidance in goal setting and realizing their dream. Nancy Nelson sent the following: with her fellow Hillbrookers, Ellen Murphy O'Hanon, Cathy Swanson Shuba, Mardi Peterson **Hackett** and "almost Hillbrooker" **Susan Marguerite Doyle** got together in February at Nancy's home in Florida. Lots of laughs but no dance parties. Sad news to report. We have lost two classmates. Gary Boncella died on October 23, 2022 after a brave battle with cancer. He leaves his wife Elizabeth, daughter Cynthia (Keith Anderle) and granddaughter Eleanor. His obituary asked that people, in honor of Gary's Polish heritage, have some kielbasa and sauerkraut.

Jack Mulhall shared some happy news... he is engaged to Nancy Agacinski class

Margot Enright Ivers, one of the Chicago girls of Murphy and one of the Hillbrookers, died on November 2, 2022, after a two-and-a-half-vear battle with esophageal and pancreatic cancers. She leaves behind her husband Jim and children Allison (husband Ryan), Andrew (Sara), and one granddaughter. Margot was a foreign language major and with her passion for travel, she became a flight attendant with TWA. She followed that with a career at Marblehead High School. Please keep Gary and Margot's families in your prayers.

Send me your news for the next Journal ... mkm1159@yahoo.com.

Slainte ... Mary Kay "Hutch" Malone

1976 | Joe Barmann

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In 1973, most of us were in the middle of our first year at Carroll, a cool fifty years ago! That idea came to me as I watched the men's basketball team beat nationally ranked Mount Union in the DeCarlo Varsity Center. We've all seen lots of great games there and great things continue to happen on campus, but I digress!







Rob Cummings sends his best to all, and he connected me to Hal Becker who has spent the past 30 years traveling the world teaching about sales consulting and training. Hal had his own "ah-ha" moment when watching TV during the pandemic and realized he didn't really care about the weather because he would not be able to travel. Time to kick back, he decided, spend time with fewer clients, and donate more time to the community. Mark Wester left Waxman Industries in August 2022 after 27 years. He is still consulting for Waxman while looking for a part-time CFO or other business advisory opportunity. He now has more time for his two grandkids.

Barbara Eddy Farrior has been in Beaufort, South Carolina since graduation. She has a real estate company in Beaufort and has been active in that market for 35 years. She would love to get together with any classmates coming through. She is married to Dave Farrior, and their three grown children were born and raised in South Carolina.

Gwen Dickerhoof and her husband Greg hosted a JCU Supper Club that was attended by **Elaine Yeip** and Carroll classmates from other years. They had a wonderful time and hope to do it again. Gwen and Greg attended a Sha Na Na open air concert at Legacy Village where they ran into more JCU alums.

Eric Lewandowski and wife, Gina '75, spent the holidays exploring South America and the Caribbean. While traveling there, Eric, who retired from a senior executive research management position at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2008 and Gina, who completed her 35-year world languages teaching career in 2022, visited Argentina, Puerto Rico, Colombia, and Chile. Eric and Gina have been living

in Madison for the past 21 years near their sons: Peter, who is head of the Wisconsin state affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, and Andrew, a practicing pediatrician, and their extended families, including three grandchildren.

Meg Waters lives in Orange County, California. She is still working in fundraising for a nonprofit local news agency called Voice of OC. Meg continues to be in contact with Judy Gorski who also lives in Orange County. Meg sometimes hears from Bob **Tullio** (who enjoys being a grandpa), Gina Immucci Dyke (she came out to Pasadena to see the Rolling Stones), and Barbara Eddy Farrior. Meg returned to visit Cleveland and loved the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. She reported having the best Italian dinner ever in Murray Hill.

Frank and Pat Novak, Bob and Sara Jaguay, and Roman and Terri Liscynesky traveled together in September through Paris and Normandy, then spent a week in a villa in the Lazio region of central Italy. (pictures above)

And finally, I am sad to report the passing of our classmate, Joe Sullivan, on March 27. Joe was a proud brother of IBG, a member of the Rugby Club, and a great friend to have. He will be missed.

I am grateful to many of our classmates who provided lots of missing email addresses. Please stay in touch!

1977 | Carol Dougherty

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Hi everyone!

Here is the news I got from all of you, in your own words. The class picture is hopefully included (bottom right, page 33) in the column, and I have a picture from Tim Leddy I'll send out later.

Shauna Hughes: Well, after 40-plus years I'm finally retiring! I'm splitting my time between my Las Vegas home and my Coronado condo ... my three kids all still live in LV so I find myself there quite often ... dreaming about being at the beach more now! Had a hip surgery that went very wrong last May which prevented me from attending the Reunion which I was so looking forward to ... onward to 50 years!!! Good health and happiness to all ...

Mark McMullen: We had four new grandbabies born in the last two years: three in 2021, all seven weeks apart, and one in December 2022. I wrote three books in the last few years: "Effective Leadership—and Leaders," "Book of Cases: Marketing and Brand Communications," and "Integrated Marketing in a Modern World," a brandnew marketing textbook. I am still working at the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Connecticut as senior vice president of membership and marketing. Have been here five-plus years now. Actually looking to retire at the end of August this year; then will split time between our Georgia home and Connecticut. I am also teaching as an adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina.

Tim Leddy: Len Barbe, Randy D'Amore, Dan Busta '76, and I met up in Crystal Lake, Michigan in early September. We hiked the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes and kayaked the Platte river.

Mike Perry: Biggest news is that I retired at the end of last year. Planning to spend much more time with my family, get through the "retirement to-do list," finish the book I started writing a while back and continue to help those experiencing a forced job transition. As my parents used to say after they retired, "I'm so busy now that I don't know how I had

time for a full-time job!!" (From Carol: Sorry, Mike; I somehow missed getting that in before!)

And thanks to all of you for your news and your notes. Be well, my friends!

Carol

1978 | Tim Freeman

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Here's the latest ... Several classmates were polled in January to share tentative plans about attending our '78 June 9–10 reunion. Here's a list of classmates unable/not likely to attend:

Rick Kapryan (family wedding), Dave
Kavanagh (family trip in Wisconsin), Paul
& Rosie Gellott, Jim & Cheryl Smith,
Jim Gregorich (son's graduation), John
Barrord, Earl Hamlin, Greg Skoda (Africa
trip), Bruce Luecke (Scotland golf), Jack
Schufreider (family wedding), Rob
Herald, Jeff Shibley, Chris Moravec,
Claire CaJacob, Ed Gillen (U.S. Naval
War College commitment), Mark
Talamonti, Kathy Caplice (out-of-town
wedding), Tim Casey (Campion High
School reunion), Jim McGrath (Western
U.S. National Parks trip).

Here's the partial list of classmates likely/ planning to attend: John Baran, Bob Burak, Ara Bagdasarian, Paul Cipar, Joanie Snyder, Tom Keir (golf Friday & Saturday events), David Briggs (Saturday Mass & dinner), Brian Farrell, Jim Gentile, John Baran, Dan Jacobs, Cathy Hogan (unless the grandkids need her), John Sideras, Terri & George Lewandowski, John Martin, Bob Marczynski, Dan Weitzel, Tim Freeman, Ray D'Alessandro, Jim Carrabine (in between coaching a grandson's b-ball tournament that same weekend), Janet Hash Szorady (Friday

only; wedding Saturday), Phil Rist, Pete Sheehan, Nancy Moran Veselica (Nancy passed along yeses from Gloria Brinda Schuster, Laure Rauch Senatore, Laura Fasano; Nancy hopes to see Toni Pristo, Holly Ebner and Terry Frauenheim Petrella attend as well!). Please check the JCU Reunion website for updates since this January poll.

Classmates also shared updates: Jim **Carrabine** looks forward to having a beer or two with classmates. Jim remembers first meeting Ara Bagdasarian when Jim was hitchhiking in May, '74 and Ara drove up in his '69 Mustang and gave him a ride! Ara and Leslie Bagdasarian are the cofounders of Solon Community Living, a charitable organization dedicated to providing accessible, safe, and sustainable housing for individuals with disabilities. Check out the Solon Community Life website to see the progress on their dream to build a home for this community. After a career in publishing, Ray **Saviciunas** undertook a process of discernment which led him to paramedic training at Akron General Medical Center. Ray served 13 years as a paramedic for the City of Hudson, Ohio, enjoying making people's bad days better. Ray retired from city duty July 29, 2022, and continues with medic standbys at Nelson Ledges Race Course near Garretsville, Ohio, (where Ray drives as well). Pat and Paul Cipar sold their machine shop and now enjoy time with their daughter Michelle '01 and their four grandchildren (oldest Emma studies nursing at Mount Union; Grace is a high school senior). Jim **McGrath** lives in The Villages, Florida and enjoys travel and golf. Nancy Moran **Veselica** retired from Lakeshore Bone & Joint and is planning her daughter's July wedding in San Diego. Congratulations

and thanks to Bruce Luecke who is now one of seven '78 members of JCU's Board of Trustees! Georgia and Dan Weitzel enjoyed one son's wedding; another son is getting married in 2023. Dan attests to the excellent character of Heisman Winner Caleb Williams (Gonzaga High Alum), who refers to Georgia as "Mama Weitzel." Cathy Monaco and husband Doug Hogan '77 toured Paris and Normandy last August; their time is divided by travel, volunteer, golf, and grandkids. The McGinleys, Keirs and Baldarellis are their close friends. John Martin and his wife live in Baltimore. John is the Director (CEO) of the Maryland and Lottery Gaming Control Agency. Bob Marczynski continues his interest in teaching and education with the Lindamood Bell Learning Center in Brentwood, Tennessee, a leading educational organization assisting students and adults with dyslexia, ADHD, autism spectrum disorder, and general learning challenges. Marz's son is dyslexic and through the help of a cadre of dedicated teachers, he excelled in school and in his career. This opportunity to work with LMB is a way of paying back and helping parents discover the resources available to their children. Toni **Pristo** is author of two books: "Open Mind: A Guided Journal for Employees and Leaders Pursuing Their Potential" and a co-author of "Best Boss! The Impact of Extraordinary Leaders." Toni is an organizational psychologist specializing in organization and leadership development. She is guided by a passion and interest in the development of human potential in an increasingly challenged world. She created Pristo Consulting in 1996, after 13 years of prior, related experience as an internal consultant (Amoco Corporation and Keebler Company) and external consultant (Hay Group).





Looking forward to celebrating '78 on campus in June!

A live broadcast from the Former WUJC Lobby. Plus we got to check out the newer 2300 watt transmitter.

1979 | Nancy Agacinski

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Hi all—thanks to those that send me news and keep in touch! It's always great to hear and report your news! I love running into classmates too!

I ran into Mary Davis and Norm Riley at a Tremont restaurant last spring. They were dining with **Donna Profancik** and Mark Kobak. They were planning their late spring trip to Hawaii! How exciting! Hoping to hear about all the fun they had sometime. Mary and Norm are quite the world travelers! Where's the next trip, Mary and Norm? Heard from **Michael Kelly**. He reports that he retired in May 2021 and is enjoying it very much. He attended a JCU home basketball tournament years ago. He keeps in touch with Jeff Wallis '78, Dudley Murphy '77, and Robbie O'Brien '80. They often go to Cavs games together. He misses classmates that have passed away: Jimmy Skerl '78 and Terry Markushic '78. Michael became a grandfather in September 2021 to his son Daniel's daughter, Elizabeth Grace Kelly. She lights up his life. How sweet. Learned that Victoria Potelicki Vance was chosen by her peers for Best Lawyers of America 2023 in her specialty area of Health Care Law. Congratulations Vicki!

Heard from **Mark Stevens** and brothers Rick '77 and Chris '80 who proudly

report that Mark retired from Delta Airlines as an Airbus 350 Pilot/Captain. He spent 26 years with Northwest/ Delta Airlines, amassing over 30,000 pilot flight hours since his career began 30 years ago with Mesa Airlines. Mandatory FAA age requirements forced his retirement on November 6, 2021. His last flight, Hawaii to Atlanta, was the most memorable because his wife Joan, daughter Elizabeth, and grandson Theodore were all onboard. He is most thankful to God for both his safety and that of the passengers he carried. He now currently resides in the greater Sarasota, Florida area with Joan and nearby family members.

Pictured bottom right, from left to right: grandson Theodore, Mark Stevens '79, daughter Elizabeth, and wife Joan along with one of his many Delta pilot friends.

I have some very exciting personal news to share. I have been dating Jack Mulhall '76 and we recently became engaged! I'm so happy and feel so blessed that this wonderful man came into my life. So amazing to have it happen at this age! Wow!

Hoping to hear from more of you next

Warmly, Nancy

1980 | Matt Holtz '80

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Greetings, Class, as we usher in 2023—many of us are busy with family, retirement decisions, encore careers, empty nesting, getting older, and adjusting to how to balance all the challenges that life presents. One

person who is constantly multitasking in business consulting, strategic management, podcasting, and still has time to coach high school wrestling is **C. Peter Cimoroni**. Peter is CEO of Palladium, LLC, offering business consulting services. He also is the creator and host of The Blood Time podcast. This podcast speaks to the bond and transformation between the athlete and coach. It features leaders in the business world blending their athletic success into business success. Peter still stavs active in wrestling, as he is the head coach at Chagrin Falls High School.

Anyone visiting the New England area should look up **Dave Daigler** and **Mark** Hutchinson. Dave lives in Portland, Maine and Mark calls Ayer, Massachusetts home. They both enjoy lobster festivals and know the hot spots for a good pint and the tasty local eateries.

Jeanne Ann Cannon sends greetings from Michigan City, Indiana. She is in private practice as a psychotherapist and certified life coach. Jeanne Ann points out how cool it was to use her love for listening and helping others with life challenges as a RA to her current professional career as a counselor. Jeanne has three kids out in the fruited plain: Chicago, New York, and Milwaukee—similar to me. I have one in Cincinnati and two in Chicago.

Tom Burland dropped a note that he is winding down his corporate career and will ease into retirement in an executive coaching/consulting business that he is starting. Tom and Helen have five kids and two grandsons. He recently spent



some time with **Don McGuire** catching up on the good old days at JCU.

Anyone passing through Glenview, Illinois should stop in and see **John Kozicki** at Glenview Coin and Collectibles. He buys and sells coins, jewelry, diamonds, silver, gold, memorabilia, and more. John is GIA certified, which allows him to grade diamonds and gemstones professionally. I recently stopped in and was amazed at the vast array of collectibles.

A couple of new items on campus: JCU now has an ACHA Men's Hockey Club; good to know for any hockey enthusiasts. There is a fully accredited Bachelor of Science in Nursing program which will admit its first class in Fall 2023. Former NBC News Correspondent Pete Williams has been named JCU Journalist in Residence. Lastly, a new athletic fieldhouse will be built in the parking lot off South Belvoir. It will serve as the Athletic Wellness & Event Center. I am guessing it will be finished in time for our next reunion.

Drop a line anytime.

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1981 | Bob Hill

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Hello, Class of 1981:

I hope that you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It will be 43 years since we graduated from JCU this coming May. Wow! Time goes way too fast. I heard from Hal Hawk this month, who had lunch with Mike Carswell, '83 in Fremont, Ohio. Great catch up, and Hal also spent a weekend with the **Cuas** and Whalens in Ft. Lauderdale at the Hawk's home. Hal and his wife Diane also entertained the JCU swim and dive team in Florida for a January 5th dinner. Nick Matteo wrote and said that he retired one year ago. He went to Ft. Myers last February and played golf for five weeks and then started his parttime career as a starter/cart attendant at Shawnee Hills Golf Course. Nick and wife Eileen got the best news from their daughter, Erin, in Columbus, Ohio: that they will be first-time grandparents. Nick will be returning to Ft. Myers again this year and working at the course after his return. Great lessons in retirement planning from Nick! Elizabeth Martin wrote that she left her home and family five years ago to take a self-imposed

sabbatical in Fort Collins, Colorado where she is now the co-leader of a small art museum. Elizabeth is embracing the outdoor lifestyle. Finally, I heard from Charles Herbik, who recently retired for medical reasons. He spent most of his career in the retirement planning industry, and now Charles is enjoying golf. He currently resides in Macedonia. Ohio, where he has lived for the past 18 years.

I am grateful to be your class column representative and always enjoy hearing from the Class of 1981. I am enjoying my most recent career move to Lexus as a sales and leasing executive in Brookfield, Wisconsin. Please stay in touch and feel free to reach out to me at soar1@aol. com. Have a great 2023!

Bob Hill

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During our 40th Reunion this past summer, we recognized our deceased classmates, including Michael Begg, who died tragically shortly after graduation. Mike Zidek '83 passed along the following to me about how Fenwick High School has remembered Michael through the efforts of Jim Coyne and other alumni:

"In 2022, Diana and Jim Coyne '78 generously supported Fenwick High School's acquisition of the Priory Campus. Jim's passion for Fenwick is tied to a close friendship with his late classmate Michael Begg '78, who tragically passed away 40 years ago. Jim and Michael were Friar football teammates and continued their friendship as fellow rugby players at John Carroll University. Jim, the Begg family, rugby teammates, and friends forever remember Michael's care for others, leadership, passion for rugby, and team spirit. Fenwick introduced rugby as a team sport 12 years ago; Jim suggested an opportunity to remember Michael by naming Fenwick's first annual Player of the Year Award in Michael Begg's memory.

At a gathering earlier this month, Fenwick President Fr. Peddicord, family, friends, and classmates of Michael, as well as Fenwick Rugby Coach Bill Mahon, dedicated and presented the initial Michael E. Begg '78 Player of the



Year Award to Will Frech '22 (pictured center in the photo above). Will was a leader and high scorer throughout his four-year Fenwick rugby career. Will now attends Purdue University, majoring in engineering and, yes, playing rugby. With this award, Jim Coyne and the Begg family are thrilled to share the memory of Michael's dynamic personality and team spirit for rugby with Fenwick High School and future Fenwick rugby players."

I spoke with Corrine Welty-Dupis during Reunion and recently exchanged a few emails. Corrine has lived in Tennessee for 20 years and raised her two sons. She obtained her master's degree in 2010 in education from Vanderbilt University. Corrine was active as an alumna in admissions in the Nashville area and helped start the Nashville Alumni Club. She keeps in close contact with her roommate **Deb Cassini** and "The Murphy Girls." This group helped a 40th Reunion gathering in December to cheer on the Browns.

1983 | Mark Schroeder

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We turn 40 on June 9-10. The weekend is set for us to celebrate our 40th Reunion at JCU. Our class is pretty tight so I expect a record turnout in University Heights. Come to Reunion to share laughs, memories, and catch up with classmates. The campus is not what we left in 1983. There has been a wonderful transformation to the ad building and to many of the education buildings. Have you seen the new Short Family Foundation tennis courts, Shula Stadium, and even the cafeteria? You won't recognize Dolan Hall from your days as a resident and Pacelli Hall is being renovated now. Next up will be the new Field House made possible by



the planned razing of Millor Hall. Naming rights for the new Field House, anyone? JCU does a fantastic job setting up a fun and memorable return to campus. The 40th Reunion team of **Lisa Amato** Reid, F. Eric Jochum, Luigi Pecoraro, Charles Wagner and myself is planning a memorable Reunion for our class. Here is what is set now. On Friday the 9th it's the Annual Alumni Golf Classic, the Rodman Terrace Reception, gourmet food trucks, bars, artists and live music. On Saturday the 10th there is a full schedule of events and experiences, plus the class dinner, dancing, and fireworks on the quad. We have more surprises in the works for you and your family. Make plans to come to Reunion weekend. There are so many classmates who would love to see you again.

Congratulations to Chris and Beth Ann McCombs Coughlin. They welcomed their first grandchild (pictured above), Brooks Patrick, born to their daughter Emily on September 4, 2022 in Pittsburgh and six days later, Chris and Beth Ann's daughter Lizzy was married in the 'burgh.

Some of the Chicago ladies are still on the run. Jane Broeren Lambesis. Sandra Ryan and Shelia Bigane Bauschelt crossed state lines into Wisconsin and competed and finished strong at the Waupaca Area Triathlon in Wisconsin last August and they have the medals to prove it! It has been way too long, but I finally connected with attorney Steph Sivak. Steph lives in Flagstaff, Arizona and is diligently working with the Flagstaff Unified School District on homeless education. She is looking forward to retiring next year then hitting the road and experiencing the adventures of our National Parks. Norwood Montessori School in Norwood, Ohio has a new principal and it is **Terese Buehrle Booth**. Terese had served as the interim principal then

was deservedly named the full-time principal last June. John McCaffery is one of the Best Lawyers in America for 2023. Congratulations to John, a Tucker Ellis LLP attorney, being selected by his peers for this distinguished honor. Outstanding, counselor! Congratulations to **Jeanne Mann Gallo** and husband John who celebrated the wedding of their son Jack and his wife Taylor on September 24, 2022. Here's a road trip for all you locals. Head 90 East to Madison, Ohio and proceed to Ledge Road and stop in at Emerita Winery for a tasting. **Ann Moore** and business partner Kathy Crowley announced their Grand Opening of their Emerita Winery. They have just completed their new tasting room building. Springtime is bottling season, so stop in, visit with Ann and Kathy, and share a few bottles of their years of planning and mastering their harmonious grapes. Ann can help you with your wine connoisseurship. It would be hard-pressed for anyone to say that they have never seen **Deb Solyan** without a constant smile on her face. Her distinguishable and blissful laugh creates an immediate join-in moment to laugh along with her. Deb continues to be her positive self despite being tested by cancer and at this writing, eight chemotherapy treatments. Understandably, Deb has been through a rollercoaster of reactions to treatments but she remains her positive self in her pursuit to defeat her cancer. Keep Deb in your prayers and drop a text, email, or a Facebook message to her. I know she would love to hear from classmates. It is with heavy heart to write of the passing of the husband of **Aggie Nagy**. Tim was a tremendous man with a vivacious personality. Please keep Aggie and her family in your prayers. My wife Johnna and I had a wonderful dining experience along the River Walk in San Antonio, Texas in January with JCU President Al Miciak and his wife Ann. We learned more about the exciting renovations to the campus and the addition of opening the new schools of nursing and engineering. We had a great time at our dinner with Al and Ann. President Al and his wife Ann will be at Reunion weekend, so introduce yourself and your family to them.

Email me with family news, business updates and like "JCU Class of '83" on Facebook.

1984 | Don D'Amore

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As much as some of us might want to keep it a secret, over the past year, almost all of us have now entered into our sixth decade. This may have been what prompted Rose Ready **Logue** to write in for the first time in almost 40 years since I have been doing this column! Rose took the opportunity to share that she and a group of seven of our classmates had a great time last year celebrating the big birthday at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina! The ladies from the class of '84 who joined with Rose were: Sue Divane Donnelly, Sally Wussler Harrington, Janet Gill Kennedy, **Grace Gillespie James, Ellen Fissinger** Barrett, Mary Tobbe Hartnett. Rose sent along a great photo of this fun group!

My wife Michelle and I had the pleasure of attending the very beautiful wedding of her former roommate Suzanne Smola to Paolo Gullo this past October! Suzanne is a speech language pathologist (like yours truly). In attendance was Suzanne's cousin the great **Steve Anthony** and his wonderful wife Draga '86. Steve retired from the FBI where he was the special agent in charge in Cleveland. He now works for another firm. Draga also retired recently after serving as an attorney for the U.S. Government. They have a son proudly serving in the Navy! **Christopher Fortunato** is an assistant prosecutor with the Ashtabula County Prosecutor's Office, working for county prosecutor, Colleen M. O'Toole '83. Joan



Landenberger Trefts who received a master's degree with the class of 1984 passed away. Our class prayers go out to her family.

As reported last issue, we lost classmate and super star athlete Nick D'Angelo. His loving brother Sal D'Angelo '86 reports that a fund has been established to honor Nick's legacy and will support his passion for lifetime learning and other causes he cared about. Among these causes will be financial assistance to worthy students attending John Carroll University. The Nick D'Angelo Fund is administered through the Cleveland Foundation. All donations are 100% tax deductible, and eligible for employer matching programs. To donate: head to the Cleveland Foundation website under "Donors/Give Now" and search "Nick D'Angelo Fund" in the Search box. It only takes a few minutes to donate in memory of a legend in our class. Contact Sal at NickDangeloFund@gmail.com with any questions.

John Breen writes that he and his wife Kathy are now grandparents: "Everly Kimber Joy Allaire joined our family on 9-6-22 weighing in at 8.6 lbs and 21-3/4 inches long. My daughter Amanda is doing fine and her husband Patrick is a proud new father. We look forward to the new chapter as grandparents." John is usually a little ahead of the curve for our class milestone experiences, so I am going to predict more grandchildren announcements should be coming into my email box in the near future! Do you have one to share? ~Don

1985 | Diane Nerem Wendel

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Happy birthday to all who are celebrating turning 30 twice this year in 2023! Matt Koenig reached out this fall to say hello. His son, Charlie, is rowing crew and is a healthy 6' 2" while daughter, Lucy, is progressing through her equestrian activities. Matt is director of business development for LS Energy Solutions in Boston. Remember to look Matt up if you are ever in Duxbury, Massachusetts! Our alumni soccer team had a mini-reunion this past September to honor Professor Anthony Szczesiul '86 as a scholar-athlete. Tony was inducted into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame. He also gave a lecture on his second published book, "The Southern Hospitality Myth: Ethics, Police, Race

and American Memory" (University of Georgia Press, 2017) and "Racial Politics and Robert Penn Warren's Poetry" (University Press of Florida, 2002), which received a Choice Outstanding Academic Title Award in 2003. Congratulations, Tony! Heartfelt condolences to Susan McAllister Cahill on the loss of her beloved mother. Sara Ann (Sally) Collins McAllister. Thought to ponder from Maya Angelou, "If you must look back, do so forgivingly. If you must look forward, do so prayerfully. However, the wisest thing you can do is be present in the present gratefully." May the next lap around the sun in 2023 bless us all with health, joy and adventure. Peace. -Diane

Soccer Alumni/IBG Reunion -September 2022 (top photo).

Anthony Szczesiul '86 was inducted into the JCU Athletic Hall of Fame during the 2022 Homecoming Weekend for his soccer career at JCU (middle photo).

1986 | Jenny Labuda and Karen Judy

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE CLASS OF 1986

JCU friendships are lifelong as was demonstrated by the recent "Girls Gone Wild" trip to New Orleans including LuAnn Mayle, Karen Delserone, Jenny Labuda, Karen Judy, Maria Amelio, Cathy Coyne, Eileen Gerity, Mary Hoenig, and Annie Sutphin. The gals indulged in fine Cajun food, listened to exquisite Jazz at Preservation Hall, were intrigued by the WWII museum and laughed nonstop. They continued to tease each other mercilessly and reminisced about the crazy old days in Murphy Hall.

Our smiley Mary Kay Kennedy is CFO at OBC Industrial in Strongsville, Ohio. She lives in Avon Lake and has a son at Ohio State, a daughter in Baltimore, Maryland, and another daughter living "down under" in Australia with her husband and Mary Kay's granddaughter.

Spencer Cominos lives in "Mr. Rogers neighborhood," three doors from where Mr. Rogers lived in Squirrel Hill, a part of Pittsburgh. Spencer is a







real estate investor and his wife Lena works in corporate development at Carnegie Mellon University. Spencer has two grade school-age daughters, Dina, age 11, and Talia, age nine, and a dog Kiki. Paul Hansen was Spencer's best man and Paul and his wife Sue Bayhurst remain dear friends to Spencer and Lena. The boys of Pacelli have an annual summer trip to Joe Gurgone's lake house with Paul, John Grazia and Brian **Donnelly.** Where was **PJ Kissane**? He must have been hard at work as sales director at Shopkick or maybe guest lecturing at Northwestern Medill School of Journalism. How fun would it be to be in his class?

The evasive Erika Hoffman appears to have three daughters, is a practicing physician, and has painted her house



purple in memory of "The Purple Lounge."

John Schumacher, one of our most educated classmates, got an MA at Bowling Green in Applied Philosophy and Bioethics and then got a Ph.D. in Medical Sociology & Social Gerontology at Case Western. He deserves congratulations for becoming a professor at the University of Maryland and co-director of the doctoral program in gerontology. He recently published a book titled: "Creating a Geriatric Emergency Department - A Practical Guide." Hopefully we will all be able to tap into his expertise as we age!

Missy Crockett, our own Homecoming Queen, continues to live in Mentor, Ohio; she and Tim have three daughters and she works as VP and regional manager at Howard Hanna Real Estate Services.

Unfortunately, Gus Ofori-Atta just lost his mother, Obaapaning Juliana Owusuua Amoako. There was an amazing tribute to her on Facebook. Gus has been working for Verizon Wireless in Washington D.C. for the past 10 years; earning his MBA in 2017. He lives in Haymarket, Virginia.

Peg O'Leary was last seen living in Utah—she is rumored to have turned to the Mormon world and is singing in the Tabernacle Choir.

Let's congratulate **Greg Koerner** who recently became VP at Experian Marketing Services. We are eager to hear more updates from our classmates, so please send us news at: **karenjfoley@gmail.com or gflabuda@aol.com**.

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Hi, everyone!

I hope you're all doing well! I've got highlights on two classmates ... and one important reminder.

The first highlight is that Tucker Ellis LLP shared that our own **John Slagter** was selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America* for 2023. John is an attorney specializing in Land and Zoning Law; Litigation – Real Estate and Real Estate Law. Congratulations, John!

I was lucky to see this second item a day before my column was due. I happened to catch classmate Paul Saluan, M.D. in a large feature photo on the front of the Life section of the February 2, 2023 issue of the Cleveland West Shore Sun/Sentinel. Paul was on stage at the Greater Cleveland Sports Awards with the former Cleveland Cavaliers coach, Mike Fratello, presenting the Cleveland Clinic Sports Medicine Courage Award to a local athlete from Avon Lake High School. I looked at the picture and thought—that's Paul! According to his online bio, Paul holds joint appointments in the Center for Sports Health and the Center for Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery within the Orthopaedic and Rheumatologic Institute at Cleveland Clinic. He is the Director for Pediatric and Adolescent Sports Medicine and specializes in pediatric and adolescent sports medicine, arthroscopic surgery, and pediatric orthopaedic surgery. It's clear from Paul's years at the Clinic and the many positive reviews he's received that he's making a significant difference in the lives of his patients and their families. Great work, Paul!

And now the reminder...

Get yourself to our 35th Reunion!

It's June 9-11, 2023 and we all know our Reunions are much more fun when we have a big turnout. Five years have blown by and it's time for us to get back to campus and reconnect.

For the last few Reunions, we've done a class outing on Saturday and we're planning to do that again, which will be great. It's become our '88 tradition and a group from our class is kicking around fun ideas you won't want to miss.

So—hold June 9–11, talk to your friends and plan to meet up on the Quad for a weekend of fun.

Getting back to campus with our class is always a good idea ...

Looking forward to seeing you all in June!

All the best, Sharon

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Greetings 89'ers ... The snow is falling in Northern Ohio but not nearly as much as it did during our stay on campus in University Heights. We are currently three-quarters of the way through January and have had only one decent snow squall before Christmas; fine by me ... From Chicago, congratulations are in order for Pamela Rocco Von Lehmden as the American Dental Association has named her vice president of integrated marketing and brand experience where she will oversee a portfolio of marketing and branding functions. She will focus on growing the ADA's Direct to Dentist customer group, a focused segment for the Association. Prior to the ADA. Pamela served as executive vice president for Edelman and Ketchum. She

currently lives in Naperville with her husband and twin daughters and is also a teacher at North Central College. Continued success, Pamela!!

It is with a heavy heart that I have to share the passing of classmate Neil Herald in Chicago on January 21, 2023, where he has made his home for the last 34 years. Neil graduated in 1985 from Bishop Dwenger High School where he was a proud member of the 1983 state championship football team. For the last five years, Neil worked with his partner and brother, Mike, at the Prestwick Group and before that was 30 years with Alliant/Mesiron as a structured settlement broker. Neil loved spending time with his nieces and nephews and also at his local watering hole, Vaughan's Irish Pub. I was fortunate to share a few pops with Neil back in the day as did many of us; our best to his family and friends and he will be missed. RIP Neil. Peace, David

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1991 | Mike Case

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Hello, Class of '91!

If you don't know me, my name is Mike Case. I'm from the Akron area and enjoyed my time at JCU. I played baseball for four years, was an IBG, and loved meeting and hanging with so many of you when we were there. I've taken over this column to write about the best class JCU has. And if you've ever been to a Reunion, you know that's true.

I'll probably do this a little differently than most, because this column should be about catching up and making you smile. I'm not going to ask you about your job, or your kids, because most people don't care. I will refer to women by their maiden name, because that's how we remember you. Let's make it simple and fun!

I work at a cool place called The Grand Resort in Warren, Ohio. You need to look it up! www.TheGrandResort. com. And I was lucky enough to have classmates come and stay and have a great time last summer. Rich Radke and his wife Christie stopped in. We had a big group consisting of Robin Pastore, Terry McCabe, Joe Lardie, John Szachury, Mark Postak, Jim Smith, Mike Santicola, and Troy McClowry come to golf and enjoy the amenities. Troy says, "I had a solid year and I am looking forward to soaring to new heights in 2023." You and me both, brother.

Brian Murphy brought his company employees here, and I get to see Joe **Lobello** every so often. Some great JCU ladies visited. Samantha Saio, Mary Collins, Nancy Ayna, Ellen Evans, Jill Luppino, Laura Friel, Erin O'Laughlin and Beth Robinson still crack me up.

Margo Stoffel lives near the Resort along with **Toni DiMauro**, so I'll see them on occasion. Mike Cummins and Becky **Dawes** are married in Columbus and had me over for an evening. And I still text with Scott Zeitzheim and Tim **Connor** here and there. Same with **Bryan Day,** who needs to get up here and visit.

Some of you might know that every year, a bunch of '91ers from the Akron-Canton area meet for dinner and to catch up. This year they met at Gervasi Winery in Canton and had a great turn out. Those in attendance included Vince Ricciuti. Shelby Cash, Gene Pompili, Chris Conti, Carl Dibernardo, Dan Hewitt, Stan Rhodes, Andy Piech, Dan Florig, Marc Surmay, Todd and Kim Baisch Wessel, Tom Doyle and Bob Connors. What a great group! I'm definitely coming next year—keep me posted.

Shout out to my guys in Detroit—Adam Waechter and Pat O'Leary—you owe me a text. Along with Rich Sack, Dave McClafferty, Mike Susan, Bruce **Emmerth,** and the rest of you slugs. You know how to get a hold of me.

Ok, now the most prestigious part of the column: Three Questions With Mike, And Beth Robinson gets to go first, since she got me this gig.

- Class you had the most trouble with? Sociology
- Favorite food at Saga? Salad Bar, but taking the marshmallows and Rice Krispies and making their own Rice Krispie Treats in the dorm is a close second.
- Favorite Night Spot: The Colony

Ok, that's it. Please reach out; it's been too long and I shouldn't have to wait five years. Let me know what you're up to. Email me at mikecase10@aol.com. Sure. you make fun of AOL, but no one ever hacks it! Cheers, '91ers!!

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Please mark your calendars for Reunion Weekend, Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10! Some of the events will include the Annual Alumni Golf Classic which will be held on Friday, and a reception on Rodman Terrace on Friday evening with gourmet food trucks, bars, artists, and live music. Saturday will include a full schedule of events, programs, dinner, music, dancing, and will end with a new and improved fireworks display on the quad!

Congratulations to **Julie Weaver**, who has been appointed as division director



of human resources for the College of Architecture, Arts, and Design at Virginia Tech.

Our deepest condolences to the family of fellow Graduate school classmate, Elgie Underwood, who passed away on August 5, 2022.

1994 | Katie (Gerba) Niehaus gerbafamily@yahoo.com

Greetings, Class of 1994! I am excited to share news from fellow classmates that reached out with updates. **Pete Wilson** retired from the Army in 2020 after 26 years of service and returned to Northeast Ohio. His family—wife Nina, son Charlie, and daughters Ellie and Annie—love rooting for Ohio home teams, and have planted community roots. Pete works at Cisco as a customer success executive and Nina is a nurse midwife. lactation consultant, and woman's health nurse practitioner. Welcome home, Pete and thanks for your years of service! Cricket Scheurer has owned a preschool and daycare for 13 years. She has a wonderful staff so she doesn't have to go to the office often. She is making a resolution for 2023 to make more eye contact with others and do more for others. Hopefully by doing so, she hopes she will send out positive energy and get others to be kinder to each other. What a nice resolution, Cricket!! Nicole Duffy Mastropietro lives in Carmel, Indiana with her daughter (16) and son (13). Despite being challenged with Autism level 1, ADHD, and being 2e, her son is doing fantastic in 8th grade with an amazing support system at Creekside Middle School. She can't wait to see what the future holds for both of them. Meanwhile, during the pandemic and despite health challenges with a new Crohn's Disease diagnosis, her bonus daughter graduated from UMass



Amherst with a degree in psychology and then a Master's in business analytics, also from UMass. She has a career she loves in Connecticut, is near her mom, and has an apartment with her bestie. Nicole's husband Chris is still working as a CVICU intensive care physician at Riley Children's Hospital while Nicole continues to feel lucky to be a stay-athome mom. Finally, I received a picture from a 50th birthday trip to Charleston of Meghan Wilson, Kathryn Settembre Kowcheck. Melissa Lohman Manner. Lara Vidmar Slatniske, and Sarah Kocian Alzamora. Looking fabulous, ladies! Hope everyone is doing well and I look forward to hearing from you to add to future columns. You can contact me at gerbafamily@yahoo.com or on our class Facebook page. Katie

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Hello. All. from beautiful Cleveland! Hopefully while you are reading this column, the Guardians are getting ready for another great season and nobody else has stolen Tito's scooter. It has been a good start to the year. My son has started at St. Ignatius, so he is beginning his Jesuit education. Another great part about him going to SIHS is that I have reconnected with some old classmates, notably Maureen Downs Meidenbauer and her husband Adam '95. Our sons played on the SIHS soccer team and have a few classes together. Another connection I made recently is with Megan Baldino, who is happily living and working in Houston. Texas as the head of corporate communications for BP America. She transferred from Alaska to Texas in 2020. Interestingly, her boss is also a JCU alum, JP Fielder. Megan is married with one child: Lucy who is 10 and the most brilliant little girl you could ever know—but of course mom may be a little biased. Super-great to connect with old classmates. I hope everyone is doing well. Drop me a note when you get a chance. All the best, GO

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Hello, everyone! With this summer being our 25th Reunion, sometimes I still can't believe it has been that long since graduation and those first days at Murphy Hall. Here we go with two updates from our fellow classmates.

Congratulations to **Lisa Ann Tekancic** Salamat on publishing her second children's book, "The Curiosity Adventures of Miss Alley ~ At the Mansion" under her pen name Lea Truman. Told from the cat's perspective, Miss Alley, Frankie, and their feline friends have set out on their next adventure. The book begins with Miss Alley and Frankie, along with Grayson and Red, exploring a rickety old garden door. What will they find when they maneuver their way around the garden door? What they discover is the meaning of providing comfort and respect to those in need and inspiring a community to join together for the common good. Visit leatruman.com or Amazon.com to order your copy today.

In July of 2022, **Ryan Huston** moved with his wife, two daughters (ages 7 and 10), and dog to Geneva, Switzerland. Ryan is there for a three-year assignment with the U.S. State Department working at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations and International Organizations, After a previous assignment in Austria, Ryan's family is most excited to be so close to skiing. While Ryan doesn't ski, he enjoys watching his girls improving on the slopes as well as the hiking opportunities and seeking out the best beer in Switzerland.

In the spirit of Reunion, I can't help but think of the time as undergrads that both Ryan and I served as head clerks for Reunion weekend. I will always be thankful for the opportunity to learn so much from the alumni, fellow students, JCU Alumni Office staff, faculty, and administration. And of course, still having fun while working to implement the best possible Reunion for alumni. For example, a simple reunion supply run to Sam's Club with the late JCU legend, longtime director in the Alumni Office, and Alumni Medal recipient Pete Bernardo '67, '72G, '17G is one of my all-time favorite JCU memories ... with us discussing at Sam's Club the pros and cons of buying fireworks for that Reunion. Cooler heads prevailed that day with us not buying fireworks; however,

we did immediately pivot to the idea of buying Sam's Club cheesecake for student clerks and Alumni Office staff. Years later, now that fireworks are part of Reunion weekend, I believe Pete is smiling down on all of us as he also watches the JCU fireworks. And maybe he is enjoying a piece of cheesecake as well. Looking forward to seeing everyone in June at Reunion! Mike

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Greetings, Class of '99!

I hope you are all doing well and have much to look forward to in 2023!

Congratulations to **Manju Gupta** who recently joined the business litigation group in the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis LLC. In her practice, she largely supports businesses awarded federal government contracts, and among her many roles is involved in contract dispute resolution and shareholder settlement negotiations. We wish her much continued success in her career!

It is with great sadness that I share the news of the passing of our classmate. Victor Matteucci. Victor leaves behind his wife, Amanda, a young daughter, and a child on-the-way. May God keep special watch over his family and provide them comfort as they move forward. Please keep them all in your prayers.

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The past few months have been full of excitement. Lots of news from our classmates which always makes these updates more enjoyable.

I've been busy at work, recently picking up New York City in my territory for

Adobe's user experience public sector team. This worked out to be perfect timing, as in January I was able to host Dr. Frank Navratil and the Finance and Wealth Management Association. We had around 25 JCU undergrads in our Times Square office and three amazing JCU Alumni sharing information about their careers today. Hilary Cauley '14. who is with Guggenheim Partners; Tyler Lendzion '15, an entrepreneur after graduating from Harvard with an MBA: and Mike Raschilla '15, currently a student at NYU's Law School, after being a bond trader at Jefferies for three-plus years. It was so nice to host JCU and see the impact that our amazing school in Cleveland is having in the Big Apple.

Dana DelSignore Garber reached out to pass along some impressive accolades for her husband John Garber '12G. John is the Twinsburg High School girls soccer head coach and this year he won several impressive awards for coaching. In October, he picked up his 100th win as a head coach. He was then named the Division 1 Coach of the Year for the entire state of Ohio. As a result, he was further nominated and ultimately awarded the Large Public School Coach of the Year for the region, which is a national recognition and included only 10 other nominees. He accepted this award in December in Philadelphia, at the United Soccer Coaches Convention. Congrats to John—and just think about all the lives that he has impacted over the course of his tenure as a soccer coach!

Greg Holcomb was recently appointed the town administrator of the historic Town of Colmar Manor, Maryland, a suburb bordering Washington, D.C. We have so many alumni in the Greater D.C. area; I'm sure this appointment would be an awesome conversation over a D.C. JCU Alumni Happy Hour.



In March 2022, Michelle Kate Weber **Allen** was a featured author at the Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival. A recording of her panel, "Coming On Strong: Creating Powerful Women" is available on her website, mkateallen.com. Kate was one of four authors talking about their various books. Kate has authored a large number of books: an adult novel called "Memory Stands Still," a YA novel called "Playing Gauche," and a series called Sticky Ones that include Goosebumps-style books for kids, among others. The Sticky Ones series is very popular—she has kids and grown-ups alike asking for more as soon as she publishes a new one. How great is that? You can check out all her books here: goodreads.com/mkateallen.

Gina Dowell Palmer has also recently published a children's book collection, "The Birthday Books!" Her official launch date was February 7, 2023; books are available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble, and she encourages those who are interested to buy directly from her site as <u>all</u> her proceeds support Alex's Lemonade Stand, providing research and support to the families affected by pediatric cancer. You can find her website here: www. thebirthdaybooks.shop. I just ordered the box set and my two girls are going to love reading these. Thank you, Gina!

Christine Mazzacone Steidel noted that she enjoys reading all of the updates in the JCU Alumni magazine, so if you are reading this and haven't sent in an update, just know how much people look forward to hearing from our classmates. Christine is living in New Jersey with husband, James, and their four children and rescue dog. Christine is a full-time mom and recently began working part-time as the director of operations for a successful real estate firm. She stavs in touch with fellow classmates Maura Roddy-Ping and Michelle Delsignore Segerson. They are all very excited about our 20th Reunion coming up in 2024 ... wow ... 20 years!?!

Danielle LoVaglio-Caccavale and her husband Adam welcomed their son Dominic in April of 2020 and Carmela in August of 2021. They also relocated to the Cincinnati area from NYC in April 2021 to raise their family.

Thanks again to everyone who sent in the updates, until next time.

Paul

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Hello, Class of 2006! I hope 2023 is off to a wonderful start. Our class has quite a few exciting updates to share.

Anita Brahm Mallott and husband Patrick moved to the Bay Area in summer 2021 with their two children, Tyler and Julia. Patrick was admitted to the partnership at KPMG LLP where he works in the audit practice. Anita volunteers on the PTA Board and is a Girl Scout Leader. They are enjoying the West Coast, including the weather and exploring new sights! Brigid Long **Groves** was promoted to vice president, pharmacy practice at the American Pharmacists Association in Washington, D.C., where she is leading the efforts to advance pharmacy practice, along with the outstanding pharmacy practice and professional affairs team. Michael Sivert was recently elected as the president of Ohio ASCD and also



released a course on trauma-informed teaching for educators around the world. He has been teaching for 18 years; currently teaching fifth grade for Huron City Schools. Jake Oresick is an attorney at Houston Harbaugh, P.C. in Pittsburgh. His second book, "The Pittsburgh Novel: Western Pennsylvania in Fiction and Drama, 1792-2022," was published earlier this year and is available for free online at https://openpublishing.psu.edu/ pittsburghnovel/. Mike Vidmar is now the director of acquisitions for Marous Development Group in Willoughby, Ohio. Mike and Alex Macuga Vidmar live in Strongsville with their three children, Savannah, Mikey, and Betsy. Lisa Muniz **DeVaughn** became the sanitation supervisor for the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department. **Dejan Mladenovic** is the head coach of JCU's men's soccer team! Go Blue Streaks!

Shaniqua Caffee and H. Teree Harris '10 (pictured bottom left) were married on August 5. They have a fifteen-year-old son, Thaddeus, and are looking forward to welcoming their second child in July.

Tony Grego married Lacey (pictured top left) on December 17 in Cleveland, Ohio. Quite a few JCU grads from 2002-2024 helped celebrate the new couple.

Gabriella Mileti Petruziello and husband Mark Petruziello '08 moved from Huntington Beach, California to Corona, California in September of 2022. They are expecting their first child in March. Joe Otonichar and wife, Yecika, welcomed their first child, Joseph Otonichar V, in August. Joe was also promoted to the role of medical director of mental health for NYC-HHC Correctional Health Services on Rikers Island. Christina Ogorek Nichols welcomed her second child, Edwin Anthony, in November. He has a proud four-year-old big sister, Frances Cordelia.

Classmates surprised John Farrell for his 40th birthday in Pittsburgh! (pictured below, bottom right) Left to right: Tim Madigan, Britt Madigan, Mark Sellers, Amanda Rembold O'Neil ('07), John Farrell, Chelsea Farrell, Lauryn Rainaldi McCabe, Sean McCabe, Rory O'Neil.

2007 | Lisa Lafelice Catalano and Brittany Bush

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Hello, Class of 2008! I hope everyone is doing well and ready for our Reunion in 2023! I can't believe it's been 15 years since we graduated! Reunion is always a fun time where we go back to college and pretend we're in our early 20s again. It'll be fun to go see all the changes that have been made to campus in these past 15 years! The Murphy Hall we knew our freshman year is much different—can't wait to see it! I hope to see you all at Reunion and then we can add all of our pictures to the next John Carroll magazine! I have two big things to share! Congratulations goes out to Mary Baglieri who married Sebastian Louisoder on November 5,







2022! It was destiny that brought a girl from Ohio and a guy from Germany together in Phoenix who then got married in Northeast Ohio! With a JCU tie-in. Sebastian loved the John Carroll campus when he and Mary were visiting and it solidified their plan to get married in Cleveland! There were many JCUers present, including **Emily Monteleone**, Andy Costigan, Abby Joyce, Patrick Carpenter, Jennifer Pompeani Goliat, Dan Goliat '07, and Suzy Music. The pair currently live in Phoenix with their German Shepherds, Ranger and Kinley, who they adore! Congrats, you two! Some other exciting news is that **Kristen** Kovach Eschmann and her husband **Ehren** both qualified and completed the World Triathlon Championships, held in Canada every summer! Kristen placed third and Ehren placed eleventh in their respective age groups! We have some world-class athletes in our class! Congratulations! Well, that's all I have for us! Continue to send me great updates! Hope to see everyone at Reunion 2023! XOXO, Ann

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Congratulations to Sara Culhane Roland, husband Chris, and big sister Grace who welcomed Emma Blais Roland on November 9, 2022.

2011 | Maura Jochum

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Hello! We have so many exciting updates, I will jump right in! Many of our classmates (including several Carroll Couples) shared news of new babies (and Future Blue Streaks)!

Rachel Thompson Kubanda and husband Michael joyfully welcomed

their daughter, Claire Elise (pictured 1), on December 1, 2022. Claire joins big brother Isaac. Rachel is a partner at the Kean Miller law firm in Houston.

Congratulations to **Joe Pyne** and Annelyse Giovannitti Pyne '12 who welcomed their first child, Owen James Pyne (pictured 2), on July 27, 2022. Joe shares that Owen is "the happiest little guy."

Julie Rybak and Corey Shontz '12 (pictured 3) welcomed their second child, Callan, on July 30, 2022. Corey was inducted into the JCU Athletic Hall of Fame in September and they were able to celebrate the occasion as a family of four!

Alex White Pauley and her husband welcomed Eloise Elisabeth Pauley (pictured 4) on September 9, 2022. Alex reports that "mom, dad, and big sister Vivienne are doing well."

Tyler Bond and his family also welcomed a new member of the family in September 2022 with the arrival of Sebastian (pictured 5).





Turning to professional updates, **Stephan** Burdette, MS, CRSW, CPS was promoted to the position of behavior consultant with William J. White Behavior and Educational Consulting Inc. in Ashland, New Hampshire. He also received his certification through the Crisis Prevention Institute as an instructor and a trauma interventionist. He will be completing his second master's degree in education with



















a focus in curriculum and instruction at Plymouth State University. In August of 2021,

Joe Catanese was promoted to president of his company, Germane Solutions. It is a healthcare consulting firm, based in Dayton, Ohio, that specializes in Graduate Medical Education Consulting.

Christine Jaqueth Mason co-founded a nonprofit women's tackle football team in Cincinnati, called the Cincinnati Cougars. 2023 will be their first season. They will play against other women's teams in a nationwide league using standard NCAA football rules. Christine is proud to say the team has already become a supportive and encouraging community for female athletes around Cincinnati.

In more baby updates: **Brian McCall** and wife Allison Graham McCall '16 welcomed Dorthea "Thea" Elizabeth McCall on October 27, 2022. (picture is in the 2016 column)

And—Congratulations to **Brendan** McCreary. He and Rheana Cabance of San Diego, California were engaged on December 26, 2021 in Smoky Mountain National Park and are planning a Spring '23 wedding!

Congratulations to everyone! Looking forward to hearing from more of you in the near future. Until then, let me know if you find yourself in University Heights-I would love to see you and show you some of the exciting changes on campus. With love for JCU, Maura

2012 | Emily Herfel, D.O.

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Happy 2023! I really enjoyed catching up with some of you last summer at our 10-year Reunion. It was a bummer to not see more of our class, but being on campus (pictured 1, above) brought back plenty of good memories!

Many of you added to your families in 2022. Lauren and Bob Utrup (pictured 2, above) welcomed their first baby girl, Evelyn Antoinette, in late July.

John Daily and his wife Alison welcomed their second son, Lucas Christopher, on August 29, 2022. Their four-year-old started Pre-K in the fall, and John continues to work as an RN in the Medical ICU (MICU) with the MetroHealth System in Cleveland

Alice Kaplan was born on August 23 to Nick and Kelly Kaplan. (pictured 3, above)

Meghan and Teddy Dellas welcomed their son, Andrew Walter Dellas (pictured 4, above), on Sept. 30th!

Lauren Grzegorzewski Thomas and Craig Thomas '11, '12G welcomed baby— Charlotte (pictured 5, above)—to the family in October. Her big sisters, Quinn and Peyton, are big helps!

Adele Koury Gabriele and husband Nick '13 welcomed Nora on December 14, 2022!

Congratulations to **Sean and Abigail** Cahill who married on June 3, 2022 at Church of the Gesu, attended by many JCU alums. They are expecting a baby boy in March of this year. On a personal note, I got engaged in 2022 and have an April 2023 wedding in Chapel Hill, North Carolina planned, with many JCU alumni friends invited.

Until next time, Emily Herfel, D.O.



2013 | Larry Napoli Inapoli1990@gmail.com

Sadly, as some of you may have seen, we lost our beloved classmate. Alvssa **J. Wheeler-Keene**, who passed away unexpectedly on November 4, 2022. Alyssa was incredibly involved while a student at John Carroll, graduating cum laude in 2013 with a bachelor's degree in political science. While she was at JCU, she was chapter president of Kappa Delta Sorority in 2012 and vice president of operations in 2011. She was also a member of the Order of Omega and Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Program. Alyssa and her family will always remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Owen Timlin, and his wife, Kathryn, welcomed their second child, a girl, Amelia Rose Timlin, on August 9, 2022, weighing in at 8 lbs. and 6 oz.

Larissa (Rodriguez) Oster, and her husband, Mitchell, welcomed their second child, a girl, Emerson Quinn Oster (pictured 1, page 45) on September 26, 2022.

Christine Lauber and Dave Krajewski (fellow Jesuit institution, Canisius College '12) were married on October 8, 2022, in Buffalo, New York. The couple's ceremony took place at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, followed by a reception at Resurgence Brewery, surrounded by family and friends.

Maddi Ferrara and Kiran Bhat Kashi (pictured 2, below) were engaged on September 1, 2022, at Penitentiary Glen Reservation in Kirtland, Ohio. The couple is busy planning a wedding for September 2023 to be held at Mapleside Farms in Brunswick, Ohio.

Kevin McCall and Nikki Wise (pictured 3, below) were married on August 6, 2022, at St. Bridget of Kildare Parish in Parma, Ohio, followed by a reception at Lakewood Country Club in Westlake, Ohio. Kevin and Nikki celebrated throughout the night surrounded by family and friends, including many JCU alumni!

In November 2022, **Hallie Fetterman**, Ph.D., started at Cleveland Clinic's Center for Pediatric Behavioral Health. Dr. Fetterman is a pediatric psychologist who sees patients at Cleveland Clinic Main Campus. She specializes in social skills instruction and behavioral consultation and intervention.

Andrew Costa, and his wife, Kim, welcomed their first child, John, on October 14, 2022. John shares a birthday with his grandpa, Mark, JCU Class of 1979.

In November 2022, **Nick Santucci** was elected as the State Representative in Ohio's 64th District. The 64th House District includes Warren, Niles, Howland, Vienna, McDonald, Girard, Liberty, and Hubbard. Nick won a tightly contested race and is looking forward to serving his community.

Nancy Abdelshahid Baker was recently promoted to aerospace materials and process engineer II at Honeywell. She also received three distinguished awards and multiple recognitions from senior leadership for her contributions to aerospace.

Reverend Alyse Viggiano, an ordained Episcopal priest, is a well-respected clergyperson among the St. Paul Episcopal congregation in Alexandria, Virginia. Alyse joined St. Paul's clergy as a curate in July 2017 and became

assistant rector in March 2019. Hailing from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Alyse recently graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary, where she made a tangible impact on the campus and community by creating and founding "The Flamingo," its first ever coffeehouse. At St. Paul's, she is primarily responsible for pastoral care coordination, outreach, and evangelism.

Chris Hammond and his wife Emily welcomed their first child, Evelyn Lucille Hammond, on December 29, 2022.

Patrick O'Brien and Courtney Carter (pictured 4, below) were married on October 22, 2022, at Arrowhead Golf Club in Akron, New York. The couple was surrounded by a number of JCU classmates from the class of 2013, as well as other JCU alums.

Patrick Fallon '14G, and his wife, Pembroke, welcomed their first child, Graham Robert Fallon (pictured 5, bottom right), on September 30, 2022. Graham is already a big JCU fan and may follow in the footsteps of his dad one day!

Katie Largent Riley and Chad Riley welcomed their first child, Charles "Charlie" P. Riley V, (pictured 6, bottom left) on January 25, 2023.



And finally ... <u>I got engaged</u> (pictured 7, bottom right corner)_to my longtime girlfriend, Amanda Accordino, on November 12, 2022, at the script Cleveland sign in Tremont. After it happened, we celebrated with family and friends at Market Garden Brewery and are targeting a fall 2024 date for our wedding ceremony and reception.







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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Hello, Class of 2014!

Hope all is well! I was excited to be back in the Cleveland area in December to attend Mary-Kate Begin Knowlton's wedding to her husband (pictured 1, below), Dan. Her wedding was attended by other Kappa Delta sisters who tried, but failed, to remember the choreography to our first place Harry Potter lip sync performance. Speaking of former Kappa Deltas, Sara Schoonmaker—who played Draco Malfoy in the aforementioned lip sync—got engaged to Matt Sokolich (pictured 2, below) in September during a visit to Shenandoah National Park.

And **Julie Nieberding Bell** (pictured 3, below) also had an eventful year. Not only did she get married in the Dolan Science Center Atrium (with Father Bernie officiating), she also started a behavior consulting company called ABA & Beyond LLC.

In August, there was a mini-Chi Omega reunion in Buffalo, when **Erica Ruszczyk Cownie** (pictured 4, below) married her husband, Dylan. Then in June, former JCU Women's Basketball player **Allie Lustig Linane** married former JCU Men's Basketball player David Linane '17 in Nashville. Many of the couple's teammates were in attendance. In July, more than 20 JCU graduates were in Chesterland to celebrate the wedding of **Desirée Tercek Vectirelis** and her husband, Josh (pictured 5, right).

There were many weddings in September, including **Christina Minjares Allio** and **Alex Allio** (pictured 6), who were married in Cleveland.

Sixteen JCU grads attended **Allie Stevens Coan**'s wedding (pictured 7, right) to her husband Dan. And one month later, Allie and Dan moved to their new house in Columbus.

In September, **Chelsea Neubecker** married Melanie Luker (pictured 8, right). The two reside in Seattle with their two rescue dogs, Ringo and Rigby.

Also in October, **Letizia Barbi Beckman** married her husband, Marty (pictured 9, right).

Meanwhile, **Megan Murray**—a former editorial intern for the JCU Magazine is celebrating her fifth year living in Brentwood, Los Angeles. It's also her first-year work anniversary nannying for celebrities you may sometimes see in Page Six. **Mike Spettel** is also still living in Los Angeles and attends the same gym as "Elf" star Will Farrell. Spettel is a proud "super dodger" who has not contracted the coronavirus, three years into the pandemic. Many of our other classmates got engaged. Alex Kline got engaged to Taylor Tercek '12 last May. Ellen Kriz will marry **Adam D'Amore** in September. Jami Shanes is marrying her fiancé Brett Gilliam (pictured 10, right) in October.

Justin Camuto (pictured 11, bottom right) had a big year both personally and professionally. He started working as an assistant coach for Miami University's NCAA Division 1 Men's Ice Hockey team and then in June, he and his wife, Lacey, welcomed their first son, Nash. In December, Justin graduated from Xavier University, earning a Master of Education in Coaching Education and Athlete Development. Several of our classmates also grew their families.

Julia Clark Grdic and her husband Stefon welcomed their first son, Luka William, in May (pictured 12). **Katie Trausch Money** and husband, Kevin, welcomed their second daughter, Sophia Katherine, in July (pictured 13).

Also in July, **Aly Monteleone** and her husband Aaron Okuley '15, who are living in San Diego, welcomed their baby girl, Poppy (pictured 14).

Brad and **Kelly Ek Ansec**, who recently purchased a house in Aurora, welcomed Charlie, their first child, in September.

In October, **Teresa Noewer Murphy** and her husband welcomed son Callum Robert Joseph (pictured 15).

Also, that month, **Chris** and **Alexandria Flynn Yurosko** welcomed their second baby boy, Jack Christopher (pictured 16). The Yurosko family of four lives in University Heights and enjoys walking around the JCU campus.

Kelly Maduri Coyne and her husband Joe welcomed their second son, Peyton James (pictured 17), in November (Peyton and his older brother—2-year-old Liam—may be the third generation of Blue Streaks, since their grandfather, Jim Coyne, graduated JCU in 1980).

And in December, **Genna Fanelli Mancine** and her husband, Justin, welcomed a baby boy, Theo Elijah (pictured 18).

Several Bluestreaks are still making a difference in their communities. **Bride Sweeney** was reelected to a third term in the Ohio House of Representatives. She is proud to serve constituents in District 16.

Valerie Smart was nominated as 2023 Tri-C Famous for Cuyahoga Community College, where she is an adjunct instructor and leads the community in practices on teaching and learning in diverse classroom settings.

Adnan Hussain graduated from Cornell Law School in 2021 and has since been working as an associate attorney at the Chicago office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP.









Aime Szymanski
bought a house right
around the corner
from John Carroll in
South Euclid, where
she resides with her
10-year-old rescue dog, Ruby.

And finally, **Kate Pifer**—who, if you recall, opened for BJ Novak back in our JCU glory days—is still as funny as ever. She sent me an update that says, "I'm 30 years old,

I have no money, no prospects, I'm already a burden to my parents and I'm frightened." Kate, we have all been there. Anyway, continue emailing me your updates and stay well!

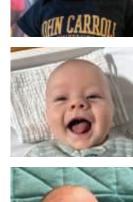
Go Blue Streaks, Deirdre Byrne, Dbyrne14@jcu.edu

2014































2015 | Colleen Reilly Gong

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I hope you all have had a happy and healthy start to the new year. Our class continues to celebrate many wonderful accomplishments, new family additions, and milestones (including, for many of us, the big 3-0! Cheers to this new and exciting chapter of our lives). Halle Shanker Hall was married in July 2022 to her husband Christopher, who is a U.S. Army Veteran. He served in the 82nd Airborne and now works for the Village of Chagrin Falls. Halle is currently the philanthropy and outreach manager for the ASM Materials Education Foundation. Chris and Halle currently reside in Novelty, Ohio, and are excited to welcome their first child, a baby boy, in April 2023.

Kevin Cope and Sara Kaminski Cope '16 welcomed daughter Janie (pictured 1, above) on July 9, 2022, and recently moved to Avon Lake.

Jack Corrigan and Allie Kaminski Corrigan '19 (pictured 2, above) got married this past year and had many Blue Streaks in attendance at their wedding.

Danni Keane and **Alexandra Freyvogel** took a trip to the Big Apple to see Harry Styles at Madison Square Garden.

Dave Schillero and his wife Lindsay now live in Beachwood where Dave works as a real estate agent. They are having a blast raising their first son, Lincoln (pictured 3, top right).

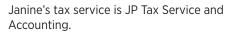
Rimah Jaber is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in counseling psychology at Fordham University (pictured 4, above).

Lauren Grano married Michael Backes on June 18, 2022 (pictured 5, above).

Janine Jennings celebrated a big birthday party on February 4, 2023 and is embarking on an amazing tax season with new clients and accounting relationships. The name of







Angela Cardena Spengler and her husband welcomed son Noah on April 27, 2022 (pictured 7, above).

Congratulations to **Tyler Lendzion**, who got married this past year. **Courtney Radtkin Barilec** started a new job as a child nutrition specialist at the Utah State Board of Education. **Katie Wilczewski** moved back to Cleveland in August and took a job with Akron Public Schools as the K-12 district instructional coach for social studies and physical education. She says that she was doing a lot of this work while teaching the last few years, so it is nice to focus on helping teachers provide the best learning opportunities for students (and in such a large district!).





Michael Gong and I welcomed our son, Thomas Patrick (pictured 6, above), this past August.

Stay well and keep the news coming. *AMDG*.

2016 | Madeline Sweeney

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Alexa Dalessandro married Andrew Clark, both from the John Carroll class of 2016. They currently live in Chicago but the wedding took place at The Cathedral of St. Andrew, Grand Rapids, Michigan and the reception was at the Amway Grand Plaza, also in Grand Rapids.

Nick and Camille Boccio '15 welcomed their baby, Giovanni James Bocci (pictured 1, right), on December 1, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.

On January 28, 2023, **Mason Morrow** proposed to Meg McCabe '17 (pictured 3, right)They met and were surrounded by views from the Lincoln Memorial, Reflecting Pool, and the Washington Memorial in their D.C. home alongside family and friends. It was pure magic.

Christina Lafelice got engaged to Kevin Vinyard '17 in April 2022 and will be married September 2023.

Sydney Muggia Hinson was married on October 15, 2022 to Collin Hinson (pictured 4, right) in Buffalo, New York.

Emmy Jenkins Galet married Mike Galet on July 16, 2022 and also has a new job as a commercial account executive for VMware in Pittsburgh. Kirsten Biddle got engaged and is getting married November 2023. Alec Ciferno and Grace Berry '18 were married. Renee Thomas and Stewart Thomas were married on October 1, 2022.

Patrick Scholla '17 proposed to **Gabrielle Abraham** (pictured 5, right) on John Carroll's campus on January 27, 2023.

Alexus Edinger got engaged to Jay Morgan on November 26, 2021 and will be married this August. Raechel Boyko got engaged to Mike Jones (!!!) on New Years Eve/Day this year and will be married this November.

Hannah Patterson married **Nick St. John** on September 17, 2022.

Emily Fuller had a baby girl in July, 2022, Lily Fuller.

Kevin Cope '15 and **Sara Cope** welcomed their baby, Janie (pictured 8, right), on July 9 at 3:41 p.m. She was 6 lbs., 13 oz., and 18 inches long. I've never seen a more promising future Blue Streak!

Ellie and **Juston Koss** welcomed their second son, Cade Robert Koss, on January 29, 2023 at 4:55 am. He was 6 lb., 11 oz., and 18 inches long.

Jill and **Joe Bloomstine** are expecting their first baby on July 10, 2023, their wedding anniversary.

Silvia lorio began working for the City of Shaker Heights as their new economic development specialist in the Economic Development Department. Mary Kate O'Connor spent a summer managing a herd of 200 horses on a ranch in Montana before returning to Buffalo, New York where she started a new position as as an account manager at Fuseideas. Adrienne Mendes moved to Buffalo, New York.

Julie Lazanich Kolling and Eric Kolling threw an absolute banger of a party to celebrate their marriage and their son Carter danced all night long. Eric and Julie recently completed the adoption process, officially making Carter a Kolling (pictured 6, below).

Allison Graham McCall and Brian McCall '11 welcomed daughter Dorthea "Thea" Elizabeth McCall (pictured 7, below) on October 27, 2022.

Back in 2016, **Renee Fregeau** and **Stewart Smith-Thomas** (pictured 2, top right) were nominated as one of JCU's "Power Couples." Well, in October, they made it official!!

2017 | Amy Awadalla

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Greetings, fellow Blue Streaks! It's your girl, back with another class column to announce some exciting life updates from our 2017 classmates! Love was definitely in the air for our classmates this year. Congratulations to **Alex Correa** and **Meredith Testa Correa** (pictured 1, page 47) who said their vows together in a beautiful ceremony on October 1, 2022 in Youngstown, Ohio with JCU alumni in attendance!

Another huge congratulation to our classmate, **Allison Mintus**, and her new hubs, Brian Turner (pictured 2, page 47)! Allison and Brian were married on October 22, 2022 in Buxton, North Carolina. Congrats, Al!

Are ya'll feeling the love? I know I am; let's keep going!



















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1987 | Dennis Casey dcasey87@comcast.net

Hello to all!

We are in the grip of January winter weather as I write this latest column. Dave and Diane Palumbo Galo met up with fellow Blue Streaks Dave Brickner '88 and Karyn Sikaitis Brickner '88 in Key West in January where the Brickners call home so they knew where to be! Eric Sosinski also knew where to be on a trip to the Orlando area in November when he was able to connect with his fellow St. Ed's classmate Bob Mayer for some catch-up at an Irish pub nearby. Congratulations to Joe and Janet Bordonaro **Burrello** on the marriage of their daughter Katie in Pittsburgh in August! And speaking of nuptials, congratulations to our own Dr. Dave Clifford on his marriage to Nellie in a gorgeous ceremony on St. Martin on January 7! Best wishes and it was great to meet Nellie at reunion the past summer. Kris Root Riley was honored in the fall by the Holy Family School PTU in Parma, Ohio for her outstanding nurturing, love, and caring support and teaching to her kindergarten classes each year. Well done, Kris!

The balance of our column sadly is for three classmates who have passed away just since our

last column was shared. Amv Zielonka Dawson, Jim Olexa, and **Jeff Gugliotta** each have left us way too soon. Pam Rachfal Cermak and Liz Pesch shared some words on their dear friend Amv.

Amy passed away November 3, 2022. During her time at JCU, Amy worked in the Alumni office. She stayed in the Cleveland area after graduating and worked for Bank One and Key Bank. Most recently, she had been the elected Fiscal Officer for Concord Township and was also Fiscal Officer for Kirkland Library. She is survived by her husband Bob, who she had just celebrated 30 years together with a trip to Europe. She also leaves her sons Capt. Alec R. Dawson, ASAF and wife Annie C. Dawson (Veteran, USAF), and Capt. Ross E. Dawson, USAF. We reunited in San Francisco, where Liz has lived for the last 26 years, to celebrate Amy's life.

Jim Olexa passed away November 12 in England, where he and his wife and family had lived for the past 25 years. Jim was a CEO and executive with companies in the automotive and transportation space while based on Europe and his success allowed him to retire early. His older brother Paul '82 shared the news and included a link to a video that hopefully you can take a few minutes to watch

to see Jim and his wife share their love of off-roading in their prized Jeep Wrangler for a British off-roading enthusiasts' organization. In it. Jim speaks candidly of his condition and how the drives gave him great enjoyment. https://youtu.be/ wLZ6-KepiLE. Jim was a vice president in IXY and also voted IXY of the Year. Fittingly, Jim was buried in his IXY blazer.

Unfortunately, I was not able to get details on Jeff Gugliotta's passing, but know we will all keep Amy, Jim, and Jeff and their families in our prayers.

Whatever our circumstances are, the line from a favorite Jimmy Buffet song sounds more and more on point as we progress along: "Life's short, call now." Keep in touch or reach out to those you have lost touch with from JCU or any of your life's stops. Time is precious and fleeting.

As always, please send me your updates and follow the class at our own Facebook group icuclassof87

Onward, on Class of '87! Dennis

Congratulations to Morgan Osheka Holler and Brian Holler who were married on October 1, 2022 in Shaker Heights, Ohio. They celebrated with fellow JCU alums, Rachel Osheka '18, Katherine Early, Megan Goedeker, Sara Schoonmaker '15, Jim Treiber, John Tortelli, and Tim Krolikowski. Congratulations also to Maria Pina and Francis Boccuzzi '18, '19G!! Their wedding was at Our Lady of Peace, followed by a reception at John Carroll, where the two met while both serving as RAs.

2018 | Seeking Class Columnist journal@jcu.edu

Greetings, fellow Blue Streaks!

Congratulations to Maria Pina '17 and **Francis Boccuzzi**! Their wedding (pictured 3, bottom right) was at Our Lady of Peace, followed by a reception at John Carroll, where the two met while both serving as RAs.

It's hard to believe that five years have already passed since our graduation. As we approach our first Reunion, it's exciting to think about the opportunities to reconnect with old friends, reminisce about our college days, and celebrate our achievements since then.

As we look back on our time at John Carroll, it's inspiring to see all that we've accomplished since graduating. Whether you've pursued advanced degrees, started a new career, or are simply enjoying life's journey, I'm sure that each of us has unique and interesting stories to share.

Alumni Relations is hard at work planning a memorable and fun-filled weekend for us to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate our time at John Carroll. There will be several events, including a golf outing, a welcome back festival, and a firework finale on Hamlin Quad!

I hope that each of you will make plans to attend and be a part of this special reunion year. Let's come together to celebrate our alma mater and the friendships that we've made and maintained over the years!

I hope to see you on June 9th and 10th! Keep an eye out for information on how to register.

Onward On! Mike Andelbradt

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2020 | Kendall Miller

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Hello, Class of 2020!

I hope this spring continues to bring new adventures and blessings your way. Please continue to stay in touch and pass along all of your exciting updates via email or social media. I can't wait to hear from you!

Take care, Kendall

2021 | Morgan Jochum

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Natalia Pozuelo serves on the Alpha Sigma Nu, the international Jesuit honor collegiate society, Young Advisory Alumni Council. Alpha Sigma Nu launched a new initiative in 2022, the Young Alumni Advisory Council. The inaugural cohort of 10 alumni members, who graduated in the last five years, represents diverse backgrounds, alma maters, and experiences with Alpha Sigma Nu. She was featured in their latest magazine and was selected by the board of Alpha Sigma Nu out of an international pool of candidates to serve on the seven-member council.

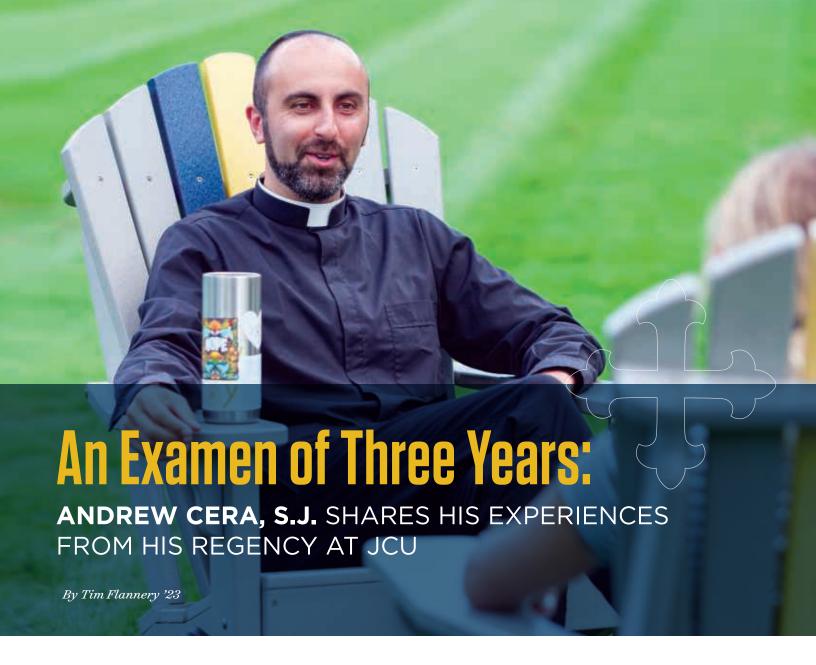
Sydney Dalrick recently got engaged to Liam McIntosh '19 and will be getting married later this year. Sydney is also working towards her masters and specialist degree in school psychology at Cleveland State University.

Michael Anderson '22G' recently started a new job for Deloitte Tax in Pittsburgh.









Of the many purposes it serves to brighten its students' lives, John Carroll's campus is also a place of reflection. There's an air about its spaces that calls for the community to stop for a moment and think about their day. For JCU's in-house Jesuit Regent Andrew Cera S.J., that reflection moment is what drew him to the Society of Jesus and ultimately to this school. Using Ignatian contemplation, Cera now reflects on his three-year experience with JCU.

"My first year here was at the height of COVID," Cera said when asked about his first time on campus. After completing his first studies at Fordham University, Cera moved into his next step in Jesuit formation as a regent, or a scholar who works in a Jesuit institution. "It was the summer of 2020 and ... there was nobody really here. I asked myself 'where's the invitation?"



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Despite the complications of the pandemic years, it wouldn't take too long for Cera to find that invitation. In his regency, Cera became a professor in the Theology and Religious Studies department. Under Reverend Thomas Pipp's guidance, Cera taught his first Ignatian Spirituality class. He did so well in his role that he was soon teaching Christian Spirituality and instructing in JCU's Ignatian Spirituality Institute, too.

Cera brings Jesuit reflection to teaching his courses: "What I've tried simply to do is help students in class interpret their own experience ... to help them notice where there might be deeper meaning." When asked about the students he taught, Cera noted that, "reflection is woven into the fabric

of our university. The way I talk to professors and students shows they are thoughtful about their own experiences after class."

In 2021, Cera's second year of regency, students finally came back to campus and interacted in person. So Cera took his Ignatian inspiration from the classroom to his well-known spot on campus: the quad. Many students can point to one time or another when they saw Cera sitting in an Adirondack chair sipping tea, reading, or talking to others. "A lot of what I do on the quad is simply ask students, 'How's it going?' and within that, things just unfold. As they're unfolding, Ignatius would say, 'How can I help somebody pay attention to those glimmers that happen during the day?" When those glimmers happen, Cera takes that person through an impromptu Ignatian examen.

"He has always been someone that I know I could talk to or receive any sort of advice from," said Lily Free '24. Free has been involved in Campus Ministry since she came to JCU, and has a strong relationship with Cera. For her, Cera was "one of my first professors here, and he opened my eyes to an interactive faith that I had never been taught before."

Cera also took on the role of Retreat Program Director in Campus Ministry in his second year. And just like on the quad and in the classroom, Cera utilized his Ignatian spiritual teaching: "I provide a structure to the retreats that is loosely based on the Spiritual Exercises themselves. It's a process of discovery ... listening for where the Spirit is moving us."

Cera continued his roles into his final year, becoming a great professor, a friend on the quad, and an overall spiritual leader. For him, one of the best parts about JCU is who he's met: "The beauty I see at John Carroll is that people really try to be people of depth. And when it happens, others can feel that." This reflection moment is what JCU provides on campus and what Cera has embodied in his time here. When his regency ends in May and Cera returns to his studies before ordination, JCU will miss him-but knows he will set the world on fire as an amazing contemplative in action.

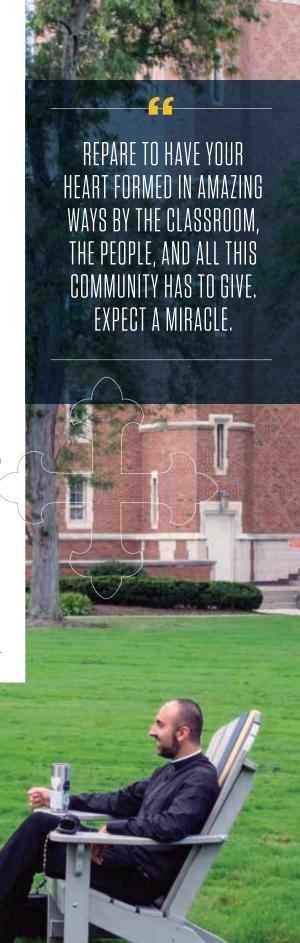
Before the end of his reflection, Cera had this to say about JCU's effect on everyone that comes to campus: "Prepare to have your heart formed in amazing ways by the classroom, the people, and all this community has to give. Expect a miracle."

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IS MOVING US.



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In Memoriam

John Carroll University extends condolences to



Robert Trivison	1942	9/16/22	Thomas Scanlon	1959	10/30/22
Richard Snider	1949	12/15/22	Robert Showiak	1959	10/20/22
James Callow	1950	1/11/23	Robert C. Binder	1960	8/13/22
Warren Cummings	1950	9/8/22	John Feighan	1960	12/9/22
Edmund Turk	1950	10/4/22	Richard Low	1960	2/19/23
Richard Kmiecik	1951		Robert Burns	1961	2/19/23
Robert Grindereng	1952	11/28/22	John Durkin	1961	12/23/22
Frank Siroky	1952	3/14/23	Michael O'Donnell	1961	12/7/22
Ralph Bosch	1953	11/20/22	Paul Hellstern	1961	11/12/21
Patrick Moran	1953	12/10/22	C. Howard Crane	1962	2/28/23
Walter Shimoda	1953	11/4/22	G. Allen Kopfinger	1962	12/23/22
Richard Dow	1954	1/14/23	John Sheehan	1963	9/8/22
Zita Tumney	1954	1/23/23	Bernard Canepari	1964	12/17/22
Joseph Tetlak	1955	12/11/22	Peter Corodimas	1964	11/20/22
John Crawford	1956	3/3/23	James Heavey	1964	10/25/22
Lawrence Kinskey	1956	1/18/23	David Lichtenberg	1965	9/23/22
L. Morgan Lavin	1956	9/9/22	Wayne Bifano	1966	1/6/23
Raymond McGuinness	1956	3/1/23	William Davis	1966	3/20/23
Robert Porter	1956	3/24/23	Robert Ference	1966	12/8/22
John Spisak	1957	3/23/23	Lance McGannon	1966	10/3/22
James Toomey	1957	10/10/22	Paul Reddington	1966	12/29/22
Thomas Makovic	1958	9/7/22	Paul Broadbent	1967	2/7/23
John McLoughlin	1958	9/25/22	Wayne Daum	1967	1/15/23
Gerald Porter	1958	4/12/22	David Gohr	1967	11/23/22
Philip Doherty	1959	12/12/22	Edward Smietana	1967	9/2/22
Michael Grogan	1959	10/3/22	Joseph Brehl	1968	11/28/22
Joseph Kung	1959	2/14/23	Paul Mockenhaupt	1968	2/8/23
David Ludwick	1959	4/23/22	Frank Schillace	1969	1/13/23

Richard Vah	1969	3/20/23
Michael Nichols Brinker	1970	9/4/22
Judith Seltz Dunn	1970	12/14/22
Edward Heutsche	1970	3/16/23
William Jonke	1970	12/29/22
John Mascellino	1970	3/2/23
Dennis McCarthy	1970	3/11/23
Martin Crimmins	1971	9/25/22
Kathleen Foley Gibbons	1972	3/25/23
Dennis Niermann	1972	12/6/22
Carla Tomino	1972	10/27/22
Thomas Crimmins	1973	11/10/22
Daniel Keogh	1974	9/19/22
Steven Roys	1974	9/30/20
Margot Enright Ivers	1975	11/2/22
Joseph Sullivan	1976	3/27/23
Vir <mark>g</mark> inia B <mark>atchelor Bair</mark>	1977	10/30/22
Ma <mark>ri</mark> anne Kerr	1977	4/6/23
Thomas McNeill	1977	3/10/23
Anne Spodnik Cloonan	1980	12/2/22
Marjorie Buscemi	1981	11/16/22
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