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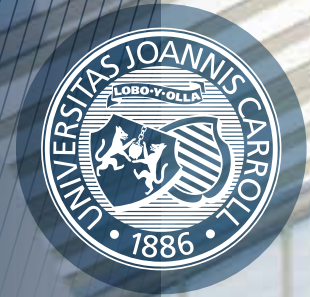


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LETTER *from* THE PRESIDENT



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Last year in these pages, I hinted at our investments in the student experience, the academic portfolio, and how we market our beloved institution to a new generation of Blue Streaks. Those who have recently visited campus have witnessed the progress being made in this **Inspired Futures** strategy.

In recent months, we cut the ribbon on two state-of-the-art Nursing labs, completed renovations of the D.J. Lombardo Student Center and Pacelli Hall, and broke ground on our Athletic, Wellness & Event Center, scheduled to open in Winter 2025.

But the modernization of our facilities is just one part of the strategy.

In this issue, we shine a spotlight on our new Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. With the support of our Board of Directors and generous donors, I am proud to say that the BSN program will serve as an anchor for John Carroll University's new College of Health, which will be announced to the public as this magazine hits your mailbox.

Many of you who work in healthcare appreciate how our interdisciplinary, Jesuit curriculum has trained discerning students in pre-health professions, direct care professions, research, healthcare analytics, and the business of healthcare for decades.

Our College of Health will blend the social context and global perspective of a Jesuit, liberal arts education with the strategic approach of a business education from the Boler College of Business to train the healthcare leaders of the future. All this against the backdrop of Cleveland, a global destination for medicine.

There is much to be excited about at John Carroll as we will continue to take significant steps to ensure the **Inspired Futures** of our students. I hope to see you this fall at Homecoming Weekend or one of our regional alumni events.

Regards,

Alan R. Miciak, Ph.D.

President, John Carroll University



Around *the* QUAD



WELCOME NEW CAMPUS LEADERS

Kathleen Sardon, a 15-year veteran of campus ministry work, has been named Director of Campus Ministry. Kathleen has worked the last four years at John Carroll as an Assistant Director of Campus Ministry. She replaces John Scarano, who is retiring after being in the role for 20 years.

Rory O'Neil '06, '08G, '19G was named Executive Director of Alumni Engagement. He has worked at John Carroll for the last 10 years as a Major Gift Officer. Rory takes over for Dave Vitatoe '00 who served as JCU's Alumni Director since 2010.



JCU ENGLISH PROFESSOR MEETS POPE FRANCIS

Dr. Phil Metres, Professor of English, was one of 40 poets invited to the "The Global Esthetics of the Catholic Imagination" conference at The Vatican where he met Pope Francis.



BOLER COLLEGE VISITS THE HOLY LAND!

This past spring, faculty, alumni, and members of the JCU community spent 10 days traveling around Israel on an international study tour, meeting with business leaders and companies while learning about global business strategy. Mark your calendars for March 2024, when Boler visits Cape Town, South Africa as a part of the new 1 Year Flex MBA Program!



EDUCATION HONOR AWARDED TO JCU PROFESSOR

Dr. Dan Reynolds, Chair of the Education Department, was recently awarded the "Michael Pressley Award for a Promising Scholar in the Education Field" by the Alliance for Catholic Education.

REUNION WEEK- 2023 PROVIDES SUMMER FIREWORKS!

Over 550 alumni and guests met in June for a weekend filled with dancing, laughs, reminiscing, champagne toasts, and fireworks over Grasselli Tower. **Graduates from class years ending in 4 and 9 will be celebrated next June 7-8, 2024.** To get involved, contact alumni@jcu.edu.



MORE CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

New Athletic, Wellness, & Event Center to come during 2024-2025.



Renovated grand staircase connecting O'Malley Center with St. Ignatius Hall.

Nader Family Foundation Nursing Labs opened this summer!



Renovated D.J. Lombardo Student Center opens this fall!



Sardon



O'Neil



Scarano



Calkins

RETIREMENTS THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

John Scarano
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ADVANCEMENT ROUND UP by Rory O'Neil and Jo Steigerwald



ANNOUNCING THE 2023 ALUMNI AWARDS RECIPIENTS!

The independent alumni awards selection committee, composed of all former presidents of the John Carroll Alumni Association, convened this past winter to select the 2023 award recipients. The following alumni have been chosen to receive John Carroll's highest honor: the Alumni Medal. Recipients will be honored at the annual Alumni Awards Dinner on Saturday, September 30, 2023 as a part of Homecoming and Family Weekend.

James A. Coyne '82

Known among his classmates for his smile, leadership on the football and rugby fields, and for being a dedicated member of the John Carroll community. A Finance major with a distinguished career in the financial industry where he is currently active in more than 20 organizations connected with his firm, Stoneleigh Capital, where he is a Partner. A Chicago native who calls the New York City-area home, Jim has served on John Carroll's Board of Directors since 2014 as a member of the Finance Committee. He has been a passionate advocate for the University's enrollment efforts in New York and Chicago for decades, regularly hosting alumni and recruitment events with his wife Diana in the New York City-area, and previously created the Fenwick Scholarship Fund to support students from his high school matriculating to JCU. Jim is often a speaker during John Carroll's Student Finance Association's trips to New York City.

"The culture at John Carroll has been important to me in business. You can't just look at business from your point of view, you have to consider the person on the other side of the transaction." - Jim Coyne '82

Robert W. Hostoffer, DO '81

A former President of the Ohio Osteopathic Medical Society and trustee of the American Osteopathic Association, Dr. Hostoffer has led an amazing patient-centered career as an Immunologist in the Cleveland area. As a practicing physician and lifelong teacher, Bob helped establish JCU's pre-health program and facilitated collaboration agreements between John Carroll and several regional osteopathic programs. Bob served as a committed member of the John Carroll Board of Directors from 2011-2018 and has supported a variety of philanthropic causes on campus beyond his support of healthcare programs, from the Fr. Nichols Scholarship and the men's soccer team, to donating rowing shells for the John

Carroll Crew Club, each named after Fathers Shell, Niehoff, Nichols, and Bukala. He and his wife, Karen '84, have five children, four grandchildren, and have been foster parents to several other children in need.

"Everything I've gotten in my family and profession—they all started here. John Carroll was the start of my curiosity for what is now my career, the start of my married life and family, and the start of deep friendships I've had since then." - Dr. Robert Hostoffer D.O. '81

Robert W. Kraft '73

A Flint, Michigan native, Bob was a four-year letter winner and captain of the football team, while also running track and playing on the tennis team for two years. Bob has embodied the Jesuit value of being a "man for others" in both his business career and philanthropic and community pursuits. Bob is the Chairman and CEO of First Pathway Partners LLC in Milwaukee,

where he has lived for many years as a dedicated community member. He has been honored by the U.S. Labor Department for his service to veterans, and was a pioneer in leveraging the EB-5 Immigration Investment Program to bring investment and economic development to Milwaukee and the Midwest. Bob is active with the Wounded Warrior Project, Fisher House Foundation, United Community Center, and World Hope Ministries, a nonprofit working with formerly incarcerated individuals that reflects Bob's commitment to those in need of a second chance. Bob is a true "Man of Carroll" and has been a consistent supporter of John Carroll Athletics and the football team for decades, supporting the construction of Shula Stadium, and also donating a "Legacy Wall" outside of the Football offices.

"I like to help other people find their way through tough circumstances, which is the Jesuit way. That really stuck with me from John Carroll; it's the most impactful thing to me." - Bob Kraft '73

Jane E. (Broeren) Lambesis '83

One of John Carroll's greatest ambassadors from the Windy City and a committed Woman of Carroll from the legendary Class of 1983. A former member of the swim team, cheerleader, and residence advisor who is one of the greatest embodiments of JCU's mission of giving back and serving others. Jane is the Senior Vice President of Sales for Federated Hermes in Chicago and is a cherished industry mentor, speaker, and leader. A longtime member of the John Carroll Board of Directors, Jane has led the University's taskforce on enrollment and is a leading networker in the Chicago area for enrollment, internships, and alumni engagement. Jane and several members of

the Class of '83 founded a scholarship in memory of classmate Marie Lynch Julius '83, and recently helped create the Campus Beautification Fund with her classmates in honor of their 40th reunion.

"John Carroll is a place for all of us. It's about the whole person, and giving back." - Jane Lambesis '83

Michael J. Merriman '78

A lifelong Clevelander and dedicated supporter of Jesuit education, Mike is the immediate past board chair of John Carroll University and has been active with John Carroll's Board of Directors since the late 1990s. An accounting major who was hired by fellow Alumni Medalist Ray Smiley '51 out of college before going on to Arthur Anderson, he then served as CFO and CEO at Dirt Devil/Royal Appliance, SVP and CFO at American Greetings, as well as CEO at the Lamson & Sessions Company. Mike is a big believer in serving others, sitting on the Board at Boys Hope Girls Hope Northeast Ohio and speaks proudly of the many John Carroll students who tutor participants during summer and afterschool programming. Michael also extols JCU's innovative and topical programs offered to alumni in subjects ranging from entrepreneurship to AI.

"To stay involved and be part of the John Carroll community is the best investment you'll make. I've said yes to JCU and never regretted it—because they said yes to me." - Mike Merriman '78

2023 DAY OF GIVING SUCCESS!



The 5th annual Day of Giving on April 19-20, 2023 was the most successful Day of Giving in John Carroll's history! Held in conjunction with the annual Founder's Day celebration of John Carroll University's inception helped propel this year's initiative into the record books.

\$638,645

DOLLARS RAISED
16% increase from last year

2,116

DONORS
Surpassing the goal of 1,500.
31% increase from last year.

60

CAMPUS PARTNERS

Please remember to save the date of April 18, 2024 for next year's Day of Giving!

The John Carroll Alumni Association is proud to announce the following **AWARD RECIPIENTS**

The Rev. Casey Bukala, S.J. Distinguished Achievement Award
Margaret "Peggy" (O'Hearn) Finucane, Ph.D. '80

The Rev. William Bichl, S.J. Alumni Volunteer Service Award
Deborah L. Solyan '83

Campion Shield
Daniel K. Cassavar MD '85

The Young Alumni Award
Victoria O'Keefe, Ph.D. '09



JCU ATHLETICS ROUND UP

ALEX PHILLIP '23: THE G.O.A.T

By Joe Ginely '16

Without a doubt, Alex Phillip enjoyed one of the most storied careers in the 100-plus-year history of athletics at John Carroll University.

Phillip concluded his trophy-filled career at the 2023 NCAA Division III Outdoor Track & Field Championships. The Akron native won the 5000m and the 10000m, steering the Blue Streaks to a tie for third place as a team. It was a fitting end to what has been an incredible four years.

Prior to JCU, Phillip had high hopes of becoming a collegiate national champion. But in high school, he was known as much for his soccer skills as for his running. Enter Kyle Basista.

As JCU's Cross Country and Track & Field head coach, Basista mentored Phillip on and off the course. And Phillip developed into one of the nation's best runners, now bound to run at the Division I level at the University of North Carolina.

As he departs for Chapel Hill, Phillip stands as a 13-time All-American, seven-time National Champion, and three-time National Runner-Up. At the Ohio Athletic Conference level, Phillip finishes with 16 OAC titles and six OAC records. At the JCU level, Phillip holds

eight school records (1,500, Mile, DMR, 3K, indoor and outdoor 5K, 10K, 8K XC). His distance double at the NCAA Outdoor Championships finalized his amazing legacy.

"Alex is a great ambassador for the University. He embodies everything you want a student-athlete to be and he has raised the standard of our program," says Basista. "I'm still not sure if any of us have fully grasped what he was able to do in the Blue & Gold uniform, but regardless, we just enjoyed watching him everyday in the constant pursuit of excellence."

Phillip, who graduated in May with a 3.24 GPA as a Finance major, will always be proud to call John Carroll home.

"As I've had more time to reflect on my time at JCU, it means a lot. I never thought I would be able to accomplish all I did. I never thought I'd be in a position to be competing for National Championships," says Phillip. "I wholeheartedly believe Kyle Basista is one of the best coaches in the country with the results to prove it. John Carroll is the best decision I've ever made. If you want to have a well-rounded approach to school, athletics, and work to set yourself up for success on the course and in your life, this is the place you want to be."

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MEN'S TRACK & FIELD GETS TO THE PODIUM

The Blue Streaks showcased a strong effort at the 2023 NCAA Outdoor Championships in May. Guided by star sprinter **Garrett Clark** and **Alex Phillip**, the Blue Streaks tied for third place. The excellent finish marked the second straight season with a top-three effort at the big dance.

TAKING HOME HARDWARE

The Blue Streaks finished tied for 28th place in the **Learfield Directors Cup**, the prestigious cup created by NCAA athletic directors to recognize collective success by schools in intercollegiate athletics. Additionally, John Carroll claimed the OAC Men's All-Sports Trophy for a record eighth straight year.

BASEBALL MAKES HISTORY

As the number four seed in the Ohio Athletic Conference Tournament, the Blue Streaks played the spoiler. Bobby Bell's Blue Streaks roared to take the OAC crown for just the second time in program history. John Carroll punched a ticket to the NCAA Tournament for a third time. Following the season, star infielder **Joe Olsavsky** became the program's first player to sign an MLB contract, as Olsavsky joined the Atlanta Braves.



WELCOMING A NEW ATHLETICS LEADER: BRIAN POLIAN '97

In May, John Carroll Athletics welcomed a new leader: **Brian Polian '97**. John Carroll's new Director of Athletics is no stranger to University Heights, having played football during a successful era in the 1990s. Polian carries more than 25 years of Division I football coaching experience, including stops at the University of Notre Dame, Louisiana State, Nevada, Texas A&M, and Stanford.



INTRODUCING THE HALL OF FAME'S FALL 2023 CLASS

- 1 **James "Jim" Moran '49**
Football
- 2 **Jared Huelsman '01**
Men's Soccer
- 3 **Dejan Mladenovic '06**
Men's Soccer
- 4 **Rudy Kirbus '10**
Men's Basketball
- 5 **Mackenzie Griffin '13**
Softball
- 6 **Mike Minjock '13**
Track & Field
- 7 **Gretchen Weitbrecht**
Softball/Volleyball Coach & Administrator
- 8 **1991-1993 Men's Soccer Teams**



THE BACKBONE

OF

HEALTH CARE

U.S. healthcare is at an inflection point, impacted by the global pandemic and an ongoing awareness of the social determinants of health and healthcare inequities. More healthcare systems are exploring how to deliver healthcare in community-based settings and at home, and focusing on preventative care and post-acute management.

Critical to meeting these sweeping changes are nurses, who provide vital healthcare services from hospitals to community-based clinics to patients' homes.

"Nursing is the largest sector of healthcare professions," says Dr. Melissa Cole, DNP, RN, ANP-BC, CENP, and John Carroll's Inaugural Director of Nursing & Strategic Healthcare Integration. "Without it, healthcare crumbles. With it, it soars." Before accepting this new role, Dr. Cole was the Vice President for Integrated Delivery Options at University Hospitals Health System and still currently practices as a Nurse Practitioner of Emergency Medicine.

"The opportunity to start a brand-new nursing program that would impact the future of healthcare was very appealing to me," says Cole. "It was a chance to design a program that would prepare future nurses for a very different healthcare structure."

CRITICAL TIMING

In 2021, the National Academy of Medicine released its report on the future of nursing, a survey produced every ten years that serves as a blueprint of best practices for the nursing profession. Its findings predict that the next ten years will require strong, diversified nurses that are "prepared to provide care; promote health and well-being among nurses, individuals, and communities; and address the systemic inequities that have fueled wide and persistent health disparities."

In 2022, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing significantly revised its quality standards to redefine nursing education with new, rigorous curriculum guidelines. "The Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing

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Education" incorporates holistic patient care using a competency-based approach, rather than just skills-based nursing, and includes a new focus on nurses' self-care and resiliency.

The timing of these two groundbreaking reports on nursing and nursing education complemented John Carroll's strategy for its new nursing program. "The new Essentials align very easily with our mission and vision for the nursing program," says Dr. Shanna Botos '00, the Medical Mutual Assistant Professor of Nursing. "We've incorporated the Essentials from the start, as we worked on curriculum mapping and development, and they fit perfectly with our conceptual framework."

That framework is based around a Jesuit core of magis, cura personalis, and acting as a person for and with others. Active learning, experiential learning, problem solving, and reflective practice drive the new nursing program in order to transform, innovate, and inspire both student nurses and their impact on the healthcare system.

The nursing curriculum includes ten learning goals influenced by the Essentials and the Future

of Nursing reports: Nursing as Scientific Discipline, Holistic Care, Diversity, Equity, Population Health, Technology & Informatics, Professional Development, Resiliency, Interprofessional Collaboration & Team Dynamics, and Entrepreneurship. The four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) curriculum ranges from 13 to 17 annual credit hours, and students begin their clinicals during their first year.

THE JOHN CARROLL DIFFERENCE

Going above and beyond is a hallmark of a John Carroll education, and the new nursing program reflects this with a set of four certificates awarded to each student upon graduation. These certificates show proficiency in professional development, self-care, innovation and entrepreneurship, and diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB).

"The certificates leverage a lot of expertise within the University and across our healthcare partnerships to give students experience," notes Cole. The nursing program will collaborate with the Boler College of Business in the areas



of professional development and innovation and entrepreneurship; John Carroll's Counseling Department will assist with self-care and resiliency; and the University's Center for Student Diversity & Inclusion will supply DEIB education and training. All nursing certificate work is interwoven into the curriculum, seamlessly delivering these value-added credentials to students.

The nursing curriculum and its additional certificates rest on John Carroll's foundation of rigorous liberal arts education in the Jesuit Catholic tradition. According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, a liberal arts education provides the broad worldview and critical thinking skills necessary to form a nursing student's clinical reasoning and judgement.

In addition to John Carroll's additional certifications, Dr. Cole and Dr. Botos are still practicing clinicians—in the emergency department and pediatrics—which also sets John

by JO STEIGERWALD

"It's a great opportunity for the school...it's about bringing problem solving and ethics to the bedside, and helping patients get better health outcomes."

Carroll's BSN program apart. It's an opportunity that brings valuable, relevant clinical expertise into the classroom.

COMMUNITY-WIDE ENGAGEMENT

The BSN program also leverages resources outside John Carroll in a thoughtful, intentional mix. Northeast Ohio is home to some of the best healthcare facilities in the world, with three major healthcare systems providing cutting-edge care and research—The Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, and MetroHealth—as well as numerous community-based healthcare resources.

John Carroll has affiliation agreements with all three anchoring healthcare institutions for students to participate in clinical rotations. BSN students will also have clinical opportunities at New Directions and Crossroads Health, recovery

and mental health providers; North Coast and Highland Springs, offering behavioral health services; Jennings, a Catholic organization delivering healthcare options for those who are aging; and the Richmond City School System. In collaboration with John Carroll's Center for Service Learning and Social Action, nursing students will provide nutrition and dietary education—foundational to health and wellness—to CSLSA's community partners as their first clinical placement. Lisa Sugar, the program's Nursing Coordinator, will oversee all clinical assignments.

The nursing program will also collaborate with professional nursing organizations in the region. The Cleveland Council of Black Nurses, a leader in advocacy and promoting health equity for over 50 years, will hold their meetings and workshops on John Carroll's campus, and offer experienced nurse-mentors to nursing students. A similar partnership agreement has just been made with the Philippine Nurses Association of Ohio.

LEADING-EDGE LABS

At the heart of students' practical preparation for clinical work are two new nursing labs. The low fidelity skills lab is open to students 24/7, and has a flexible classroom configuration accommodating up to 24 people. Moveable tables, chairs, smart boards, and white boards can be arranged as needed; ten bed bays feature actual hospital beds, wall plates with oxygen and pressure gauges, IV poles, and other clinical equipment. Four low fidelity manikins allow students to listen to heart and lung sounds, take blood pressure readings, and insert nasogastric tubes and catheters as they learn the skills needed to be a well-versed nurse.

"The point of a skills lab is to let students make mistakes without hurting anyone," says Botos. "It's a critical place to incorporate teamwork, as faculty and staff work together to learn safe ways to work."

The low fidelity lab is currently set up as a hospital setting; future plans contingent on funding call for one bay to be configured as an outpatient office and another to reproduce a homecare setting, giving students different healthcare settings in which to practice.

The high fidelity lab offers two complete suites that will be open to coursework for all John Carroll's pre-health majors, not just nursing students. "Nursing is bringing interprofessional education to John Carroll," says Botos. "Pre-med, pre-pharmacy, and exercise science students will be able to utilize this space, too. The high fidelity labs will allow these programs to work together and share resources in a new way."

Each high fidelity lab suite contains a student locker room, acute care space, and debriefing conference room. From a center control room, faculty create simulations of medical situations from a computer, changing inputs in real-time to each manikin in the adjacent room. All simulations are recorded. Two-way glass lets faculty oversee students without being in the room, which encourages students to problem-solve as a group. Depending on the actions taken by students, faculty can change the parameters of each simulation from the control room. All rooms are equipped with audio visual capabilities; after each simulation, faculty and students review the outcome in the debriefing room.

One lab is configured as a mother/baby suite, with a manikin who can give birth and simulate obstetric emergencies. Working with an infant manikin (who also cries), students will experience giving infant and neonatal ICU care. The other lab may be arranged for a variety of hospital departments, from ICU and step-down units to a regular care floor. An older male manikin and pediatric female manikin give students a chance to practice skills like intubation, inserting chest tubes, taking advanced vital signs, and working with equipment like a ventilator.

"This is next-level learning," says Botos. "Usually, a nursing student doesn't get to do everything in a clinical setting. Here, we can play out all scenarios without hurting anyone."

HEALTHY SUPPORT

The Nader Family Foundation provided the lead gift to build the amazing high fidelity labs. Tony ('85) and Annette ('86) Nader are both alumni of the Boler College of Business; Tony worked in healthcare and has served on the board of Inova, the largest healthcare provider in Northern Virginia, for 14 years, while Annette worked as a financial analyst in the Washington, D.C. area.

"The nursing program was the missing piece for John Carroll," says Annette. "It's a great opportunity for the school, and it was a no-brainer for us to be helpful to them in their strategic plan."

"We recognize first-hand the incredible work that nurses do in all kinds of clinical settings," says Tony. "Having a state-of-the-art facility in which to practice is important to create leading-edge nurse practitioners."

For alumna Carol Simon '78 (who serves on the John Carroll University Board of Directors) and her husband Frank Lerman, supporting the



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Tony ('85) and Annette ('86) Nader

new nursing program was a dual opportunity. Simon is an economist for a healthcare consulting firm and sees the need for nursing education with a broad sense of vision. She was also a first-generation college student, attending John Carroll through its scholarship support.

"If I hadn't been offered a scholarship, I wouldn't have been at JCU," says Simon. "I now have the ability to help someone else. John Carroll's nursing program will draw on a Jesuit tradition of strong problem solving. Increasingly, nursing is not just about delivering pieces of clinical care. It's about bringing problem solving and ethics to the bedside, and helping patients get better health outcomes."

Simon's scholarship support is named for her daughter, Paula Lerman, who passed away in 2021 after a lifetime of serious medical issues. "She spent a lot of time in the healthcare system," says Simon, "and nurses were always her favorite people."

A 30-year shared community vision of promoting well-being, personal and economic growth, and the ability to do more for others led Medical Mutual to fund

a named professorship in nursing. "As the projected growth of nursing positions continues to increase year over year, the team at JCU is helping to answer the demand," says Jonathon Fauvie, CNP, MPH, Senior Community Affairs at Medical Mutual. "Creating a permanent professorship helps to elevate any academic program. Increasing the number of highly skilled and compassionate nursing professionals in the pipeline will create an impact for patients that lasts decades into the future."

VELOCITY & EXCITEMENT

Strategic planning for the nursing program began several years ago; the program received approval from the Ohio Board of Nursing, the Ohio Department of Education, and the Higher Learning Commission by spring 2022. But the majority of program design, curriculum development, lab construction, and student outreach and enrollment have been proceeding at a ferocious pace for less than one year. Next on tap: accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, a two- to three-year process.

This fall, 13 nursing students enter the program as sophomores, having fulfilled their first-year requirements as pre-health majors. Next year's class will include 24 pre-nursing students who are incoming freshman this year; other students are anticipated to enroll from other pre-health majors.

The first nursing cohort is willing to go the extra mile and take a leap of faith in John Carroll's new nursing program. For Sarah Dailey '26, the excitement of the new program also lies in the fact that she and her fellow students have been involved in the planning of the program from the beginning, from designing the program logo and choosing uniform scrubs to offering input on curriculum. "It is such a privilege to be a part of this first cohort. We are helping design not only our future, but the future of the rest of the classes who go through this program."

We are truly grateful to **Tony '85 and Annette '86 (Ryall) Nader, Carol Simon '78 and Frank Lerman,** and **Medical Mutual** for their groundbreaking support of our Nursing program and our investment in our healthcare programs. We invite all Carroll alumni and those interested to join us in supporting the next generation of service-minded nurses and dynamic healthcare leaders.

Ryan Daly '99 '12G
Vice President for
University Advancement

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MAGIS LEGACY SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT

JOE TETLAK '55

leaves a legacy of generous and loyal support to John Carroll that he would be loath to claim publicly.



As one of John Carroll's greatest and most consistent benefactors, Joe supported every capital campaign since the 1980s, including the Corbo Fitness Room, Dolan Science Center, Don Shula Stadium, and Short Family Tennis Center. His love of athletics led him to make consequential gifts to John Carroll's football, men's basketball, women's basketball, volleyball and men's and women's tennis teams. At the same time, he believed deeply in the power of John Carroll's Jesuit Catholic education, and gave scholarship funding that provided aid to students in need. And Joe made a gift to John Carroll through his estate to create the Tetlak Diocesan Scholarship Fund, to help students from high schools in the Cleveland diocese attend John Carroll.

"Joe was a behind-the-scenes kind of guy," says Mike Moran, longtime friend of Joe's and Former Hall of Fame Men's Basketball Coach and current Men's Golf Coach. "Joe was win-or-lose loyal. He was happy when we won, but he was mainly concerned that athletes had a good experience. He was happy to see a young person become a success."

Joe grew up in Detroit, Michigan, but followed in his father's footsteps to attend John Carroll. A chance meeting on an Acapulco beach with an Ohio businessman resulted in Joe returning to Cleveland and working at Willow Hill

Industries in Willowick. Joe eventually bought the company and ran it successfully.

"He was a pretty amazing person," says nephew Patrick Monahan. "My Uncle Joe was very driven when he was working. He did everything he could to make his company as great as possible; he did that with a lot of aspects of his life."

Joe also believed that if he had the means to do something, he had the responsibility to do it. His gift for business allowed him to help others, whether that was helping spot future Heisman trophy winners on the fields of St. Joseph High School and connecting them with University of Michigan coaching staff, insisting that John Carroll's Corbo Fitness Center be open to all students (rather than just athletes), or quietly ensuring that over 30 students got the scholarship funds they needed to attend John Carroll. Joe helped John Carroll students find summer jobs, kept in touch as they went onto often stellar athletic careers, and had strong friendships with John Carroll coaches and leaders.

Joe never married, and considered John Carroll's coaches, student-athletes, and leadership part of his extended family. He was an old school, three-hour-lunch kind of guy, according to those who knew him well. "My Uncle Joe loved to go to lunch and talk," remembers

He was a blue-chipper that comes around once in a lifetime...we are blessed that we was part of our school and fortunate he came our way.

Monahan. "He wanted to talk about everything and figure it out. He'd say 'What are we going to win next week, and how are we going to make it better?'"

Joe's vibrant interest and investment in John Carroll's athletic and academic programs will resonate well into the future. "He was a blue-chipper that comes around once in a lifetime," says Moran, "We are blessed that we was part of our school and fortunate he came our way."



JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY
Magis Legacy Society

Planned gifts of all kinds and amounts establish a lasting legacy at John Carroll. Interested in following Joe Tetlak's example? Please visit plannedgiving.jcu.edu or email plannedgiving@jcu.edu.

Future BLUE STREAKS

1 Roseanna (Violi) Hoelzle '07 and husband Paul welcomed daughter #3, Emilia Josephine.

2 Elisa (Gould-Lucht) '10 and **Phil Taneyhill '07** welcomed son Callum Kowal in August of 2021.

3 Rose Catherine Brandetsas was born to **Ciara (Crossey) '17** and **Christian Brandetsas '16** on February 11, 2023. Rose wears her Blue and Gold during a recent evening walk on JCU's campus, right near where Mom and Dad got engaged!

4 Grace Marie Schaberl, daughter of **Tom Schaberl '11** and his wife, Melissa.

5 Calli Hudock '15 and Nicholas Gasparro's son, Graham.

6 Jack Andrews, son of **Beth (Switzler) '15** and husband Jordan Andrews.

7 Kristi Hosko Senko '06 and family welcomed their third child, Tyler Vincent.

8 Scott Duryea '06 and wife Sam welcomed Eve Johanna on June 6.

9 Abigail Christine Tome, daughter of **Nikki (Keller) '15** and **Adam Tome '15**.

10 Ed Staunton '74 and wife Joanne have a new grandson, Jack, who joins older sister, Charlie-Grace.

11 Megan (Broadrick) Cleary '13 and husband Alex welcomed son Maximus Alexander.

12 Maryn Iris Hackett was born to **Sadie (Curtin) '13** and **Patrick Hackett '17, '18G**.

13 Maribeth (Keppler) Herrilko '13 and her husband Mike had Ava Joan join big brother Austin.

14 Courtney (Goodrich) Mariuz and husband Rob welcomed baby girl Ava Marie.

15 Brittani Natale '13 & fiancé Daniel Tufariello welcomed Myla Grace.

16 Christina (Pintenich) Pasini '13 and husband Alex welcomed their daughter, Clara Elizabeth.

17 Nikki (Spiezio) Schuck '04 welcomed her fourth daughter, Abigail Marie, on November 5, 2021.

18 Tara (Ford) '09 and **Ben Adams '09** with son Arto and daughter Saana.

19 Marisa Benich '08 and her husband, Stephen, welcomed their first child, Felix Martin Reading.

20 Anne (Nicholson) '09 and **Bradley Holko '06** welcomed Cecilia Anne.

21 Sylvia (Lesisz) Bergmann '09 and husband Bob welcomed Hannah Blaire.

22 Rory & Cora joined the family of **Kerry (Keyes) Jonke '09** and her husband, Jason.

23 Jill (Blaszczyk) '16 and Joe Bloomstine with daughter Charlotte.

24 Nora, daughter of Catherine and **Ryan Donegan '16**.

25 Corey '11 and **Natalie (Kolkmeier) Pender '11** with their son, Jackson Paul Pender, at JCU.



Weddings



1 **Katie Wilczewski '15** married Andrew Zak.

2 **Danielle Goddard '15** and **Steve Henderson '15** were married with a slew of Blue Streaks in attendance.

3 **Kenny Poleski '07** married Danilo Silva with many fellow '07 Alums helping them celebrate.

4 **Kate Stahon '15** married **Ned Barnes '15** on June 18, 2023.

5 **Connor Hines '16** and Anne Hines.

6 **Brendan McCreary '11** married Rheana Cabance at St. Brigid Parish in San Diego, California on March 18, 2023, with many Blue Streaks in attendance. The couple has since relocated to Yokosuka, Japan as Brendan continues his Naval service.

ALUMNI EVENTS

Thursday, September 28, 2023

YOUNG ALUMNI HAPPY HOUR

Pins Mechanical Company
West 25th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

September 28–October 1, 2023

HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

September 29, 2023

ALUMNI AWARDS DINNER

John Carroll University

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

CHICAGO ALUMNI RECEPTION

The Amazing Space
625 West Adams Street

November 2023 Date & Time TBD

BUFFALO ALUMNI RECEPTION

November 2023 Date & Time TBD

COLUMBUS ALUMNI RECEPTION

Saturday, December 2, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE QUAD + CHRISTMAS CARROLL EVE

John Carroll University

Saturday, December 16, 2023

MURPHY'S BREAKFAST WITH SANTA • CHICAGO

The Union League Club of Chicago
65 West Jackson Street



SAVE *the* DATE

September 28–October 1, 2023

HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

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1954 | Peter Mahoney
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When last we met in the Alumni Journal, I asked you who your favorite teachers were and why you liked them. Well, true to fashion, there have been no replies. So, I will give you a couple of mine.

Rev. George A. Kmieck, S.J. He taught Philosophy. The class that I was in was mostly seniors, with two things in mind: get a good grade and graduate. I doubt there was a future philosopher in the group. Fr. Kmieck knew this. He responded with words of guidance and possible rewards. Attend every class, complete every assignment, and your thoughts and prayers for a good grade will be answered. Father did not grade on the bell curve; ergo many As and Bs came like manna in the Old Testament. In my mind he was practicing what he taught ... learning how to live and work with others.

Next in line of best-remembered teachers: Joseph T. Cotter, assistant professor of English. Joe was a Harvard grad and proud of it. Often in the morning, he would come to class after having read the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. He would ask "How would you compare Shakespeare's Mark Anthony to the new manager of the Cleveland Indians?" The class was subject to pop quizzes based on a previous reading assignment. One quiz was about twenty true or false questions. As you went down the page and looked back at the answers, you discovered that you had answered all the questions "true." You think this cannot be right and begin to second-guess all your answers. Lesson learned; at times good teachers test the resolve of their students. All twenty were true. He was my instructor for three classes, freshman English, Shakespeare, and Milton. At times, in the midst of a lecture he would begin to stutter. His catch point was to say "it

was" and then the word would be there without the stutter.

Great people, great times.

I know many of you are concerned about what to wear at next year's 70th reunion. The old poplin suit, if it still fits, maybe the blazer I wore to my grandson's 8th grade graduation. I threw out the old white bucks. But whatever you choose will be OK. Just plan on being there ... more information will be coming.

Keep the faith ... Pete

1955 | Larry Faulhaber
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Hey, Wise Old Owls, We have all heard the JCU motto—"Men and Women for others!" Or possibly the motto of Rotary International, "Service above Self!" I believe there are many examples among our classmates who adopted one of these mottos in their lives before and since graduation! They are members of service clubs, volunteer on boards, and just look for ways to help the less fortunate in our communities or the world. Below are just a few who I have heard from.

Emmett "Bud" Feely is on the board of a pregnancy center in Detroit that saves about 100 babies a year from the horror of abortion. In Detroit, he has served on the board of CYO and the Archdiocesan Catholic School Advisory Board. He has been actively involved with Detroit's St. Vincent de Paul Society. He also volunteers at the Columbiere, Jesuit Retirement Center in Detroit, and has spent time with many of our JCU Jesuits, such as Fr. Joe Schell, Fr. Howard Kerner, Fr. Joe Loftus, Fr. Tom Beiker, and Fr. Hugh Rodman. He continues to go to the Oakland County Jail and participate in the Monday Night Jail Ministry. Bud is an active member of The Cardinal Club of Detroit. Plus, he continues to serve on

Sacred Heart Major Seminary's Finance Council.

Harold "Doggie" Ziegler is involved with Jim Caviezel and Mel Gibson in making religious movies and is the senior advisor of the "Catholics for Catholics" organization.

Art Dister and I have been active in Rotary International for many years, serving in officer positions and committee chairmanships that involve service to the community and internationally.

Bob Ensign is active in the Founders and Patriots Organization, serving the Ohio Chapter as Treasurer.

Chuck Mathias retired from the business world to study to be ordained a deacon! He serves a couple of churches on the far west side and prepares a Sunday email homily that is sent to over 50 people each week!

Bob Micco helps many residents with activities of daily living in the senior independent living facility where he lives!

As we enter the ninth decade of our lives, we know that we will eventually be measured not by who we are or were, but by what we have done for others! Please let me know what other members of the Class of '55 have done, and may still be doing, to serve others!

Larry Faulhaber

1956 | Albert Knute Oberst, JD
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I am proud and honored to cover **Frank J. Koncilja** in our *Onward* Alumni Journal. Frank, who is 99 at the time of writing this article, served in WWII and was a U.S. postman, and deserves thanks and appreciation for "lots of walking" for

the U.S. Frank and his wife Anne are the proud parents of four children, seven grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Frank participates in Senior Olympics and is an avid reader and bowler.

Speaking of the Olympics: Eugene G. Oberst, my dad, was there in 1924 in Paris, France and was the first American to get a medal in the javelin event.

I sure would appreciate you contacting me for an article on you. I tried contacting over 40 of our Class of 1956 without any success. Thanks to Frank's daughter, I got this important article.

On a sadder note, our classmate **Donald Wingenfeld** passed away on June 11.

AMDG from Al Oberst, JD

1957 | Bart Merella
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Well, Classmates, I thought I was retired from church ministry a year ago. Well, it seems that the pastor of my new parish has different thoughts about that, taking advantage of my continued good mental and physical health. So, I am back in the diaconal mode again. Enough of that!!

My class records indicate that there are still some 150 classmates alive, but undoubtedly in differing conditions of health. I won't dwell on that! Since I don't have any news items from you, I thought I would provide some tidbits about class demographics.

For my first JCU years, I was the proverbial "day hop" from the far westside of Cleveland. Only in my senior year did I take the opportunity to live on campus in Bernet Hall and become friends with classmates from as "far away" as Chicago. Although I don't have exact stats, I believe only about one-third of our 300+ class were from "distant" lands away from Cleveland.

Now, when I look at our current class mailing list of about 150 living alumni, the geographic dispersion reflects how much society has changed since we left the JCU campus. Our remaining alumni are now dispersed among 27 states, as follows: OH (75, no surprise); FL (17, no surprise either); IL (9); NC and MI (7); MI (6); PA and VA (4); NY (3); SC, TX, IN, GA, AZ, NV and NJ (2); MO, CO, RI, TN, MN, NM, MD, LA, MO and HI (1). At our

age, I don't expect much, if any, change in these location stats!!

Finally, a note of congratulations to our new alumni staff, as well as much thanks to those staff who previously served us so well, especially for our class reunions! Some of you may remember how much the alumni staff was part of our 25th-year reunion bash!!

1959 | Jerry Burke
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I don't have a lot to report, but I do have some big news. After many years, we have located the dwarf, aka **Jack Werner**. Evidently, Jack sent his address to me. **Marty Dempsey** and I made a trip to Illinois to see Jack. Jack was born in Flint, Michigan before moving to Chicago where we went to high school together. He was married to Mary Ann Werner until she passed away two years ago. WELCOME BACK, JACK. I also heard from our old and dear friend, **Alan Tokunaga**. He reports that he is still above ground and doing fine. I heard, Naga, that you married a gal from Canada. Please confirm or deny. **Marty Dempsey** let us know that he and Davey are well and spend a lot of time with their grandchildren, who seem to be involved in athletics. Chips off the old block. Many of the guys from the study club now live in Florida and stay in touch. It was good to hear from **John Chuchman** with an update. John had some serious issues recently. He had surgery for neck cancer that required reconstructive surgery also. The first-class medical care came from the Mayo Clinic's Arizona location. We're glad to hear that John is doing well. John also reports that he and Marilyn celebrated 65 years of marital bliss: CONGRATULATIONS!!!! Did anyone know that John is a published author? Reports are that he has 24 books, all available on Amazon.com. It would be great to know more about this. Send us some details, John, when you get the chance. John and Marilyn enjoy splitting their time between Torch Lake, Michigan and Scottsdale, Arizona. **Gerry McGivern** can't be far away in Scottsdale. Maybe a class lunch? There are other areas where classmates are in the same area, especially during the winter months. How about letting us know where you are and maybe we can have a couple of get togethers?

I would like to hear from more of you. A couple of names that come to mind are **Gary Furin** and **Leland Hall**, or anyone else who would bring us up to date on themselves. Remember, the column can only be as good as the contributed material. I look forward to hearing from many of you. JB (Jerry Burke)

1960 | Jerald Rachfal
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Starting off the fall season with some "Greater Cleveland News":

Charlie Keane has a JCU lunch table every Friday at Muldoon's Restaurant on East 185th Street. Some of the Class of '60 members that have joined him include **Dave Nichting**, **Jim Mason**, **Jerry Schweickert**, **Tom O'Malley**, **Don Koehler**, and **Alfonso aka "Al" Rossi** who spent 47 years as a successful east side dentist. Charlie is on record that if you have never been to Muldoon's, the first lunch is on the house. Yours truly has been there and I can tell you that it's a great Watering Hole and the food is very good. Charlie extends an invite to all members of the Class of '60 to join the group and again, "If it's your first time, lunch is on the house."

And a special note on **Al Rossi**: Al was a member of the "Murray Hill Gang" who went to Cathedral Latin and graduated from JCU, and his fondest memory was going to an 8 a.m. class and then playing pinochle in the Day Hop Smoking Lounge in the lower level of the Administration Building before his next class at 11 a.m. The Lounge is no longer there, and the reason this can't be repeated is not the fact that yes, the Lounge no longer exists, but that the ambiance of a smoke-filled meeting room on campus is no longer there either.

Turning south, **Bill aka "Field" Retterer** and his wife, Carol, for years spent their lives split between the Indianapolis area and Florida, but have now settled permanently in their winter home in Bonita Springs, Florida. Bill and Carol have three children, four grandchildren and he is having a great time polishing up the golf game that made him a top player at JCU.

Going out west to the San Francisco Bay Area, **John Slosar**, coming off his great performance table hopping at our 60th Reunion and stealing the show, reports that he is in training to be able to "pogo stick hop" at our next one, so put that on your 65th reunion calendar now.



Turning to the Class of '60 Archives: On Halloween Weekend in 1959, the Army (West Point) played the then-new Air Force Academy in football for the first time. **Jim Shannon**, the creative President of the Carroll Union arranged for senior members of the Union to escort approximately 300 Cleveland News paperboys via the Erie Railroad for the weekend to New York City. We had two JCU escorts per railroad car on the overnight special train that left Cleveland Terminal Tower on Friday. The attached picture is of the JCU group at West Point, which we toured on Sunday morning before returning to Cleveland. The football game took place in the Old Yankee Stadium and ended in a 13-13 tie and a couple of highlights: the entire West Point and senior class members of the Air Force Academy parading into Yankee Stadium and an Air Force falcon flying down from the top of the stadium onto his handler's arm. It was a "No Sleep" but wonderful Trip and we did not lose a Cleveland News paperboy out of the 300 plus we chaperoned.

That's it for this edition. Looking forward to the next issue which will feature **Gerry Malizia's** monthly Zoom Get Together and items from Chicagoland alums. And don't forget to say a prayer for the members of our class that are no longer with us.

Call me or text me with your JCU Memory or current situation.

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1961 | Jack Hearn
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Dick Murray and **Gerry O'Connell**, co-chairmen of the Class of '61 Scholarship Fund report it is now at \$293,568 and

provides approximately \$15,000 each year to JCU students who are in need of financial assistance. **Ray Buchanan**, a resident of Fairport, New York for the last 48 years, is a representative on his church ecumenical board which oversees five ministries including hospice care. Ray is also the liaison to the Prison Ministries of Upstate New York and assists prisoners of Wende and Attica Correctional Facilities. The PMUNY strives to help incarcerated men in these two maximum security prisons capitalize on their inner potential so that they heal and change. Back home—he is spending time with his first great-granddaughter, Lara, who was born last year. After 30 years in the FBI, **Marty Lauer** retired and now has the time to read all the books he never had time for in the past. He and his wife, Carol, have traveled to those faraway places they used to dream about and have cruised South America, Alaska, Greece, the Canadian Provinces, and Iceland. Marty traveled to many other countries and all the states but now is "resting at home" in Michigan after his Bureau life took the Lauers to living in Maryland, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Virginia—Marty's summary—it was a good career. **Bob Witt** from Florida is grateful to still be able to travel, read, and serve on his homeowners association board while **Tom Gerst** has been active with his HOA in the Akron Area for over 20 years, including his role as both president and treasurer. **Ed Parks** remains affiliated with his longtime CPA firm, Plante Moran, now for 60 years by assisting with several longtime clients of the firm. Twenty years ago, he helped one such client with the establishment of a new, small nonprofit charter school in Detroit and now serves as a longtime board member of what today are three K through 12 systems

serving 4,600 students, including three college-prep high schools serving 1,500 students. Ninety percent of the graduates over the years have been accepted by colleges or other post-secondary training programs. Back home, Ed considers his 12 grandchildren a joy. After serving on the American Legion Yacht Club bridge in several positions, **Jim DeClerck** has now assumed the role of Cannoneer which involves firing the Yacht Club's 10-gauge salute cannon during special occasions. Kind of reminds Jim of his days in the ROTC, JCU Rifle team, and 28 years in the Army. Jim and wife Uta have two children—the older daughter, Kirstin, attended JCU, married JCU grad Matt Miller '92, and homeschooled their three children: a producer/music composer, a major league baseball player (Oakland Athletics), and a dental hygienist. Keep me informed – JH.

1962 | Terry Leiden
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Here I am, back at it again.

My first note is that we lost another classmate. **Charles H. Crane** passed away February 28, 2023. He was one of many students from Detroit, Michigan, who journeyed the 140 miles to John Carroll. He was well-liked by all his classmates and our condolences to his entire family. I received another story in regard to **Doc Kopfinger** who passed away in December 2022. He was a great personality and for 20 years was in charge of our reunions. The story comes from Michael Holt, class of 1963. He relates that he first met Doc his freshman year, and told Doc that he lived in a suburb of Baltimore. Doc said "I live in Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania; why don't you come up and visit me for a few days next summer?" Mike recalled that it was a twisty two-lane mountain road to get from the Baltimore area to Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania. After he got there, Doc said, "Let's go to this little coal miners' bar that I know." They went there, and were served beer in five-ounce glasses for \$0.10. Cutting to the chase, I can only interpret that they spent about two dollars on beer when they decided it was time to go home. As luck would have it, they got a flat tire. They did not have a flashlight, it was pitch dark, so they decided to hitch a ride to Doc's house and come back in the morning to get the car. When they came back in the morning to get the car, they found that the right rear tire was two

feet from the edge of a cliff that was 60 feet down. If the car had gone over the cliff, that would've been a disaster. Even worse, can you imagine two young Carroll students, who had just drunk two dollars worth of beer trying to fix the tire? The miracle is that Doc lived another 60 years and so did Mike.

Ray Maria sent me a picture of him and his new buddy. As you will recall a couple of years ago, Ray was in an old folks' home that he called Geezerville. He left that home, they placed him in the hospital for about eight weeks, and now he's returned to a new facility (which he really likes) in Fairfax, Virginia. Pictured with him is Dan Strishock, age 94, class of 1956. Ray had no idea when he went there that he would meet a fellow John Carroll graduate. Dan's story is unique, because after getting out of the Army, Dan visited both University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne as likely venues for higher education. Anyway, Dan was an aficionado of architecture and he was not impressed with either of the Pittsburgh campuses. A relative in Cleveland told him to visit John Carroll and he was memorized by the campus, especially Grasselli Tower illuminated at night. He fell in love with John Carroll's architecture and he made his decision to enroll. Dan majored in accountancy, took all his coursework in the morning so that he could pay his tuition, room, and board expenses by working at Ernst and Ernst in the afternoons and on Saturday. After Don graduated, he spent five years as an auditor for Price Waterhouse and then he left the firm to become a stockbroker and



the rest is history. Now in full retirement, at age 94, he cares for his wife Joan and pursues his passion as a highly recognized collector of fine French furniture, paintings, and etchings. Way to go Dan, another example of a John Carroll's self-made man.

I also enclose a picture of a May 6, 2023 rump reunion of our class in Naples, Florida. Paul Napoli's grandson was graduating from college in Naples and Paul flew down to see him walk. While in Naples, he called on his Carroll buddies and six of them showed up for lunch and beverages.

Photo top right (pictured left to right): Mike Leonard, Paul Napoli, Denny Yavorsky, Paul Stetz (in rear), Don Zawastowski, and Denny Fagan '59. Picture courtesy of Paul Napoli.

Photo below: Sitting, Dan Strishock, '56; standing, Ray Maria.

I close with my normal nemesis story about my grandson. He is getting into the teen years, and he is losing respect for all adults. Fortunately he has a little sister, who will be referred to as the nemesis.

"Grandpa," he said, "I'm not going to call you grandpa anymore."
"Why so," said I.

"Because you are older than all my other grandpas."

"So what's my name," I said.

"From now on, I'm just going to call you "old-timer," said the Nemesis.

1963 | Pete Mykytyn
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The weather was cooperative for the Reunion Weekend June 9-10. Sunny, warm, and nice. I think some of the



'63ers perhaps played golf Friday morning. However, I do know that **John Zvolensky** continues to play the game well. He told me what he usually scores, but I don't remember for sure. Probably in the 70s-80s. He is also involved with the JCU golf team as I believe he told me the team comes to the Atlanta area once a year. I am attaching a picture taken at our class dinner held for us in Rodman Hall. One can't go wrong with steak and salmon.

There are 21 in the photo, but from what **Jim Farrar** said, a couple more had plans to attend, only to have to cancel at the last minute. I think I remember Jim saying **Tom Ging** and **Joe Lazzari** were two who wound up not attending. Based on information provided to me by the Alumni Office/Reunion Committee, these are the ones who attended the reunion: **Sam Anson, Richard Flasck, Thomas Parker, Bruce Noble, Dan Donahue, Ken Marchini, Don Lennon, Jim Kline, Bob Cermak, Joe Vitale, John Zvolensky, Jim Farrar, Richard Erickson, Tom LaFond, John D'Angelo, Fred Misischia, John Sullivan**, and myself. **Jim Mertes'** spouse, Donna, also attended our reunion dinner. Recall that Jim passed away in February 2021. I know I am pretty sure I also spoke with **John Lynch** at the dinner on Saturday evening. **Dan Donahue** wanted to remind me that he had contacted me years ago but that I had failed to make note of it in the column. I

1964



honestly don't remember getting your note, Dan, but here is the synopsis. He attended the JCU-Wisconsin Whitewater football game on December 3, 2016. The Blue Streaks won 31-14 in the quarterfinal round of the Division III playoffs that year; Whitewater was ranked #1. Dan indicated that the Streaks lost to Mt. Union the following week in the semifinal round, but according to the Web and several sources, JCU lost to Wisconsin-Oshkosh on December 10. Thanks for the reminder and update, Dan. That was a great season for the Streaks who defeated Mt. Union for the OAC title that fall; it also ended Mt. Union's 112 game winning streak. **Irv Diamond** emailed me in May to say that his son, Patrick, who went to Tufts and Yale, is joining the staff at the University of Rochester as director of the opera program at the Eastman School of Music. His family will move from Manhattan in summer '23. Patrick is an experienced producer and director and has taught at Yale and the Manhattan School of Music. **Mike O'Halloran** is now enjoying 17 years of retirement following a pediatric practice with Mayo Health Systems. Mike is involved with volunteer work, hospital projects like safety, the hospice program, and organ donations, and he has been volunteering too with the Rock and Roll Marathon company for nine years. He has been a webmaster in Wisconsin and later with one of the national American Academy of Pediatrics websites. He is also active physically with skiing, sailboarding (maybe not this anymore as he said he has a new hip), and inline skating. He remembered convincing Fr. Vogel that he would be a credible medical student. It looks like you succeeded. Mike has three children and six grandchildren, with four of them within a mile or two from his home in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and two in nearby

Minneapolis. He is married to Marty. As always, please keep me in mind for a note or two as you continue your life's journey. Until next time.

See the link here for photos of the 2023 reunion.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/johncarrolluniversity/albums>

1964 | Frank Kelley
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First, thanks for the many kind comments regarding the Damar Hamlin unity reflections; it seems to have really struck a widespread empathetic nerve. See the Dave Betz comments below.

Let's catch up with **Larry Feasel** in upstate New York. He is in his 24th year as a deacon in the Diocese of Rochester, the last six as a senior deacon. During that time, he has served as a hospital chaplain, a hospice chaplain, a formator for those in formation, a mentor for new deacons, a spiritual director and a parish deacon. In addition, since the inception of COVID when churches were closed for public worship, Larry has written two scriptural reflections per week for the homebound. This is a wonderful story of vocational service that is so in keeping with the general history of the '64 class, giving back, in our individual ways, to create a better community. Thank you, Larry. In late June six class members, (photo top left: pictured left to right) **Frank Kelley, Tony Compisi, John Kovach, Dick Koenig, Al Rutledge,** and **Gordon Priemer,** ventured to Arlington, Virginia to attend Ted Bidigare's interment at Arlington National Cemetery. We were joined graveside by local retired Colonels Mike McManus and Mike Naylon. It was a grim day, framed by

a constant downpour, but the ill-weather was softened, actually mitigated, by the professional, elegant ceremony of the U.S. Army. Ted's remains were framed by an eight-man squad who performed the traditional flag folding and presentation to the family, while 50 yards off, a seven-man squad fired a 21-gun salute. It was a majestic sendoff. Indicative of the eternal bonds of the military brotherhood, Koenig had spent the previous afternoon walking iconic Arlington visiting several gravesites of past Vietnam comrades while Naylon visited the site of **Col. Dave Haas** as we departed the Bidigare ceremony.

Dave Betz sent an uplifting memo from the Pacific Northwest, or, to use his words, "God's Country." I've written several times over the years of Dave's worldwide outdoor adventures from mountain hiking in California to far-flung fishing excursions in the mountains of New Zealand and on the beaches of Christmas Island. Currently, closer to home, he is ambitiously heading up a three-year campaign to raise \$7.5 million for a major addition to his community park. He remarks that he and his compatriots get scarce, if any, backup from the local media for this worthwhile project while they use ink by the barrel to write endlessly about predictable negative topics. Damn the torpedoes, Dave, full speed ahead.

Lastly, we note the extraordinary military career of **Tom Etowski**. He served with distinction in three heralded U.S. Army units: the 82nd Airborne, 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles," and the 5th Special Forces. He achieved the Purple Heart, five bronze stars with Valor, three Air Medals, 10 Army Commendation Medals, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm. At time of his death I wrote, "Tom was a fiercely gung-ho Pershing Rifle. He lived it and breathed it. From his service record he obviously found his career path early and followed through in spades, an exemplary credit to JCU's Class of '64." RIP in high honor, Tom.

The 60th Reunion committee begins meeting this fall to plan next summer's activities for June 8 & 9th, 2024. I look forward to joining you all. Mark your calendars and God bless all Streaks!

1965 | Seeking Class Columnist

1966 | Tom Gibbons
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Post-JCU, **Jack Wyar** earned an MS in electronic engineering from Cleveland State and went to work for Clevite Corp. where, he told us, he "did as little as possible." We think otherwise, Jack, knowing that you spent 27 years there, survived several acquisitions, and worked on the U.S. Navy's MK 48 torpedo. Jack then changed gears from torpedoes to buses for Reliance Electric, finally finishing his distinguished electronic engineering career at STERIS Corporation, a major supplier of sterilization and other medical equipment. Jack lost Bonnie, his beloved wife of 46 years, in 2018. Recently, in June 2023, he married Jan Elwell—we wish them both health and happiness.

Guy Nerren, whose email address is "SkiLaw," a nod to his career and extracurricular passion (note which comes first), is planning his 2023-24 winter trips to Crested Butte and Telluride, Colorado for some serious downhill activity. Nerren, whose email address should be "SkiLawGolf," recently closed his law office in Lakewood, Ohio, but still practices from his home in Willoughby, Ohio. He has been a devoted component of **Larry Henry's** Cleveland Golf Outings for years.

Tom Cerha writes that he is finally fully retired and living in San Antonio, Texas after devoting 30 years to the USAF (Thanks for your service, Colonel Cerha). He then spent 20 years with San Antonio's Northside Independent School District. He has "around 15 grandkids so I am pretty busy keeping up with all of them." (Too busy for an accurate count, it seems.) Tom and his wife Rose will be vacationing with an undisclosed number of grandchildren on Florida's beaches later this summer and are looking forward to an exhilarating, although exhausting, time.

Former aviator **Dale Christman** joined the U.S. Navy in 1966, flew many missions in Vietnam, serving five years and mustering out as a senior lieutenant. He wanted to be a fighter pilot, but the Navy had other plans so he flew Seasprite rescue helicopters. He and his wife Dorothy (Kozlowski) moved around the country at the Navy's whim, then returned to Cleveland where he got into sales with Xerox. Finding that

less than challenging, he answered an ad in the Cleveland Plain Dealer and took a job with Hughes Aircraft as either a pilot/salesman or a salesman/pilot, originally selling/flying OH-6 Cayuse light observation helicopters in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and West Virginia. In 1986, he, Dorothy and their growing tribe of five kids moved to Arizona where he got involved with the AH-64 Apache attack helicopter. After 38 years (and 400-sold helicopters) with Hughes, Dale finally retired. Currently in Scottsdale, not far from **Steve Lochen**, Dale and Dorothy are enjoying the good life and their 11 grandchildren.

Emeritus John Carroll educator and admissions counselor, **Alex MacKenzie**, got a Master's degree from Florida State, worked in JCU admissions, then became Carroll's professor of television while earning his Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve. He decided to move west, where he taught television in the California State University system for 30 years. Happily retired, Alex travels, still tells moldy jokes in his mellifluous voice, collects and works on his first love—cars. At this writing he possesses a Nash Metropolitan convertible, a fire-engine red Austin Healey, a '57 T-Bird, a 1960 Jeep Surrey Gala, and a Dodge Dakota pick-up convertible. He'd be happy to give any of his classmates a ride "if they have gas money."

Like to see your name immortalized in the next edition of Onward? Let me know about you and email me at tgibbons@prosum.cc -TJG

1967 | Seeking Class Columnist

1968 | Jeff Hawk
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Rev. Fr. William King Sky, S.J. was the Director of Student Housing at JCU. He welcomed my parents very warmly and graciously. He put all of us at ease. My first day on campus, I was returning from my 8 a.m. class, heading full speed ahead to the SAC for breakfast. As I was walking along the sidewalk, a very distinguished gentleman (who was to be my lifelong friend, get me a super life, a very rewarding and distinguished career, and who would change my life forever) said, "Hello, how are you today? Where are you going?" I said the SAC. He said, "Do you mind if I go with you?"



I immediately said, "No, please do." He asked, "Are you a Freshman and new to JCU?" I said yes. He asked my name; I told him. I did not get a chance to ask his name. We got to the SAC. He said, "Here is a table, OK with you?" I said fine. Before I could say anything, he said, "Go ahead and order what you like." I did. Then he said, "Here is my office number, come and see me at your convenience." I said, "Thank You, I will," and before I could say anything he was gone. Long story short, I went to see him. He was Dr. Vincent Klein, Chairman of the Department of Speech. We talked for a long time. He showed me around the department and introduced me to Joe Miller who was to become another favorite teacher and my advisor along with Dr. Klein; no question in my mind, I am a JCU Speech Major. My wife Jenny completed her BS in Education in the summer of 1968 with straight A's and Dean's List while being a nanny for a family of six children in University Heights. We are definitely JCU alumni and alumnae. Karly Kovac '16 wrote a great article on Joe Miller, my lifetime friend and advisor and speech teacher, and I could not agree more with Karly's great article in the magazine, "Not your average Joe: Communications Professor retires after 53 years at John Carroll." Rev. Fr. Birkenauer SJ, President of JCU, asked Jenny and I to start a very successful Alumni Chapter in Indianapolis from June 1972 to June 1982. In your kindness, please remember to contribute to the Alumni Fund. Ladies of the 1968 Class, please send me your news. My contact information is: Jenny and Jeff Hawk, 11452 Songbird East, Wildwood Estates, Fishers, IN 46038; email jjhawk68@comcast.net; phone 317-654-9057.

Remember to pray often, remember your days at JCU, stay healthy and happy, smile often, think positive!!!!!!

FOR YOU and JCU
Jeff '68

1969 | Edward Christy
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We just hit the three-week mark of 110+ temps here in the Phoenix area. However, there have been no signs of fire in either my email or snail mail box.

Having embarked on an extensive study of the reasons for this lack of news as we pass the 54th Anniversary of our commencement from JCU, I have come up with the following reasons for this lack of news. No one is getting married. If your spouse hasn't gotten rid of you by now, you're probably safe. No one is having/had a baby. There are no De Niro's in the class. No one is changing jobs or being promoted. Hopefully, work is a fading memory and your pension plan or 401(k) is solid. Moving or a seasonal relocation may be a possibility. If this is you, let me know.

After eliminating all of the above, what could you tell your classmates?

Let them know you've been married 50 or more years. How about your number of grandchildren or their accomplishments? For example, **George Aufmuth** and I talked recently. His granddaughter will be attending Columbia University this fall. I countered that my oldest granddaughter completed first grade! You get the idea. I also heard from **Frank Obermeyer** who is involved in a Catholic religious community in the Steubenville, Ohio area.

Finally, 2024 will mark our 55th Reunion, so send me some names of classmates you'd like to see there. And why not plan to be there yourself!

1970 | Tom Boyhan
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I believe it has been years since anything was posted in the Class of 1970 slot. As of this issue, that changes. **Ted Heutsche**, who

did a tremendous job for many years, sadly passed away in March. I have been given the privilege of now representing our class.

My name is **Tom Boyhan**, and I, like most of you, entered John Carroll University in 1966. Now, 57 years later, the majority of our class is reaching or has already reached 75 years of age. I am sure that it has been an interesting journey for everyone in our class, filled with highs and lows. And what I'd like to do with our section of the alumni magazine is to pass along some of your stories. Your stories may inspire younger John Carroll graduates.

I am sure that most of you have had successful careers and lives. However, even if your life was a struggle with more failures than successes, I'd like to hear from you. Your tale may prove most beneficial to someone who is following a similar path to yours. Or someone reading your story may be able to reach out and offer help.

However, if you prefer to just pass along bits and pieces from your lives, I'll get as many of those items into our section as possible.

But to give you a brief idea of what I hope to fill this section with, I'll start off with my own story.

During my last semester at John Carroll, I married the love of my life, Nancy Presburg. We're still married today. We raised three children, two girls and a boy. And now we have five grandchildren, four boys and one girl. And yes, the girl is my favorite granddaughter.

My last year at John Carroll, I became very involved with the university's new radio station, WUJC-88.9FM. I so enjoyed working at the college radio station, that my first job was with WCLV-FM, the classical music station in Cleveland. After two years there, I took a job in Washington, D.C. with WEAM-AM, a rock and roll station. I stayed there only one year, but it crystallized what I wanted to do with my life. I wanted to own a radio station. However, to accomplish this goal, I had to leave radio to get the knowledge I needed.

In 1973, I decided to move my family to south Florida where I took a job as a bank auditor. I worked for a local bank for six years during which time, I learned a lot about business. I then moved into real estate as a small developer, building

individual houses, apartments, warehouses, office buildings, and small shopping centers. It was all small scale, but it allowed me to keep a roof over our heads and my family fed. I did this for 25 years.

In 2003, I finally realized my goal in life. The FCC granted me a permit to build a radio station, WJTW-100.3 FM. The format for the station was music from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. I ran the station for 11 years until health problems, which dogged me most of my life, finally caught up to me. I was forced to sell.

Now, I'm retired and spend most of my time writing. So far, I have published eight books on Amazon. One is an action-adventure series entitled, "Stonebriar Academy - School for Dragon Riders." Another is a book for young adolescents entitled, "Barnaby Keltec and The Lost Aztec Treasure." The one I'm most proud of is "A Christmas Tale Completed - the Redemption of Jacob Marley." This is a tale about Ebenezer Scrooge and his partner Jacob Marley. It is a story of Jacob Marley's attempt to find redemption. So far, I've sold about twenty thousand copies of my books, and all of the royalties have been donated to charity.

Well, that is my life in a thumbnail sketch. As I mentioned, I would love to use our section to tell your stories. I can be reached at tboyhan48@gmail.com or, if you wish, you can call me at 561-747-4641. I hope to hear from you soon.

1971 | Rosemary Costello
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I hope you all received my column that was accidentally left out of the latest issue of the Onward magazine. Consequently, my column should have been mailed to you in a separate mailing. There are several new people working in the alumni/development office at JCU who are committed and enthusiastic about working with all of us alums. They recently have installed a new system for the magazine, and all is working great now.

Rick DeBlasio writes from Grand Rapids, Michigan, that he finally retired from coaching boys lacrosse in 2021. He began coaching his son in 6th grade and continued through the years. He coached 15 seasons with 12 state final appearances and eight state championships, the most final appearances and championships

by any public high school in Michigan and second among all schools whether public, private, or denominational. He is rightfully proud of his accomplishments working with "so many outstanding young men." Congratulations, Rick!

Recently, **Mike Meehan** has retired from the Cleveland Clinic after 46 years, where he worked as General Counsel of its regional hospitals. He also taught at Cleveland State for over 20 years. Mike has been involved with several community programs: chair of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese Finance Council, board chair of the Tony-winning Cleveland Play House, and board member for the Grammy-winning Apollo's Fire, an internationally acclaimed baroque orchestra. Mike and his wife Ellen, an attorney with Squire Patton Boggs, have enjoyed 48 years of marriage with two sons and four grandchildren. Mike stays in contact with **Bob Heiss**, **John Miles**, **Larry Sigler**, and **George Burke**. By the way, Bob Heiss, we haven't heard from you in a long time!!

Speaking of **John Miles**, he checked in recently about a pilgrimage trip to Italy last May. He and Larry Sigler visited some of their "old haunts" from their junior year at the Loyola Rome Center.

Recently, **Bill Lavezzi** and John Urban had a golf outing with 13 other Glee Club/Beta Tau Sigma alums. They are working on developing a BTS alumni directory with information on 56 alums so far. Those interested in more information about this directory or have information about other alums can contact Bill at StageCoach@lavezzi.us.

Bill Mitchell is enjoying retirement and traveling. **Craig Dolan** is enjoying summers in Ocean City, Maryland. **Ron and Kathy (Hespen) Forster** returned to Denver after spending some time back in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. They visited with some JCU alums, including Mike and Ann Simoson Howe.

I recently met up with **Jim Grendell** and **John Vela** at the 1973 reunion weekend. Both are married to '73 alums. Both are recently retired physicians.

Paul Milazzo's recent email was full of remembrances of his years in the dorms and his roommate, John Flynn, who is the mayor of a town in Arizona.

Please know how much I enjoy writing the column and receiving your emails

even when you don't think you have anything "important" to report. So many of you have reached out to personally tell me how much you enjoy reading the column. If you are not receiving my emails, please send me your email address so that I can add those to my list. So many of us have retired, and I need your personal email rather than your work email. Thanks for all your kind words on so many topics. I look forward to hearing from you, or better yet, meeting up with you at some JCU event.

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1972 | John Marcus
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Retired? So, what'cha gonna do now? If you are **Don and Patty (Simoson) Farrell**, you take a trip around the world. So, here are excerpts from Don and Patty's Great Adventure, Part II: "We sailed out of Istanbul, Turkey after having purchased a rug. (Doesn't everyone get pressured to buy an *authentic* Turkish rug?) Then onto Haifa, Israel and overnighted in Jerusalem to visit the most holy sites. The Wailing Wall was particularly powerful." (I can't resist: the Wall actually made Don cry.) Back to Don: "Then through the Suez Canal and a stop in Jordan to discover Petra, the city carved out of rock. After cruising several seas we finally arrived in Dubai ... what a spectacular city ... clean, wide streets and amazing architecture, like Las Vegas on steroids. India was crazy ... Mumbai was smoggy, overcrowded, loud but fascinating. Best food of any country ... that is if you like curry. We snorkeled in the Maldives, saw the James Bond Island in Phuket Thailand, toured several five-star Bali resorts, crossed the Equator and had to kiss a fish in a rite of passage. Yuck!" (Again, I can't resist—Don has had an aversion to fish since swallowing a goldfish in a fraternity prank!) "Finally, we learned how to throw a boomerang in Australia (that should come back to haunt you!), and Sydney harbor was absolutely a high point." Welcome back, Farrells!

Class President **Bobby Longo** sent news that **Tim** (I never met a joke I didn't like) **Franzinger's** son Ryan took over the head football coaching job at national powerhouse Cleveland St. Ignatius. Ryan is filling the shoes of legendary coach, and JCU football alum, Chuck (Chico)

Kyle '73 who retired after 40 years at Iggy. Joining Ryan as assistant coaches are Bobby's old roommate and Ohio High School Hall of Fame coach, **Tom Narducci**, and Bobby Madden '74, just back from a "reverse Ted Lasso" assignment: coaching American football in Germany.

Jeff Rogo wrote that he was one of several WUJC "voices" who celebrated a special homecoming on March 28. The Tim Russert Department of Communication invited former campus DJs to participate in a special one-night broadcast from the former WUJC studios on the fourth floor of Grasselli Tower.

James H. Berry (MAT Program '72) retired after a long career in teaching disadvantaged children and in social work. Jim writes that, "I can attest to the strength and power of attending JCU. It did indeed open some doors over the years and I will be eternally grateful for that." You touched lives—thanks, James, for your dedicated and important service!

West Coast correspondent **Jack Bertges**, always the optimist, found a silver lining in the COVID shutdown. A group of distinguished '72 grads "Zoomed" monthly on their "Solve All the Problems of the World" conference calls. The group included: **Bill Petrovic**, Ph.D. and professor; **Longo**, Ph.D. and professor; **Craig Roach**, Ph.D. and author of the shockingly good book "Simply Electrifying;" **AJ Cianflocco**, Orthopedic MD at the Cleveland Clinic and team doctor for the Cleveland Cavaliers; **Tom Joyce**, MBA and a career banker (with a stint in Brazil); and Jack, the



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The WUJC "alumni" gathered before touring the former studios in Grasselli Tower. Left to right: Keevin Berman '73, Rick Welchans '71, Milt Roney '69, Phil Thomas '71, Lenny Muni '71, Jeff Rogo '72, and Bob Beda '71.

self-effacing correspondent, who claims his earnings as a banker allowed him “to save enough to buy a car!”

Other news: **Frank Hlad** is Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Gilmour Council in Mayfield Heights, the oldest continuously running K of C Council in Ohio. Dr. **Jim Myers** retired after 41 years practicing medicine and is spending winters in Pinehurst, North Carolina playing “bad golf.” (Hang in there, Doc. The only birdie I ever got was an errant tee shot that downed a low-flying goose on the 16th.) **Jose Feliciano** was named to Crain’s Cleveland Business’s “Power 100.”

Finally, the worst part of this job, reporting the death of dear classmates. Hardest for me is to report the passing of the loveliest classmate we had, **Kate Foley**, wife of my good friend Tom Gibbons ’66. Also, sad to report the passing of **Carla Tomino** and **Dennis Nieman**. May they rest in peace and look down on us with love.

Take care. Be good. And celebrate every day!

JM

EDITOR’S NOTE: An inadvertent mistake left the Class of ’72 column out of the last issue of *Onward*. For those who missed it, contact John Marcus at jimmarcus72@gmail.com for a copy.

1973 | Bob Larocca
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It was the best of times ... classmates, spouses, friends ... seeing those who made the journey and reliving the past from over 50 years ago. The weather cooperated and we traversed the campus with the aid of golf cart transports by JCU student drivers amid the ongoing renovations and new construction, and ailing bodies. Our Welcome Back party on Friday afternoon had us munching on pizza and snacks with beverages provided by two very generous committee members, **Eli Naffah** and **Keevin Berman**. We all began registering for what was to be a memorable reunion weekend and wondering who was who and comparing Carillon pics to our present manifestations. Those in attendance throughout the weekend, including spouses and guests, were: **Steve Arens, Tom** and Mary (De Vocht ’74) **Berges, Keevin** and Judy **Berman, Chris** and Shirley **Boetto, Bonnie Brown,**

Jim and Rebecca **Burrington, Frank** and Maggie **Castelli, Joe Chrzanowski, Michael Dechert, Kathi Delpha, Ed Dickson, Joe Duffin, Jr., Alanna Fallon** and **Jean-Francois Vachez, Mike** and Cathy (Bissonnette ’74) **Farrell, Bob** and Martha (Bellassai ’74) **Feldmeier, Helen Marie Findlay, Bill** and Jacque **Fiore, Roz Frabotta, Gary** and Nancy **Frick, Annamarie Furgusan, Tom** and Martha **Gallagher, Liz Gesenhues, Collette Gibbons, Frank Gorczyca, Jim and Kate Gorman, James** ’71 and **Jane (MacIvor) Grendell, Dave** and Suzanne **Hammel, Dan Hayes, Annamaria Kaczmarek, Bob** and Marie **Keenan, Suzanne (Schaffner)** and Fred ’74 **Koneval, Luci Kopcak, Dave Luvison, Jim Malone, Tom** and Mary Kay (Hutchinson ’75) **Malone, Jack Mannen, Mary Ann Miller, Joe** and Ann (Eline ’74) **Monroe, Jim Murphy, Rachel Murray, Dennis** and Beverly **Muzilla, Eli Naffah, Mike Nienstedt, Dave** and Mary Ellen **O’Boyle, Lisa O’Brien, Frank Ortega, Gerry Patno, Stefan** and Cora **Potz, Chris Reinhard, Nicholas Restifo, Albert Schlisserman, Sr. Mary Theresa Sharp, John Tremsyn, Maureen (Powers)** and John ’71 **Vela, Bob Walsh, Clay** and Julie **Zell, Jr.**

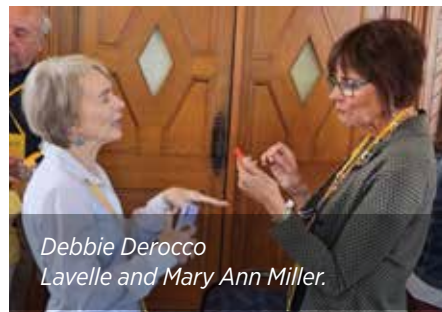
Friday evening was relaxed dining provided by food trucks on the Quad with memorable DJ music on the Rodman terrace and a mixture of all the reunion classes for many hours in a cool evening atmosphere. After a restful night, some staying in Murphy Hall, many convened for an excellent lunch in the Schott Dining Hall, as we recounted those SAGA meals of years past. Many attended the various educational seminars, beer tasting events, and campus tours throughout the afternoon; then we gathered for the President’s Address under the canopy at Rodman Terrace. Later, we were awed by a film documentary by Linda Meglin, ’74, which recounted the life and times of Tim Russert ’72, highlighting his years at Carroll, his political career, and NBC News. Tim’s son, Luke, and Linda gave observations and answered questions, and afterwards, Luke held a book signing for his recollections of his esteemed father.

The classes then celebrated an alumni Mass in the St. Francis Chapel with a remembrance for the deceased alumni of each class. We moved to our respective sites for class pictures, ours at the front of the Administration Building, now



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Luci Kopcak, Mary Kay “Hutch” Malone ’75 and Joe Duffin.



Debbie Derocco Lavelle and Mary Ann Miller.



Friday afternoon gathering.



Saturday evening cocktail reception.



Dinner Saturday night: Chris Boetto, wife Shirley, and Mike Nienstedt.



Jack Mannen, Bob Larocca, Mike Nienstedt, and Maureen Vela.

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Welcome Back Pizza: Sr. Mary Theresa Sharp and Nick Restifo.



Eli Naffah, Bill Fiore, Debbie Lavelle, Maureen Vela, Dave Luvison, Mary Berges, Tom Malone.

rededicated as the Ignatius Hall. Then a short walk across Hamlin Quad to the Dolan Science Center for cocktails before a sumptuous meal amid more conviviality. The evening was complete as our class rose to the observation deck for a champagne toast and viewed a spectacular fireworks display that lasted the better part of an hour. Friendships were rekindled, and classmates finally got to meet those that they never knew, and those who had not returned since graduation. Promises were made to stay in touch upon leaving, many scattering to distant locales. It was a weekend to remember and a hope that many would return to a 55th class reunion at JCU, and see all the changes in the campus ... and ourselves.

See the pictures from Reunion Weekend on the JCU Alumni page under “Event Photos.”

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1974 | Dave Robinson
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Molly and I hosted our annual send-off picnic for incoming JCU Freshmen. Pictured left to right (bottom right photo): Jayne Burke, Charlotte Jones, and Natalie Nelson. Jayne’s mother, Mary, is a ’95 alumni and Natalie is a fifth-generation Carroll student.

Annmarie Virost ’17 and Joey Young, from the JCU Enrollment Department, were also in attendance.

Bob Madden and Tom Narducci ’72 are coaching again at Cleveland St. Ignatius this year. “Duch” is coaching Defensive Line and Bob the Defensive Backs. Bob got the urge to play baseball again. He is playing in a 50 and Over league with teams from Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. He is still working and spending time catching as many grandkids’ events as possible. After a two year hiatus, **Jim Weitzel** was back on the bike saddle for his 20th year of riding the Texas Bike MS 150 two-day event between Houston and Bryan-College Station, Texas (April 29–30). The race finished at Kyle Field, Texas A&M University. Thanks to contributions from friends and family, Jim raised enough funds to rank 233rd highest fundraiser out of 7,000-plus riders. The race raised over \$7 million! In June, Jim and his wife Sheila drove to Lakewood, Colorado to visit their daughter Erin and husband Tyre Pierce for Father’s Day. They visited the Red Rock Amphitheater and other sites around the area. From there they drove south and spent a few days in Santa Fe, New Mexico, visiting historic missions, chapels, cathedrals, and plenty of shopping experiences. In September, Jim and Sheila will join other members of the Weitzel family in Bethany Beach, Delaware to attend his brother Dan’s (’78) son Marty’s wedding.



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Cathy Dunn’s watercolor painting was selected to be the cover (below) of the summer edition of ArtBeat, the quarterly magazine for Tennessee Watercolor Society.

Joe Ursic and his wife Joan ’75 toured the Canadian Rockies, followed by a September river boat ride down the Rhine.

Ken Sislak has been reappointed to the board of trustees of the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. He is still working (part-time) for AECOM, the world’s trusted infrastructure consulting firm, assisting with a study of Amtrak’s long-distance service network. Four of Ken’s and his wife Collette’s grandchildren live with them, which keeps them very busy and entertained.

This spring, **Rosemary Amato** spent two event-filled weeks in the states before returning to Europe. She visited with family in St. Louis, attended her cousin’s son’s wedding in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and then onto Charlotte, North Carolina to meet friends in Aiken, South Carolina. Rosemary





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has received her Italian citizenship and is taking Italian classes. Malta is now her primary residence after living in Amsterdam since 1999.

I had a great catch-up phone conversation with **Jeff Holk**. He asked me to relay the following message, "I am alive and well!" He is enjoying retirement: no more meetings, emails or phone calls.

Kathy (Ianni) and Kevin Smith escaped the record-breaking heat in Phoenix in July and spent 10 days with their daughter in Coronado, California. Kevin marshals two to three times a week at a local golf course. Kathy is enjoying retirement. Their granddaughter, Abbey, transferred to San Diego State from Notre Dame to play soccer.

In June, **Ed and Joanne Staunton's** daughter Sara gave birth to her second child. Baby brother Jack joins his big sister Charlie-Grace (age 2). Ed and Joanne spent 17 days in Colorado being doting grandparents.

In May, Molly '75 and I were blessed with the arrival of "grandwonderful" number 10. Our daughter Macklin and her husband Dan welcomed their second child, Cora "Coco" Talise Pappano. Coco joins her big brother Leo (age 2).

The IXY's held their Annual Summerland Chicagoland golf outing.

Photo top left (pictured left to right): front row: Mike Mulkeen '72, Ken Sophie '72, Pat Herald '69, Tom Zammit '75, Jim Blackburn '75. Next row: Don Brown '70, Chris Parrilli '78, Dan Weitzel '78, Pat Condon '70, Don Farrell '72. Back row: Kevin Kehres '81, Frank Sossi '74, Ed Sandrick '70, Brian Farrell '78.

Linda Meglin (photo: top middle) arranged for Luke Russert to visit campus for Reunion 2023 Weekend for a viewing

of Linda's documentary "Tim Russert – the Carroll Years", and a Q&A and book signing by Luke for his new book "Look for Me There."

Save the Date: Our 50th Reunion is June 7-9, 2024. Put it on your calendars. Looking forward to a great turn out. If you are interested in helping plan and organize our reunion you can contact me, Rosemary Amato, or the Alumni Office.

Please send the Alumni Office any updates to your contact information. We are missing over 50% of active email addresses.

Updates are always welcomed. Onward On!
Dave "Robby" Robinson
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1975 | Mary Kay Malone
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Gary Saracene is retired and living in the land of sunshine and hurricanes. (You can guess which state.) He retired after spending 30 years in the insurance industry, the last 20 being with Medicare, as a product manager in 15 states. He and his wife have four sons of which two still live in the Cleveland area and two in Las Vegas; three grandkids from the Cleveland boys. Gary and his wife work with homeless veterans in two counties, feeding them meals at a transition center and helping them with their needs when they get permanent housing. As a Vietnam veteran, Gary can relate to their needs. The GI Bill got him through JCU where he learned to give back to the community.

Although now living in Florida, he's still a Browns fan and tries to catch as many games on TV as he can. If there are any other grads of JCU in the Sebastian,

Florida area, he asked me to please pass on his email and have them contact him to get together to watch Browns games. You can reach him at gmshealth@msn.com.

Susan (Sonchik) Marine explored Morocco in January and February and enjoyed both swimming at coastal beaches and skiing the Atlas Mountains. Susan was able to fulfill a lifelong dream of seeing the Rock of Gibraltar. She slept in a tent in the Sahara and visited Casa Blanca, Chefcgauen, Berbers, Tangier, Rabat, Fez, Erfoud, Ouarzazate, Djemaa El Fna, and Marrakesh (spell check and I had a great time with these names). She is now at home in Kentucky weaving baskets for judging in the State Fair.

Mike Pojman retired after 43 years as a teacher and administrator at the Roxbury Latin School in Boston, Massachusetts.

Cary Seidman retired from classroom teaching (30 years in East Cleveland and 19 at Ruffing Montessori). Cary writes, works part time as a tutor and as a student teacher supervisor at JCU, which is a very fun job.

Phillip Tripi retired from the U.S. Attorney's Office where he served more than 29 years. He and his wife Patricia have four children and 13 grandchildren. Phil credits his years at JCU and participation in the Pershing Rifle Fraternity for giving him a good base for law school. They have seen all 50 States and nine of 10 Canadian Provinces. He still maintains his membership in the Ohio Bar.

Molly (Spellman) Curl wrote that she and her husband Ralph have three sons, all living in Dallas. Molly and Ralph spend their time between Dallas and Phoenix. She is a retired partner from Grant Thornton and currently sits on a couple of bank boards and enjoys playing PickleBall.

Bill McNamara writes that son Peter '13 is an actor in LA and participated in the premier of the I Emotional Support Center at the Marina Del Ray Film Festival.

I know our 50th Reunion is not until 2025 but plan on attending. I was at my husband Tom's in June and it was really a nice affair. The Alumni Office put on a great event for the 50-year alumni. Welcome to Rory O'Neill, the new Alumni Director.

Keep sending me news.

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1976 | Joe Barmann
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Greetings, Fellow 1976 Classmates! JCU recently brought all the class columnists together for a Zoom call, and we learned that this part of the Alumni Magazine is the most popular section! That's because every member of our class has a story. Please do tell.

Regina Abernathy just completed her first book called "The Quilting Storyteller" and it's available now at Amazon. Naturally, she's excited about this and already has had her first book signing in Cleveland. Her book is about preserving African-American culture through quilting stories.

Mary Ann Ahern (photo below) moderated the first debate for the Chicago Mayoral Runoff election, and it was an awesome experience for her as well as an historic event for voters in the Windy City! A "live" televised back-and-forth gave viewers a chance to compare the candidates side by side. She had reached out months ahead of time to the candidates—was trying to televise the first debate for NBC after the vote narrowed to just two choices. This was a career highlight for Mary Ann, and we are delighted to share this noteworthy accomplishment with JCU alums!

Mike McConnell retired from Sherwin-Williams in 2015. Mike and **Mary Cay (Powers)** did the downsizing thing in Avon, Ohio, and bought a condo in Naples, Florida where they spend their winters. They are looking forward to traveling again, post-COVID, with a couple of cruises planned for the next two years.



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They are very fortunate to have their daughters living locally.

Another classmate forwarded the phone number of **Jack Mulhall**, who gave me some good news. Jack is no longer wrestling at his NCAA Division III championship weight of 118 pounds, but is doing very well, and getting married in November to my fellow JCU class columnist **Nancy Agacinski**, from the class of 1979.

Fred Bauters kindly forwarded my request for an update to **Bob Jaquay**. Fred is among alumni with mid-70s connections to Bernet Hall, and the group continues to gather to this day. They call themselves *Tenreb*. (Yes, that's Bernet spelled backwards.) Bob and his wife Sarah have lived in Shaker Heights for the past 26 years, and they will soon celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary! In 2021, Bob retired as a practicing lawyer and from the George Gund Foundation after 25 years. He is now enjoying time as a senior fellow at Cleveland State's Levin College of Public Affairs and Education (and a slower daily pace).

Gwen Dickerhoof reports that she volunteered at the Cleveland Food Bank with **Elaine Yeip**, and they packed boxes and have signed up for more dates. Maybe other Cleveland area alums can join them?

Tim Wallenhorst and his wife Mary Lou returned from a nice getaway to Wilmington, North Carolina. They went to some great restaurants, saw some historic sights, and spent time on the great beaches. Tim just celebrated six years with Foundation Software after retiring from a 37-year career with The Plain Dealer. They have three young

dogs, including two golden retrievers and a doberman that keep them on their toes. He has been trying to squeeze some golf in along the way.

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

1977 | Carol Dougherty
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Greetings, Everyone! Though I am sending this in mid-July, you won't see it until September and who knows what weather, natural disasters, or other events will have occurred by then! We had quite a number of deaths of classmates and other years' fellow JCU students throughout the spring. Those obituaries should be in this issue of the Journal. I sent into the Journal all the info that was sent to me and hopefully they have everything. A lot of folks wrote in to express their condolences and prayers for friends and family. Thanks for your care and concern for all of those folks, all of you.

I'm doing this column on the road, and hoping I've found all of the news that was sent to me. If I missed anything or anything comes in late, I promise I'll send it out once the column is out. By the way, some people have asked for contact info for other classmates, either from me or from the Alumni Office. We aren't allowed to pass it on without permission, so feel free to ask, knowing that it may take a bit of time to get a response.

Kathy Berry: Currently I am recovering from my second knee surgery so taking it fairly easy these days! I am trying to get Magnificat High School to send me a PDF of the article that was done on Ann Carmody who graduated with us. She has spent her entire 45-year career teaching at Magnificat and it was a really nice article. Once I get it I will forward! Thanks again for all you do for the class of '77, it is very much appreciated! (note from CD: once Kathy gets the article I will forward it to all of you).

Harry Rosenfeld: Still retired for the past two years and Rabbi Emeritus at Congregation Albert in Albuquerque. This has enabled Michele and I to travel even more than before. For the second year in a row, I'm spending a month in Jerusalem. The first couple of weeks, I study at the Shalom Hartman Institute and then Michele comes for the last part and we



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travel around the country seeing friends including Hedy (Saltz) Rennert '72.

Mark McMullen: Retiring from my job as SVP Membership and Marketing at the Knights of Columbus 8/31. Will stay on as a consultant doing leadership and marketing training.

I have a few pictures I plan to send in (not sure if they'll include them, but I'll try). One (top left) is from an older reunion, and it includes Marianne Kerr, one of our classmates who died this spring. You may recognize a few other faces as well ...

The second picture (middle above) is from a reunion long ago—the 10th or 15th I think. It was from the year we got the Little Theatre named after Leone Marinello.

And the final picture (top right) is at a bar in Dingle Town, Kerry, in Ireland: Foxy John's Bar and Hardware.

1978 | Tim Freeman
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Greetings! Here's the latest—fresh from our 45th reunion! Seeing classmates after five years or even after 45 years was a rewarding, meaningful and fun time for all!

Thanks to **Joanie Snyder** for her inspiring leadership organizing a most inspiring class gift: creating the Class of '78 Memorial Scholarship Endowment in honor of our 41 deceased '78 classmates. Grateful to the 23+ classmates with gifts of checks and pledges totaling \$67,350! Nine classmates stepped up with leadership level gifts (\$5,000 or \$1,000 per year for 5 years). It has been inspiring to hear classmates fondly remembering and paying tribute to **Jim Skerl, Collen Melena, Terry O'Brien, Sue Leopold** all our classmates who have a lasting imprint on John Carroll and our lives forever! The '78 Memorial Scholarship officially is endowed once \$50,000 in cash gifts are accumulated. So ... happy for more

classmates to join in, especially at the leadership level!

Photos on these pages show most of our class attendees. **Bob Burak, Mark Fasano, Bill Begalla**, and others somehow missed the class photo, but the late Tim Russert '72 joined us. **Kevin Leonard** has attended every one of the '78 reunions, starting in 1983! A few classmates are first time '78 reunion attendees: **Terry Fraunheim Petrella, John Welsh**, and spouse Vicky. John retired from a career with FedX and continues to serve Habitat for Humanity in Milwaukee. For the past 35+ years, **Rob Herald** has had a career overseas; now retired and living in Latrobe, Pennsylvania with spouse Rosie. Rob made the most of his return, including golf and the fireworks.

Tom Keir, John Baran, Ray Dalessandro, and **Mark McGinley** (photo 1) joined Rob golfing Friday; **Terri (Kluesener) and George Lewandowski** toured JCU's new nursing program and labs; **John Sideras's** career as Case Western Reserve's CFO continues; **John Martin**, Director of Maryland's Lottery and Gaming, shared WUJC memories with our student photographer (a WJCU employee). Here's a partial list of more attendees: **Chris Kelly, Cathy Hogan, Ara Bagdasarian, Carol Simon, Steve Matusz, Paul Giba, Laura Fasano, Laure Rauch, Phil Rist, Gloria Schuster, Nancy Veselica, Jon Manilla, Dana Albert, Kathy Hiney, Dan Jacobs, Joyce Schafle, Rich Kenney, Mark Ruth, Bob Kelsey.**

Pete Sheehan came in from Youngstown. After a nearly two-decade battle with cancer, Pete's wife Mary passed in May. Sons Joseph and Michael share Pete's grief.

Photo 2: Kathy Hiney, Rob Herald, Nancy Veselica, and Terry Fraunheim Petrella viewing Grasselli Tower just before the fireworks display.

Photo 3: Ray Dalessandro, Chris Kelly, John Martin, and Rich Kenney at Sunday brunch over Reunion Weekend.

Photo 4: Class of '78 at Reunion 2023.

John Naber was our most recently deceased classmate, passing away in April. John's career was in technology sales; he and his spouse Wynne raised their three sons in Easton, Connecticut and cheered them on the sidelines of soccer and hockey contests. His leadership in area social clubs fondly earned the nickname "Johnny Numbers." Virginia resident **Jan Tuten** retired from the World Bank in March and moved to Cambridge, UK for six months with her husband's job. Our 50th year reunion is set for June 9-11, 2028. Can the '78 Reunion be your first commitment for that weekend—ahead of family trips, golf, etc.? Let's plan to attend and enjoy a free weekend (50-year reunions are free) with a record turnout! **Cathy Hogan** vows to get a Murphy Hall



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roommate to come back for the first time ever. Can we each reach out to 5-10 classmates in the next 50+ months and let them know we want them on campus? Thanks for writing!

1979 | Nancy Agacinski
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Hi, All ... Heard from **Jim McDonald**. He and his wife Mary Keith were living in Naples, Florida for 26 years and have moved to Fernandina Beach, Florida. It's a smaller and quieter area. They spend their summers and falls in the Ligonier Valley of Pennsylvania. Jim has been retired for six years! Nice feeling isn't it?? Spoke with **Michael Allison** recently. He is doing well. Still loves his job with Burlington and does quite a bit of traveling. **Mary Nell (Barrord) Gorski, Pat (Schreiner) Ham, Mary Jo (Gill) Harney, Mary Ann (Meaker) Kirby, Ellen (Hobbes) Hirschman**, and **Karen (Lysyk) Greco** had their annual meetup in Chautauqua at Karen's this summer. Those get-togethers are really precious, aren't they? The stories, the laughter! And it's as though no time has passed! Any news to share? Who else has mini-reunions? Any big travel plans for people now that the world is moving at warp speed again? How are you doing, **Gail Lorei? Andrea Thompson? Rick Ryznar? Matt Fatica? Barbara Nagorney? John Taormina? Susie Cummerford? Mary (Bean) Mackessy?** Please share some news! Reminder to everyone that next year is our 45th reunion! Shocking, I know! Please do what you can to come in for the weekend. We'd love to have as many of our class at school as we can. It's always so much fun! Please consider it! Remember ... every five ...

Photo 1: Adam Bowden '09, Dale Kaprosy '93, Mike Keresman '79, Ernie Lallo '76, Tony Rehak '91, Mike Pappas '79, Al Salvatore '76, Eric Ziegler '11, John Gramc (not an alum), Jim Comerford '01, Eric Biro '03, John Schnur '18.

Photo 2: Mike holding the trophy.

Mike Keresman, Mike Pappas, Eric Biro '03, and many other JCU Alums have an annual event at Kirtland Country Club. Every year they have a friendly golf match against alumni from Miami University of Ohio. The losers have to donate to the victors' alma mater.

Congratulations to our JCU team for being the winners this year!!

Warmly, Nancy Agacinski

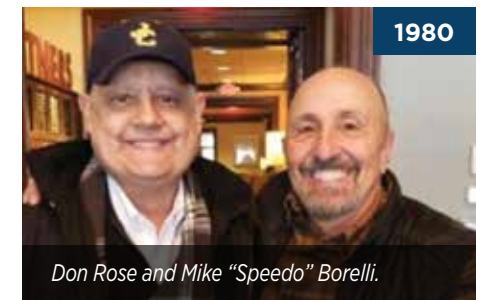


1979



1980 | Matt Holtz '80
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Greetings, Class ... we are past the halfway point in 2023 and 2024 is lurking around the corner ... here are the notes I have received: **Winona "Nonie" Flynn** sent a note that she was working as the County Administrator for Yates County in New York and by the time folks are reading this column she will be close to retiring around Halloween! She is pumped, knowing she will be a first-time grandmother. Nonie still gets together with her third-floor Murphy Hall girlfriends: **Judy (Kostyo) Alemagno, Mary (Cummings) Mackey, Kim Janaes, Julie Ahearn, Roseanne Dwyer, and Genie Mulhern**. Recent gatherings have been at Keuka Lake and on Cape Cod. **Paul Goodworth** and spouse will be celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary during the summer. They have four children and seven grandchildren. Paul's daughters live in the Chicago area and his son resides in Charlotte, North Carolina—home of Beth McChesney. Paul stays busy heading up his investment firm of Goodworth Wealth Management. He has the good fortune of working with Kevin Kehres '81, the firm's chartered financial analyst and CFO. He is grateful to JCU for his family, education and friends. **Don Rose** reports he has been battling cancer for the past 1-½ years and is currently in remission. He appreciates all who have reached out with their prayers and encouragement. Don gives special thanks to **Mike "Speedo" Borelli, George Elum**, and **Rich Chelko**. Keep up the battle,



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Don Rose and Mike "Speedo" Borelli.

Don ... cancer sucks ... I have been dealing with prostate cancer plus I lost my brother to cancer. Keep up the faith !

Rick Chelko writes he is spending less time behind the desk at Chelko Consulting Group and more time on the golf course. A recent hole-in-one proves that point ... he recently played at the Alumni Golf outing with **Gary Szelagowski** and **Tom Finucane**. Rick and Debbie will be getting together with **Scott and Teresa Heran, Walt and Sue Geary** at **Bruce and Kathleen Lockhart's** home during the summer. Rick comments that **John and Mariann Moeschberger** will be missing but they will be the subject of many stories. **John Gulas** sent a note that he heard **Bob Smriga** has moved from Austin, Texas to Phoenix, Arizona where Bob has plans on retiring. In closing I heard that we lost two members of our class: **Uwe Botzki** and **Anne (Spodnik) Cloonan**. I knew Uwe as a commuter in the Airport Lounge or hanging around the commuter lounge area in the old Bohanon Science Center. We chatted at the last reunion about the many places Uwe had traveled to and where he might be going next. I knew Ann Spodnik from my days as a political science major. Anne and I both attended Larry Schwab's Washington, DC trip during senior year. Sincere condolences go out to both families and friends.

Thanks for the notes and drop a line anytime. MFH

1981 | Bob Hill
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Hello, Class of 1981, I hope that you are having a great 2023. I am enjoying the great summer weather in Wisconsin, the best time to be in our beautiful state.

I heard from **Dan Beringer** who is in Somaliland, Africa. He is working on a project that is fighting illegal wildlife traffic in the region. As a member of the board

of the Cheetah Conservation Fund, they have been making progress reducing the poaching of cheetahs in the horn of Africa by training local judiciaries, enforcement personnel, and local communities. Who would have thought that Dan would be doing this back when he was running for office at the JCU Student Union! The **Hal Hawk** family is doing well; Megan ('18), Morgan who just returned from deployment in Poland, and is expecting a baby. Hal just celebrated 40 years at Crown Battery, starting right after JCU, in 1981, and never looking back. **Nick Matteo** is over the moon and happy to report that his daughter Erin delivered their first grandchild, Jack Nicolo Farwick.

Robert and Karen (Weakland '84) **Hostoffer** are blessed with four wonderful grandchildren. Karen and Bob are board members of Zelig's Home (zelieshome.org), a home for unwed mothers in Cleveland. They just opened a second home on the West side of Cleveland. Bob has been awarded the Alumni Medal from JCU this year.

I am still a sales and leasing executive at Lexus, enjoying the daily interaction with great clients. If you are ever in the Brookfield, Wisconsin area, please stop by Lexus and say hello. Please stay in touch and email me at soar1@aol.com if you have any updates that you would like to share with your class.

Sadly, our classmate **Mike Gingo** passed away peacefully in his sleep at the end of July.

Bob Hill

1982 | Mark McDonnell
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Thanks to **Dan Hilson** for updating me of his Florida golf outing with AKY fraternity brothers: (photo below) **Matt Keresman**,



Nick Burlij, Jim Hyland, Rick Zirm and Bill Waldron '83, Jim Hyland hosted the event; everyone but Nick Burlij is retired.

My wife, Maureen Garvey McDonnell '83, and I attended her reunion in June. It was great to see Tom Wancho, Tim Freeman, Dave Swanson, Jim and Missy Kisthardt, Maureen Fallon Adler, Billy Donnelly, Sue and Mark Tupa and Megan Raleigh and many others. The reunion had a great turn out.

1983 | Mark Schroeder
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If you didn't make it Reunion Weekend, we missed you. At best guess, 70 classmates came to JCU and enjoyed the laughs, the surprise celebration of **Deb Solyan's** birthday in Rodman Hall, the hospitality room set-up in Murphy Hall, and **Jim Brown** hauling in 45 flavors of Handel's Ice Cream for all of the Class of '83 that showed up in Murphy on Saturday night. I know there will be a few that I may miss on this list. I apologize in advance, but please send me an email and share family news with all of us. These were the 40th reunion attendees seen on campus: **Maureen (Fallon) Adler, Sheila (Bigane) Bauschelt, Peg (Morgan) Bollinger, Michelle (Damaso) Brooker, Jim Brown, Bill Battistone, Kathy (O'Neill) Battistone, Susan Benz Callahan, Julie (Pucher) Carleton, Karen Castelli, Jack Carey, Pat Cauley, Rick Cenar, Chris Coughlin, Beth Ann (McCombs) Coughlin, Jane Cunin, Kevin Cusack, Lisa (Simmons) D'Amore, Bill Donnelly, Ed Devney, Ann (Joyce) Durkin, Craig Fortin, Ann (Dowdell) Fortin, Tom Fox, Rosemary (Gibbons) Fox, Chuck Garofalo, Maureen (Garvey) McDonnell, Rich Glass, Carolyn (Cahill) Glass, Pauli (Clair) Haugen, Tim Hutchison, Colleen (Hyland) Robertson, F. Eric Jochum, Patty (Tainer) Jochum, Mary Kilbane, Jim Kisthardt, Tom Klubert, Jane**



(Broeren) Lambesis, Molly (Donnelly) MacDonald, Maureen Lentz, Mike Long, Aggy Nagy, Sheila Nelson, L.J. O'Conner, Bob O'Brien, Di Winter O'Brien, Therese (O'Neill) Schmidt, Mary Kay (Meehan) O'Toole, Mary (Power) Patton, Jim Pacek, Madelon Plunkett, Lisa (Amato) Reid, Sandra Ryan, Danny Reynolds, Megan Raleigh, Laurie Sadler, Kevin Savage, Steph Sivak, Deb Solyan, Amy (Mosier) Thompson, Dave Swanson, Mark Tupa, Sue (Hollis) Tupa, Bill Urban, Charles Wagner, Jack Walsh, Tom Wancho, Maureen Kelly West, Luigi Pecoraro, and me, **Mark Schroeder**. Few will receive a thank you for 33 years on the job like **Rob Marcinick** had presented to him. University Heights Mayor, Michael Dylan Brennan, thanked him with a proclamation of Rob Marcinick Day in University Heights on April 28th. His retirement was also featured in Cleveland.com. Rob was the city's popular dispatcher. Judge Francine Goldberg proclaimed, "Rob is our superhero." Enjoy your retirement, Rob. Please keep **Tom Wancho** and his family in your prayers. Tom's father passed on the day following Reunion. **Luigi Pecoraro** and wife Julie reside in Dallas. Luigi is the Managing Director at Southern Methodist University's Cox Executive Education. Their three younger children are in school in Texas and three older children are working in Ohio. Two classmates are being recognized for their dedication to JCU. **Jane (Broeren) Lambesis** has been an impactful alumna to JCU. Jane is currently serving on the Board of Trustees and she has been passionately devoted to JCU over the decades. For her commitment of service to JCU, Jane will be honored and awarded the distinguished Alumni Medal in the fall. It is the highest honor bestowed on a JCU graduate. Jane joins **Mary (Power) Patton** in 2005, **Suzanne (Schlichtman) Greenberg** in 2010, both from the class of '83, who have received the distinguished Alumni Medal. Congratulations, Jane! **Deb Solyan** has been a forty-year advocate for JCU. For

her dedication, motivation, attitude, generosity to the Alumni Association and in sharing her time and talents, Deb is being honored and awarded with the Rev. William Bichl, SJ Alumni Volunteer Service Award in

September at Homecoming. Deb joins 1994 award winner **Mary (Power) Patton** to be recipients of this distinguished award from our class. Congratulations, Deb! **Eileen McDonough** owns and operates Lisbon Mosaic Studio in Lisbon, Portugal. Eileen's stunning mosaic pieces of art caught the eye of GetLisbon.com. Eileen was featured in an article showcasing her studio and states how an American came to Portugal 27 years ago, stayed, met her husband, has a 20-year old daughter now and has one of Lisbon's "must see" studios. Outstanding feature Eileen, magnificia! Email me with family news, business updates and the like and contribute to "JCU Class of '83" on Facebook.

1984 | Don D'Amore
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I am so sorry to have to report the passing of two great people this year. Sadly, everyone's friend **David Herman** passed away in February 2023. He leaves behind his wife Sue and children Alyssa and Maddie. Our class prayers go out to them. Dave retired as president of the Mid-Continent Coal and Coke Company. Dave was loved by anyone who knew him. He was sweet and kind. He always greeted you with a smile and a funny comment. For many years my wife **Michelle (Sciangula)** and I and our four sons belonged to the same parish as Dave and his family (St. Brendan's in North Olmsted). Almost every Sunday, I would share a handshake and quick chat with Dave. Sometimes when we would stop into a local diner for an early breakfast (like 6 a.m. early), sure enough, Dave was there chatting with a group of friends. He always brought a smile to the face of those who he met. David was also a proud 1980 graduate of St. Edward High School. He will be missed by all.

With sadness I also have to report the news that John Perucco, the very dear husband of **Vicky Sanko-Perucco**, passed away January 1, resulting from injuries from a chairlift incident during a family vacation in Breckenridge, Colorado. John had been skiing since he was age 14. He met Vicky in 1981 during their college freshman year on a ski trip. John was senior project manager in the risk management division at Citibank for more than 12 years, and he worked as a senior program administrator at Motorola for 14 years prior. John was such a positive and kind person. It seems like just yesterday

that Michelle and I attended Vicki and John's wedding, but it was 35 years ago. Every year since then we looked forward to their fun annual photo-filled Christmas newsletter to update us on their family adventures. It was clear to everyone that John and Vicki had a special and loving relationship. Our prayers go out to Vicki and their family.

When I agreed to write this column back in 1984, not only did I not realize I would still be writing it almost four decades later, I also didn't think that I would have the sad duty of having to report the losses of classmates and friends. Our class is like a family. Like a family we have to mourn and grieve and support each other in difficult times. Please keep the dear families of these beloved individuals, (and the others we have lost way too soon) in your prayers. Every moment we have is a precious one. - Don

1985 | Diane Nerem Wendel
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Happy birthday to all who are celebrating turning 30 twice this year in 2023! A few of the third floor Sutowski friends; **Anne Walker, Lisa (Cortes) Dawes, Maura Rowley, Peggy (Bertsch) Currier, Dolores (Beiswenger) Kimberly**, and I were able to surprise my Sutowski roommate, **Mary Beth (Dawes) Culbertson**, in person as her terrific children threw a surprise party for her in Columbus this past June. It was simply the best seeing all the Dawes clan along with Bishop Ready High School friends! The following week, **Dolores** became a grandmother welcoming her grandson, Brooks Andrew, into the world. She'll have a repeat performance in August when her son's baby arrives, too. A big shout-out to **James "Miltese" Marsh** for completing another Ironman, d'Alene Ironman in Idaho this past summer. Congratulations to **Mary Pat (Bluemle) Maretz** on the engagement of her daughter, Katie! She will be tying the knot next June. This is short and sweet this time. I would love to hear from you, as would our classmates, so please send an email or DM me on social media for our next column. Thought to ponder this column: "The secret to having it all is knowing you already do."—Anonymous. May the next lap around the sun in 2023 bless us all with health, joy, and adventure. God bless us all. —Diane



1986 | Jenny Labuda & Karen Judy
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Exciting class news is that we have an author in our class! **Jack Hilovsky** just published a book called "RJ, Farrah and Me: A Young Man's Gay Odyssey From the Inside Out." This book is about Jack's coming of age in Cleveland with familiar childhood memories for all of us, including Farrah Fawcett, The Rocky Horror Picture Show, and college fraternity escapades. Let's support Jack and purchase this book; it gets five stars on Amazon! Jack currently resides in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Seattle and works in the behavioral research center at the University of Washington. His writing can also be experienced on his blog "On the Road with Jack" about his spiritual journey and life observations.

Rich Gorman reports that he and his wife just became "empty nesters" in North Carolina as their last of three children just graduated from Appalachian State also in North Carolina (all three kids went there). Rich leads a global team of life science consultants for a company called Envision Pharm group. He loves his work and is able to travel a bit. The Sunshine State may be his next stop.

I, **Karen Judy**, had an exciting adventure in February climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, the highest free-standing mountain at 19,400 feet. I may have planted a JCU Blue Streaks flag on top:)

Andrew Kiwanuka resides not far away in Uganda. He has climbed Kili and plans to do it again. Lucky guy is retired and living a peaceful and happy life after a successful career as a scientist. The pace in Africa is much slower and their motto is "Pole Pole," take it slow. He now serves as an advisor to entrepreneurs. His motto is "Embrace, Encourage, Empower!"

1986



Joe Gurgone, Brian Donnelly, Spencer Cominos, Mike Anderson, Paul Hanson.

Our very own **Dr. Michael Anderson** gave the commencement speech for the JCU Class of 2023. Mike highlighted three themes: 1. The class of 2023 experienced challenges like no other but he hoped they found “God in all things,” and mining for the good brought them more fully to this important landmark. 2. The Grad at Grad mantra: being open to growth, seeking justice, and bringing Magis to all they can do can be a roadmap to a fulfilling life. 3. He acknowledged the challenges they face (political tension, climate, etc.) but encouraged them that JCU has prepared them well to face those challenges with vigor and resolve. Present at graduation to cheer Mike on were classmates **PJ Kissane, Andy Logan, Caroline Hoffman,** and Chris Fortunato '84.

The basement of Pacelli Boys had a gathering this summer that included **Joe Gurgone, Brian Donnelly, Spencer Cominos, Dr. Mike Anderson, and Paul Hanson.** They were spotted dancing to Duran Duran while sipping wine and a few IPAs followed by unanimous sonorous snoring all night long!

In our small Midwestern world, **Jenny Labuda** ran into **Billy O'Donnell** at freshman orientation at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where her daughter and his son will be attending.

Please send us more Scoop!
Karen and Jenny

1987 | Dennis Casey
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Denise and I, and **Steve** and **Maria Imburgia** were privileged to be guests of **John** and **Ann Morrissey** (pictured below) as the honorees of The Heart of St. Luke Award by St. Luke Parish in River Forest, Illinois. The Imburgias were also honored to be the confirmation sponsors for **Stefano Delidi's** daughters at their ceremony in Virginia. Congratulations to **Diane (Palumbo)** and **Chris Galo** on their daughter Stacie's Masters in Athletic Training from St. Louis University. **Chris** and **Karin Valenti** had a double graduation with their daughter Amanda from Columbia College in Chicago and son Paul from Stevenson High School who is headed to the University of Nebraska. **Kiefer Conway**, son of my roommate **Tim Conway** and his wife **Maureen**, won the Michigan state championship for downhill skiing. **Kiefer** graduated from Brother Rice High School in Birmingham, Michigan and is now at Purdue. **Maura (Tighe)** and **Ted Horansky's** son **TJ** married **Lauren** in Chicago at an amazing venue with the city skyline as a great backdrop. **Maria (Greszik) Campanelli** was featured in JCU's Women in History month series of alumnae. **Maria** is the Executive Director of the Children's Museum of Cleveland. **Eric Sosinski** represented our class of WJCU (WUJC in our days) staffers who joined a great Reunion when the station broadcast again in the original Grasselli Tower studio space for an evening of spinning vinyl.

Photo bottom left: John Morrissey, Bob Mayer, Steve Imburgia, Matt Wozniak, Dennis Casey.

Condolences to **Brigid McNeely** on the passing of her sister **Mary, Mary (Kesicki) McDermott** on her father **Robert's** passing, **Deana (Dellaflora) Chamberlain** on the loss of her father-in-law **Jack Chamberlain**, and to **Tom Paulson** and

his wife **Susan** on her father, **Cesar "Bud" Octavio Santos'** passing away in July.

One that hits especially close is the news of my longtime friend, groomsman, and all-around great guy **Bob Mayer** having been diagnosed with ALS. Despite this, **Bob** has not lost any sense of optimism and is rallying forward, along with his wife **Laura** and their daughters **Madison, Casey,** and **Ella** plus so many of their circle—now known as “Bob's Minions.” **Bob** and his many minions have walked to help raise funds at ALS events in Orlando, Florida where they have called home for many years; were joined by **Denise** and me and many friends in Chicago (**Laura's** hometown) in June and in September in **Bob's** hometown of Cleveland. Many of our **Pacelli Hall** crew and their wives joined the Chicago and Cleveland events. We can all help by considering a contribution to a Go Fund Me campaign, **Bob Mayer '87 Family Go Fund Me**, to help the **Mayers** manage all of the extensive costs, since **Bob** can no longer work and **Laura** has not been able to work due to her longtime chronic health condition. The Class of '87 are all with you, **Bob!**

Onward, on, Class of '87!
Dennis

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1988 | Sharon Byrnes
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Hi, Everyone! Hope you're all doing well and enjoying fall!

The big news for our class is our 35th Reunion that was June 9-11. Even though many of you had other commitments and couldn't attend, those of us who made it had a great time. Campus looked fantastic and it was awesome to catch up with everyone. Some classmates were on campus Friday night, including

Fran Farinacci Powers, Martha (Kosir) Stankewicz, Mary Ellen Malloy Paul, and **Kara Kachelein Dombrowski '87.**

A group of us got together for lunch Saturday on the Pizzazz patio and enjoyed hanging out in the sunny weather. Those who were there include **John Davidson** and his wife, **Anne; Peggy (Janos) Liuzzo and Tom Liuzzo** along with their son, **Tommy,** and his girlfriend who are both Second Lieutenants in the Army; **Marisa Caliguire** and **Michelle Rakoczy Park;** plus a post-lunch appearance by **Jim Hansen** and **Mark (Oz) Oswald.** It was a perfect way to spend the afternoon!

Saturday early evening included Mass at St. Francis Chapel and then cocktails on the Dolan Center Terrace with the class dinners inside the Dolan Center. **Dale Westfall** and I enjoyed catching up with many from our class, including **Ellen (Maglicic) Kramer** and her husband, **John; Beth (Michalak) and Seamus Rahill '91; Jamie (Megeath) Jamison** and her husband, **Jim; Michelle LoSchiavo** and her fiancé, **Paul Bearden; Lisa Verszyla Siekowski** and her husband, **John; Kelly Gerrard Zitzman; Chris (Menke) Mings; Katherine (Meehan) and Tom Collins '87; Lisa Moreschi, MD** and **John Rock '87; and Christine Chatterton Glavin.** We also got to catch up with **Erin (Doolin) Fessler, Jeannie (Ross) Mowchan, Heather (Stewart) Kaznowski,** and **Christine Horwath**—which was awesome. Overall, it was a fun time and great to hear what everyone has been up to these days. Sorry if I missed calling out anyone else who was there ...

It was unanimous that starting NOW, we all need to plan on being at our 40th Reunion in 2028. We'll use our John Carroll University, Class of 1988 Facebook page to stay connected so ... JOIN our page!

Photo 1: Mark "Oz" Oswald, Marisa Caliguire, Sharon Byrnes, Michelle Rakoczy Park, Jim Hansen.

Photo 2: Front to back, right to left: Jeanne Ross-Mowchan, Christine Chatterton Glavin, Christine Horwath, Heather Stewart Koznoski. Back: Lisa Moreschi Rock, Christine Menke Mings, Katherine Meehan Collins.

Photo 3: John Davidson once again enhanced our Alumni Mass with his bagpipes.

Photo 4: Dale Westfall, Paul Bearden, Michelle Loschiavo, John Davidson, Sharon Byrnes, Christine Horwath, Ellen Maglicic Kramer & John Kramer.

Other exciting news is that just after Reunion weekend, **Dan and Sheila (Davis) O'Neil** welcomed a grandson to their family! CONGRATS! There may be more '88 grandparents out there, so feel free to share your happy news with me and you'll get a shout-out in the next column.

Send me any and all updates and I look forward to hearing from you!
All the best, Sharon

1989 | David Gassman
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Greetings, '89ers, hope everyone is enjoying their summer and making great memories. Not much news to report but **Beth** and I were able to hook up with my JCU roommate **Chris Pelinksy** and his wife **Jodie** for a nice weekend trip to **Kelleys Island.** We hung out with fellow JCU grads **Dan** and **Julie (Kahl '92) Weaver** and **Joe O'Malley** and enjoyed **Islandfest** and all it had to offer; many laughs were had for sure. **Chris** and **Jodie** live in **New Jersey** and have two boys, **Sean** and **Alex,** and two dogs. **Chris** works in **Manhattan** and makes the commute three-plus days a week. Well, that is all the news I have as my classmates have been quiet.

Peace, David

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1991 | Mike Case
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Hey there, Class Of '91!

Over the past few months I was getting emails, from the school, about awards given to Distinguished JCU Alumni. I searched and searched and didn't see anything for our class—what a crock! There are plenty of awards that should have been given.

Best Caricature Artist Of Funny Drawings: **Rich Sack.** Coolest Mullet: **Sean "Bird" McFarland.** Most Awful Smell In A Dormitory Hallway: The Hockey Team's Equipment. And, The Four Year Achievement Award For Never Driving Anywhere Because He Said His Car Was "On Blocks": **Pat O'Leary.**

I got to see **Pat** and his neighbor **Adam Waechter** when I was working a golf show in **Detroit** last February and they surprised me by taking me to my first hockey game! That was pretty cool, even though the **Red Wings** lost in OT.

Hey, listen to this! A couple people actually took the bait and reached out to me after the last column. **Mike Millard** is back in his hometown of **Bexley** (near **Columbus**) and still works at **Worthington Steel.** Not only is he an empty nester, he has four grandkids! He likes to get away with his wife to their little place in **Hocking Hills.**

Patrick Lynch says hello too. He has lived in the **Boston** area since he graduated and he and his wife raised four boys there. **Patrick** listed some of his favorite memories at **JCU** including working at the radio station, planning events on campus, and the greatest **JCU** night of them all—the **Otis Day** concert! That was a great one. **Togas** for everyone! **Patrick** also worked as a temp for **AOL** back in the day so take that, **Gmail** people.

Ted Denton says **AOL** was the first so it must be the best. He wrote to tell me he still lives in the **Chicagoland** area and is married with three boys that are old enough to make him and his wife empty nesters eight months out of the year. You empty nesters make me jealous! **Ted** promises to keep in touch more often and says he's up for some fun. He may regret saying that!



1991

Jim Smith and Mike Santicola



We had a great group of guys come for a little golf and fun at The Grand Resort where I work. **John Szachury, Joe Lardie, Robin Pastore, Mike Santacola, Troy McClowry, Terry McCabe, Jim Smith, Mark Postak, Matt Fitzgerald, Rick Warren, and Chip Moore.** I surprised the guys and had the chefs make Polish boys for everyone. Robin ate way too many for one human being. But they all loved them. We will do it again next year on the weekend after Father's Day. I'm hoping more people want to come next year. Let me know. You don't have to golf and you don't have to be a guy.

Ok, time for three questions with Mike. This column's contestant, my former roomie Terry McCabe:

1. Of your four years at JCU, which was your favorite? They were all fantastic, but senior year was the best since I lived off campus with six great roommates and laughed the entire time. It didn't hurt that I was finally good at balancing academics and social life with ease by then. One more thing, it was nice to have a car as a senior and not eat SAGA every day.

2. Knowing what you know now, would you try to get better grades or not work as hard? I think I would have worked a little harder/smarter as a Freshman and Sophomore. It would have been such a slight adjustment to make better grades it boggles the mind.

3. Your favorite bar to go to was? Tavern Co. was the most fun because it held the most people (as I recall) and it was always full of Blue Streaks. Cafe Rock was also good and



had decent wings as I recall. Honorable mention to Coventry since they had the best Polish boy sandwiches.

Finally, on a sobering note, we lost a classmate in June. We were all saddened to hear about the passing of **Chip Otterman.** He and his wife were at the last reunion. It made me think of all the classmates gone before us. So live life. Go to reunions. Smile more. Call or text someone. Or at least drop me a line and tell me how you're doing. Mikecase10@aol.com.

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Hello, Classmates,

I hope all of you are doing well and staying cool. This has been a hot summer!

Sue (Procanyn) Perram '93 reached out and sent a great photo of **Greg Perram, Nick Ciulli, Pat Shaughnessy, Dino Ciulli, Terry Friguglietti, Mike Lascu, and Joe Potts** (photo: upper left). They still get together to watch the Super Bowl and reminisce about their days playing football as JCU Blue Streaks. Sue said that Joe Potts has hosted this party every year since graduation! I hope they will be cheering the Browns on at their next Super Bowl party in 2024!!!

If any of you have news you would like me to share with the class, I will be sure to include it in the next issue. I look forward to hearing from you!

Hugs from Houston,
Gina Hugs from Houston, Gina

1993 | Bonnie Waiwood-Oskowski
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Sue (Procanyn) Perram (photo bottom left) has built a successful career in investment and corporate finance, which she credits to her years as a finance major at JCU, and using the skills and knowledge she would need for a solid foundation to launch her forward. She is currently the vice president, director investor relations for Brown-Forman. (You may not recognize the company, but you will know their brands: Jack Daniel's, Woodford Reserve, and Old Forester, to name a few.) She knew she had a dream job, but didn't know that her job would fulfill a dream. Being in finance, she watched the New York Stock Exchange open and close each day, and always thought it would be cool to ring the bell. Well, her dream came

true a few months ago, when Brown-Forman rang the closing bell. (That is her under the "B.")

1994 | Katie (Gerba) Niehaus
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Greetings, Class of '94! As my son starts his Junior year at JCU, he is moving into a house on Warrensville. He will be living with the same roommate he has had since Freshman year. I also had the same roommate for my first three years, **Heike Witt**, then she became an RA. Heike lives in Cleveland and works as a learning facilitator in the HR Learning and Development department for Key Bank. She bought a new house and just finished remodeling and making it beautiful. My senior year roommate was **Candace (Gash) Welter.** Candace lives in Frederick, Maryland with her husband Dan and her two kids Drew (13) and Caitlyn (11). Candace is a senior director in Human Resources focused on organizational effectiveness and analytics at Marriott International headquarters.

Candace ran into **Michael Reichart** at Wrigley Field (photo 1) and says he is doing well. She also saw **Cathleen (Danker) Neibch** in D.C. Cathleen lives in South Carolina with her husband Mark and two boys, Kyle and Ethan. **Nancy (Moray) Klein** is in Lakewood, with her husband Chris and two kids, Maddy (12) and Connor (14). **Erin (Mahoney) Sutton** and her husband Joe recently celebrated their 25th anniversary with a whole house



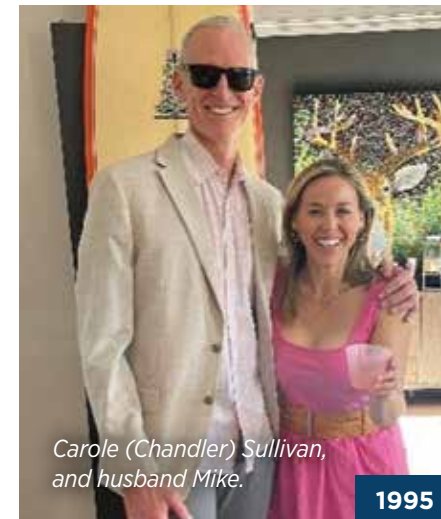
renovation. They live in Columbus, Ohio with their two children, Anne Marie (18) and Garrett (15). Erin is the public finance practice group co-leader at Dinsmore and Shohl LLP and works in the area of healthcare finance. **Mike McCrystal** is the owner and president of OBC Industrial in Strongsville, Ohio since 2001. OBC is a full-service industrial equipment dealership for the recycling industry and also has a rigging division. He has been married for 24 years and has three amazing sons. **Moe McGuinness** just retired from serving as dean of students at the University of North Texas System after 14 years and is now the UNT system Title IX Coordinator. Moe recently wrote a chapter entitled "When Crisis Strikes," regarding working with parents and families in higher education concerning issues such as student death, mental health, threat assessment, and other related crisis situations that parents may need to work with an institution when their kid goes to college. The name of the book is Engaging Parents & Families in Higher Education. Thank you, Moe!! Thankfully, I didn't have to deal with any of that when I was at JCU. Luckily, I have lots of great memories from my days there and enjoyed reminiscing with (photo 2) **Joanna (Jarc) Robinson, Sarah Loehfelm, Colleen Kelly, Erin (Canada) Owen, Jennifer (Kennedy) Ontko, Janine (Rockovich) Mortellaro, Christina DeNisco.**

That's all for now! Take care, Katie.

1995 | Annie DePerro
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Hey, Class of 1995 Alumni, It's hard to believe many of us are at that stage of preview days, orientations, and college drop-offs, some of us for the first time! It's a mix of emotions as we watch them excitedly venture into the unknown, just like we did back in the day. This edition of JCU Class Notes is all about celebrating our Class of '95 legacy and the journey we've been on since graduation.

Repeatedly, I've heard tales of classmates having serendipitous encounters, unexpectedly meeting in surprising ways! Take **Kathy (Apple) Francis** and **Chris Kitts**, for example: what are the odds that these two would each have Freshman Bearcat sons at the University of Cincinnati and show up on the same orientation weekend? At nearby Xavier, fellow Chardon resident and longtime friend of Kathy, **Casey Shephard**, will be



Carole (Chandler) Sullivan, and husband Mike.

dropping off son, Liam. I'm certain Kathy, the epitome of organization and planning, is already orchestrating carpools between their boys. Meanwhile, at the University of Mount Union's preview day for my son Ryan I met Kathy's Chardon dentist there with his son! **Michelle Lease** and **Monica (Duflock) Kwait**, longtime friends since our JCU days, were blown away when they received each other's son's high school graduation announcements both carrying the Southern Methodist University logo. Dallas, here they come! What's more, our dear friend, **Annie (Shane) Bayne** and husband Tim ('94) will be heading to Texas too, with son Connor who is attending UT Austin this fall. Finally, I ran into **Matt Clark**, the face of the Lakewood Toolbox at work. He handed me daughter Ellie's grad party invite: off to Carnegie Mellon this fall to study flute. How cool that all of these JCU '95 alumni reconnected from diverse backgrounds at unexpected colleges to launch their children! Last but not least, **Carole (Chandler) Sullivan** has a couple of years before son Patrick heads off to college, so Carole does what any fun-loving pop culture enthusiast does during a Nashville heatwave: throws a Barbie movie-themed party complete with Malibu punch and lots of pink. Carole proves to us all that you can take us out of college, but you can't take college out of us! Carole and husband Mike Sullivan, aka Barbie and Ken, pictured here.

1996 | Genesis Brown
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Hello, Class of 1996! I hope you had a great summer and your fall is progressing smoothly! Sorry to begin our column on a sad note, but one of our classmates

passed away, **Jon Artzner.** Our thoughts and prayers go to his wife, son and rest of his family. He was part of the school of business and had a successful career. Unfortunately, his life ended too short. His obituary can be found at www.gordonfuneralhomes.com. Times like this remind me to appreciate those around me and enjoy what I have.

On a happier note, I wanted to share the wonderful friendships that have continued to be fostered through the years. I am Facebook friends with **Leslie "McAndrews" Logan** and a few others; I will periodically see all you ladies coming together to celebrate each other. Just want to give a shout out to **Melissa Winberry, Jennifer Cannell, Melissa (Dobbins) Erickson, Margaret "Znidarsic" Mathews, Tracy (Potts) Winterich, Kirsten (Benson) Wriede, Liza Doty, Laura Lynn Locker.** Theirs is an amazing testament to their friendship and commitment to each other that they could continue to get together. As a reminder, feel free to send information to me. I would love to share the successful and noteworthy details that are going on in your lives with our classmates and friends.

1997 | Brian Sparks
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Hi, Everyone—One sad piece of news to report. **Katherine (Katy) Yung** passed away on May 5. Katherine lived in San Diego. Our condolences to Katherine's family. If you have any news to share, please send me an email at bdsparks@meistermedia.com. Thanks!

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Kimberly Knusz was interviewed in Architectural Digest for background and information on the exclusive Star Island in Miami. She helped rapper Rick Ross obtain a rare property on the elite island. As a global real estate advisor, she is definitely putting her marketing degree from Boler to use!



2003



2004



2006

2002 | Kristen McVean
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2003 | Lori Culliton
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The 20-year class reunion for the class of 2003 certainly didn't disappoint. The weather, fireworks, and after-party on the Admin steps had us all remembering our glory days. The new setup for the days' festivities proved to be a hit for all Reunion classes.

Rhodora Huffmyer (photo top right) and her family have had a busy year with an exchange student from Norway joining their family from August-June! They will be sad to see her go!

Photo top left: Class of '03 Reunion 2023 group picture.

2004 | Paul Clapp
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Hello, Classmates, I'm writing this just after returning from JCU where I attended an Ohio AI Forum presented by OhioX and InnovateOhio. It was so nice to see a packed Dolan Science Center with over 300 tech experts representing education, government, and industry including Ohio's Lieutenant Governor, Jon Husted.

This will be a busy year as we prepare for our 20th reunion. I'm excited to see everyone this upcoming June as a 20-year milestone should be a big reason to get back to University Heights for the weekend. The Alumni Golf outing is the day before, so let's see how many groups we can get to part of that!

Nikki (Spiezio) Schuck is living in Colorado and welcomed her fourth daughter November 5, 2021, Abigail Marie. She sent along a photo as well from when she was about a month old. Nikki also got to visit

Kristen (Hudach) and Mike **Lydecker** this past Fourth of July. Kristen sent in a photo of their visit with Nikki and Abby, along with her own update.

Kristen and Mike moved back to Dallas, Texas for a second time a few years ago for a job opportunity with Dart Container Company. Their kids, Julia and Levi, are 13 and 11. They recently added Luca, their "furbaby," to the mix this summer. He is four months old and has been a fun addition to their family.

Molly (McCarthy) Kish sent in a photo of her and **Kate (Savolskis) Pudner**, **Carmen (Krystyniak) Kotttha**, and **Katie (Rodewald) Millen** from their trip to Clearwater, Florida this past spring.

Until the next update ... and be on the lookout for reunion info coming soon!!!

2005 | Jennifer Tolhurst
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Hi, Class of 2005! I'm really grateful to everyone who wrote in with their life updates and professional accomplishments the last few months. What an inspiring bunch you are! Starting with **Timothy Grose, Ph.D.**, who has been at the forefront of documenting the crises occurring in the Uyghur homeland (Xinjiang, China). He has been invited to give talks in the UK, Belgium, France, and all over the U.S. His commentary (video and interview quotes) has been featured in venues such as The Economist, Foreign Policy, CNN, VOX, Al-Jazeera, and more. And his book, Negotiating Inseparability in China, was awarded the 2020 Book Prize in Social Sciences from the Central Eurasian Studies Society. Tim notes that none of these accomplishments would have been possible without his JCU years and the support he received from faculty there. On the personal side, Tim has been married to Abigail Alyn (Rich) Grose since

2010 and they have four-year-old twin daughters, Josephine and Madeline. The family lives in Terre Haute, Indiana. **Dr. Anna (Shakaran) Iacovetta** has been selected as the recipient of the prestigious Alumni Educator Award for 2023 from the JCU Education Department. Currently, Anna serves as an adjunct professor at JCU while also reviewing the latest children's books for an online journal. **David Kirallah** is married to his wife, Nour, and together they have two boys, Jacob and Lucas. He is currently in his 16th year at MetroHealth as a Registered Vascular Technologist. **Natalie Scala** is finishing up her 10th year teaching analytics at Towson University. Last year, she had her second book released, Mathematics in Cyber Research, which she dedicated to the amazing math faculty at JCU. Natalie says: "I am so grateful for their mentorship and inspiring me to build a career in academia." Keep those updates coming, classmates!

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Hello, Class of 2006! I hope you had a wonderful summer. Thank you for taking time to share your exciting updates with our class!

During their honeymoon, **Tony Grego** and his wife, Lacey, met Pope Francis while receiving the Sposi Novelli (newlywed) blessing during his general audience on May 10th in St. Peter's Square.

Janine (Solomon) and Matt **Baumann** ('08) recently returned to Ohio after living in New Hampshire for ten years. They welcomed their fourth child, Lucy Grace, in January. Janine is the corporate controller for Anokiwave, Inc. **Gabriella Milet** and her husband Mark Petruziello ('08) welcomed their first child, Bianca Natalia, on March 22. They are currently

living in Corona, California. Gabriella is also celebrating ten years at The National Italian American Foundation. **Andy Kollman** and family welcomed Lincoln Michael on April 18. **Kristi (Hosko) Senko** and her husband Kris welcomed their third child on May 5—a Senko baby on Cinco de Mayo! Tyler Vincent joins eight-year-old big brother Grady and four-year-old big sister Olivia. **Steve Volchko**, his wife Jeannine, and their son Carter welcomed Reese Evelyn on May 26. Steve was recently promoted to director, global corporate partnership development at the Cleveland Cavaliers. **Scott Duryea**, wife Sam, and three adoring older siblings welcomed Eve Johanna on June 6.

Photo 1: **Randy Pace** was promoted to U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel. He'll be taking Command in 2024. Randy and **Megan (Ball)** are proud parents to Logan (10 years old) and Lucas (8 years old).

Photo 2: **Shea Keats** is the CEO of Breakaway Bookkeeping & Advising in Portland, Oregon and recently received recognition by the Portland Business Journal as part of their 40 Under 40 list for her impressive work in the accounting industry. **Tyger McClendon** graduated

with her Masters of Science in Healthcare Informatics and Business Analytics (double Masters!) from Northern Kentucky University.

Chris Petitti is a high school counselor and the varsity girls head soccer coach at Holy Name High School. **Rory O'Neil** was recently named Alumni Director at John Carroll University! He has an "open door" policy and is looking forward to catching up with classmates on campus or meeting for coffee. **Hamed Hamad's** Fedora Food's ready-to-bake-and-fry falafel is now available in Market District, Heinen's, and other select specialty stores. Congratulations!

Bradley and Anne (Nicholson '09) Holko welcomed their first child, Cecilia Anne Holko, on September 29, 2022.

2007 | Lisa Lafelice Catalano and Brittany Bush
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We're delighted to share the recent updates from our classmates from weddings and job promotions, to new babies and serving the community.

Phil Taneyhill, Elisa (Gould-Lucht) Taneyhill '10 welcomed their son in early August of 2021: Callum Kowal Taneyhill. Born with a full head of hair and a full set of cheeks.

Kenny Poleski celebrated his recent marriage to Danilo Silva with many JCU 2007 classmates.

Rosanna (Violi) Hoelzle and her husband Paul welcomed baby girl #3, Emilia Josephine. She joins big sisters Bernadette and Victoria. Rosanna was recently appointed to the board of trustees at her high school alma mater, Notre Dame Academy, in Toledo.

Michael Charlillo, an associate attorney with Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been appointed to the board of directors of Empower Sports, a Cleveland nonprofit committed to providing sport and exercise programs for children and adults with various physical and cognitive disabilities.

Lindsey Ruster and fiancé Steve Earl got engaged in front of the Sydney Opera House in May 2021. They are planning a September 2023 wedding in Hawaii.

Dan Kaminski ('08G), was promoted to principal at HW&Co., a CPA firm headquartered in Beachwood, Ohio.

Margaret (Virostek) Gagliardi welcomed her first daughter, Colette, with husband Joe, in November 2021. Colette carries on her family's traditions in her mom's old JCU sweater, along with her grandfather (pictured below), Joe Virostek '74!



2006



2007



Jen Sopkovich was promoted to associate professor of dermatology at The Ohio State University. She was also promoted to executive vice chair of clinical operations for the department of dermatology at The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center. Jen and her husband are also busy with their family, including her daughter who turned one on June 24, and son, who will turn three in August!

As always, we look forward to sharing your updates!

2008 | Ann Awadalla, D.O., F.A.C.O.I.

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Hello, Class of 2008! We have a few things to share so let's get to it! **Vanessa (Brandt) Moos** has been CEO for an at-risk youth nonprofit in north Idaho for the past two years. She runs a 20-bedroom residential facility for runaway and homeless youth and a long-term residential treatment facility for foster youth. She recently wrote and was awarded a \$1.5M grant from the Department of Juvenile Justice of Idaho to build and run a 5,000-square foot safe teen assessment center. She lives in north Idaho with her husband, Eric, and their two boys, ages seven and five. Keep up the amazing life changing work, Vanessa! I also wanted to congratulate **Marisa Benich** and her husband, Stephen, on the birth of their first child, Felix Martin, who was born on June 6th! Felix joins big doggy brother Murphy. So happy for your beautiful family! A few of our classmates gathered on April 21st to celebrate the wedding of **Andrew Omastiak** to Kristen Kirland in Quail Ranch in California. The wedding was co-officiated by fellow 2008 grad, **Patrick Carpenter**. Guests included **Emily Monteleone, Abby Joyce, Suzy Music**, Jessica Landis '09, Natalie Zajac '09 and Matthew Davenport '05. Congratulations, Andrew and Kristen! If anyone else has news to share, please send them my way! XOXO



2010

2009 | Lisa (Ugran) Pacconi
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Andrew Summerson recently contributed to a collection of essays entitled *By Strange Ways: Theologians and their Paths to the Catholic Church*. Andrew says that in his piece, JCU figures largely into his conversion story and theological vocation. Andrew is a Byzantine Catholic priest serving in Chicagoland. He is also a theology professor at the University of Toronto.

Ashley (DiNunzio) Gault was named to the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America list in the area of Real Estate Law. Ashley is an attorney with Tucker Ellis LLP in Cleveland.

Several sweet little ladies have joined our JCU alumni family over the past year! In July 2022, **Kerry (Keyes) Jonke** and her husband Jason welcomed twin girls Rory and Cora. The twins join big sister Charlotte, age 6, who adores the new additions to the family and has been a great helper with them. Kerry also started a new position as the assistant director for marketing and communications at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, Ohio.

Sylvia (Lesisz) Bergmann and her husband Bob welcomed their second child on August 23, 2022. Hannah Blaire was born weighing 7 lbs., 9 oz. and measuring 19-inches long. She is the little sister of Oliver Shaw, who was born in 2018. Sylvia says that Oliver absolutely loves being a big brother!

Anne (Nicholson) Holko and her husband Bradley Holko '06 welcomed their first child, Cecilia Anne Holko, on September 29, 2022.

Ben and Tara (Ford) Adams welcomed their second child, daughter Saana Sophia, on May 17, 2023. Ben and Tara's son Arto has embraced the role of big brother wholeheartedly.

Congratulations to all of the above alumni! Please continue to share the joy of your life updates with our JCU community.

2010 | Megan O'Keefe
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Chelsea (Getts) Bosiljevac and Brian Bosiljevac '09 welcomed their third son, Bryson Joseph, on January 20, 2023. Bryson joins older brothers, Brooks and Barrett.

Sara (Culhane) Roland, husband Chris, and big sister Grace welcomed Emma Blais on November 9, 2022.

Stephanie Nemecek is the lead vocalist for the high-energy, pop-rock cover band Audiofile. Performing at venues across Northeastern Ohio, Audiophile covers music from the 80s, 90s and early 2000s. For her work in the band, Stephanie was just nominated as Best Female Vocalist in Cleveland for the Cleveland Music Awards. See www.audiophilecle.com for full schedule of Stephanie's performances this fall.

Please continue to send your updates. We would love to continue to help celebrate everyone's milestones together.

Thanks,
Meghan O'Keefe

2011 | Maura Jochum
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I sat down to write our class notes this evening after spending part of the afternoon on a hard hat tour of the many campus improvement projects underway this summer. Make sure you visit the Building Inspired Futures page on the JCU website to check out the renovations of Pacelli Hall and the D.J. Lombardo Student Center and the progress on the Athletic, Wellness, and Event Center (the field house). I have no doubt these new and improved spaces will make us all wish we were college students once again!

But alas, we are not, and there are many exciting things going on in the lives of our classmates both near and far from campus.

Gabrielle (Koenig) Kives is married to Alexander Kives and spending time as a stay-at-home mom to Lilliana (3) and twin boys Finn and Reid (2).

Tom Schaberl and his wife, Melissa, welcomed their second daughter, Grace Marie, on May 9, 2023.

Natalie (Kolkmeier) and Corey Pender welcomed their son, Jackson Paul, on June 5, 2023. Corey reported that Jackson has already visited campus for the first time, so hopefully he is already preparing to be a Blue Streak!

Ali Karolczak married Josh Forsythe in August 2023 and celebrated her wedding day with **Laurie (Hrad) Burmeister** and

Laura (Fletcher) Tollett. She is also marking her 10-year anniversary with Redwood Living where she is the director of product management, strategies, and innovation.

Meghan Brown is board-certified in general surgery and recently completed her plastic surgery fellowship before starting practice in Akron. She is also getting married in September 2023.

Brendan McCreary and Rheana Cabance were married at Saint Brigid Parish in San Diego, California on March 18, 2023 with many Blue Streaks in attendance. The couple has since relocated to Yokosuka, Japan as Brendan continues his Naval service.

Adrienne (Fischer) Hubbard started a new job back in December 2022 with EY, where she has worked for over seven years. She and her husband also bought their first house on the West side of Cleveland in spring 2023.

Michelle Nigro reports that she completed her Masters in Speech Language Pathology from Cleveland State University this year.

Congratulations to all! It is always great to hear from so many of you. Be well and—as always—don't forget to let me know if you're ever on campus!

With love for JCU, Maura

2012 | Emily Herfel, D.O.
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2013 | Larry Napoli
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Christina (Pintenich) Pasini, and her husband, Alex, welcomed their first daughter, Clara Elizabeth, on March 23, 2023, weighing 7 lbs. and 1 oz. and measuring 20.5 inches.

Regina Groeschen graduated with a Master of Science in Library Science degree from the University of Kentucky in May of 2023. She is currently working at a public library in Northern Kentucky and is excited for any new opportunity that will come her way!

Sadie (Curtin) Hackett, and her husband, Patrick, '17, '19G, welcomed their first child, Maryn Iris, on July 11, 2023.

Andrew McLean and his wife welcomed twin boys, Jaxon and Saylor, earlier this year.



2013

Rob and **Courtney (Goodrich) Mariuz** welcomed a baby girl, Ava Marie, on January 11, 2023.

Brittani Natale, and fiancé Daniel Tufariello, welcomed their second child, Myla Grace, on February 8, 2023. She joins big sister, Giuliana Marie, as the couple could not be happier to share the addition to the family!

Dan Burke and Alex Mrofchak '11 got engaged in May 2023 during a hike on one of their favorite trails. Dan and Alex currently reside in Euclid, Ohio and have begun wedding planning, but have not yet selected a date.

Megan (Broaddrick) Cleary and husband Alex welcomed Maximus Alexander on April 26, 2023, which also was the couple's ninth wedding anniversary! Megan and Alex reside in Pittsburgh and are looking forward to bringing Max to visit John Carroll very soon.

Maribeth (Keppler) Herrilko and husband Mike welcomed their second child, a girl, Ava Joan, on April 24, 2023, weighing 8 lbs. and 7 oz. and measuring 21.5 inches. Big brother, Austin, is super excited to have a little sister!

My fiancée Amanda and I visited Seattle this spring, as she presented at the Lifesavers National Conference on Roadway Safety. We spent almost a week in the Pacific Northwest, went whale watching, visited craft breweries, drank tons of coffee, and got to attend Opening Day for the Guardians in the Emerald City! While the game ended in a loss, it was a wonderful experience and I'd recommend visiting Seattle to anyone.



2014

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 | Deirdre Byrne
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Hello, Class of 2014,

Hope everyone is doing well. I am still living in Maryland and working at the Washington Post. In April I moved to the Opinions team as a social media editor.

I was also excited to be back in Ohio in June to attend **Dana Kopas's** wedding to her husband, Manoli Kalouris. Once her official wedding photos are ready, I am excited to share a group shot of JCU grads who attended in the next column.

There's a lot of exciting baby news for our class!

Denise (Sobh) Mikolajewski and her husband, Blake, welcomed their son, Thomas, in October 2022. **Katelyn (Ferrara) Eriksen** and her husband Thor ('13) welcomed their second daughter, Margo, in May. Also in May, **Katie (Kiliany) Alvarado** and her husband, Matt, welcomed a baby girl, Julia Mae. Ty and **Chelsea (Gerken) McTigue** welcomed a baby girl, Fiona Therese, in June. Their 2-½-year-old daughter, Colette, is an excited older sister.

Ryan "Red" Stargell has done a lot since leaving JCU. He and his wife, Mary, have become foster parents, had their own

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children, and have adopted a child, who is 12 days younger than their oldest. They've also rescued 10+ animals of five different species, started working in professional photography and have sold their house.

Kristina Shkolnik (photo top left) graduated from the University of Toledo in May, earning a Doctor of Pharmacy and a Bachelor's in Pharmaceutical Sciences. She's now back in the Cleveland area with a new job and is excited to reconnect with former JCU classmates.

Liz Pawlowski earned a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and is moving to Arizona. In June, she had dinner with Alicia Monahan '16—who recently earned a Doctor of Medicine—to celebrate the completion of their residencies in family practice.

Megan Murray hosted her father, Michael Murray '79, for his very first visit to Los Angeles and they attended the Neil Young concert at the Greek Theatre.

Tina (Brzoska) Garba and her husband Mike just finished unpacking from their move back to Cleveland from Washington state in 2021. Tina is now working as a cardiac ICU nurse at MetroHealth.

Mike Spettel has been watching the movie *Doubt* on a weekly basis and is working to memorize Meryl Streep's monologue at the end, where she talks about having "such doubt."

Please continue sharing all the great things you are doing! Oh, and by the way, **Holly (Mittelmeier) Weakland**, the former assistant director of student activities and Greek life adviser at JCU, says hi and sends her well wishes to our class specifically!

With love for JCU,
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2015 | Colleen Reilly Gong creilly15@jcu.edu

It seems difficult to believe that we are coming up on our TEN YEAR college reunion in the not-so-distant future. Our class continues to do many wonderful and varied things as time goes on—from exciting career changes and meaningful educational experiences, to incredible travels, to weddings and welcoming new family members, to enjoying the everyday beauty of spending time with friends. **Nikki (Keller) and Adam Tome** have had a special summer as they welcomed their beautiful daughter Abigail Christine Tome ('45) into the world! She was born at Fairview Hospital on June 23rd at 4:36 a.m. All members of the Tome family are doing great and are so excited for life's next chapter! **Matthew Dracoules** (photo below) was accepted into The American School of Classical Studies at Athens Summer Session. He has lived in Athens for much of the summer and visited regions ranging from Peloponnesus in the south, Thessaloniki in the north, the island Crete, sites including Marathon, Sounion, and Eleusis, as well as various museums,



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archaeological sites, restaurants, and beach stops when possible. I cannot wait to hear more about his experience (and see some more pictures)!

Calli (Hudock) Gasparro and her husband Nicholas welcomed their son Graham on May 20th. **Beth (Switzler) Andrews** and her husband welcomed another son, Jack. After an impactful time at Gilmour Academy, **Bri Lazarchik** has started a new role as the 9th-11th grade Experiential Learning Manager at Boys Hope Girls Hope in Garfield Heights. I am sure she is going to excel in this new role. **Steve Henderson** and **Danielle Goddard** got married in Tremont on April 29, with many Blue Streaks in attendance. **Ned Barnes** and **Kate Stahon** got married on June 18th. **Morgan Schaefer** served as Maid of Honor and other Blue Streaks in the wedding party included **Travis Baker** and **Bob Cowen** ('17). **Katie (Wilczewski) Zak** got married to Andrew Zak on June 17th at St Basil the Great in Brecksville and celebrated at Windows on the River. Many JCU friends were on hand to celebrate the newlyweds! Katie and Andrew are temporarily living in Brecksville while she recovers from major knee surgery and will be purchasing their own home on the south/western side of Cleveland in the spring! Finally, **Michael Gong** and I moved back to my hometown of Cincinnati (who dey!), as Michael accepted a new role as founding lead teacher at Xavier Jesuit Academy, a brand new, all-boys Jesuit grade school set to open up next fall. If you are ever passing through Cincinnati, please stop by for a pint of Guinness and some Skyline Chili. Stay well and keep the news coming. AMDG.

2016 | Madeline Sweeney madelinesweeney@gmail.com/ msweeney@reddoor.biz

The Class of '16 has been busy, especially BT who's been gallivanting in private jets across the country (at least that's what the snap looked like). **Bryan Thomas** got a new job at Dick's Sporting Goods back in 2021 as a real estate development manager and yes, to answer the question everyone wants to know, he's still available.

Welcome baby Blue Streaks! **Catherine** and **Ryan Donegan** welcomed their baby girl, Nora, into the world in May 2023. **Jillian (Blaszczyk)** and **Joe Bloomstine**



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also had a sweet baby girl, Charlotte Marleen, named after Jill's grandma, Marleen. They love baby Char Mar so much already! Congrats to both couples.

Christian and Ciara (Crossey '17) **Brandetsas** welcomed Rose Catherine on Feb. 11, 2023. They are currently living in University Heights and enjoy taking walks around the neighborhood with Rosie and

their doodle, Murphy. Maybe Rose will be a member of the JCU Class of 2045!

Connor and **Anne Hines** were married on June 24 this summer, both looking happy as ever. **Alexus Edinger** will marry Jay Morgan on August 12 and let me tell you, the guests are not ready for **Hannah St. John** and my speeches. Can't wait to stand by your side! **Emily (Rachinski) Johanson** was married in July and absolutely killed it with the photos, party, etc. Gorgeous, gal.

Courtney Fallon got engaged to Jordan Job (photo 2) on June 30 and as noted in the last column, **Raechel Boyko** got engaged to Mike Jones, but they are officially official and will be married this November in Florida (with a pool party to follow, obviously). Congratulations to you both!

Photo 3: Raechel Boyko and Mike Jones.

DTSB (Downtown **Sarah Brown** (turned Mehle)), her husband Tony, **Antonietta (Bovenzi)** and **Dom Liccardi** (photo 1) are thriving as near, next-door neighbors and have been ripping the PickleBall courts. Any local Cleveland couples are welcome to challenge them, but good luck.

Onward on!

2017 | Amy Awadalla amy.awadalla@gmail.com

Greetings, Alums,

We have some exciting updates from our fellow '17ers. I want to extend a huge congratulations to **Ciara (Crossey)** and **Christian Brandetsas** on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Rose Catherine, born February 11, 2023. Ciara and Christian have already shown little Rosie our beautiful campus, and are even hoping she joins the JCU class of 2045! Another congratulations to **Lauren (Shirley) and Parker Cavendish** on the birth of their daughter, Iris Elaine. Baby Iris was born on June 17, 2023, just in time for Parker's first Father's Day! **Patrick** and **Sadie** (Curtin '13) **Hackett** welcomed their first child, Maryn Iris, on July 11, 2023.

Love is also in the air for several Blue Streaks! Congratulations to **Nick Bencsics** and his fiancée, Julianna Spinazze, on their engagement! Nick proposed on a beautiful hike on a

recent trip to France! (Quite the romantic, Nick!) **Megan McCabe** and Mason Morrow '16 also recently got engaged; congrats to you two! And another congratulations to **Joe McCarthy** and **Amanda McCay** on their recent nuptials! We love, love!

As always, please email me at amy.awadalla@gmail.com with any exciting news you'd like to share with our class!

Until next time, xoxo
Amy

2018 | Emma Schapp emmaschapp@gmail.com

Hi, Class of 2018!

It was so great seeing so many of you during our first JCU Reunion in June. What a great way to celebrate our five-year! Whether you participated in the Alumni Golf Classic, Educational Sessions on campus, Saturday night Cocktail Reception and Dinner, Guardians Game, or events throughout the whole weekend, I hope it was nice to be back on campus and to connect with JCU classmates and friends.

Meghan Harte convinced me that we should relive our glory days and stay on campus. One of the many surprises of Reunion Weekend was how many days it took my body to recover from sleeping on a Twin XL mattress! Another one of these Reunion Weekend surprises was that **Mike Andelbradt** so politely asked me to take over as the Class Columnist for the Class of 2018—and I (after a beverage or two) agreed!

I want to make this column interesting to read and representative of our entire JCU Class! However, my individual information/reach and social media stalking can only go so far. So I need your help!!! Please reach out to me with any and all updates. That extends far past engagements, weddings, and babies (though I want to hear those too)—have you or a friend gotten a promotion? Moved to a new city? Purchased a home? Completed a new degree? Saw Dr. Welki somewhere other than JCU's campus? No update is too small. Please brag about yourself or your friends—and feel free to add pictures too.

I can be reached via email (emmaschapp@gmail.com), text, and/or Instagram DM. Looking forward to celebrating all of our accomplishments in the issues to come.

Cheers!
Best, Emma

CLASS OF '83

RAISES BEAUTIFUL GIFT

by Catherine (Kovach) Collins '84

This past year, the Class of 1983 saw an opportunity to ensure JCU remains an inviting place for generations to come by creating the Campus Beautification Fund.

Lisa (Amato) Reid summed up a commonly held feeling about the University, saying, "John Carroll University's bucolic campus is a literal oasis within the bustling outer ring of University Heights."

Bill Donnelly, Chairman of JCU's Board of Directors, started by inviting landscape architect Jayson DeGreeter to JCU. "Our campus can be an important strategic asset," he said. "But we needed a vision for the future, and we needed a plan to invest in it."

DeGreeter spent time walking the grounds and interviewing faculty, staff, and board members. He observed how students used the space and reflected on how to improve the campus. "It's obvious the campus is a special place for alumni and students," he said. "I felt a great responsibility to deliver a plan that presents how to tend to this campus appropriately for today's students and for the next generation."

An equally important step for the future was securing funding. With the Class of '83's 40th reunion coming up, Donnelly turned to his former roommate Tom Burke to lead the reunion class gift. "I was happy to take on the role, but I needed a purpose the class could rally around," Burke said. "Campus beautification was the perfect focus."

Burke reached out to classmate Jim Brown. "I remember my mom saying if the school is this intent on keeping up the grounds, I bet they're just as focused on educating their students. I told Tom to sign me up. I was ready to help," he said.

Burke enlisted Class of '83 volunteers to assist in fundraising and match donations. He also orchestrated a big push for participation around JCU's Giving Day in April.

"Tom was a master at getting our class rallied around this opportunity," said Sandra Ryan. "With the Campus Beautification Fund, we found a way to impact the greatest number of people at the University."

To date, the fund has grown to \$130,000. As an endowment, the assets can be invested with the proceeds available to fund future projects.

Jeremiah Swetel, Assistant Vice President of Facilities and Auxiliary Services, commented that the University is fortunate to have the Class of 1983 take on this project. "It's important to sustain the beautiful aesthetics of the campus," he said. "An endowment like this lets us maintain and improve our campus, allowing our operating budget to focus on educating students."

Burke wants to offer every 40-year reunion class the opportunity to make the Campus Beautification Fund the focus of its reunion gift, though everyone is welcome to contribute. "We all thought this campus was beautiful when we first visited 45 years ago," he said. "It's beautiful today and if we stick to the plan, it will be beautiful 100 years from now."

'83 CLASS COMMITTEE

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“we needed a vision for the future, and we needed a plan to invest in it.”

2019 | Sean Freeman
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Back in February, **Katherine Atkins** proposed to **Grace Blanchard** at Connor Palace in Playhouse Square. Luckily, she said yes! They had started dating at Carroll but had actually been friends since they were 14. They're super excited for this next chapter.

2020 | Kendall Miller
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The exciting news continues for the Class of 2020!

Congratulations are in order for the beautiful **Molly Killeen** and her best friend, **Joe Charpentier**, on their November engagement.

In other big news, **Jonathan Dailey** will be graduating this December with his Doctorate in Chiropractic. After graduation, he plans on practicing in Tampa, Florida. **Dorothy Swagler** graduated from Cleveland State College of Law this past May, and is set to take the July Ohio Bar Exam. After Labor Day, Dorothy will be starting as an associate attorney at Tucker Ellis. In her month off between the two, she will be spending three weeks traveling around Europe for her first time. Wishing you both the best of luck!

The wonderful **Nick Hupka** continues to pave the way with his bravery and service to our country by serving in the Army. So proud of you! **Mary Stepanek** (and the rest of the Traymore crew), would love to give **Liz Marcelli** a big shoutout for her graduation from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. We can't wait to watch you excel in your new adventure!

Please continue to stay in touch and send all of your exciting news my way throughout the year (email me at kmiller20@jcu.edu or message me via Instagram @kendall_millerr). It is my honor to celebrate your successes, and to share them with all of you!

Onward on,
Kendall

2021 | Morgan Jochum
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Hey, Blue Streaks! Some of our classmates have had some exciting updates including moving across the country, new jobs, graduating grad school, beginning Ph.D. programs, and engagements.

Riley Justice will be pursuing a Ph.D. in School Psychology at the University of Cincinnati starting this August.

Maddie Stablein graduated in May 2023 with her Master of Science in Athletic Training from Mercyhurst University. In August, she will begin her new job as an assistant athletic trainer at the University of Mount Olive in North Carolina.

Kara Daggett has spent the last two years living in Boston pursuing her Master's in Curriculum and Instruction at Boston College. Since graduating in May, she has moved to Austin, Texas to teach first grade at Cominudad Elementary.

Alan Adams and **Ella Schuellerman** got engaged this past year in Frankfort, Michigan. Their wedding will be this fall in Cleveland. Many of their JCU alum friends are in the bridal party, such as **Jacob Fritsch**, **Mike Flynn '21 & '22**, **Rachel Scully**, **Claire Mullee**, and **J.P. Chinelly '22**.

I recently started my own business **Morgan Jochum Design**, providing branding and graphic design services to small business owners. In August, I moved my office to Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

I can't wait to share more Class of 2021 updates in the next edition of Onward!
- Morgan

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

In Memoriam

John Carroll University extends condolences to the families and friends of our recently departed community members.
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Gerald Fenton	1950	7/6/23	Daniel Ruminski	1966	7/25/23
Thomas Judy	1951	6/4/23	John Szeghy	1966	6/14/23
Robert Collins	1954	4/22/23	Donald Caravona	1968	4/10/23
Donald Wingenfeld	1956	6/11/23	James Knipe	1969	5/21/23
Allen Caine	1956	5/29/23	Patricia Crain Hosmer	1969	5/16/23
Vincent Panichi	1957	6/30/23	Dennis Link	1971	6/24/23
Richard Sadd	1959	5/13/23	Christopher Wenzler	1971	5/18/23
Charles Kelbley	1959	7/2/23	Kristina Azelis Lamb	1973	5/10/23
George McBride	1959	7/23/23	Denis Liederbach	1973	5/23/23
Wess Sroub	1959	6/24/23	Joseph Spicuzza	1973	5/16/23
Martin Murphy	1960	5/20/23	Thomas Lempke	1976	4/18/23
William Wagner	1960	4/14/23	M. Patricia Ganster Stephenson	1977	5/6/23
John Zubal	1962	5/1/23	Marianne Kerr	1977	4/6/23
Peter Jakubowski	1962	5/26/23	James Mandelik	1980	7/26/23
Timothy Gauntner	1963	4/9/23	Michael Gingo	1981	7/25/23
Anita Mueller Morgan	1963	7/25/23	James Kramer	1981	4/29/23
Edward Cavanagh	1964	5/5/23	Susan Beyerle	1983	4/23/23
Vincent Giorgi	1965	7/1/23	Beverle Krueger	1985	4/5/23
B. Thomas Ostrom	1965	5/20/23	Peter Otterman	1991	6/17/23
John Hurley	1965	6/10/23	Malia Williams	2014	4/29/23
George Rakar	1965	5/24/23			

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— (Wis. 3:1) ”

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