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# LETTER FROM *the* PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As my second academic year at John Carroll begins, I am grateful for the support of our community, and I feel blessed to serve as your president.

This academic year closes the book on our strategic plan, *Promise and Prominence 2015-2020*. As we embark on the development of our next five-year plan, the strategic plan for 2020-2025, will build on our previous efforts to develop a clearer vision for the future of the University. The plan will articulate where JCU will be distinctive in an increasingly competitive environment for higher education in the State of Ohio and beyond.

The new plan is being developed over the course of the 2019-2020 academic year through broad collaboration with JCU's stakeholders. Together, we will listen, learn and, ultimately, execute our plan with confidence. We are approaching this as a once in a generation opportunity knowing that our future is bright. I say this with confidence as I have seen the investment that our alumni, Board, faculty, staff, students, and friends make every day to leave John Carroll better than they found it.

This issue of *Onward* shines a light on the celebration of 100 years of varsity athletics at John Carroll. Our athletics story began on December 20, 1919, when the men's basketball team tipped off for the first time. Nearly 100 years later, our 23 varsity teams are synonymous with success on the field, in the classroom, and in the community. John Carroll has always gone a step beyond, ensuring that when our student athletes graduate they leave ready to engage the world, no matter their profession.

I wish you all the best in the months to come, and look forward to seeing many of you at our Blue Streak events throughout the year.

Best wishes,

**Michael D. Johnson, Ph.D.**

President, John Carroll University



# Around *the*



The University announced on February 26 that **Steven T. Herbert, Ph.D., had been named provost and academic vice president.** He joins John Carroll University from Xavier University, where he has been serving as associate provost for academic affairs, dean of the graduate school and professor of physics. “I am honored, humbled, and extremely excited to be joining the John Carroll University community at this exciting time,” said Dr. Herbert. “In this era of challenge for most institutions of higher education, **JCU continues to emerge as a community with strength and momentum for an extraordinary future.**” Herbert was a catalyst for innovation and improvement at Xavier. He assisted in crafting and implementing the university’s past and current academic plans and oversaw two key elements of Xavier’s Strategic Master Enrollment Plan: online programming, and graduate enrollment. Herbert joined the community in summer 2019.

**William P. Donnelly '83** was appointed **chair of the John Carroll University Board of Directors**, effective June 1. Donnelly succeeds **Michael Merriman '78**, who completed his term as chair, but will remain on the board. New board members include **Rev. Karl Kiser, S.J.**, pastor of the Church of Gesu in University Heights OH, and former president of the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy; **Nancy Cunningham Benacci '77**, managing director and co-director of equity research, KeyBanc Capital Markets; **Timothy Cavanaugh '84**, founding partner, Cavanaugh Law Firm; **John Dempsey '84**, principal, Vanderbilt Office Properties, LLC & CA Senior Living, LLC; **Barbara Duganier '79**, former global chief financial officer of Andersen Worldwide and board member for three public companies and one private company; **Michael Keresman '79**, CEO, CardinalCommerce; and **Christine (O'Brien) Kramer '86**, a CPA, board member at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens and the First Tee of Cleveland.

**The John M. and Mary Jo Boler College of Business** at John Carroll University received two significant naming gifts in May, part of its ongoing **\$25 million Inspired Lives campaign.** A gift from **Susan C. and William P. Donnelly** (1984 and 1983 marketing and accountancy graduates of John Carroll) establishes the **Donnelly School of Leadership and Social Innovation.** A gift from **Christine M. and Richard J. Kramer** (1986 accountancy graduates of John Carroll) establishes the **Kramer School of Accountancy and Information Sciences.**

**The Boler College of Business** has again maintained its accreditation by **AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.** Accreditation by AACSB represents the gold standard in business education. In addition, the Boler College has retained dual AACSB accreditation in both business and accounting, **a distinction earned by only 12% of business schools in the U.S.** The accreditation process involved the submission of a detailed self-study as well as an on-site visit this past February to determine whether Boler met AACSB standards in areas relating to strategic management and innovation; the active participation of students, faculty, and staff; learning and teaching; and academic and professional engagement.



**During the summer of 2019, the University invested in construction projects to enhance the student experience.**

- **Don Shula Stadium** received a new playing surface, featuring the new athletic branding and improved turf technology over the previous field.
- **Mike Moran Court at the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center** was resurfaced; new athletic branding was included.
- The **softball and volleyball locker room** was completely renovated, including new lockers, floors, whiteboards, and restrooms.
- The front of the **D.J. Lombardo Student Center** received a facelift. A grass area was removed, and a patio for student events was installed.
- The **Murphy and O'Dea rooms** were renovated to create improved meeting spaces for students, faculty, and staff.

**University Heights Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan** gave his first official State of the City address on campus on February 13. This marked the first time that John Carroll's campus served as the venue for the event. The address in the Jardine Room covered topics such as **economic development, municipal finances, and future projects to improve the city.** "In the year and six days that I have held this office, no day has been routine," said Mayor Brennan during his address. **"Every day has been an opportunity to serve and make a real difference in improving our community.** The privilege to do this for you and for our city is not one that I take for granted."

John Carroll joined the network of institutions which comprise **NEOLaunchNET**, a regional initiative which seeks to inspire a culture of innovation on college and university campuses. Through the support of LaunchNET, JCU entrepreneurship students will benefit from a multitude of opportunities, including coaching, mentoring, special programming, and more. "Entrepreneurship is a key cornerstone of our distinctive programs, and we are thrilled to partner with organizations like the **Burton D. Morgan Foundation,**" said Dr. Johnson. "LaunchNET's mission of inspiring innovation directly connects to our **Jesuit Catholic mission and heritage.**"

The University entered into a partnership with **Say Yes to Education**, a leading, national nonprofit organization that partners with communities around the goal of making a college degree affordable and attainable for every public high school graduate. Say Yes to Education had previously selected Cleveland, Ohio, as the site of its next community chapter. Through the partnership with Say Yes to Education, graduates of the **Cleveland Metropolitan School District**, who meet requirements, will have access to scholarships to John Carroll University and other area institutions.



(Above) President Michael Johnson, Ph.D., with Baldwin Wallace President Robert C. Helmer, Ph.D., (left) and Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson (center) at the Say Yes to Education announcement event at John Marshall High School.



Students, faculty, and staff took part in the first annual **Sisterhood of the Traveling Scarf** project during the month of March. Each day, members of the JCU community wore a custom-made scarf, and passed it along the next day to another community member. "There is no better way to mark this historic anniversary on campus than to celebrate the diverse experience and perspectives of the women who serve, lead, and learn at JCU," says **Lauren Fraser**, assistant director for signature scholarship programs. "This community-building campaign is a chance to reflect and forge new relationships." The program runs throughout the month of March, and was funded by the **Boler College of Business.** The scarves are sustainable, and were created by **designer Kelley Jordan**; her work can be found at [kelleyjordan.com](http://kelleyjordan.com).

John Carroll's Integrated Marketing & Communications department oversaw the **redesign of JCU.edu** which launched this fall. The new-look, mobile-friendly website features a modern and efficient design, improved navigation, and more robust content.

Our **Department of Education and School Psychology's** educator preparation program is one of 42 providers from 23 states and the District of Columbia to receive accreditation from the **Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation** — the sole, nationally recognized accrediting body for educator preparation.

In February, an anonymous graduate **made a \$20 million unrestricted pledge to the University.** "We will use this pledge to fuel our academic programs, enrich our campus and enhance the student experience as we continue to inspire the next generation of leaders," said President Michael D. Johnson, Ph.D. An unrestricted gift is rare in higher education and can be used to address John Carroll's most immediate needs and priorities. The anonymous donor underscored a deep gratitude to leaders who made a significant impact on their college experience, namely **former University presidents Rev. Joseph Schell, S.J. and Rev. Henry Birkenhauer, S.J.,** as well as **Walter Nosal, Ph.D., founder of the John Carroll Counseling Center,** and **Arthur Noetzel, Ph.D. '38, former academic dean of the Boler College of Business.** The donor also stressed the impact of a social fraternity in making the pledge.

John Carroll University was named to the **Kiplinger's Personal Finance list of the 400 Best College Values in 2019.** JCU earned the 153rd spot on the magazine's list of best values and the 48th spot among private colleges and universities.

The **Department of Theology and Religious Studies** launched a graduate-level **Certificate in Theological Education**, a 15-credit-hour program with courses built around the **U.S. Catholic Bishops' curriculum framework.** The Certificate in Theological Education is designed for high school theology teachers and anyone engaged in the ministry of religious education. A flexible distance-learning model allows students to participate in once-a-week classes either on campus or online via video conference.



## FACULTY AND STAFF

At the annual Celebration of Service Award ceremony in January, **Elizabeth Stiles, Ph.D.**, (Political Science) was awarded the **Curtis W. Miles Faculty Award for Community Service**, and **Kyle O'Dell, Ph.D.**, (Student Activities/Leadership) was honored with the **Staff Community Service Award**. Both Dr. Stiles and Dr. O'Dell were recognized for their commitment to the mission through service and advocacy for social justice.



**Rebecca Drenovsky, Ph.D.**, was quoted in *Popular Science* in January, sharing her expert opinion on the impact of the government shutdown on national parks. "As I've been hearing reports of people walking off trail [during the shutdown], I was certainly thinking of the soil communities," said Drenovsky. A visitor to Joshua Tree and other parks, Drenovsky added that the Mojave National Preserve, the Grand Canyon, and White Sands National Monument also house sensitive soil communities. Without proper policing, hikers leaving the trail could cause decades worth of damage to these communities, according to Drenovsky.

**Philip Metres, Ph.D.**, a professor of English and director of the **Peace, Justice, and Human Rights** program, was named the recipient of the 2019 **Adrienne Rich Award for Poetry** by the editors of the **Beloit Poetry Journal**.

**James Watling, Ph.D.**, was named a **Fulbright Specialist for 2020**. He will work colleagues at the Jesuit university in Bogota, Colombia (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana) to develop local expertise in the use of mechanistic ecological models to forecast the effects of environmental change on biodiversity. The project will take place during the spring 2020 semester.

**Martina Moore, Ph.D.**, took part in the **8th Annual Human Trafficking Forum on WKYC** in Cleveland on January 28. The live stream and conversation was moderated by Monica Robins, and can be viewed through the WKYC Facebook page. Moore, the coordinator for the Substance Use Disorders program at JCU, shared her expertise as part of a panel of local experts. The **#HappensHereToo** campaign is geared toward educating Clevelanders on the prevalence and impact of human trafficking in the region and beyond.

## STUDENTS

**Campus Compact**, a Boston-based nonprofit organization working to advance the public purposes of higher education, announced that **Naudia Loftis '20** is one of 262 students who will make up the organization's 2019-20 cohort of Newman Civic Fellows. Loftis is a member of the **Arrupe Scholars Program** and a student-liaison for the **Center for Service and Social Action (CSSA)**. The **Newman Civic Fellowship** is a one-year experience emphasizing personal, professional and civic growth for students who have demonstrated a capacity for leadership and an investment in solving public programs.

**Adriana Nelson '19** was selected to receive a prestigious **Fulbright Fellows** grant to study in China. Nelson, an English and East Asian Studies double major, will continue research at the **Yulin Grottoes** that she initiated in the summer of 2018 with **faculty Paul Nietupki and Bo Liu**.



Students in the Department of English took advantage of professional attention in the classroom as the **Actors from the London Stage** visited JCU in February. Over the course of a week, students learned different skills, including understanding and speaking Shakespearean verse, acting, principles of rhetoric, public speaking, and understanding the power of body language. Supported by the **Hopkins Fund in the Department of English**, the week culminated in three performances of "**King Lear**" in Kulas Auditorium. "With five actors and a few basic props, the actors bring 'King Lear' to life before our eyes," said **Jean Feerick, Ph.D., associate professor of English**. "Each actor plays one or two major roles and a series of minor roles, using key props to signal a shift in their persona. It is amazing how they use body language to transform their perceived identity."

Two students were recognized for their commitment to service and social justice. In January, **Liz Marcelli '20** and **Jacob Fritsch '21** were given the **George B. Sweeney Endowed Campion Award for Service** at the Celebration of Service Award ceremony.

**David Sprenger '21** presented his chemistry research the **Choose Ohio First Scholar Showcase** in February. Sprenger's research, "Characterization and Photoconductivity Measurement of Methylammonium Lead Iodide Perovskite Thin Films," was supported by **Jeffrey S. Dyck, Ph.D.**, and backed by the **Colleran-Weaver SURF program** at JCU. His presented was viewed by the **Ohio Department of Education** and **Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted**.

## ALUMNI

The 2019 Alumni Medal winners were announced in March, with **Don Brown '70**, **Tim Donahue '71**, **James Doran '55**, **Dominique Moceanu '09**, and **Mary Lynn Crowley-Laughlin '74** earning the University's highest alumni honor. **Kyle Reynolds '99** was announced as the Bichl Alumni Volunteer Service Award winner, and **Jason Therrien '01** was given the Young Alumni Award. To learn more, see page 14, and for full stories on each winner, please visit [jcu.edu/alumni](http://jcu.edu/alumni).

Two nationally recognized female leaders and "Women of Carroll" delivered **commencement keynote addresses** on the weekend of May 18-19. **Nancy Cunningham Benacci '77** (below left), managing director and co-director of equity research at KeyBanc Capital Markets, delivered the keynote address for the graduate ceremony. **Joan Crockett '72** (below right), former senior vice president of human resources at Allstate Insurance Company, delivered the keynote address for the Undergraduate ceremony. Both Benacci and Crockett received honorary degrees during the respective ceremonies.



**Ed Crawford '63** officially took his post as the **United States' ambassador to Ireland**, presenting his credentials to **President Michael D. Higgins** in July. He previously served as chairman and CEO of Park-Ohio Holdings.

**Elizabeth-Burton Jones '12** has built a career for herself on **Capitol Hill**, serving as press secretary for **Republican Rep. Steve Chabot of Cincinnati**. She found herself in the limelight in a different way this fall, appearing as an extra in three episodes of the sixth season of **"House of Cards."** Jones played a background role as a reporter in Chapters 69, 71, and 73. A graduate of the **Russert Department**, she is also a lecturer for the **Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University**.



The Office of Alumni Relations hosted the inaugural **Alumni Volunteer Summit** in June with more than 80 graduates in attendance. The one-day session focused on equipping attendees with information and resources to serve as true ambassadors for John Carroll University. Topics included the institution's overarching goals including student recruitment, career development, storytelling and messaging, alumni engagement, and philanthropy with an emphasis on the role that alumni volunteers can play in assisting JCU. The day concluded with a "Rock the Quad" community concert by **Dave Pratt '85** and **Renegade Gentlemen**.



## ATHLETICS

The **men's and women's swimming and diving** teams swept the **Ohio Athletic Conference titles** in February, both earning their third consecutive title. **Head coach Mark Fino** and company earned **coaching staff of the year honors** for both their men's and women's efforts. In total, the student athletes racked up **46 All-OAC performances, 26 event championships, 19 school records, 11 conference records, and eight NCAA qualifying performances.**



The **women's basketball team** won the **Ohio Athletic Conference** for the first time in program history. The Blue Streaks finished the season at 22-7, including a 15-3 record in conference play. **Nicole Heffington '21** was named the **OAC Player of the Year**, and **Kahrin Spear '19** and **Dani Carlson '20** also earned **all-conference honors.** Head coach **Kelly Morrone** was recognized as the **OAC Coach of the Year.**



**Bobby Bell** was named the **head baseball coach** in July. Hired as an assistant in the fall of 2014, Bell provided coaching, recruiting, and administrative support for all phases of the John Carroll baseball program over the last five seasons. During his time in this capacity, the Blue Streaks had 28 All-OAC honorees and qualified for three OAC Tournaments. Bell is the fifth full-time head coach in program history.



Six alumni earned **Super Bowl** rings in early February, as the **New England Patriots** defeated the **Los Angeles Rams.** **Nick Caley '06** (tight ends), **Nick Caserio '98** (director of player personnel), **D.J. Debick '13** (area scout), **Josh McDaniels '99** (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks), **Jerry Schuplinski '99, '02G** (assistant quarterbacks coach), and **Dave Ziegler '01, '07G** (director of pro scouting) each took part in the contest. It marked the seventh time this decade that the University was be represented in the NFL's biggest game. See page 17 to learn more about **Blue Streaks in the NFL.**



# EVOLVING OUR BRAND

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## FOR A NEW ERA

John Carroll unveiled a new athletics brand in May, formally kicking off celebrations of the 100th anniversary of intercollegiate competition at the University. The unveiling took place in the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center on May 3 in front of student athletes, coaches, faculty, and staff. To learn more about the new-look Blue Streaks, visit [jcusports.com](http://jcusports.com).

### OVERVIEW

In early 2018, we started the process of a rebrand to update messaging and streamline our visual representation across all aspects of athletic competition. More than an exercise in design aesthetics for a modern-era of competition, our strategic approach began with research to gain an understanding of the historical attributes that are central to the John Carroll Athletics story.

We listened to those who have a vested interest in the athletics program. Understanding what matters most among stakeholders was important in articulating our value propositions through concise messaging and informed the visual manifestation that represents all things sports at John Carroll University.

### OUR STORY

Our athletics story began on December 20, 1919, when the men's basketball team tipped off for the first time. Nearly 100 years later, our 23 varsity teams are synonymous with success in competition, in the classroom and in the community.

Our first century was marked by sustained progress and opportunities for our student athletes. We outgrew our old campus, and the Women of Carroll joined the Men of Carroll. Our student athletes, coaches, and staff built a tradition of excellence that grew along with our community. The gymnasium, the natatorium, stadium, and baseball and softball fields are a result of that hard work, and in some cases, were literally built with our bare hands.

As we embark on a new century of competition at John Carroll University and write our next chapter that will be woven into legacy, the means in which to achieve our end goals matter. Some things have and will remain the same.

To be champions means more than outscoring your opponent, more than winning. To be a champion at John Carroll is to put values before all else: character, commitment, community, and competitiveness. This is the foundation of who we are as competitors — a foundation that will propel us into our second century together.



Students celebrate at the Brand Launch in the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center. The event was complete with confetti explosions, a dessert reception, and even a t-shirt cannon!

NBC/JCU Meet the Press Fellowship

# CELEBRATES 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



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Since 2009, NBC News and John Carroll University have partnered on the Meet the Press Fellowship for a graduating senior.

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**“ I can’t say enough about the fellowship ... John Carroll continues to provide us with graduates who are up to the challenge. ”**

— John Reiss,  
Executive Producer,  
Meet the Press

This prestigious fellowship is only awarded to two students each year; one from a national pool, and one from the John Carroll community. The program honors the legacy of former MTP host and JCU alumnus Tim Russert '72, whose name also adorns the Russert Department of Communication on campus.

Qualified seniors interview on campus with a panel of faculty and staff, with finalists attending an in-person interview with the show’s staff.

The recipient of the fellowship receives a stipend to live in Washington, D.C., and a nine-month contract with the production staff of Meet the Press.

## A DECADE OF RUSSERT

In 2008, TIME Magazine named Tim Russert '72 one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World, writing that he was “among the most astute, discerning, and relentless pursuers of truth in the nation.” Later that year, on June 23, 2008, Russert passed away at the age of 58. As a trusted figure in media, his death was mourned by leaders, politicians, and viewers around the world.

As a tribute to his legacy, John Carroll renamed the Department of Communication in his honor in 2009. The Russert Department of Communication is a destination major for studying the theory and practice of effective and ethical communication, instilling in students the passion and talent for inquiry, integrity, and involvement; three qualities its namesake embodied.

Russert students are encouraged to explore all areas of communication from social media to radio, to integrated marketing, to digital media, and more. To learn about the programs offered in Russert, visit [go.jcu.edu/russert](http://go.jcu.edu/russert).

“Our relationship with John Carroll has been phenomenal. We see a lot of college students come through NBC. Many of them are looking to check the internship box. The difference with the John Carroll students? They are employable.”

— Chuck Todd, Moderator,  
Meet the Press

“The experience has been beyond a dream come true and walking into NBC News every day is amazing. When I first came to John Carroll, I took the tour and looked at the Tim Russert display in the O’Malley Center, but it didn’t really sink in that it could be a reality one day. I wouldn’t be at NBC if not for John Carroll.”

— Ryan Brown '18

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**Andrew Rafferty '09**  
Senior Political Editor, Newsy

**Joe Toohey '10**  
Reporter, Fox 5  
WNYW-TV New York

**Kristen Jantonio '11**  
Communications Specialist,  
Destination Cleveland

**Emily Gaffney '12**  
Stark County District Library

**Dan Cooney '13**  
Social Media Editor/Producer,  
PBS NewsHour

**Dale Armbruster '14, '17G**  
Strategic Communications,  
John Carroll University

**Ashley Bastock '15**  
Sports Reporter, *Toledo Blade*

**Madeline Smanik '16**  
Communications & Public  
Relations Coordinator,  
*U.S. News & World Report*

**Mary Frances McGowan '17**  
Atlantic Media Fellow and Reporter,  
*The Hotline, National Journal*

**Ryan Brown '18**  
Researcher/Production Assistant,  
Meet the Press

**Julia Morris '19**  
Russert Fellow, Meet the Press

# ALUMNI AWARDS ✚ 2019



**Donald Brown '70** is a founding partner of Donohue Brown Mathewson & Smyth and lifelong servant to both John Carroll University and his hometown of Chicago. At Donohue Brown Mathewson & Smyth, he defended professionals for 25 years before moving into a role as “of counsel.” “I’ve truly enjoyed working with the clients I’ve represented, and the experience of mentoring young attorneys. It has been a wonderful ride,” Brown remembers.



Brown is a dedicated philanthropist, devoting much of his time and resources to efforts near and dear to his heart. Over the years, Brown’s commitment to John Carroll has continued, exemplified by his involvement with the Alumni-in-Admissions program, John Carroll University Alumni Club of Chicago Scholarship Committee, mentorship with students from Chicago playing football at John Carroll, and service as the chair of the renewed JCU Chicago Alumni Club.

“The theme of my life is that I have been extremely fortunate to have had supportive and available wonderful people around me from whom I have drawn inspiration and opportunity,” Brown says. “There’s a sense of responsibility to provide that same experience for others.” Across the last five decades, he has also served on boards at the Loyola of Chicago School of Law, Catholic Charities of Chicago, St. Nicholas Parish, and Sheil Chapel at Northwestern University.

**Timothy Donahue '71** is the retired chief executive of Sprint Nextel and a former member of the University’s board of directors. He is recognized by his peers as a model reflection of the principles of John Carroll through his humility, kindness, and natural ability to make personal connections. As the executive chairman of Sprint Nextel, the former English major oversaw the strategic direction of the newly merged company.



Throughout the years, Donahue and his wife, Jayne, have been devoted supporters of John Carroll University. On campus, he donated wireless services to the University, and was a major donor in the construction of the Dolan Center for Science and Technology, where the Donahue Auditorium bears his name. He and Jayne also fund the Donahue Scholars program for deserving JCU undergraduate students.

“I think of it as a ‘hand up,’ not a ‘handout,’” Donahue says. “I want to help deserving students who struggle to pay for their education. It’s also important to update facilities and infrastructure to keep John Carroll attractive and competitive. When I think about my life, my experience here is integral to who I am. John Carroll will always be with me.”

For **Jim Doran '55**, *magis* is not simply a concept, it is a way of life. For decades, his commitment to others has been all encompassing; from his family, to his business, and the community. In the six decades since his graduation from John Carroll, Doran has left his mark as a professional and as a person.



Doran is the retired Senior VP of Finance and Reporting at Heublein and a staunch supporter of philanthropic causes. He has given his time to the American Heart Association, Julie Education Center, McCauley Seniors Retirement Community, and the Seniors Job Bank. In honor of his John Carroll mentors, Doran established thriving programs on campus, including The Dornam Student Investment Fund, The Dornam Student Venture Fund, The C.J. Cooney and the Dr. Arthur J. Noetzel Internship in the Business Office, and The Doran/Namm Restricted Operating Scholarship.

In the early 1990's, Doran established The Dornam Foundation, a 501(c)3 corporation for donating money to worthwhile charities. Some of the more significant donations were to John Carroll University, empowering business students to learn practical skills in investment. "It's something I'm proud of, to be able to give to the students something important to their classroom experience."

**Mary Lynn Laughlin '74** is a business leader, community volunteer, wife, mother, and grandmother recognized as a consummate "Woman of Carroll" by her peers.



She was the co-founder of Lakepoint Investment Partners in Cleveland which was sold to Northern Trust Co. She then served as Senior Investment Officer of Northern Trust after the acquisition until her retirement several years ago. In addition to her business acumen, Mary Lynn has given selflessly to John Carroll as a Magis Society and Entrepreneurs Association member as well as a former member of the Board of Regents.

Mary Lynn feels that the University prepared her for her career, and that the rigors of a JCU education made the challenges of her career in business easier for her. "I never felt

like I didn't belong or couldn't accomplish my goals," she says. "I was often the first or only woman in many facets of my career, but always felt prepared." What is she most proud of? "It is about what we did for our clients," she says. "We helped them invest for their futures in a thoughtful and responsible way, caring about their needs more than anything else. I am proud to have been a part of an ethical firm who truly cared about the success of our clients."

**Dominique Moceanu '09** is a business owner, author, mother, and former gymnast who won a gold medal at the 1996 Olympic Games. Moceanu fought through injury to contribute to the first team gold medal in American women's gymnastics history. Since then, she has become a tireless advocate for truth and justice in gymnastics and youth sports.



In 2006, at the conclusion of her gymnastics career, Moceanu decided to focus on her family and education. She was living in Ohio with her husband, Dr. Michael Canales, and chose to pursue her business education at John Carroll. Moceanu and Canales have two children, Carmen Noel and Vincent Michael.

"I gave birth to both of my children while at JCU, and proudly graduated" Moceanu says. "This was significant to me because I was the first college graduate in my immediate family. The teachers and staff were all very supportive and inspired me in a number of ways." Moceanu has put her degree to use as the founder of Dominique Moceanu Gymnastics Center in Medina, Ohio. "On a day-to-day basis, I am able to contribute to the community through helping children experience physical activity and the beautiful sport of gymnastics in a safe, peaceful, and encouraging setting," she says.



# 100 YEARS OF ATHLETICS:

## INTRODUCTION

Generations of John Carroll student athletes have proudly worn the blue and gold, traveling to compete for championships across the country and around the world. While many colleges will promise the opportunity to win, we've always gone one step further. When a Blue Streak graduates, they leave ready to compete in the world, no matter what field they choose.



Over the next year, we will celebrate the legacy of the “Men and Women of Carroll.” This issue of *Onward* takes a look back at where we've been, while also looking forward to the beginning of our second century.

First, you'll meet Jennifer Patterson '20. Jenn is a Boler student, a starting pitcher for the softball team and an Academic All-OAC honoree. Learn about the life of a student athlete, from recruitment, to balancing work and school, to the chase for championships.

We'll take a trip down memory lane, looking at the major moments and milestones that highlighted our first century of athletics. How did John Carroll get here? From a basketball game played on December 20, 1919, to the 12 Ohio Athletic Conference championships earned by JCU in 2018-19, the last 100 years have been a rewarding ride.

You'll meet Christopher Wenzler '90, a man who built the sports information apparatus at John Carroll from the ground up. Over 30 years, he's turned a small office into a multifaceted operation that empowers students to grow in their career.

Finally, you'll learn about program building from four coaches who have won multiple OAC championships in their tenure in University Heights. Mark Fino, Shaun Keenan, Hector Marinaro, and Kelly Morrone share their views on the process — from recruiting, to strategy, to fostering lifelong relationships with student athletes.

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## 100 YEARS: BLUE STREAKS IN THE NFL

John Carroll University has a rich tradition of success in the NFL. For decades, alumni coaches, players, and front office members have made an impact on football's biggest stage.

Today, John Carroll alumni are employed by nine NFL teams, or more than 25% of the entire league. So, if you're looking for a team to support this season, make sure to watch the Buccaneers, Chargers, Chiefs, Colts, Dolphins, Falcons, Jaguars, Patriots, and Ravens.

### CLIMBING THE LADDER

Young alumni are learning the ropes in the NFL, developing connections and working to grow into leaders in the league. How did John Carroll help them reach their potential? Three alumni shared their stories.

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I look back to the early mornings and late nights, the attention to detail in my work, and the sense of innovation needed in professional sports in this day and age to stand out and present quality work, and it all goes back to the work ethic and dedication to your craft that is prominent in the John Carroll experience ... In my mind, I really haven't accomplished anything yet, but the experiences I've had and the relationships I've developed all go back to the type of person that JCU formed me into ... one who is willing to give all of himself to the organization and have complete devotion to the unit.”

— Danny Markino '18, Seasonal Communications Assistant, Kansas City Chiefs

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From the top down, the entire staff I work with as an employee of the New England Patriots continues to be very welcoming and committed to helping me develop in my field. John Carroll is well represented and respected in the Patriots organization, and around the league ... Without the push that my professors, faculty, and peers gave me in University Heights, I would not have been prepared to succeed with the Patriots right out of college.”

— Eddie Marotta '19, Media Relations Intern, New England Patriots

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Before I got my job with the Chiefs, I worked four internships and three were unpaid. You learn very quickly how much you love something when you're doing it for free. I identified personnel as something I wanted to work in very early in my time in college, so having an end goal in mind made the climb that much easier. Every day I look at all I have lined up on my schedule and it can be intimidating at times. Things move very quickly and if they aren't done right, you're going to hear about it from people above you ... Working in scouting, there is a lot of time during the day where I don't have to be somewhere but there is also an immense amount of film study, research, and operational duties that need to get done by strict deadlines. John Carroll taught me how to make the most out of short periods of time.”

— Jalen Myrick '19, Scouting Assistant, Kansas City Chiefs

## CURRENT NFL PERSONNEL

### Jesse Ackerman '02

Head Strength and Conditioning, Atlanta Falcons

### David Caldwell '96

General Manager, Jacksonville Jaguars

### Nick Caley '06

Tight Ends, New England Patriots

### Nick Caserio '98

Director of Player Personnel, New England Patriots

### D.J. Debick '13

Midwest Area Scout, New England Patriots

### Jacob Hirschmann '16

Intern, Miami Dolphins

### Danny Markino '18

Seasonal Communications Assistant, Kansas City Chiefs

### Eddie Marotta '19

Media Relations Intern, New England Patriots

### Josh McDaniels '99

Offensive Coordinator / Quarterbacks, New England Patriots

### Ben Milsom '01

Chief Ticketing Officer, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

### Jalen Myrick '19

Scouting Assistant, Kansas City Chiefs

### Chris Polian '93

Director of Player Personnel, Jacksonville Jaguars

### Greg Roman '94

Offensive Coordinator, Baltimore Ravens

### Frank Ross '10

Assistant Special Teams, Indianapolis Colts

### Jerry Schuplinski '99, '02G

Assistant Quarterbacks, Miami Dolphins

### Tom Telesco '95

General Manager, Los Angeles Chargers

### David Ziegler '01, '07G

Director of Pro Personnel, New England Patriots

## 100 YEARS: LIFE OF A STUDENT ATHLETE

The life of a Division III student athlete can be chaotic. To succeed at a high level, an athlete needs to balance their work on and off the field. Between the papers and exams, there's practice, travel, and actual games to worry about. And, if you play softball like Jenn Patterson '20, there are often variables you can't control, like the weather.

How does Patterson figure it all out? With one simple rule. "I never go anywhere without my planner," she laughs. "Every part of my day is in there — what I need to do, where I need to be. I never plan anything before checking out what my priorities are. It helps keep me on track."

Patterson needs that level of organization; as she enters her senior year, she boasts a schedule that would cause most students stress. In addition to her leadership role as a pitcher for the softball team, Patterson is the president of the Student-Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC), which helps advocate for fellow athletes and plan professional development and service events. She is the vice president of the Boler Business Leadership Society, and works as a leadership coach for Boler and as a peer advisor for Center for Career Services.

Despite her level of involvement, Patterson still finds the time to excel in the classroom. She recorded higher than a

3.5 GPA in the spring semester, earning her Academic All-OAC honors. "She has impressed me with how many things she takes on and how well she balances it all," says Softball Head Coach Nicole Loudin.

Patterson's JCU journey began as her time at Marysville (Ohio) High School came to an end. When Patterson visited campus, she fell in love. "It was the campus and environment. I knew that I could get a good education that aligned with my personal values," Patterson says. "And the opportunity to continue playing softball was too good to pass up." Her pitching coach, Bruce Anderson, had recently joined the John Carroll coaching staff. Anderson introduced her to Loudin, and she quickly felt comfortable with her future as a Blue Streak.



*She has high standards for everything she takes on, and that drives her to be successful both on and off the field."*

— Head Softball Coach Nicole Loudin

Before coming to JCU, she changed her career path; initially, Patterson was set to be a chemistry major en route to dental school. She quickly found a passion for leadership, moving to the Boler College of Business as a human resources and management major with a double minor in data science and leadership. "My professors have been so supportive throughout my time at JCU," she says. "They're accommodating of different schedule changes. They congratulate you when you do well and they care about your success as a student and athlete."





Organization and commitment are crucial traits for any successful Blue Streaks student athlete. One spring storm can wipe out a week of carefully balanced planning. “Time management is key because you have to find a balance between school and softball,” says Patterson. “School is the number one priority, so it’s important to understand the assignments I’m given and compare them to my softball schedule. Softball can be chaotic. You could be scheduled for three sets of games in a week, play none, and then have to play two days in a row.”

In her free time, Patterson tries to spend as much time on campus as possible, listening to podcasts and reading out on the quad. Next up for her is a senior season, followed by a career search. She intends to pursue her MBA at John Carroll, and is open to whatever the future holds.

“Softball has been great,” she says. “It’s where I met my best friends, where I found women who have the same enthusiasm. It’s been everything I expected and more. Eventually, I’ll be looking for opportunities in talent management or higher education. But for now, I feel like it was yesterday when I walked into my freshman year. People always say it flies by, but when you’re living through it you truly understand that. I couldn’t be more thankful for my time here.”





*Onward* is proud to highlight the stories of the men and women who built the tradition of John Carroll Athletics. You'll read about the decisions that helped make Blue Streaks athletics a key part of the University's history.

While a few print pages cannot possibly provide a comprehensive history of the Blue and Gold, *Onward*, [jcu.edu](http://jcu.edu), and [jcusports.com](http://jcusports.com) will attempt to do so over the next year. Submit your own story ideas to [journal@jcu.edu](mailto:journal@jcu.edu).

On a cold night in December of 1919, 11 young men put on their basketball jerseys. The name Ignatius across their chest in bold capital letters. The Saints, as they were called, were about to begin their first full varsity season. They took the game, 29-17, launching an athletic endeavor that endures to the present.

The St. Ignatius College Saints set the stage for what would come today: 23 men's and women's teams, competing for Ohio Athletic Conference and NCAA Division III championships. The road from a sleepy gym on the west side of Cleveland to Don Shula Stadium was not without challenges to overcome.

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## BEGINNINGS

At the turn of the 20th century, college athletics began to grow across the country. Higher education institutions were turning to athletics for advertising and endowment revenue. The Jesuits were not immune to this pressure. An athletic association was formed in 1904 by Rev. John Theis, S.J. Ten years later, a new gymnasium replaced the old college, a makeshift wooden building. In 1915, Rev. William B. Sommerhauser, S.J., the new president, authorized the expansion of athletics activities and hired the hiring of a part-time athletic director.

What ensued over the next four years was a series of attempts and false starts. Baseball, basketball, and football each began play, with each falling victim to various roadblocks. Baseball was discontinued after the rise of football interest, basketball had the 1918 season wiped out due to the influenza epidemic, and football saw its ranks dwindle as students and its head coach were called to serve in World War I.

It can be argued that the John Carroll University Blue Streaks would not exist today if not for the efforts of Rev. Edward Bracken, S.J., the first full-time athletic director. Fr. Bracken, who also served as the vice-president and dean, invested money in the gymnasium and took a new approach to enrollment. What followed those decisions was a period of 100 years of athletic competition, interrupted only by World War II.

The Saints basketball team would win six of its first 14 games, defeating Kent State, Hiram, and Ashland along the way. That year, Fr. Bracken directed students to return in the fall of 1920 with "prototypes of themselves on their arms." This enrollment increase, coupled with an investment in athletic facilities, led to sustained growth for basketball and football.

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## BECOMING THE BLUE STREAKS

By 1924, St. Ignatius College (and briefly Cleveland University) were the names of the past. The Saints nickname was no longer appropriate for the new John Carroll University; the "Blue and Gold" and the "Irish" didn't quite fit, either.

The school newspaper, The Ignatian, challenged its students to come up with a new name for the athletic teams. Raymond Gibbons '24 is credited with adopting the Blue Streak moniker. Gibbons followed the team on the practice field after his graduation, despite a serious illness. At one practice, he allegedly remarked,



*They're tearing around like a blue streak."*



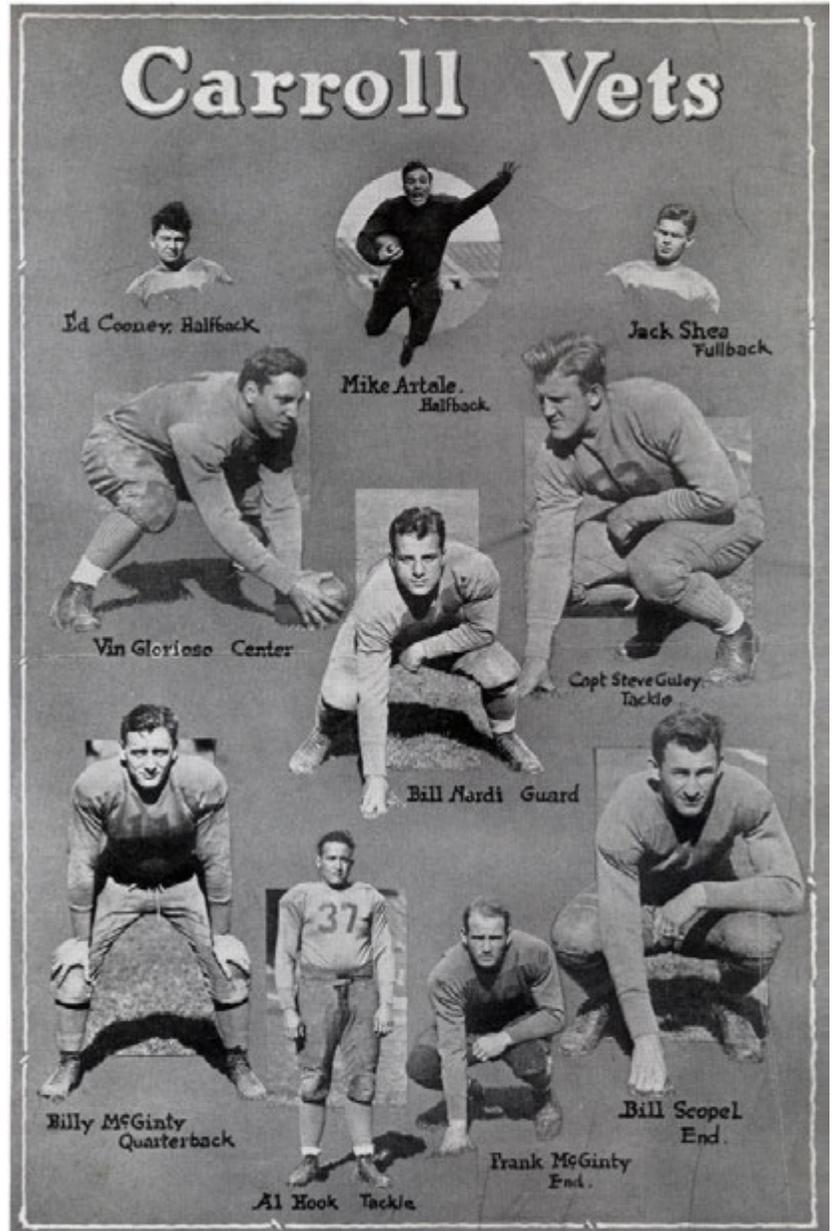
When he died in October 1925, The Carroll News wrote: "Since his graduation, he has kept up his interest in the Blue Streak eleven that he so aptly christened, attending every game he possibly could." The Cleveland News, Gibbons' employer, began to use the nickname, with others following suit. In the 1930's, the nickname stuck as a plural. Blue Streak became Blue Streaks, and the rest is history.

## WARTIME

World War I nearly ended athletics at John Carroll before it had a chance to gain traction. The period from April 1917 to November 1918 cost the Blue Streaks their football head coach, postponing their dreams of big time football for two years.

World War II was more serious for the University. After Pearl Harbor, the course load for students was altered to three years, and mid-war a Navy V-12 program occupied Rodman Hall. On June 12, 1943, the University announced that intercollegiate athletics would be suspended for the duration of World War II. For three years, the campus shifted its focus, much like the rest of the world.

When the war ended, the consultants of the University agreed to reinstate intercollegiate athletics and intramurals in 1946, but that only football and basketball would return. Hockey and boxing would no longer be sanctioned. Further, in a decision that changed the trajectory of the programs forever, money would no longer be allocated for scholarships.



### Boxers:

Veteran, Meaker, McMahon, Mannion, Higgins, Reda, Lennon, Anzivino, Sparacino, Sexton, Paskert.

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## SIGNATURE VICTORIES

In the early days, John Carroll football would play many of its home games at Cleveland Municipal Stadium. The cavernous stadium on the lakefront was built in 1931, and would play host to some signature victories for the Blue Streaks. In 1931, JCU defeated Adrian, 26-6, in front of 2,000 spectators. In 1934, John Carroll upset Miami University (Ohio), 20-0. JCU won the "Big Four" crown only once in 10 years, clinching the championship with a 6-0 win over Western Reserve at the Stadium in 1939. The biggest victory of them all came on November 10, 1950, when Don Shula '51 led the Blue Streaks to an historic 21-16 victory over Syracuse at Cleveland Stadium.

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## CONFERENCE AFFILIATION

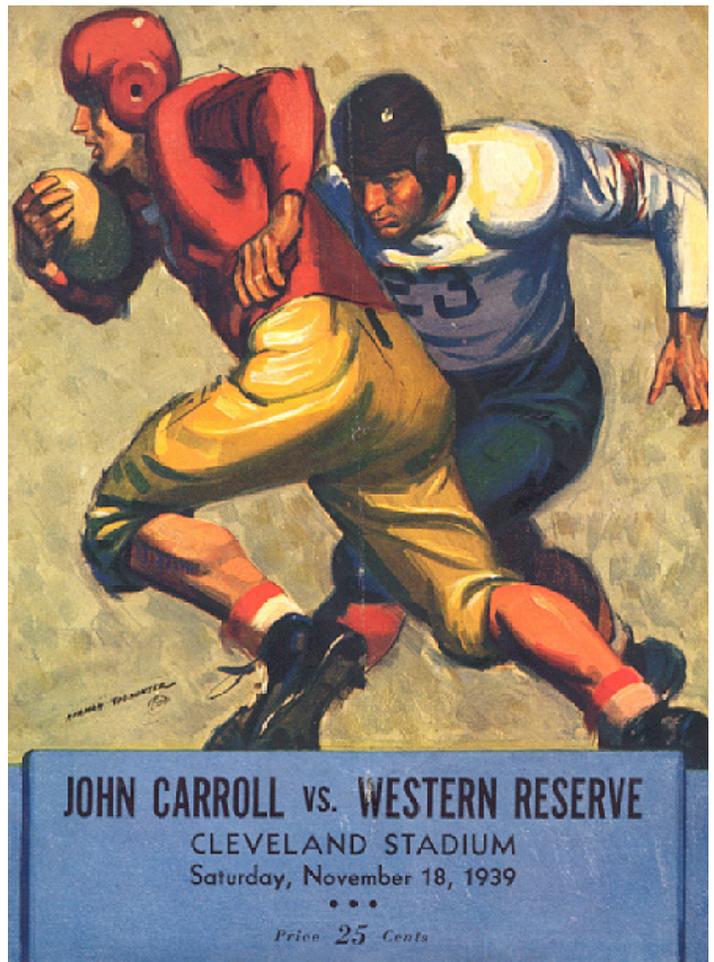
For years, the public viewed John Carroll as merely a seminary preparatory school. Fr. Bracken and others sought to change this narrative through increased focus on athletics. However, the University had yet to join the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC), so they were primarily forced to play schools from outside the area.

At the time, the Blue Streaks were part of the "Big Four," which included Baldwin-Wallace College, Western Reserve University, and Case Institute of Technology. The four local schools became fierce rivals, sometimes competing in football at Cleveland Municipal Stadium to large crowds.

As the years went on, students began to complain about the quality of competition; in 1930, the suggestion was made to join the OAC. In 1932, the John Carroll University Blue Streaks became the league's 17th member, joining alongside Kent State and Toledo. In 1949, the University left the OAC. JCU was now faced with the decision to pursue "major college athletics" or keep athletics as an important part of the educational experience, but not at the forefront.

In 1955, John Carroll made the choice to become a founding member of the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), alongside Western Reserve University, Case Institute of Technology, and Wayne State University.

For three decades, John Carroll enjoyed success in the PAC. The Blue Streaks returned home, so to speak, in November 1988. The University accepted an invitation to return to their roots and rejoin the OAC. Beginning in the 1989-90 academic year, the Blue Streaks would be able to renew their rivalry with Baldwin Wallace.

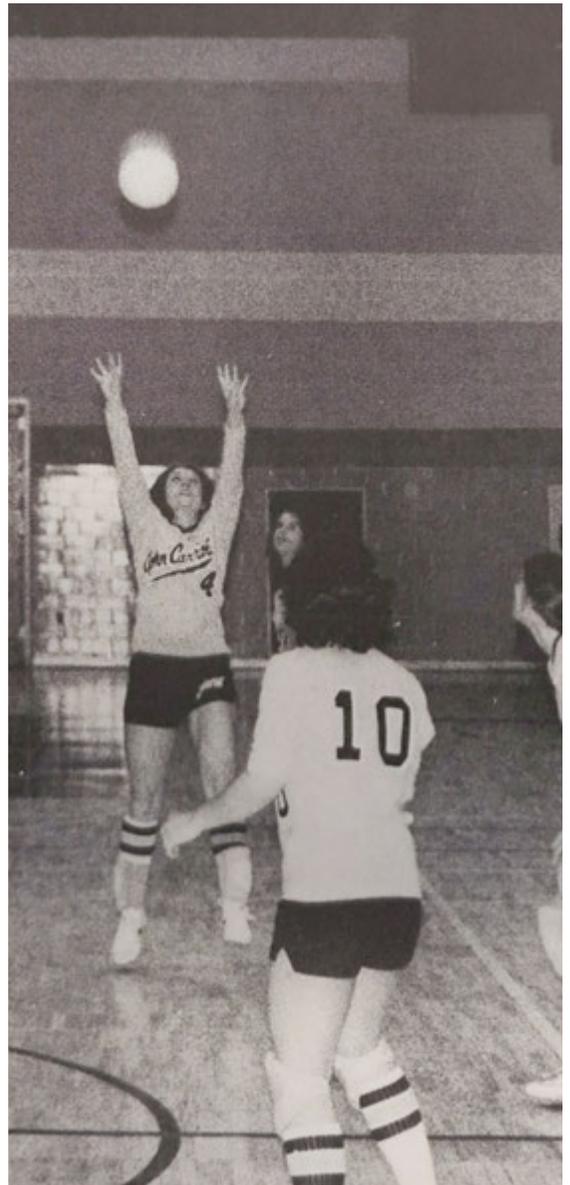


## THE WOMEN OF CARROLL

In 1968, John Carroll became fully co-educational. Two years later, Kathleen Manning was hired to teach women's physical education. She quickly took responsibility for women's athletics, formally becoming coordinator of women's athletics in 1974. Manning took a diplomatic approach to earning respect on campus, proposing that women be allowed to play intramurals at first, attempting to break through decades of "tradition."

The 1970-71 academic year saw the birth of the first two women's sports — basketball and volleyball. There were numerous challenges: there was no strategic plan for women's athletics at the time; the players were learning new games, such as five-player basketball; and players often missed practice for exams, term papers, and social occasions. There were minimal resources for uniforms, equipment, transportation, and food.

When tennis was introduced in 1974-75, the two varsity programs and intramurals had improved resources. Women's swimming and diving followed in the 1980s. On the back of pioneer student athletes, the women's programs had fought to earn PAC affiliations in 1984-85. Manning was a key advocate for OAC membership in the late 1980s; the OAC was the model for her programs that she built.



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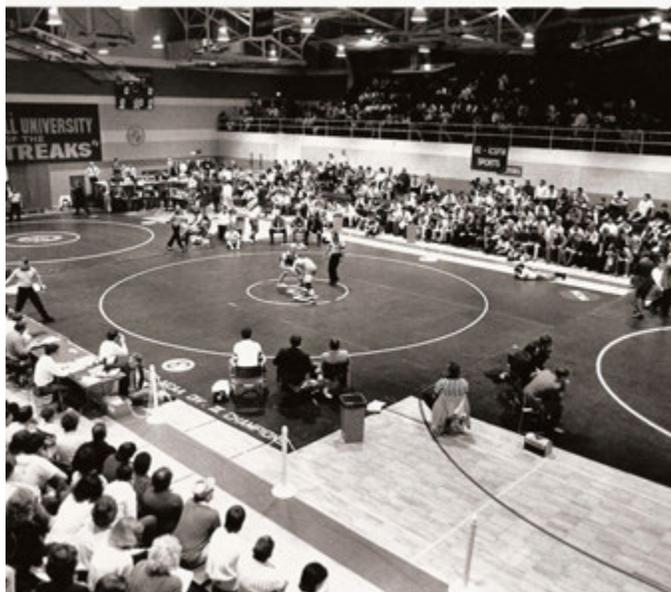
## NATIONAL POWER

Wrestling became a varsity sport in 1964, and young head coach Tony DeCarlo had to build a program from scratch. DeCarlo went from pulling students out of the hallway to compete to leading JCU to 21 straight PAC championships. As word got out about the Blue Streaks, DeCarlo compiled the talent needed to dominate the Division III world.

The 1975 wrestling team earned the first national championship in school history, bolstered by four individual national champions. DeCarlo was named National Catholic Coach of the Year from 1973-75, and was the NCAA College Division Coach of the Year in 1974.



The squad had dual meet and/or tournament wins over University of Notre Dame, St. Johns, Seton Hall, Marquette, Bowling Green, Cincinnati, Akron, Ashland, Eastern Michigan, Toledo, Ohio State, Northwestern, Kent State, Georgia, Indiana, Alabama, and Illinois. All three teams, 1973-74, 1974-75, and 1975-76, have been inducted into the John Carroll Athletic Hall of Fame.



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## EXPANSION

Soccer was added in 1964, followed by swimming and diving in 1970. With the addition of women's sports in the 1970s, the race was on to expand athletics across the board.



Gerald Schweickert '60 revived baseball in 1973, building a program (and field) with the help of his players, who would each carry gloves full of rocks away from the field at the end of practice. Softball (1984), women's track and field and cross country (1985), women's soccer (1989), and women's golf (1999) rounded out the field for the end of the 21st century, pushing JCU to 21 varsity sports.

With this expansion came a need for new facilities. Wasmer Field was dedicated in 1968, the first on-campus home of the Blue Streaks. The William H. Johnson Natatorium officially opened in 1975. Schweickert Field was officially opened in 1992, with a grandstand, dugouts, and a scoreboard. Bracken Field opened in 1992 as well; it was renovated in 2017, giving softball a true on-campus home with fences and stands. Carroll Gym was revamped in 2002, becoming the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center. In 2009, the David Meuse '67 Wrestling Room was opened on the top floor of the Lombardo Student Center. The largest space for JCU athletics, Don Shula Stadium, opened in 2003. Through the generosity of Shula and others, the facility boasts a dual-use press box, office space, 5,400 seats, and field space for football, soccer, and lacrosse to compete. It also acts as a multi-purpose space for all 23 varsity teams to practice and train on.

## CHALLENGING FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

In 1986, DeCarlo succeeded Schweickert as athletic director. One year later, he retired from wrestling and began a tenure as the 14th football head coach.



What ensued was an unprecedented run, as DeCarlo's teams recorded 12 straight winning seasons, amassing a record of 90-27-4. The 1989 team won the OAC title, and made the NCAA playoffs for the first time in school history in 1997. DeCarlo coached future Super Bowl champion London Fletcher '98, as well as future NFL executives and coaches in Nick Caserio '98, Tom Telesco '95, Josh McDaniels '99, Greg Roman '94, and Dave Caldwell '96 among others. In 2002, DeCarlo's successor, Regis Scafe, led the Blue Streaks to the semifinal of the NCAA playoffs; the team was quarterbacked by future NFL QB and Blue Streaks head coach Tom Arth '03.

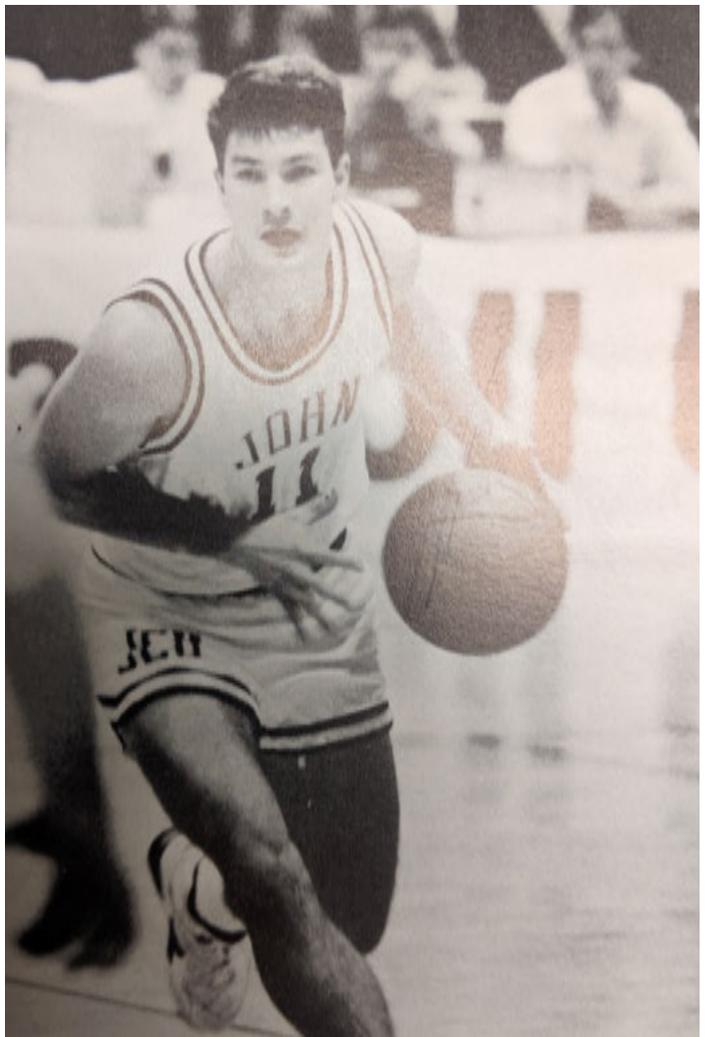
At the same time, the men's basketball team hired Mike Moran in 1992. Over his 25-year tenure, the Blue Streaks would win 14 OAC championships and make 12 NCAA Tournament appearances. In 2003-04, Moran's squad ascended to the national semifinal, the best finish in program history.

As he was building his basketball program, Moran was taking the men's golf teams to new heights. His squads have finished in the national top-four five different times. In recent years, the women's basketball team has

also set program records. Under Kelly Morrone, the Blue Streaks have appeared in the NCAA Tournament three times in six years.

In 1993, the Blue Streaks volleyball program started an unprecedented run. Led by head coach Gretchen Weitbrecht, the team finished 34-4, including a victory over Guilford in the NCAA Tournament. Over the next two seasons, JCU would qualify for NAAs, winning a first-round match in 1995.

Under the direction of Ali Kazemini, the men's soccer team reached new national heights, qualifying for the 2001, 2003, and 2005 NCAA playoffs. The teams won three total NCAA games, including the first two rounds in 2003. Hector Marinaro's squads continued the tradition, earning berths in 2006, 2016, 2017, and 2018.



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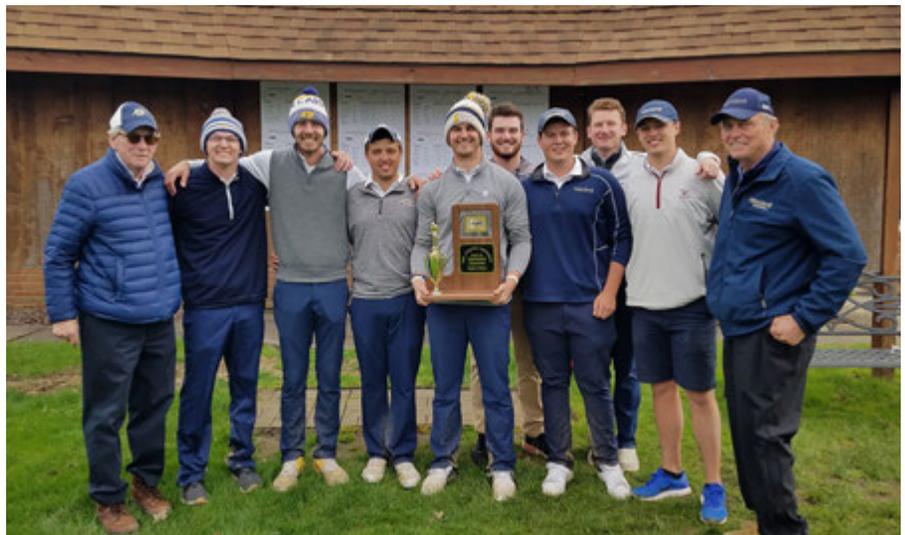
## INTO THE FUTURE

Into the 2010s, the Blue Streaks began to expect NCAA appearances for their top squads. In the last decade, JCU has enjoyed considerable success. In 2014, the University welcomed men's lacrosse as the 22nd varsity sport; women's lacrosse became the 23rd a year later.

When Laurie Massa retired as athletic director in 2018, 16 of the 23 sports had won an OAC championship under her leadership. Three teams (men's basketball, football, men's soccer) hosted NCAA Tournament competitions, and five other sports (women's basketball, softball, men's and women's tennis, and men's lacrosse) made their first NCAA trip during her tenure.

Michelle Morgan became the 11th full-time athletic director in John Carroll history in 2018. The University captured the OAC Men's All-Sports Trophy for the fifth straight year. In 2018-19, the athletic department set the school record for OAC championships in a season with 12; it topped the record set two years prior. The department also debuted its first brand refresh in two decades, and completed renovations to the DeCarlo Varsity Center and Shula Stadium playing surfaces, locker rooms, and weight room.

As the 23 varsity teams step out on the field this season, they'll do so with the knowledge of the generations of men and women who came before, **paving the way for their opportunity to chase championships.**





# 30 YEARS OF LEADING BY EXAMPLE: CHRIS WENZLER '90



**First one in, last one out.** It's standard operating procedure for Chris Wenzler '90. In the fall, hours before teams hit the field to warm up, he crosses the street with a cart full of equipment. Often, long after the crowds have gone home, after the tower lights have shut off at Shula Stadium, the glow of the press box from South Belvoir indicates that his day of covering the Blue Streaks is not yet over.

Long hours, road trips, entire weekends spent away from home. Covering Division III athletics at a high level can present significant challenges. But as the man who has served through nearly one-third of the first 100 years of John Carroll athletics will tell you, it's all part of the job. And as his colleagues, work-study students, and alumni will attest, there's no better man for that job.

Wenzler's office is tucked on the second floor of the D.J. Lombardo Student Center. It has a comfortable feel, a lived-in quality. That's because it is the central hub for Wenzler and more than three dozen work-study students who find their way in and out throughout the day. The student workspaces are surrounded by files, photos, and books. Closets and file cabinets throughout the four-room suite are packed to the seams, each one documenting a separate aspect of JCU's ten-decade journey in athletics.

*He is the first person we hear from after a win, the first person to help us after a loss. I hope I can raise my children to be the type of person that Chris is." — Mark Fino*

In this space, Chris acts as teacher, shepherding students through writing, compiling game notes, designing programs, searching for photos, and reviewing broadcast tape. It is a learning lab; one that challenges an accounting student to write a game preview or a political science major to lay out sections of a program.

The skills learned by students in Wenzler's office are critical to the operation. As technology developed over the years, the expectations grew. The wait for faxed box scores from road events was replaced by live streaming. Trips across the country demanded attention. In recent years, content created by sports information represents the only coverage for players and coaches, because of the constraints on traditional media. Covering all 23 varsity sports takes on increased importance as a result. "He works to give everyone equal coverage, because he knows that all student athletes work hard, says Melissa, his wife of 27 years. With that mantra in mind, punctuality, commitment, energy, and teamwork become key traits for a successful member of the team.

As he often puts it, the broadcast might be the only time a parents sees their son or daughter compete. A game story might be the first thing a prospective student reads about JCU. It all matters, equally.

Wenzler's staff doesn't simply include a front row seat to John Carroll sporting events. It means an invitation into the Wenzler family.

Melissa was a longtime part-time assistant for Chris, providing any assistance she could before the birth of their two children, Madeline and Oliver. She now serves as an assistant director of enrollment, truly making John Carroll's success the family business.

From cookouts to game nights, to staff outings to Whirlyball and golf, a work-study position in sports information means immersing yourself in the experience. "The kids in the office have always been family to us," Melissa says. "Seeing them grow is one of the most rewarding parts of the job for him."

*I will be forever grateful for the opportunities, support, and encouragement he has given me. When you are a part of Chris' staff, it's like being a part of a large family with years of traditions and memories."*  
— Brooke (McCann) Walker '06, '09G

*I definitely wouldn't be where I am today without him."* — Courtney Fallon '16



While his work has impacted thousands of student athletes, employees, and colleagues, a particular point of pride for Chris is his service work. After attending his first in 2007, Chris has gone on nine immersion trips as a staff member at John Carroll; he's served in Jamaica (five times), Ecuador (three times), and Guatemala. On campus, he spearheaded Streaks to the Max, in partnership with Max Cure Foundation. Each year, the events bring together the creative efforts of student athletes to raise money for families affected by pediatric cancer.



For his efforts, he received the Bob Kenworthy Community Service Award in 2018. That same year, he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Even as he fought his own cancer fight, he turned his eyes toward 2019, and an opportunity to return to Ecuador for another immersion. Shortly before departing, he found out his cancer had returned. His next battle was about to begin. His next move: get on the plane to Ecuador.

As the first century of athletics at JCU closes, it is not a simple task to measure the impact of a man in his fourth decade at the University. For alumni like Sean Fagan, the impact of Chris Wenzler on his life is immeasurable:

**"I don't know where I would be without Chris Wenzler. I learned many lessons in my days working for Chris — sometimes the easy way, and sometimes the hard way, as I am sure he could attest. That's the great thing about him, though; he is always pushing students not just to succeed, but more critically, to grow into better people. And isn't that the Jesuit ideal—to be men and women for others? You won't find many people that live it the way he does."**

*Chris has touched the lives of so many Blue Streaks. At the end of the day, he is just a good person. We need more Chris Wenzlers in the world." — Joe Ginley '16*

*Without knowing it, Chris has made a positive effect on the lives of hundreds, if not thousands of people. ... He leads by example and sets the bar high. And don't get me started on his writing skills." — Pat Perkins '16*

*Chris is one of the most hardworking, sincere, supportive and resilient people I know. I value his mentorship and his ability to articulate life so insightfully — with positivity and humor! He's one of a kind." — Gabriella Kreuz '14*

*Chris was there for me during the good times and bad, just like he was for every other person he knew. I am thankful to have him as a lifelong friend and mentor." — Ashley (Bauer) Baumgartel '12*

*His caring nature for and toward others is infectious, it would spread like wildfire around our office and would carry on from person to person. And I firmly believe that if each of us adopted just a little bit of this trait, we would live in a world that's an overall better place." — Danny Markino '18*

*Sports information at JCU is nothing short of family." — Rebecca Reid '14*

*Chris has proven that if you have people by your side who you care about and appreciate each and every day with a smile and good heart, we can all make it through the darkest days. He really is an inspiration." — Sam Pitts '09*

*To put it simply; JCU would not be JCU without Chris Wenzler. We all are lucky just to have someone like him nurturing the lives of so many students. To say the world is a better place because of the good Chris has personally done, as well as instilled in hundreds of JCU students, is truly an understatement." — Julie (Rybak) Shontz '11*



*He's the sole reason why I stayed at JCU after an underwhelming freshman year. His ability to see potential in students is unparalleled. To go along with that, he has a forgiving heart knowing that many college students are going to stumble their way through what in some cases could be their first job. He's more of a mentor than a boss to hundreds of students to work on his staff. I owe him a debt of gratitude that spans a lifetime." — Art Antram '06, '11G*

*As a freshman, I was not sure of my place. My confidence was down and I questioned if I could succeed at the University. However, Chris did not give up on me or the possibility that I could have a fulfilling four years as a Blue Streak. Chris and his wife Melissa have 'adopted' every student that walks through those office doors. I am blessed that Chris and Melissa 'adopted' me nearly 14 years ago, and that our friendship continues today." — Kate McCall '09*

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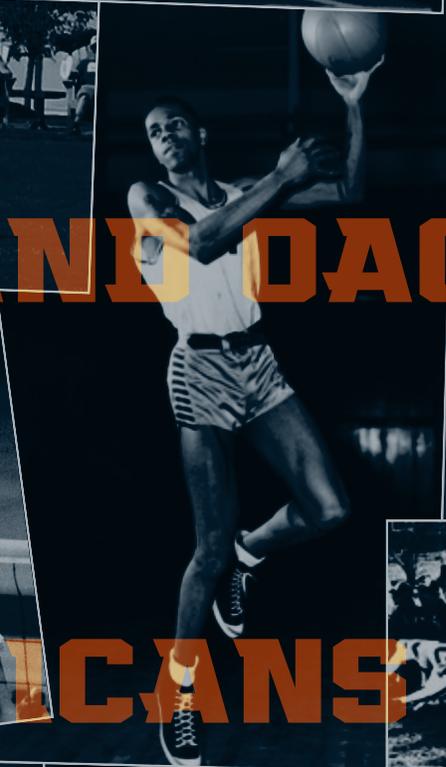
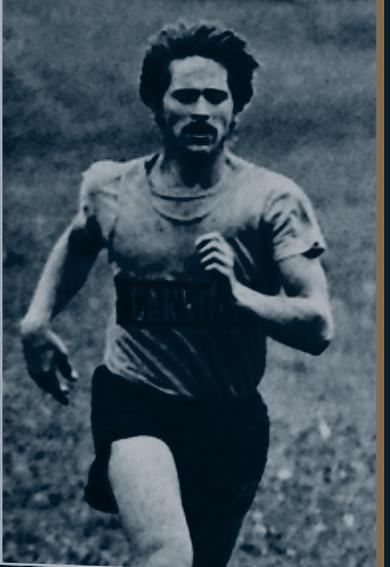
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# BUILDING A CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM



One of the most difficult aspects of coaching is building a sustainable winner. Multiple factors — talent, scheme, academics, the mission, and character — all play a role in recruiting. **It all has to come together on the field, in the locker room, and in the classroom.** And in the end, a simple lucky bounce, call, or decision can make or break a season.





**While they've all enjoyed success, it has come in different ways, times, and speeds. Mark Fino, Hector Marinaro, Kelly Morrone, and Shaun Keenan sat down with *Onward* to share their stories.**

### MARK FINO

The Jesuit mission matters to Mark Fino. It mattered long before he rebuilt John Carroll swimming & diving. It mattered before the six OAC titles, the 175 All-OAC performers, the 85 conference event titles, the 71 program records, and the four NCAA Championship invitations. In many ways, the mission is the thing that matters most to Fino. "I've always coached with the idea of men and women for and with others," says Fino, a graduate of the University of Detroit Jesuit High School. "It changed me when I was in high school, and I love how it applies to team sports and group dynamics."

When the JCU job came open in 2013, it was easy to apply. "I had just returned from my honeymoon, and I immediately jumped in," he remembers. "The Jesuit mission has always been a part of my coaching philosophy. I left behind a great team at Oberlin, but this was the right opportunity at the right time."

Fino inherited a program that was in need of a fresh start. The men's and women's teams had not topped the OAC since 2004 and 2008, respectively. "In my interview, they were upfront: John Carroll expects to win," Fino remembers. "When we gathered the team for that first meeting, I made it clear. We are going to win OAC championships."

Fino was confident, but unsure of when that would happen. "We had some quality swimmers on both sides," he says. "But we weren't where we needed to be." He received confirmation of that fact when they traveled to Ohio Northern and lost by a combined 134 points in his first meet as coach. "I walked up to Lindsay Fano on the deck, and you could tell it was just eating at her," remembers Fino. "That's when I knew this team had a hunger."



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— Mark Fino





The first three years of Fino's tenure were highlighted by consistent growth. The women's side finished in the top three each year, including a narrow 26-point runner-up finish to Mount Union in 2016. Fino and his staff were named OAC Women's Coaching Staff of the year as a result. The men notched two top-three finishes in the same time span.

As his team developed, Fino continued to recruit swimmers that specifically fit the JCU brand. "Swimming is such a unique sport, so not many people have experienced a culture that truly embraces that team mentality," he says. "I tell our kids: that's what we do on deck. Kids have never been taught that way. They're told it's about you and your lane. Here, I care about how the team performs, and about your influence on the people around you. When you remove the time from the equation, it frees them up to just swim, and it all flows from there."

It truly began to flow for the Blue Streaks in year four. The 2016-17 squads headed into the championship confident that they could succeed. Fino believed that the women would win, but something surprising happened. The men shocked the conference, and secured the first sweep of men's and women's titles for JCU since 2004.

"It was such a testament to the men that they went out and performed at their highest level of the season," Fino says. "They were winning events they weren't expected to win and won by a huge margin. Our women felt like they should win it, and so by taking care of business it was a special sweep for us."

The next year, the difficulties of repeating were apparent. It was the second consecutive sweep, but the men nearly lost the title. "The natural tendency is to sit back in your chair and take your foot off of the gas," he says. "We won by such a margin, and thought that was the norm. We started to back off a bit and almost didn't win the next year. It was a good lesson that re-ignited us."

2018-19 was the next step forward. "We moved some longtime duals off the schedule, and started to add some D2 opponents and better D3 teams," Fino says. "We wanted to show our swimmers that this is the level we need to compete with in order to get better." The Blue Streaks earned a "three-peat" on both sides, and were represented by six student athletes at the NCAA Championships.

What does the future look like for JCU swimming? It starts with continuing to build the culture, and challenging as a team at the national level. "We're looking for work ethic and a desire to do better," says Fino. "We can work with that. What I tell all of the kids as they sit in my office is, I expect you to have a 4.0 GPA and be an All-American," Fino says, laughing. "If you can't do that, we'll work the bar back to fit the right goal for you, and then we'll help you reach your full potential."

## HECTOR MARINARO

In 2005, the Blue Streak men's soccer team reached the NCAA playoffs, their third berth in five years. When their head coaching position came open after the season, the search began for a leader to continue that tradition.





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Enter Hector Marinaro. He was a household name in northeast Ohio, having led the NPSL's Cleveland Crunch to three professional indoor soccer championships over his 19-year career. Marinaro left the game as the league's all-time leading scorer, earning six MVP trophies.

"I had just retired, and I'd done some player-coaching with the Crunch," Marinaro remembers. "I had offers, maybe go to the MLS as an assistant, but I didn't know what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. Then this job presented itself and it really intrigued me."

It was a local legend, taking over a program with tradition. What's not to love? In 2006, anticipation was high ... and the Blue Streaks won five games. It was their worst mark since 1988.

"It was a rude awakening," Marinaro says, laughing. "They graduated a huge senior class that was very successful. I took over and hired Dejan (Mladenovic) right away. We started 0-7-2, and won our last five games to get into the OAC playoffs. I was really proud of that effort."



Since that year, Marinaro has built a program to be reckoned with in the OAC. His Blue Streaks have never won less than nine games since his first season, and have played for the OAC title eight times. They were the 2014 and 2016 regular-season champions and brought home tournament titles in penalty kicks at Shula Stadium in 2016 and 2018. Marinaro's squads have made the NCAA Tournament four times: 2007, 2016, 2017, and 2018.



“People ask me what the highlight of my career is,” Marinaro says. “It’s winning the OAC tournament title in 2016 at home with my son. My wife jokes it’s the happiest she’s ever seen me. To beat our nemesis, on our turf, in front of a spectacular crowd, and finally get the weight off our backs is something I’ll never forget.” His son, Jesse, a former All-American, is now a graduate assistant on the men’s soccer staff.

Marinaro credits the partnership he’s built with Mladenovic as a major force behind the program’s success. “Early on, it was hard to recruit,” he remembers. “Dejan was a 21-year-old senior and I had no previous experience. It was on the job training for us both. We took a few years to figure out the process, and it all changed when we made Dejan our director of recruiting. We look at every single player together, and have built a detailed program for how we recruit.”

Marinaro learned early on how the Division III athlete differs from his own experience. “It was a difficult transition because I’m somebody that’s never happy unless we’re holding that trophy at the end of the year,” he says. “I always wanted to do more as a professional because that’s the way I was wired. Coming to the D-III level, it took some adjustment. I had to step back from the professional mindset.” His recruiting pitch following those early years is emblematic of that shift. “What John Carroll does for you is more than I can do for you in four years,” Marinaro

says. “I’ll teach you life lessons through soccer, but this place as a whole sets you up for whatever comes next.”

Marinaro credits the recent success to two factors: talent and infrastructure. When he and Mladenovic looked at their roster in year one, they had 40-50 players ready to compete for spots. Their solution? A reserve team, one that would breed competition in practice and give younger players valuable experience. They were the first in the conference to do it, and now boast a 10-11 game yearly schedule against D-II opponents.

“Our goal is always to win the national championship,” Marinaro says. “We’ve been to the round of 32. We were a few bounces away from beating Penn State-Behrend last year. You need some of those lucky draws, lucky bounces. But now the goal is to go from there. Between our recruiting and reserve team development, our program is capable of challenging for things that have never been done before at John Carroll.”

As he reflects on what’s next, Marinaro is awed by the impact the program has had on student athletes, and for his own family. “The alumni I’ve met are willing to do anything to help our players,” he says. “It is overwhelming how much love there is for JCU among our alumni. What it’s done for my family ... it is a tremendous place and I love it here. It became our family, and way more than I ever imagined.” Marinaro’s team opened the 2019 season in August.

### KELLY MORRONE

In 2013, the JCU women’s basketball program lost five of their last six games, bowing out in the conference playoffs. Weeks later, they were looking for their next leader. To give the program a fresh start, John Carroll turned to a former South Carolina point guard with experience as a Division I assistant coach.



"I really saw opportunity," Kelly Morrone says. "After being on teams where we were the new staff, I understand that the transition for those kids can be really difficult. My main focus was on taking the right approach, forming relationships with them, keeping it simple. I was just excited to see what this could be."

The Blue Streaks had won just 23 games since reaching the OAC tournament final in 2011. Morrone's first squad won their first 11. Under her tutelage, the team ripped off 22 victories, not losing until the calendar flipped to 2014.

"I think change is scary, and it makes you prepare in a different way," Morrone remembers. "We had the pieces there, and they were ready for it. After about the fourth or fifth game, they realized they could do it ... and they just got rolling."

The Blue Streaks rolled right into an OAC regular season title, the first in program history. They were riding high into the OAC Tournament, but exited in the semifinal round. Days later, Morrone was pulling athletes from their previously scheduled spring vacations because for the first time, JCU was headed to the dance. In Crestview Hills, Kentucky, they won their first NCAA game against Texas Lutheran before falling to host Thomas More.

"I was excited that this happened in the first year, but it almost made things more difficult," says Morrone. "For them, it's suddenly, 'we're in the top-25. What? We have to do this again?' It only makes it harder because you're past the building blocks."

The next year, bolstered by upperclassmen leadership and career years from former role players, Morrone's squad matched their 22-5 record, and earned a second consecutive NCAA berth. While the success had come early, there was still much work to be done; from fundraising, to building alumni connections, to developing a local network.



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"It's hard to repeat, especially after losing such big pieces," Morrone admits. "We didn't have the camps, the shootouts, the relationships with local and AAU coaches. We had spent so much time managing team relationships that we didn't have the building blocks to be successful like we do now."

The Blue Streaks had experienced two years of unprecedented success, but the real work was about to begin. Over the next three years, the Blue Streaks were led primarily by underclassmen, winning 13, eight, and seven games, respectively.

"We really did it in reverse," says Morrone. "Typically, you have a .500 year and then maybe step back once kids decide this isn't for them. The loss of leadership from that second team is what allowed some of the previous culture to take over. It wasn't necessarily a culture of winning, or chasing championships."

"Year five was tough in winning only eight games, but at the end of the year, everyone saw us coming," says Morrone.



That hard work of finding the right recruits, including a team headlined by nine freshmen in 2017-18, paid off. The 2018-19 Blue Streaks went 22-6, winning the regular season OAC championship outright before taking the tournament championship at home on a buzzer-beater by Shmoo Pryor. It was the program's third NCAA bid in six years.

How did the Blue Streaks pull off that rebuild? A top-down commitment to team building. "There's no way we would have achieved what we did last season without the previous two years," Morrone says. "We learned a lot, from what I expect as a coach, to what we're looking for in recruits, to what kind of fit we're looking for."

Beyond the coaching staff, recruiting received a boost from an unlikely source: the team's current roster. "Nature says that you wouldn't want someone to come in who is better than you," Morrone says. "Our kids said, 'if they're as good or better than us, we're going to win.' They were using their connections, they were at lunch when we had a recruit, they were invested."

The investment in a core group has paid off, as seven players with 20 plus games experience return in

2019. Morrone sees the year as an opportunity to showcase their growth. "We talk as a team: our goal now is to get out of that first (NCAA) pod. The tournament comes at the end of a long season, so how do you prepare differently so we can do something that's never been done before at John Carroll?"

The women's basketball season tips off on Saturday, November 2 at The College of Wooster.

### SHAUN KEENAN

The story of John Carroll athletics in the 2010s is rich with tales of competitive success. In that decade, one coach led two of the most prolific programs, neither of which teams have competed on campus during his tenure. Before Shaun Keenan took over the John Carroll men's and women's tennis programs in 2010, the Blue Streaks were in need of a reboot. JCU had recorded 13 total OAC championships since rejoining the conference in 1989-90. However, the teams were struggling to compete following a clean sweep of the OAC in 2006. When Keenan was hired, some of the players were on their third coach at John Carroll.

Born in New Zealand and raised in Perth, Australia, Keenan played at Wichita State University and did his graduate assistant work at the University of Louisiana. He had a taste of coaching at Louisiana, and was looking for an opportunity to focus more on coaching than teaching. "We barely had six kids on either team at JCU," Keenan remembers. "I had to ask kids if they knew anyone who played. Their head coach had left, and it was a challenge. We had talent, but no depth, discipline, or direction. It took time for me to recruit to build enough depth to be competitive. We were in the middle of the conference and things got progressively better. We didn't (and don't) have facilities or indoor courts. It was also an older team, so we were really short the first few years." The two keys to the rebuild were time and winning. Keenan sought to recruit local players who simply loved the game. That was the first step in resetting the culture: build depth through players who enjoyed playing tennis and wanted to improve. "I was fortunate to work in the area for a long time," Keenan says. "I was heavily involved, I knew a lot of the kids, and I ran 10-15 tournaments a year. We got lucky getting good kids in there, and after a few years the word got out. 'They're winning, the





coach cares, they're having fun.' It made it a little easier to find the right recruits." The years of hard work in recruiting paid off in 2014-15, when the men's team won their first OAC men's title since 2006 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament. "The team had great leaders in Jad Abdul-Aal and Nick Siciliano," says Keenan. "Those guys are highly motivated kids who don't like to lose, they get good grades, love tennis and the competition, and fed the atmosphere.

The team was having a great time." One year later, the men repeated and the women won their first title under Keenan. It was the first of what would be four straight sweeps for the tennis program. The women were led by a duo at #1 and #2 singles: Lauren O'Malley (22-1) and Madisyn Rini (14-5). The pairing went 16-4 in doubles matches.

As the titles piled up, and the teams began to win NCAA matchups, Keenan wanted to push them harder. He scheduled grueling spring break schedules, which left the Blue Streaks with poor records, but better preparedness, heading into conference play. "We forced longer points against quality opponents, and it led to better tennis in the long run," Keenan says. "We're 1-8, 2-9

going into conference, and teams in Florida beat up on us. The kids got into it and loved the competition, but they typically weren't happy with me leaving break because of the record." The Blue Streaks built confidence through the losses, and took it out on the conference during the nearly unprecedented run. In 2018-19, JCU became the first team in the 34-year history of the OAC women's tennis championships to win four

her NCAA quarterfinal appearance as a senior by earning Academic All-America honors. The teams went through their championship runs, and O'Malley chased an NCAA title individually, without competitive courts on campus. The Blue Streaks currently must travel to local clubs or to Cleveland State in order to compete. JCU hopes to change that with the Home Court Campaign, which will build six courts and a pavilion for

the tennis programs, allowing them to compete on campus and host tournaments.



Keenan hopes that the example of O'Malley and the leaders on both teams leads to stronger tennis in the future. "We want the kids to get better and have a good time," he says. "We want the players to get better every year. The goal never changes.

We want Division I caliber players to look at John Carroll and say, 'I like the team and what

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consecutive titles. The men's team became the first in 35 years to win five consecutive OAC championships; if they win a sixth in 2019-20, they will tie Denison's mark from 1979-84. O'Malley graduated in 2019 as one of the most accomplished athletes in JCU history, racking up 110 singles wins and 70 doubles wins. She capped off

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John Carroll men's and women's tennis started fall play in September.



# *the* CARROLL ARCHIVES

In 1919, St. Ignatius College fielded an 11-man basketball team. While St. Ignatius would become John Carroll less than four years later, the legacy of the St. Ignatius “cagers” endures today. The squad would finish the year 6-8, including a 54-6 victory over Ashland.

**Pictured L to R, first row:** Robert Smith (manager), James J. Jordan '22, Walter Dorsey '21 (captain), Carl Turk '23, and Rev. John L. Polski, S.J. (coach).

**Second row:** Neil O'Donnell '22, Philip O'Brien, Stanley Birkbeck '23, Richard P. Walsh '23, and Anthony Grdina '23.

# ALUMNI *photos*



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1 2018 Homecoming and Family Weekend events drew crowds to University Heights, headlined by the football game vs. Capital and the Footprints for Fatima 5K Run.

2 Alumni from the Cleveland area enjoyed a Christmas reception in the Dolan Science Center on December 12.

3 Boler College of Business alumni visited Ernst & Young as part of the new corporate alumni chapter initiative on November 16.

4 Alumni enjoyed a Founder's Day event in April featuring emcee **Gabriella Kreuz '14** (pictured).

5 The Chicago Alumni Chapter hosted a Breakfast with Santa for families at The Burnham Ballroom on December 9.



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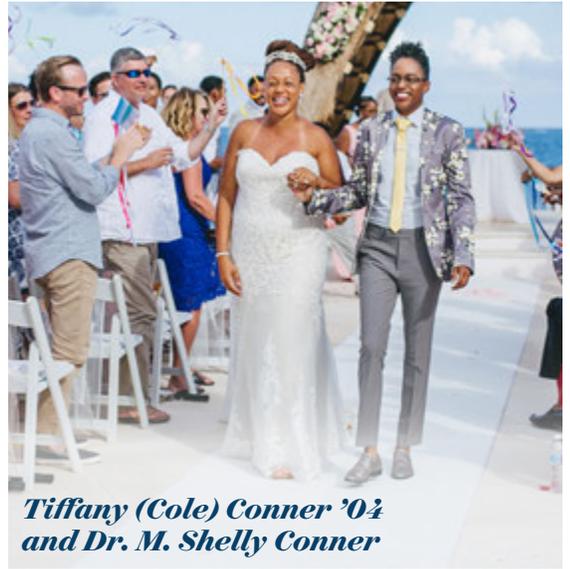


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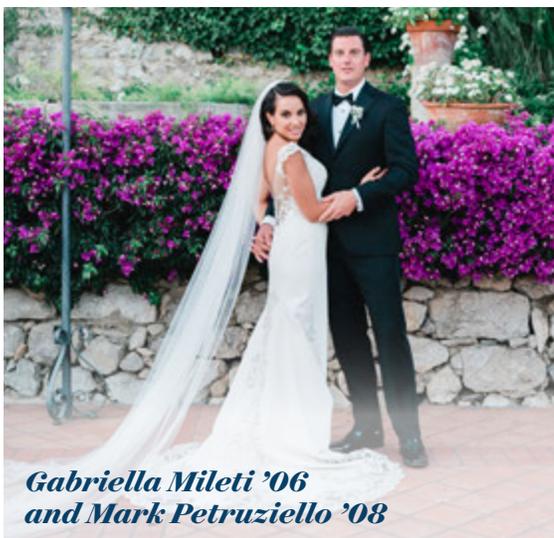
# WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, *and anniversaries*



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and Adam Tome '15*



*Tiffany (Cole) Conner '04  
and Dr. M. Shelly Conner*



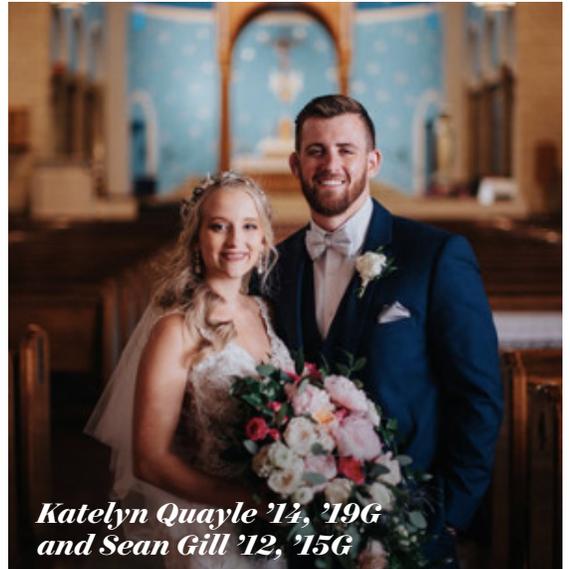
*Gabriella Mileti '06  
and Mark Petruziello '08*



*Dana Hartung '12  
and Brendan Carey '12*



*Emily Day '12  
and Joey Grace '12*



*Katelyn Quayle '14, '19G  
and Sean Gill '12, '15G*



*Rob Popik '18 and  
Kaylee Quanbeck '17*



*Anna Barnes '12, '12G  
and Dave Olinger*



*Kelly Matune '12  
and Nick Kaplan '12*



*Brooke Wunderly '13  
and Gerard Conicelli*



*Karis (Laurito) Comiskey '17  
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*Erika Port '12  
and Joshua Mathe*



*Aryn Giffi Scibona '15  
and Rosario Scibona '13*

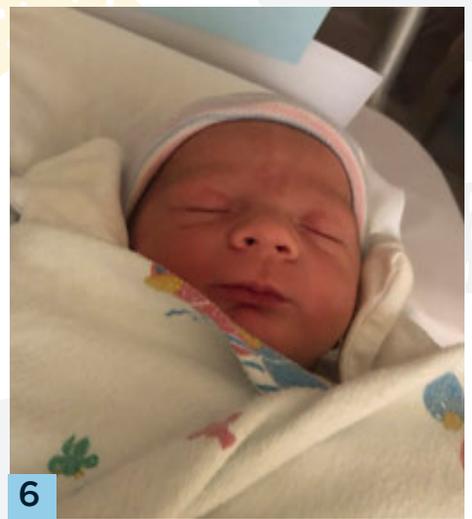
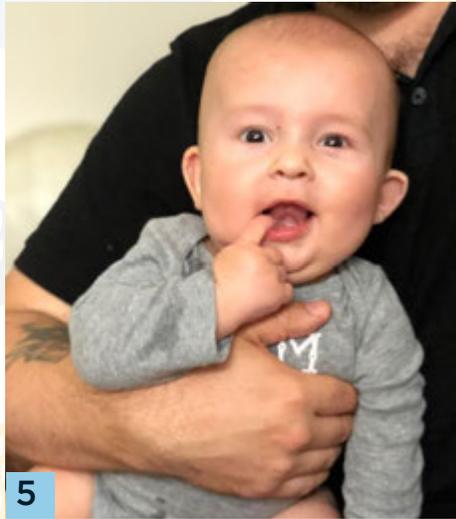


*Valerie and  
David Hendrickson '15*

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# BIRTHS

and ADOPTIONS





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**1 Lauren (Halladay) Mastracco '12 and John Mastracco '12** welcomed **Eleanor (Ellie) Louise Mastracco** on June 24, 2019.

**2 Gloria (Suma) Sinko '13 and Patrick Sinko** welcomed **Scarlett Noelle** on January 3, 2019.

**3 Laura (Badders) Bean '13 and Nicholas Bean '13** welcomed **Morgan Elizabeth Bean** on January 4, 2019.



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**4 Moriah (Sloan) Barnhart '11 and Patrick Barnhart '09** welcomed a son on January 6, 2019.

**5 Janet (Kramer) Schmidt '05 and Russell Schmidt** welcomed **Saul Malcolm** in January 2019.

**6 Scott Taylor '20G and Jenny Taylor** welcomed **Connor Moloney Taylor** in February 2019.

**7 Andrea (Antloga) Benander '11 and Brian Benander '11** welcomed **Lidia Mary** on April 16, 2018.

**8 Emily (Gorndt) Kaiser '13 and Vitus Kaiser** welcomed **Anne Marie Kaiser** on March 11, 2019.

**9 Sarah (Skiviat) Rossi '13 and Benjamin Rossi '13** welcomed **Luca Benjamin Rossi** on November 21, 2018.



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**10 Kate (Crimmins) Walker '04 and Sarah (Weese) Powell '04** both had baby girls, **Maddie Quinn Walker** and **Mary Quinn Powell**, who are quickly becoming best friends and future JCU roommates.

**11 Anna (Shakarian) Iacovetta, Ph.D '05** and her husband **Guido Iacovetta** welcomed **Lilianna Elise** last winter.

**12 Lauren (Grzegorzewski) Thomas '12 and Craig Thomas '11, '12G** welcomed **Quinn Erin Thomas** in July 2018.

**13 Darice (Kopcak) Granito '04 and Michael Granito** welcomed **Luke** on November 9, 2018.



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



## 1936-41

The John Carroll community mourns the loss of **Lawrence P. "Larry" Kelley '36**, who passed away at the age of 104 on August 3, 2019. Larry was the beloved husband of the late Frances E. (nee Lux) for over 65 years. He was the father of seven, grandfather of 13, great-grandfather of 17, and great-great-grandfather of 1. Larry was the oldest living alumnus of St. Ignatius High School, John Carroll, and the oldest retired employee of NASA. Larry was a Silver Quill Award winner as a columnist for the Class of 1936. The staff of *Onward* expresses our deepest condolences to the Kelley family.

## 1942 | Robert Trivison

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We are planning a 100th birthday party on December 7; my birthday is December 12 and we expect over 100 guests in Encinitas, CA. My wife, Susan, had a fall in the Chicago airport while returning from her brother Kevin's funeral service in Buffalo. Kevin was chairman of Astroics Corp and had other holdings. I have no one to report on, but I want to pay honor to the late James Schlecht, who was a neighbor in South Euclid, a veteran of World War II, and one of the finest people I ever knew. God be with you, RJT.

## 1943-1950

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## 1955 | Ray Rhode

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Noreen and I took a fabulous 10-day river cruise down the Rhine river from Lucerne, Switzerland to Amsterdam, Holland with a side trip to Paris, France. The trip took us through many small German villages with plenty of time to sightsee and shop each day. Ray

## 1956 | Leo Duffy

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## 1957 | Sal Felice

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It has been quite a while since I received any news from you, however, word has it that Colette and **LTG (Ret.) John Myers** are now residing in Prescott, Arizona and Nancy and John Scanlan have been living closer to their granddaughter in Fredericksburg, Virginia. **Frank "Crash" Hovorka** is in great spirits after a recent mishap which may require surgery - keep Frank in your prayers. As class news is sparse, I will share a Felice Force update with you. On May 30, my bride Rose Marie and I celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary. A special Liturgy, with blessing, was held at St. Columbkille Church the previous Sunday. We then flew to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina to celebrate two other events with our military family. Alaina Rose Kazmierczak, our only granddaughter of 12 grandkids, graduated from high school summa cum laude in a class of 500. Alaina Rose is the daughter of COL James and **LTC (Ret.) Anita Felice Kazmierczak '87**. In addition, our son-in-law, Colonel Jim, retired from the U.S. Army (after thirty years of dedicated service; three deployments in Iraq; 15 permanent changes of station; six promotions; twenty-three years of marriage and three commands). A reception for Alaina Rose and her dad were held on our anniversary, May 30 — that was quite a week! Then in mid-July, the 71st Annual Felice Family Reunion was held in Independence, Ohio. "The icing on the cake," however, happened on July 9 when our first great-granddaughter, Clara Mae Tersigni, was born to Kaylee and our oldest grandson, Vincent Tersigni, an Asst. Deputy Sheriff in Summit County,

Ohio. His younger brother, Captain Victor Tersigni, U.S. Army, is a pilot on tour in Afghanistan. He previously served a one year tour in South Korea. I more than welcome your sharing news on family, travel, activities, or anything with me. God bless, Sal

## 1958

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With the passing of **John Clifford**, '58's long-time columnist, **Bob Maynard** stepped in to temporarily fill our class reporters' roll for the fall Alumni Magazine, Onward. Besides paying a nice tribute to Clifford and 2018 Alumni Medal winner, **John Pellegrine**, Bob primarily focused his reporting on the 22 classmates who attended our 60th class reunion. In that fall issue, I noted in our featured class picture was **Gary Wechter**, the centerfold guy again, holding our class banner as he has done in years past. Meanwhile, looking for some broader feedback, Bob asked me, **Jim Seeborg**, for updates about Chicago area's 18 graduates of '58. Where to begin is to first unfortunately report that **Gerry Kavanaugh**, **Dick Cenar**, **Bill Carmody**, **Tom Johlle**, **Frank Kearney**, **Bill Norkett**, **Pat Doherty**, **Mike Digiovanni**, **Ted Meyer**, **J. D. Young**, and **Mike McGinnis** have passed on to their creator. I do see several others, **Jack Smith** more regularly, who raised three daughters and two sons with wife Marilyn, a retired medical/surgical nurse who taught nursing at Loyola, Chicago and later Georgetown. After several years in Washington, D.C. they returned to Chicago in 1999. With his broad experience as a daily news reporter early in Chicago covering Daley, Jack moved into local and ultimately network TV news with CBS, then as bureau chief, CBS D.C., during the Reagan terms, three years as CBS Moscow bureau chief/senior producer, and finally back to D.C. as a producer with CNN. These qualifications led him into a new career in 2000 of teaching Politics and the Press, News Reporting/Writing at Loyola University, finally leaving in 2016 for a quiet retirement enjoying his six grandchildren. I spend a few lunches each year with **Bob Nix**, now retired as a Judge at Chicago's Cook County Circuit Court. He lives in



his four children. He reports keeping touch with **Gerry Porter** (Los Angeles), and is hoping to reconnect with **Hank Gioia**, and **John McLaughlin** also in that area. He continues to watch JCU home football games on his computer. I see **Joe Fleischaker** at a monthly breakfast with classmates from our Loyola Academy high school. He continues practicing law, started 57 years ago servicing mostly small businesses, and spends long weekends with his wife of 55 years, Donna, at their lakefront cottage in southwest Michigan. He is a grandfather of three and father of three daughters; two, Elsie, & Hilary, living close to him in Sauganash, part of Chicago, and Dana living in Manhattan Beach, CA. Joe reports that **Sal Lato** and wife Jackie also live near him. He keeps in touch with long-retired, **John Briatta** who resides with wife Jeanine in a Del Webb community in Huntley, IL northwest of Chicago. He speaks monthly with **Pat Mingarelle** and reports that he retired from teaching at Penn State/Erie and also was a federal mediator for 42 years. As for myself, after keeping track of six children with my wife of 50 years, Margie, I finally retired in 2000 from the sales/marketing /management sides of a printing papers national distribution corporation. Traveling to visit children and nine grandchildren in MI, MA, TN, NM, CO, FL, AR and NY, as well as spending some limited fun visits in OH, PA and NY with the **Realis, Mingarelles**, and **Grushetskys** quickly filled 10 years of time after retirement. With Margie's death in 2010, I have filled my time with close friends, golf, tennis, volunteering, and parish involvements. I was unsuccessful to track down any updates on **Bill Gschwend**. The JCU Chicago Alumni Chapter remains quite active with an annual reception for the President, this year meeting JCU's new President Michael Johnson, sponsoring "Breakfasts with Santa," art museum tours, fall JCU football Homecoming, watch parties, and invites to Chapter Board meetings followed by a social. Aside from a few Presidential Receptions, I don't believe any of our classmates have made other events.

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**1960 | Gerald Schweickert**  
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It has been a while since I have had to start the class column this way, but I am sorry to inform you that **Jack Conomy** and **Dave Callahan** passed away earlier this year; may they rest in peace along with all of our classmates who have preceded them. June 2020 will mark 60 years since our graduation. If you haven't already done so, please give serious thought to joining our classmates for the event. Information will begin flowing your way as soon as planning is completed. Many of us should have received a questionnaire regarding the reunion and hopefully have responded. It is very helpful for us to receive your input

as we plan our reunion.

**1961 | Jack Hearn**  
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**Chuck Nieset** and wife Carolyn recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. While enjoying retirement in Fort Myers, Florida. They have added cruising to their happy things to do. They did Florida to Dublin, Ireland, in April and are booked for Rome to Florida in November which will be their 24th cruise in nine years. The Niesets have two children (both JCU graduates), six grandchildren and one great grandchild. **Jerry Ramusack** and wife, Donna, sold their boat after having spent 37 years enjoying Lake Michigan and the many great cities and harbors on the lake. In the last 18 months, they have decided to see the world by traveling to Cuba, Croatia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, New York City and Nashville - next stop is Dubai. Judy and **Mike Frank** from Troy, Michigan recently did a Viking Rhine River cruise which they enjoyed immensely. **John Blake** and his wife Kay, hail from Middletown, Ohio, where he volunteers with the St. Vincent de Paul Society at his parish (Holy Family) - the Society is an international voluntary organization in the Catholic Church which addresses local needs for social services. **Ed Parks** is in his 54th year at Plante & Moran and also continues a deep involvement with the creation and growth of the University Prep Schools—a wonderful set of Urban Charter Schools in Detroit. **Chuck Durban** and his wife, Madeline, are living in Denver, Colorado. They have 10 children, 16 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. **Jim DeClerck** and wife, Uta, joined friends in a Bike and Barge Tulip Tour through Holland. After flying early to Amsterdam, they rented a car and visited Berlin, Dresden, Potsdam, Prague, Mannheim, Wewelsburg, and Langeneichstädt—Uta's home town as a child. Two thousand miles later, they returned the car and then biked 130 miles thru blooming Holland. **Chuck Fye** and his wife Hedy recently celebrated her 80th birthday in Szeged, Hungary—the city of her birth. They enjoyed relatives and friends and the great Hungarian cuisine. Deepest sympathies to **Bill Daberko** and his family on the loss of Bill's wife, Barbara. She succumbed to cancer in Estero, Florida earlier this year. Most of our class knew her well because she and Bill dated during his time at JCU. She was an accomplished knitter and seamstress and put her numerous talents to work for charities such as Knit For Kids and WorldVision. Bill and Barbara were married 56 years—may she rest in peace.

**1962 | Terry Leiden**  
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**John Lewis** prevailed upon me to take over as class agent. This is my first column and I need your input. Please send me information and updates at 809 Walton Woods Ct., Augusta, GA 30909. You can call me at 706.724.8548 (work)

or 706.738.2998 (home). **Robert "Bob" Andolsen**, our class agent for at least 25 years, passed away on November 3, 2017, in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He was survived by his wife of 34 years, Jean Dy Andolsen. He had four children and 11 grandchildren. Bob had a career with the Cuyahoga County Welfare Department, retiring as Associate Director. After retiring, he graduated from Cleveland Marshall Law School and was the prosecuting attorney for North Ridgeville, Ohio. Bob was a Harley motorcycle aficionado, a photographer of note and was a ham radio operator. He was a discerning photographer. I asked him on several occasions to take my picture and print it in the alumni magazine. His camera misfired, his film ran out, the batteries were dead. He just would not take my picture. Our class will surely miss him. On August 29, 2018, my twin brother, Tim Leiden, passed away in Mentor, Ohio. He had a valiant battle with kidney cancer. His three brothers, Joseph Leiden, Bill Leiden and **Leo Leiden '55**, preceded him. John Lewis and Don Lennon attended the funeral service. We have to look forward to the future. I am still playing senior softball and have been invited to play with an 80's softball team. I am not sure I can run any more. I have a grandson, age 9, who is the bane of my existence. He asks more questions than a criminal investigator. "Why did Toys R Us go out of business?" "Did Santa Claus stop buying at Toys R Us?" "Who sells Lego sets?" "Why don't you buy me pizza at the store that sells nine-inch chocolate chip cookies?" "Why do you put on the turn signals every time, other drivers don't." You get the picture. Sara and I wish all my classmates a happy and healthy year. Terry

**1963 | Pete Mykytyn**  
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Well, it's been a while indeed since you've heard anything from me. In June, I received a note from **Tom Ging**. In September 2018, he and his wife, Sandi, rented a BMW 1200 GS Motorcycle in Paris and rode 2,000 miles through Northern France, easterly toward Strasbourg, then southwesterly through Beaune (his favorite city in the Burgundy region), toward the coast of Normandy, where they toured the historic sites being honored on June 7, then to Giverny with its gorgeous Monet gardens, and back to Paris. Most of their trip tracked the history of St. Joan of Arc, from her birth home in Donremy through the many historic sites of her achievements, including her trial and aftermath in Rouen. Twelve years ago, they rode motorcycles through Southern France, and Tom said it is a fantastic country laden with complex history, to which our Revolutionary forebears owed so much for the French assistance to our then sputtering war effort. Tom wrote this on D-Day, also to praise our many valiant comrades in arms, both living and dead. *Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori*—and particularly so when it was the most just of causes. I also received a note

from **Fred Misischia** in early July. Fred attended the 2019 JCU Alumni Volunteer Summit. The event dealt with alumni and their interactions with students and the University. Topics for the Summit included student recruitment and alumni involvement, the JCU professional network, SWOT analysis, investing in the future of JCU, and other presentations. I had planned on attending too, but the logistics did not work out. Just a few quick notes about Kathy and me. We returned to Europe for five weeks from about mid-May to mid-June. We spent time in Sicily, Naples, Verona, Nurnberg, Munich, Heidelberg, and Cologne. Mostly, we used these cities as hubs to visit many smaller places we had not been to in the past. We are already planning our 2020 trip, this time to Spain and Portugal. Please reach out to me. I don't want another empty column.

**1964 | Frank Kelley**  
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The 55th Reunion: We gathered in University Heights, much as we had in the autumn of 1960, from all corners of the country. Not as idealistic possibly, but still optimistic and firm in our belief that we have, and still can make a positive impact on the world. We began Thursday with an outdoor gathering at the home of **Lyn and Gordon Priemer**. If possible, the first night braggadocio exceeded that of the 50th Reunion, but was rendered tolerable by the fact there were fewer of us and a hearty quantity of softening refreshment available. Friday: We embarked an eye-popping bus tour of Cleveland coordinated and conducted by **Pat Holland**. We visited the magnificently restored downtown arts district "Playhouse Square." Incorporating modern townhouses, shops and restaurants, Playhouse Square is a bustling example of visionary urban modernization. Knowledgeable guides explained restoration planning, financing, and re-construction of several playhouses. Adequate parking, often overlooked, was so skillfully achieved that multiple performances can occur simultaneously without adverse impact. The extraordinary recreation of ornate ceilings, walls, stairways, and lighting fixtures literally transports you back in time. Hearty thanks to Pat Holland, who,

along with wife Pitter, was very active in the 1971 creation of the Cleveland Landmarks Commission. Continuing to the waterfront we spent an entertaining hour with a sensational re-enactment of former Mayor Carl Stokes outlining his comprehensive program to restore economic vitality, increase inner city employment, improve school district performance, and restore water quality to Lake Erie and Cleveland's waterways. Next a wildlife sanctuary along the Cuyahoga where we learned the fruit of Stokes' environmental improvements that have created a thriving marine population from a dead river which caught on fire in 1969. A visit to the original house in "A Christmas Story" movie featuring "that" leg lamp concluded our tour. Friday evening was the first of two evenings in the biggest tent ever. Both nights, our class attendance was the largest of every class except the 50th reunion class. Saturday was a day full of highlights and each one underscored the obvious affection and camaraderie shared by our class. Luncheon's one-minute humorous remembrances by each class member were hysterical. Then we re-dedicated the class fountain, which was a weekend-long magnet for alumni and student-volunteers alike. Marissa Haas, Dave Haas' granddaughter sought out members of the '64 scholarship committee to express appreciation for four years of support. She delighted in tall tales his fellow I-Chi's related about grampa. After the dedication Joanne and I commandeered a golf cart to search-out the new Student Health and Wellness Center located on the lower floor of Murphy Hall. It is staffed by RN's five days per week and Physicians two days per week. Undergrads we talked with confirmed the significant intrinsic daily value afforded the campus community. Please note that The Wellness Center was built with a \$2 million donation by **Drs. William and Kim Cook**. Thank you Bill and Kim on behalf of our class and the entire JCU family you have infinitely benefitted. Conclusion: The class dinner and Sunday's farewell breakfast both featured an affable and educational visit from President Michael Johnson, who explained the complex financing necessary to manage a University in the 21st Century. Towards the success of those efforts our Class

of '64 Scholarship Committee ambitiously set out to double the '64 fund's sustaining value. Preliminary numbers show great success. Beginning in 2019, the fund was valued at \$379,000; to date in 2019 we have raised \$67,625 in cash and \$299,816 in planned giving toward the scholarship fund, a 97% increase. Future total fund value is almost \$750,000. In addition, \$67,625

was raised toward non-scholarship uses such as The Carroll Fund. Please give full credit to scholarship chairman **Bill Kerner** for his unflagging efforts charting this strategy for several years. Lastly, a standing ovation for **Tom Leahy**, whose leadership efforts coordinating the entire reunion planning and weekend activities were nothing short of Herculean. Well done, Tom, and thank you Mary for all the support you provided him. Until next time, God bless all Streaks. Frank

**1965 | Richard Conoboy**  
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**Ed Doherty** and wife Tonya will be moving to Mt. Vernon, Washington next May. Ed and I expect to meet up then as I live about 30 miles north of Mt. Vernon. **Larry Guzy** retired from academia in 2012, but is back on campus mentoring six student athletes. Recently, he participated in a research study examining the prevalence of motion sickness symptoms in Division III student athletes traveling to away games by bus and competing shortly after arriving. Larry reports it is great to be working with students and noted with pride that one of his former students donated money to fund the research which was then presented at a conference in Las Vegas. Larry says he feels younger working with students, which, he admits, at his age is getting harder and harder to do. **Kip Zegers** has flipped from teaching smart high school kids to working with senior writers, aged 66-105, at New York Hospital Outreach and at SAGE (Service and Advocacy for Gay Elders). Says Kip, "Brilliance comes dressed in surprise." **Marilyn Sophie Hormann** says that by the time this class news goes to print the following will be true. "At 83, I am grateful to be actively participating in life in a purposeful way. That's the Indiana way. Onward." Marilyn also reports she made a presentation at the International Order of St. Luke the Physician Healing Conference in Orlando, Florida in July 2019. **Mark Hanket** writes that he has no news to report but that we ought to start promoting our 55th reunion in 2020. **John Tarpey** and Mark are planning to attend and believe **Hugh Largey** will also be there. Mark notes that if he is not mistaken, our post-50th reunions are 'free'. And there, my friends, is the announcement of the reunion to all of you. More information on that will follow. As for me, your columnist, I have been doing my usual travelling with my wife, Cecile. We were in Oaxaca, Mexico over the December holidays and followed that with a long weekend in Las Vegas just to get some sun and thaw out from the cold and damp of the Pacific Northwest. In June, we spent 10 days in Paris where Cecile presented a paper at a conference at La Sorbonne while I did extensive research on wine and food at various local cafes. I am glad to report that all is well in Paris gastronomically.

**1966 | Larry Henry**  
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**1967 | Terry Babic**  
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My wife and I had a great time at the reunion in June; we live close by the campus and enjoy going. It is a really nicely done show. The University does a nice job. Anyone who hasn't visited during Reunion Weekend, should plan on attending even if it is not one of your class's anniversary years. You should have fun. We had time to visit with **George Aufmuth '69** and talk about the 50th anniversary of WJCU, the University's FM radio station, this year. George was one of the students that was involved with John Carroll's first days of broadcasting from the campus. George was kind enough to take some time from his weekend festivities to visit with me during my show, Music and Memories, on Saturday afternoon. Thanks to everyone that stopped by the station during Reunion Weekend to see the progress we made in 50 years and share your memories. If you have any interest in seeing some of the old The Carroll News editions from the past, you can access them at collected.jcu.edu. It's fun to look back with this history book of memories. Have a good winter and holiday season, and Happy New Year. Terry

**1968 | Jenny and Jeff Hawk**  
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Dear friends and '68 classmates, I hope all is well for you and yours. Thank you so much **Dan Lis** for your note. I received a note from **Dan MacDonald** telling me of Chip Maloney's death. I wanted to reflect on this, and then give you the full version of Dan's note. Dan and his lovely wife Donna are very close friends of **Chip and Weedgie Maloney**. At our 50th Reunion dinner, we sat with Chip and Weedgie and Donna MacDonald, representing Dan MacDonald, who was very ill and could not be with us. We're very glad that Dan is up and well. I commented to Jenny how well and happy everyone was. I had no idea how sick Chip was. Our prayers and deepest sympathies to Weedgie. I remember Chip being very involved in many activities at JCU. Chip was our Student Union President. He did many things for JCU and the students. In the '60's it was very difficult to be a student or a leader. I had a great deal of respect for Chip as I have for all of you. Here is Dan MacDonald's letter and tribute to Chip: "Saint Chip Maloney, JCU '68. Weedgie Maloney called me last evening. Chip passed away at about 5:30 p.m. California time yesterday afternoon June



18, 2019. He is now out of his pain and medical struggles. He had been in and out of the hospital since last October, all stemming from a hernia operation in 2006. I see him already in heaven telling stories and making souls laugh at our struggles down here on earth. I miss my brother already. I thought you all should know." Thank you, Dan. After 32 years in our home, the Princess and I decided to downsize. Our new address is Jenny and Jeff Hawk, Wildwood Estates, 11452 Songbird Lane, Fishers, IN 46038. Please let me know your news. For you and John Carroll University, Jeff '68

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Reunions, especially ones like our 50th, are a special time. John Carroll did an excellent job with the accommodations (Murphy Hall is brand new inside), the food was plentiful, all the refreshments were top shelf, the student staff gracious and always helpful (especially giving cart rides to the far ends of the campus). If you didn't get to the Reunion or haven't been on campus in a while, you can now get all your daily steps in for the day traveling from the Dolan Science Center to Murphy Hall and beyond. The campus has grown a lot in 50 years. The mass on Saturday night remains a special time with a great gathering of all the classes and the remembrances of classmates lost. I took a lot of pictures and sent the majority of them on to those in the pictures but also sent some in with my column and hopefully they will be published in the next issue of the magazine. I mention the pictures because the two questions



most asked throughout the weekend were: How is the attendance, and is Bill or Patty "X" coming? If you added up all the classmates who attended some part of the weekend, attendance was outstanding. The best attendance since 1964 had their reunion five years ago. Hopefully the pictures will show what an excellent cross section of the class attended. I want to thank the committee who helped drum up attendance, especially **Ron Sertz** who did an excellent job rallying all the Erie class members from near and far. Please know that if you couldn't attend someone was asking about you. After just over 25 years of writing this column, this is my last one. Much like the Pittsburgh Steelers, the column has had only three columnists since 1979, the Boss, **Ed Christy**, **Joseph DeBartolo** and myself. Hopefully someone will pick up the job. My only

regret is our class never won the Silver Quill award. I leave you with note from **William "Bill" Kirk** who is fighting a tough form of cancer: "Hi Gerry, I just wanted to let you know that I have talked to both **Rich Quinta** and **Al Toomey** since the JCU reunion. Thank you very much for conveying my regards to the folks at the Saturday Class Dinner. I appreciate your kindness and I still wish that I could have been there." Be well everyone, it is an honor to be a member of the great Class of 1969 from JCU. Gerard P. Grim

**1970 | Ted Heutsche**  
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**1971 | Tom & Rosemary Costello**  
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Greetings from the heartland. The corn and beans are growing and the University of Illinois is doing just fine. Just returned from a gathering at St Ignatius in Chicago so I am feeling filled with Jesuit-ness. School begins soon and I will be back in the classroom teaching the future leaders of America. Rose retired for a second time this summer. She got a Cincinnati (think back to Latin class) type call back to her previous school. This following a four-year retirement. She is now retired for a second time. Thankfully I no longer am required to call her principal. A big shout out to **Tim Donahue** upon receiving the John Carroll Alumni Medal. It was well deserved. We are all proud that our classmate was recognized. **Don Brown '70** was also recognized. Got to visit with **John Cronin** and **Larry Fox** and they both are looking good. John thinks we should write more. I think you should send us more items. Sadly, you may have heard of the passing of "Mr. John Carroll," **Pete Hamm**. Pete was always our Cleveland connection. He was remembered for the outstanding "man for others" he was. He was an Ignatius Wildcat and Blue Streak through and through. At Pete's services we visited with **Mark Plush** and **Charlie and Janet Algier**. While it was a while ago, **Jim O'Brien's** wife Coletta passed away. She was a JCU grad and one of the early women of Carroll. A special person. Rose recently made a quick call to **Mike Demma**. He and Kathy are living in Oakbrook and he is still practicing law. Got a few Facebook shots of **Tom Keenan** and **Dick Lehr** and they seem to be enjoying life. **Larry Cullen** is living in Kentucky so if any of you are heading to Keeneland give him a call. It is not too soon to mark your calendar for that fifty year reunion in 2021.



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**1972 | John Marcus**  
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You know, our 50th will be coming up in three years. I talked to one of the guys from '69, after they had their 50th this past June. "Great stories?" I asked. "Yep, but I've noticed some guys are getting "crankier." One classmate told him about a road trip with his wife. She tells her husband she left her glasses in the restaurant, 40 miles back. He gets upset and nags at her the entire return trip. As he pulls up he curtly says, "There! Now, go get your glasses, and while you're there, grab my hat and water bottle." True story? We just print this stuff. Anyway, as we reach 70, many of us have retired and are enjoying the good life. Even Captain **David O'Brien** has hung it up. First, retiring from his career as Executive VP of Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Pittsburgh, and also from six years at his "side job" on the JCU Board of Directors—a busy span that included a search for a new president. Many thanks from us all, David. My youngest just graduated from Carroll (third generation Blue Streak) and I was pleased to see that our own **Joan Balzarini Crockett '72** delivered the commencement address. Joan had a successful career as the VP of Human Resources at Allstate Insurance, and was winner of several national awards for her leadership in the HR industry. It reminded me of **Tim Russert** delivering his commencement address at Notre Dame. Timmy looked over the crowd, thanked the Notre Dame community, and said, I have the best of both worlds. An honorary degree from Notre Dame, and a Jesuit education!" My wife and I had a chance to drop in on **Jack and JoAnn Bertges** in San Francisco. Jack gave us a great walking tour of SF and then he and JoAnn hosted us at their getaway in Sonoma, where Jack is a "gentleman farmer" and a wine connoisseur (who also stocks beer for his "less urbane" pals). Had a chance to talk with old Rugby captain **Joe Pearl**. Joe and Leslie have a son who is a doctor in Baltimore and another son, a successful financier on the West Coast. Clearly, they got their smarts from their Mom. And the old man, not retired, and still running Joe Pearl's Sporting Goods in Battle Creek, Michigan... **Polly Hackett Morey** checked in. She got her M.A. in history at Carroll and also studied at Trinity College, Oxford. She was a long-time teacher in Cleveland and at the University of Maryland and she and husband just celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary. Finally, prayers to the family of **Mike Grimes**, one of the nicest guys you could ever meet. Mike passed away in April. He was a Hoosier, a graduate of Schulte High School, and a member of AKPsi at Carroll. Mike was a proud father of two children and volunteered at Union Hospital, Meals on Wheels, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. RIP Michael. That's it for this time. Make plans for the 50th in '22, and remember to pick up your glasses in the restaurant! JM.

**1973 | Bob Larocca**  
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The heat is definitely on this summer no matter where you are. Not a lot of class news to report but a few tidbits. Finding new watering holes and places to nosh are always the order of the day. Since more of our class is finally retiring, **Tom Berges**, his wife, **Mary '74**, **Linda Meglin '74** and myself enjoyed a fabulous Italian dinner at a Lakewood eatery called Peppers and reminisced for a few hours. Tom and Mary recently returned from a trip to New Zealand and Linda is presently working on a bio tribute to **Tim Russert '72**. Carroll always has social gatherings at micro breweries like Platform Brewing Co., Masthead Brewing, etc. so there are places to hoist a few and attend Tribe games and plays. Seems like our fellow grads are busy globetrotting so let me know the details occasionally. A few days ago **Mike Nienstedt**, **Gerry Patno**, **Mike Corcoran**, myself and **Ray Carroll '72** convened at the Toledo Club for a mini AKPsi lunch and dredged up old war stories. Along with other classes alumni, **Tom Malone**, his wife, **Hutch '75** and I were invited to the first annual Alumni Volunteer Summit at Carroll to offer our ideas regarding recruitment of students and alumni involvement. Stay cool this summer and let me know the latest hot news or you'll just be hearing about me, and my antics. Rock on, Bob Larocca.

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Congratulations to **Dan Baron**, he recently married Maria Minardo on May 24 at St Albert the Great Church in Cleveland. They will start their new lives together in Brecksville. Not expecting any children, but definitely open to adding another grandchild! **Bill Gagliano** will retire from his law firm on July 31. He looks forward to spending more time with his granddaughter, Rosie. There is a grandson on the way in early August. That bundle of joy is sure to keep him occupied as well. Bill has trips planned to Spain and Portugal this fall. He is also involved in some boards that are arts-related non-profits, spending more time in Florida in the winter and will keep his eyes open for that next great adventure. Bill is co-chairing the bi-annual University Club reunion—this year to be held in Cleveland. U-Clubbers of any class who read this and are interested in attending, particularly if you have not already received an email blast from **Ron Sertz '69**, please let Bill know at [billgagliano@gmail.com](mailto:billgagliano@gmail.com). Learn about the Lincoln Highway and the

Little Free Libraries by checking out **Val Sgro's** enjoyable blog at [reallyorganized.com](http://reallyorganized.com). **Mike Perry** still works at a financial planning firm in the Cleveland area, Szarka Financial, as president. He loves the work, clients and his team is second to none. From a personal perspective, he and his wife, Lucille (LeMoyne College '78), just welcomed their sixth grandchild, Ethan Joseph, into the family and the seventh this year by September 1. Mike also reconnected with **Paul Moore** through a request seen in this very column. Note to all: it is awesome to re-connect. **Tim Leddy** had the experience of a lifetime as substitute eighth grade math teacher during the Denver Teachers strike. He gained a new found respect for those who do the hard work of teaching kids every day. Congratulations to **Nancy Pierce**, who is happily retired and headed to Alaska for a week's cruise. She is spending lots of time in St Pete, Florida. That's all the news received that is fit to print. Please consider becoming the next class columnist for only two publications a year. Preferably someone with creative, motivating writing style. Please share your stories, Demaris and Tim.

**1978 | Tim Freeman**  
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**Laure Senatore** works at Duquesne University (a few more years until retiring). A fifth grandchild due in September and sixth in February; Laure says being with her grandchildren is the best! **Janice Tuten** coordinates publications at the World Bank in Washington, DC and continues the Jesuit tradition as a member of Holy Trinity parish in Georgetown. Janice and husband Paul enjoy National Parks; in July, they camped in Shenandoah; August they'll explore Maine's Acadia National Park. After 40 years in marketing communications, **Erica Kosinski** accepted a position as parish secretary at St. Bede the Venerable Parish in Mentor, Ohio. A much closer, less stressful commute; yet, the position is very busy. She has no plans to retire (unless the body or brain gives out). Erica lives in Painesville Township, Ohio, a parent to Christopher and two cats, and caregiver to her 90-year-old father (former professor in JCU's history department). Attendees at the July JCU Alumni Relations Volunteer Summit included **Gina '79** and **Ray Dalessandro**, **Terri and George Lewandowski**. Rose Piening and husband Jeff '80 have been married for 38 years and enjoy reading, traveling and riding Jeff's Harley. They have two grown children, Jennifer and William. Rose has been secretary/treasurer 30 years for Pinnacle Industrial Engraving. She keeps in touch with: **Gerry Reilly**, **Pete Ruffing**, **Dan Fickes**, **Kathy Caplice (O'Brien)**, **Mary Klingshirn**, **Carol Ebdon (Rotterdam)**, **Mary Wood (Sharte)** and recently reconnected with **Mike Webster**. **Tom and Vicke Horvath** were attendees at **Gregg Pill '77's** funeral. **Joanie Snyder's** son Alan is getting married in August. Joanie and husband George work at their business in Grand Rapids and visit their two grandkids in Portland, Oregon. The Snyders are active with bike trips (The Golden Isles of Georgia, Netherlands & Belgium and Czech Republic & Austria), annual travel to Puerto

Vallarta, Mexico, play golf, tennis and spend a fair amount of time at the Fitness Center. Joanie's volunteer service includes Eucharistic Minister and Lector at church, plus serving homeless families through Family Promise. Joanie keeps in touch with **Colleen (Farrell) Melena, Joyce (Hallahan) Blackburn, Bob Rees, Terry O'Brien, Kathy (Fulton) Leger and Kathy Short**. After a 40 year career at Monsanto, **Claire CaJacob** recently retired as Monsanto's global wheat technology lead executive. Claire enjoyed the very interesting research and work with great people all to help farmers (a number of her uncles were farmers). Claire lives in St. Louis and continues training and competing in Triathlons. The July IXY golf and dinners in Wheaton, Illinois included **Mark Fasano, Chris Parrilli, Tim Casey and Jack Blackburn**. For the past three years, Nancy Veselica has been Surgery Scheduling Supervisor (for 22 doctors) at Lakeshore Bone & Joint Institute. Nancy's two children are doing well in California and Florida (great places to visit!). Thanks for writing!

#### 1979 | Nancy Agacinski nagacinski@yahoo.com

Hi everyone, it was so nice to see those that came to our 40th JCU reunion from June 7-9. We certainly missed those of you who didn't make it-where were you? It was a beautiful weekend and campus looked fantastic. There were a lot of fun activities from beer tasting, golf, paint the "tower" and many cocktail receptions and food tents. It was a lot of fun to hang out with old friends and enjoy life! It was a small group, but those in attendance enjoyed. Hoping for more in 2024! **Mary Davis and Norm Riley, Mary Ann Meaker, Michael Allison, John Legutki, Theresa Ptak Buie, Cathy Dinkel Newell, Beth Maher Rinz, Anne McGah Bailey, Frances and Gus Skapek, Chris Coburn, Mike and Liz Keresman, Charles Kerr, Kevin and Kimberly Sever, Bong and Yong-me Kauh** and I were present. It was great to see everyone and spend time catching up. I'm proud to say that our class made a very generous contribution to the University. We did good! Several people came from out of town (Michael from Parkland, Florida; John from Chicago; Theresa from Boston; Cathy from Kendall, New York; Anne from Florida; Chris from Boston; and Bong from Akron). It was also nice to see the locals because surprisingly we don't run into each other often. Please make sure to keep your calendar open for June of 2024! We'll be looking for you then! Remember every five. Warmly, Nancy

#### 1980 | Matt Holtz mfh2885@sbcglobal.net



*Editor's Note: The John Carroll University Office of Alumni Relations is proud to honor Matt Holtz '80 as the 2019 Silver Quill Award Winner, in recognition of his commitment to his role as class columnist and the success of Onward.*

Greetings class of '80. Now is a great time to remind folks that as we close out 2019 and start planning for 2020 to keep in mind

that our 40th reunion will be happening in June. Keep that time frame in the back of your mind when doing your summer planning. It would be nice to see if we as a class can exceed prior participation levels. It is always good to reacquire/renew old friendships. Reunion is a great place to start. I had the opportunity to be awarded the Silver Quill Award at the Alumni Volunteer Summit this past June. I appreciate honor and thank the university for the award. I also want to give a special thanks to the folks who were at my table, namely **Dick Huberty '57**, my spouse, **Mary Knurek Holtz '89**, and my editor, **John Ettore '80**, who asked if I wanted to do a column or two back in 1992. Myself and my spouse, Mary, had a chance to attend John and Julie Ettore's son Patrick's wedding this past summer in St. Louis. It was a gala event. Also broke bread with the Etorres in Little Italy at Velerio's for John's birthday. John keeps in touch with numerous Alumni including **Jeanne Cannon, Shirley Novak, Mario Fioritto and Pete Cimoroni**. Received a note from **Rick Chelko**, president of the Chelko Group, a northeast Ohio leader in the employee benefits consulting services. Rick mentioned he would let **Pat DiVito** lead the charge for the team in the local Alumni Golf outing. He does catch up with **Ron Zajackowski and John Moeschberger**. He looks forward to seeing **Tom and Peggy Finucane**. Feel free to drop a line. MFH.

#### 1981 | Bob Hill bob.hill@clickheritage.com

Hello class of 1981, it has been a beautiful summer in Wisconsin this year, after having little or no spring. We just finished the world famous Summerfest celebration, now hosting the Air and Water Show in Milwaukee, and about ready to host our State Fair in August. Also, things are really building up for the DNC Convention in Milwaukee next year! I heard from **Jean Crawford**, who is a Board Certified Psychiatric RN working at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center in Cleveland. Jean works on the Acute Stabilization Unit which serves some of the city's most vulnerable population suffering from severe and chronic mental illness. **Genie McGuire Mulhern** and her husband are almost empty nesters, with their middle son Brennan just celebrating his two year anniversary in the Airforce. **Elizabeth Martin** sold her home in 2018 and began to travel. She ended up in Colorado, writing about the transformational changes at mindingthegaps.life. Elizabeth lives in Fort Collins, Colorado where she just launched her consulting business called Inspiritus Leadership. A multi-level published novelist, **Nancy Loyan**, just released her new novel called Horse Power. The novel is about the love of horses. **Steve and Kristine Behm** are enjoying their 20th year of retirement in Naples, Florida, a beautiful part of the

country where the weather is perfect from October to April. Finally, I heard from **Dr. Robert and Karen Hostoffer**, who celebrated their 35th anniversary in Mallorca. They have a new granddaughter and a daughter's wedding to celebrate. I started a new career in June of this year at Heritage Printing and Cultivate Communications. I still DJ weddings, after 35 years and over 780 wedding receptions. I wish you the very best for 2019 and success wherever you are in life. May God bless you and keep you in the palm of his hand.

#### 1982 | Mark McDonnell jcumac82@gmail.com

Greetings from the Triangle East section of North Carolina. **Mike Hermann** was honored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics as an Under Armour AD of the Year. As the Vice President and Director of Athletics at Kansas Wesleyan University, he helped fundraise to build a football stadium, added sport programs and guided a department that has won 25 conference championships while maintaining a department GPA above 3.00. Hermann has served as AD for 18 years at Niagara, Towson and Kansas Wesleyan universities. Congratulations Mike! **Gerry Bean** has settled in Church Hill, TN working for Davis Brothers Roofing. He is still a gold medal table slider on 3.2 beer. **Dan Hilson** just celebrated 14 years at Roetzel & Andress and **Mike Walsh** just hit 32 years at Magid and is the Regional VP of Sales based in Chicago. **Joe Basar** and his wife, Gail, celebrated the wedding of their oldest daughter, Marissa in July. **Kevin Dougherty**, his wife Hope, as well as my wife, **Maureen Garvey '83** and I attended the ceremony at the Columbus Art Museum. Thanks to **Joe Whelan** for quickly counting my items for a fast checkout at the Charlotte Costco. Maureen and I met **Jim Kisthardt '83** for wine and music in Wake Forest, NC. We were hosted by **Brian Burkhardt '88** who owns Unwined on White. This is a quaint Yoga studio and wine bar. If you are in the Raleigh area this is a great place to stop by. A special thanks to Dave Vitatoe and his staff for hosting the first JCU Alumni Volunteer Summit in June. **Paul Hulseman** represented the Chicago area. **Tim O'Callahan** his wife Bridget as well as **Jean (Nester) Turco** and her husband Dan turned out for Rock the Quad. Tim just started a position as VP of Development with the Ronald MacDonald house in Cleveland. **Dave Pratt '85** did indeed rock the quad with his band Renegade Gentlemen. I am reducing my time on social media so please send updates to my email.

#### 1983 | Mark Schroeder briome@auctionbrio.com

Where did the summer go? I know it was a busy time for the Class of '83. **Bill Donnelly** is the new leader of the pack at JCU. Along with 36 new Board members at JCU, Bill was elected as the new Board Chairman. Bill is the former president at Mettler, Toledo. Bill and wife **Susan (Divane) Donnelly '84** have been wonderfully supportive and generous with contributions to JCU. Thank you Bill and Susan for your dedicated influences at JCU. **Mary (Power) Patton** led

another fabulous benefit auction for The First Tee of Cleveland in July. I had a great time reuniting with JCU classmates **Amy (Thompson) Mosier and Maureen Lentz** who help me as bid spotters for the live auction. **Suzanne (Schlichtman) Greenberg** spent 25 years dedicated to children's care and safety in Saginaw, Michigan and now she going statewide to protect children. Suzanne was named the Executive Director of the Children's Trust Fund of Michigan in Lansing. I want **Ed Devney's** life. Ed worked for CBS Sports for yet another Super Bowl along with the other six JCU alumni who are part of the NE Patriots organization. Ed gets the ring for making all of them look good on TV. After leaving the Super Bowl, Ed was on the course at Bethpage Black working the PGA Men's Golf Championship. It was a thrill seeing all the sons and daughters who graduated from college. **Wendy & Tony Pallotta** had a conversation four years ago at a benefit event about their daughter going to college. In May, Allie graduated from Fordham University. She did it cum laude, "just like the old man." Nothing can describe the loss of a child. It is with deep sadness and heartache shared by all of his teammates, for football teammate **Walter Reynoso '82** and wife Melanie at the passing of their beautiful daughter Jenna on May 20. Please keep Walter, Melanie and Jenna and their three siblings in your daily prayers. Congratulations to my buddy **Nick Conyngham '82** and wife Beth as their son Terry graduated from Columbia Business School in New York. Terry, I'm just quoting your dad here, "now get a job." And literally on an island in the middle of the French River, Ontario Canada it became a John Carroll reunion. Both **Jack Streib '69 and Dennis Kane '81** and me vacationing and fishing at Camp McIntosh in the Georgian Bay. Jack had all the boys in his family in camp and Dennis owns the house across the French River from the camp. We had a great time together & caught some big Walleye and Northern Pike. Email me with family news, business updates and Like "JCU Class of '83" on Facebook.

**1984 | Don D'Amore**  
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The photo of classmates at our 35th Reunion in June showed as happy a group as you could imagine! Not a large crowd, but everyone displayed a pose of pure joy! Sorry to miss it this time due to family commitments, however, **Michelle** and I were glad to connect separately with **Ed Cooper** as well as **John and Kathy Breen** while in town! John B. took up the role of class-reporter sharing these notes from the reunion: **Dave and Michelle Johnson** are doing well! Dave has a passion for tequila and knows many of the owners in Mexico. He has quite the collection of tequila at his house in Dallas. **Vicki Sanko-Peruccio** is almost an empty nester! Vicky and John B. were both in the Ski Club Chi Sigma Phi and surprised to learn that all the local sorority and fraternity have been discontinued. Only national ones are allowed on campus. **Dan Schodowski** often visits Florida fairly close to the Breen's house. They hope to see him soon. Several more classmates attended! To see who, check out the photos on the class Facebook page **Shanon Dolan** has constructed! John's own news is that he

recently retired from AT&T. The Breens plan to travel for a while then seek some new career options. Their kids Jay & Amanda are well. John did an Ironman with their daughter last year. Cathy recently met both of her biological parents after being adopted, adding a whole new family tree! Thanks for the reporting John, glad to hear that a highlights was visiting with us! **Tom Guarente** wrote that he and Bridget now live in Brentwood, Tennessee outside of Nashville! They had enough of the Cleveland winters, but miss their friends in Ohio. They are closer to their daughter, who is a singer/songwriter (Sarah J. Michaels) and their youngest, who is a freshman at Lipscomb University in Nashville. Their oldest son Michael lives in Cincinnati and was married in August of 2017. They were blessed to have classmate/friend **Fr. Tim Kesicki** marry them on their beautiful day, and to have classmates **Mike Znidarsic, John Ciancibello, and Bob Wall** attend their son's wedding. All are doing great. Mike still residing in the Kansas City area, Bob in Rocky River, and John in North Royalton. Tom has been at market-leading Cybersecurity firm FireEye for five years as their Vice President of External Affairs and Alliances focusing on on-going relationships within the Public Sector. Based in Silicon Valley, the organization handles most of the large scale breaches in the news and they work closely with the federal government to protect our nation from the on-going battle ever present in our cyber world. Good to hear from **Ted Mohler**, who after 20 years working as an attorney for Nationwide Insurance, is glad to now be gainfully employed with the City of Toledo Law Department. Ted and Pam's son Luke, 11, is in the seventh grade and "wants to work for NASA, helping astronauts defeat the medical challenges caused by space." Ted points out that it would be apparent to us all that their son "not only inherited his good looks from my wife Pam, but also his intelligence, and charm." Pam works for the Northwest Ohio Association of General Contractors helping high school kids, and adults get into the trades. Ted says they're willing to host a classmate, or JCU graduate to a meal, Mudhens game, etc.! Ted wishes "continued good health and success to all. Go Blue Streaks." Don

**1985 | Diane Wendel**  
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Save the date for our 35th Reunion next year-June 19-21, 2020. Let's make this the best reunion ever! Drop me a line or two for our next column-that means you! Thank you, Diane

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**Rich Kramer** retired from the John Carroll University Board of Directors in May after 11 years of service.

**1987 | Dennis Casey**  
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Hello everyone! Since our last column, plenty of class updates and achievements for our class and families. The last column has some updates too and since it was an online edition only, so head to the

Alumni website. A big year for **John and Sue Farinacci Grazia** and family. John was ordained a Deacon on May 4 at St. John's Cathedral in Cleveland. John and Sue's daughter Hannah received her Master's degree from JCU and brother Matt received his Bachelor's from JCU in May. They are a JCU family - daughter Emily is also an alumna. Next up is Joey who will be the class of 2025. **Tim and Mary Walsh Freeman's** son Sean also graduated from JCU in May. Another Jesuit educated family member is Abby Paulson, daughter of Tom and Susan Paulson, who graduated from Boston College. **Jeff and Anne Smart's** son Liam graduated from Oak Park-River Forest HS in Oak Park, IL and Amanda Valenti, daughter of **Chris and Karin Valenti**, graduated from Stevenson HS in Lincolnshire, IL and will attend Columbia College in Chicago this fall. **Tom Bennett** started a new position as General Manager of AJ's Family Fun Center and his daughter Rayana became the first to win the Michigan high school girls state wrestling championship at 103 pounds. Rayana takes after Tom who was a three time All American and is a member of the JCU Athletic Hall of Fame. **John DeHaas** has begun his M.A. in Professional Creative Writing in Dramatics at the University of Denver. Congrats to **Bill Bergen** who is now President & CEO at RedZone Robotics Inc. Heading to the University of Illinois to play soccer is Angie Galo, daughter of **Chris and Diane Palumbo Galo**. Tommy Powers, son of **Tom and Fran Farinacci Powers**, graduated from Kirtland HS where he was the QB on their state championship team and will head to Ohio U. in the fall. **Anita Felice Kazmierczak** and husband Jim and family relocated from North Carolina to O'Fallon, IL near St. Louis. **Riley McMahon** was honored by the Independent Music Awards in the Eclectic Music Producer category. **Margy Russell Judd** was featured in Crain's Cleveland Business for her work as CEO of Executive Arrangements. In June, more than 100 volunteer alumni leaders from across the country gathered on campus for the first Alumni Volunteer Summit. Joining me from our class were **Maria Amendolara Ruane, Diane Laughner, and Jeanette Kroyer McQuinn**. Homecoming is the first weekend in October. The University does a great job and there were many from our class there last year as well as many from adjacent classes. Hope to see you there! Please send me your updates and follow the class at our own Facebook group - [jcuclassof87](https://www.facebook.com/jcuclassof87). Onward, on Class of '87! Dennis

**1988 | Sharon Byrnes**  
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Hi everyone! This year's flying by and I hope everyone had a fantastic summer and is looking forward to a great fall! I only have a few updates which means please send me your latest news to share! A big congratulations to **Michele LoSchiavo** who graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Interior Design program at Cuyahoga Community College in May! She has truly found her passion and an ideal career path to share her talent, creativity and vision with her many clients. I had a work meeting in Ft. Lauderdale in May and added on a visit to see **Dave Brickner and Karyn Sikaitis**

**Brickner** at their home in Key West. It was my first time to Key West and Dave and Karyn did a great job showing me the best KW spots. We enjoyed lots of fun, amazing food, a few drinks and a great weekend hanging out. Congratulations to Jeff Paravano who is serving as the President of the John Carroll Society (JCS) in Washington, DC. JCS was founded in DC in 1951 as a spiritual and beneficent organization for Catholic professional laypersons in the service of the archbishop of the Archdiocese of Washington. Part of JCS's mission is the financial and professional support of the Archdiocese Legal Network and Medical Network, which provides free legal and medical services to the indigent of the Greater DC area. Jeff has been involved with JCS since June, 2009 and believes strongly in the mission of this important organization. Jeff serves as the Firmwide Tax Group Chair and as Washington office Managing Partner at the law firm BakerHostetler. In June, **Lisa Verszyla Cantamalessa** visited Cleveland and joined **Michelle LoSchiavo**, **Christine Horwath** and **Kelly Gerrard Zitzman** for a progressive dinner downtown. They had a blast enjoying some of Cleveland's best spots. Always fun when JCU friends get together! That's it for now. Homecoming 2019 is October 4-6th - it's a perfect time to come back to campus. Hope to see you there! Until next time, all the best to everyone! Sharon

**1989 | David Gasser**  
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Greetings 89'ers and I am sorry to say that I missed our 30 year reunion this June at good old JCU due to other commitments. I saw a few pictures and texts from some classmates but overall was disappointed I did not hear or see more from our class as to who and what was going on. Anyone who has stories and or pictures that wants to share please send them over and I will do my best to share in our next article or add to the JCU website. Hard to believe that summer is more than half over and kids are heading back to college or high school soon. I am looking forward to the Browns season starting and watching this young team make progress. Shout out to **Matt Loesel** who called me from Erie, Pennsylvania right before the reunion, all good in his world with two kids in college and one more to go. Cheers Matt, and his wife Marney! As always hit me up with news when you have a chance and stay safe Streaks. Peace, David

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It doesn't seem real that we have been out of college for 25 years! Those who were able to make it back to campus for reunion made me feel like it was just yesterday.  
**Mike Sullivan, Pete Dugan, John Mangan,**

**and Greg Zawadzki** enjoyed reliving their college nights by indulging in some Fun in the Box. It's not found on Lee Road anymore so they had to go through some effort to find it, but they said it was worth it. They made us all laugh with the detailed descriptions of their throwback meal. Also in attendance was **Mike Uglesia**. He has another perspective on John Carroll because he now has a son attending. I'm sure it's fun hearing what's the same and what has changed on campus. It was great catching up with Mike and meeting his wife. Reunion was the second recent visit to campus for **Colonel Brian Beckno**. He had come to preside over the commissioning of Wolfpack Battalion Cadets and retired a former Wolfpack Battalion commander in May. Brian sure has accomplished a lot since our graduation. **Mike Connole**, who works for Skylight Financial Group, shared that his company just received the Boler Partner of the Year award from the dean of the Boler school. **Erin Canada Owen** is living in Moreland Hills, Ohio with her husband Phil and son Griffin and daughter Francie. She is an HR manager for Applied Industrial Technologies. Jen Kennedy Ontko lives in North Olmsted, OH with her husband Kevin, son John, Mallory and Tommy. Jen is a Senior Retirement Compliance Consultant at CBIZ, Inc. Also in the picture is **Cheryl Canty Roof, Julie Flinchbaugh Hack** and myself. I heard that there were a few others from our class that also attended that I missed seeing, sorry we didn't connect but feel free to send me an email with what you are up to these days.

**1995 | Annie Deperro**  
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**1996 | Genesis Brown**  
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Hello Class of 1996! I hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for the holiday season! I am happy to share some good news about our classmates and some of the things I have been up to for our class. This past summer I attended an Alumni Retreat where they talked about what JCU is doing to help the incoming classes as well as Alumni. There are some really great services that are available to alumni and I would suggest checking out the site. While I was at the event I talked with **Jo Anna Maiorano**. She is doing well with family and work. In true multitasking fashion, during breaks, at the retreat she was working on organizing stuff for her kids camp. I heard from **Patrick and Sara (Strosnider) Cozzens** that they are doing well! They just celebrated the graduation of their son Evan from Mt Lebanon High School in Pittsburgh. He is now a freshman at Duquesne University. Their daughter Caroline is 15 and a sophomore at Mt Lebanon High School. They also included a photo of the happy occasion. I saw on Twitter that **John Cranley** (Mayor of Cincinnati) is hanging out with a couple of other Mayors Cabaldon & Buttigieg (also running for President.) It is pretty impressive that our classmates are working to help make our country a better place. Maybe we can get John to make a couple of predictions for the coming elections. If anyone else is working in the public space please let me know. Would love to share your story too! All the best, GO

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Hi all, I hope that you had a wonderful summer! Summer was a time of exciting change for me. After 13 years working at Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, I moved into a sales position at Medidata Solutions, a life sciences technology company. This meant that summer was a time of learning new things while finding some time to relax and enjoy having the kids out of school. **Megan McCarthy-Beauvais** contacted me and let me know that she was named President & CEO of Boys & Girls Club of Collier County in early 2018. Eight days after being named CEO, she found out she was pregnant. Megan and Lane's daughter, Monroe, was born on November 26, 2018. Also, I heard from **George Sample**, and he recently joined the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland as its Human Resources Business Partner Manager. I'm excited to read Kristine Gasbarre's new book that is available this fall. Krissy and Sarah Edmondson, an actress, wrote a memoir telling Sarah's experience in a cult, NXIVM, and how she escaped it. Krissy loves working on stories about the strength and resolve of women. Check out *Scarred: The True Story of How I Escaped NXIVM, the Cult that Bound My Life*. In March, **Laura (Ley) Carlson** sent me a picture of a group of JCU Class of 2002 friends having a great time together in Nashville. The crew included **Laura and Jeff Carlson, Katie (Barnum) and Kevin Brzezinski, Melissa (Ludwig) and Andrew Galbraith, Nick and Kristen Mehall, TJ and Kristine Schaffner, Brad and MaryBeth Freeman, and Brendan and Meaghan Nolan**. It's always fun to see classmates together. Please keep the updates coming; I know I always say it, but your classmates love hearing what you're up to. **Angela Flowers** was selected by Scene Magazine as Most Interesting People



2019: The co-owner of Making A Difference Consulting has helped more than 10,000 Cleveland-area students and families. Why she's interesting: Flowers works to provide mental health services and counseling to adolescents in schools and at summer camps, as well as professional development to Northeast Ohio educators, youth and families.

**2003 | Lori and Jeff Culliton**  
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The Summer is in full swing and we have some exciting updates from the Class of 2003. A warm welcome home to **Tom and Lauren Arth** who recently moved back to Northeast Ohio after spending two years in Tennessee where Tom was the head coach at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. Tom has taken over the men's football program at the University of Akron. The Arth family will be residing in Hudson with their five children. **Dan Bender** was recently recruited to Westfield Bank as Senior Vice President-Commercial Lending Team Leader. He is working out of the Brecksville office which is where he lives with his wife Megan and three daughters. Recently, Westfield Bank sponsored the JCU Alumni Golf Classic and Dan led a foursome that included **Randy Bosley, Dave Walter, and Nick Turchan**. We would love to hear of any other milestones that have occurred for members of the class of '03. Please email us and share your updates! Lori and Jeff

**2004 | Paul Clapp**  
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Hello everyone, I'm excited to be back as the Class Columnist and want to thank Nikki for managing this class update for so many years. It seems like just yesterday we were walking across the rain soaked quad on our graduation day. I blinked and next thing I knew we were celebrating our 15-year reunion this past June. I look forward to getting back involved with the class column. Please send updates to PaulClapp@gmail.com or through our class page at facebook.com/JCU2004. I'll start off with an update of my own: My wife Maggie and I were excited to celebrate our daughter Raegan's first birthday in August. Speaking of kids, Kate (Crimmins) Walker and Sarah (Weese) Powell both had baby girls, Maddie Quinn Walker and Mary Quinn Powell respectfully, who are quickly becoming best friends and future JCU roommates. Darice (Kopcak) Granito and her husband Michael welcomed a son, Luke, on November 9, 2018, joining big brother Michael. Darice & Michael attended the Saturday events during our class reunion. They enjoyed talking to fellow classmates, walking around campus taking in the new additions throughout, including a few purchases from the bookstore. A few months ago I was at the Cleveland Airport getting ready to catch a flight when I ran into Tiffany (Cole) Conner and her wife, Dr. M Shelly Conner. They moved to central Arkansas last summer and then got married on September 22, 2018 at Dreams Riviera Maya in Cancun, Mexico. She sent along some pictures from their big day. All the best, Paul

**2005 | Jen Tolhurst**  
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Hi there, classmates! This time around, I heard from **Janet (Kramer) Schmidt**—she and her husband Russell welcomed their first child, Saul Malcolm, in January. Janet is managing the Master of Public Health Online Program at the University of Southern California. Thanks for sending in an update, Janet! I also wanted to ask for memories from those of you who knew our classmate **Troy Smith**. Most of us by now have heard that Troy tragically passed away on April 1. He was a well-loved member of our class, a Navy veteran, motivational speaker and mentor, and a new father. I thought we could share a few memories of Troy here—I'd love to hear from his friends about the moments for you that epitomized Troy's kind and outgoing personality during our college years. Please send me a note, and I'll share here next time. Thanks, and wishing everyone all the best!

**2006**  
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**Justin and Rebecca (Taft) Ragor** welcomed their third child, Benjamin Edward, in February. Their dad is the proud owner of Justin Ragor State Farm Insurance in West Park, Ohio. **Rory and Amanda (Rembold) O'Neil '07** are now the parents of a daughter, Rooney Jean, who arrived in March weighing in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces with a beautiful head of red hair. **Gabriella Mileti** married **Mark Petruziello '08** at the Chiesa di San Giuseppe in Taormina, Italy on June 24, 2019. The couple now resides in Huntington Beach, CA. **Brigid Groves** was installed as president of the Ohio Pharmacists Association in April. She also received a Leadership Award from the National Community Pharmacists Associations. **Steve Volchko** joined the Corporate Partnership Development team for the Cleveland Cavaliers in April. **Mike Scanlan** returned to JCU in January as Executive Director of Strategic Communications.

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This issue's post is written by **Jenny Hauschildt** in remembrance of **Caitlin (Soucek) Kacher**. Caitlin (Soucek) Kacher was a bright light at JCU. On move-in day, I vividly remember walking into our dorm room for the first time where I found her setting up her things and anticipating my arrival. The moment we met, we both smiled and I knew this stranger would become my friend. Some of Caitlin's happiest days were during her college years, where she thrived intellectually, spiritually, and socially. Caitlin's passion for Spanish culture and language was infectious. Through Spanish club, Caitlin helped to organize the annual Salsa dance on campus, where she crushed the

dance floor and magnetically drew others to join in. From day one at JCU, Caitlin declared herself a Spanish major and sought countless opportunities beyond the borders of campus to expand her horizons. During college, she travelled to Mexico and Puerto Rico, and also participated in a service trip to Ecuador with the Rostro de Cristo group in 2005. Perhaps her most formative college experience was the semester she spent studying abroad in Sevilla, Spain, where she was hosted by a Spanish family. She went parasailing, celebrated Carnival in Cadiz, and made lifelong friends with whom she traveled to Morocco and Portugal. She had the time of her life, but in the back of her mind, ultimately she wanted these first hand experiences to enrich her future teaching career. While Caitlin loved reminiscing about her time abroad and at JCU, life after college was full of happiness, too. Caitlin married her soulmate, Todd Kacher, on August 1st, 2015. Many JCU alumni attended their wedding, a joyous celebration! Caitlin was a deeply devoted public school teacher at Avon High School, where she taught Spanish for over ten years. Caitlin's classroom walls were covered in art and other fun things she brought back from Spain. Caitlin's passion, along with her adventurous spirit, left an indelible mark on her students. One can pack a lot into 32 years, as Caitlin did, but her untimely passing from cancer reminds us to never take a moment for granted. Caitlin's husband, family, friends, Avon High School, and JCU community continues to grieve. But Caitlin lives on when her memory is celebrated. Caitlin's contagious, bellowing laughter still rings in my ears, and I can still hear it echoing down the hallways of Murphy, Hamlin, Campion,



and Bernet. Descansa en paz, dear friend. Note from Lisa Pepera: "Earlier this year my wife and I founded a 501c3 nonprofit organization, Colors+, an LGBTQ+ youth center. Colors+ is located in Fairview Park, Ohio. The mission is to strengthen LGBTQ+ youth and allies by promoting individual and community wellness. We use a holistic mind and body approach and have a safe space to empower LGBTQ+ youth and allies to grow as individuals and within their community. Our intention is to strengthen the LGBTQ+ youth community and allies through advocacy, support, education, and celebration. We are both licensed professional clinical counselors who are passionate about supporting the LGBTQ+ youth community. We believe that everyone deserves a place to feel safe and be themselves. We are helping LGBTQ+

youth and other youth in creating that space. Please check us out on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter or at colorsplus.org

### 2009 | Lisa Paccioni lugran09@jcu.edu

Congratulations to **Marie Dailey** and her new husband, Jonathan Schenk! Marie and Johnathan were married on June 15, 2019. If you were in the Cleveland area between June 7-9, 2019, I hope you had a chance to stop by John Carroll and enjoy some of the Reunion Weekend festivities in honor of our 10-year reunion. I would love to hear about your experience and any of the memories it brought back. Feel free to share some pictures as well! My husband **Andy Pacconi** and I took a lovely stroll through campus on one of the afternoons over Reunion weekend. Naturally, we ran into Dr. Welki and shared a great conversation with him about the changes at the University and in our lives. Andy and I welcomed a daughter, Aurelia Maria, on March 18, 2019. She weighed 6lbs, 9oz and was 19 inches long. She joins proud big brother Bennett, who turned 3 in April. Hope all is well for you and your families!

### 2010 | Meghan O'Keefe megokeefe10@gmail.com

Another exciting year for the class of 2010. It has been really fun to see families expand and people move up in their careers as each year comes and goes. **Zoran and Harriet Miling** had their fourth baby, Maya Yiasmene on March 20 2019. While **Michelle and Adam Garber** had their second child, daughter Anna Margaret, on June 19 2019. **Tricia and John Palko** had their second child, Freya Kathryn, on August 9, 2018. There were a few firsts as **Elise and Bradley Bartelme** had their first child-daughter Lillian Margaret on April 5. **Maggie and Don Thomas** welcomed Jack on January 23, 2019. **Leslie and Anthony Piovesan** had Adalynn on February 18, 2019. And last but not least **Michael Brennan Killackey, Jr.** was born on July 12, 2019 to **Elizabeth and Mike Killackey**. **Matt Hiznay** graduated with his Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve this year. He will be celebrating eight years since his Stage IV Lung Cancer diagnosis in August! He is doing great and has been stable on oral chemotherapy! **Catherine Miller** passed her Certified Financial Planner (CFP) exam and am a practicing Financial Planner at a downtown Cincinnati firm, Bartlett Wealth Management. **Sarah DiPalma** just became a pediatric emergency medicine fellow in buffalo and graduated from residency. **Meghan O'Keefe** is now working for the St. Petersburg Economic Development Corporation in a sales development role. As 2019 comes to an end I hope everyone keeps in mind 2020 is a big reunion year for our class, and hope everyone can try and come together for our reunion weekend. Have a great rest of the year, finish strong!

### 2011 | Maura Jochum mfjochum@gmail.com

Wow! I am always amazed at the updates I receive from our classmates; new jobs, published books, treks across the country,

and the birth of future Blue Streaks. It is all so exciting! Just think about how much life has changed since 10, or even just five years ago. **Paulin Byusa** recently changed jobs and he and his wife Belise relocated to Austin, Texas where Paulin works for Facebook. **Alex Payne** graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in 2016 and will complete his Internal Medicine Residency in 2019 at the hospital where he was born -- East Liverpool City Hospital. He plans to specialize in Addiction Medicine. **Liz Castellano** is currently a recipient of the Trinity Fellowship at Marquette University, a full scholarship based on service and dedication to the community. She is studying for her Master's Degree in Public Service, Nonprofit Administration and will graduate from Marquette in May 2020. Before moving for grad school in Milwaukee from NYC, Liz bicycled across the USA for three months from Florida to California to raise money and awareness for the affordable housing crisis in summer 2018. Prior, Liz worked at a community based organization in NYC for five years serving the Latino immigrant population. **Libbie Schaffner Albright** will have her first book published in late fall 2019. Tales from Evergreen Hollow is a middle-grade fiction, modern ghost story that is a cross between the movies Casper and My Girl. Head over to Libbie's website at lsalbright.com to learn more. **Tom Schaberl** married **Marissa Caronti** on September 15, 2018, at St. Albert the Great Church in North Royalton. **Angela (Petitto)** and Nick Monzo were married on September 22, 2018, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Pittsburgh. **Rachel Thompson** will marry Michael Kubanda in November 2019. Rachel is a bankruptcy attorney at the global law firm of Smith Reed in Houston, Texas. **Andrea and Brian Benander** welcomed their first child Lidia Mary on April 16, 2018. **Holly (Kleese)** and Nathan Wolack welcomed their son Nicholas (after Saint Nicholas) on Christmas Day 2018. Nicholas shares his birthday with his mom! After eight years in the public relations industry, Holly is pursuing a full-time career in real estate in Chicago. **Mike** and Allissa (Moore) Schmitt '12 welcomed their first child Michael David in April 2019. Please continue to keep me posted. With love for JCU, Maura.

### 2012 | Emily Herfel, DO eherfel12@jcu.edu

Hope this finds you in good spirits! Many of us are making great strides in Cleveland. **Meghan Sluzynsky** recently graduated from Penn State University with a Masters in Project Management in May 2019 and has started working at Cleveland State University as the Assistant Director of the Foundation. **D'Von Gay** expanded his Athletic interests, now operating the basketball scoreboard for Villa Angela--St. Joseph, St. Edward, and Cleveland Central Catholic schools. In July, he worked as an All Star Activity Manager for the Major League Baseball All Star Week. He took a break from work and traveled to London in August to visit with friends, visit the theatre and Big Ben. **Lauren (Halladay) Mastracco** started a new career as a real estate agent with Howard Hanna, working all over northeast Ohio. She tells

me that she is loving the opportunity to help people with their real estate needs. Lauren and her husband **John Mastracco** welcomed a beautiful little girl, Eleanor (Ellie) Louise Mastracco on June 24, 2019. **Moriah (Sloan) Barnhart** and her husband **Patrick** welcomed a son on January 6, 2019. The future Blue Streaks are adorable! Mini JCU reunions are happening at weddings! **Dana Hartung and Brendan Carey** wed on August 9, 2018 in the Bahamas. They held a reception in Chicago in September 2018. The couple is expecting their first child in August 2019. **Kelly Matune and Nick Kaplan** were married November 24, 2018 in Youngstown, Ohio. They too had quite a few Carroll graduates in attendance! They happily live in Fairview Park, Ohio. I had the honor of attending the beautiful wedding of **Emily Day and Joey Grace** in June 2019 in Tremont, Ohio. The reception was downtown Cleveland. It really is a pleasure to receive and share the updates of our class. Please do not hesitate to reach out at any time! Emily

### 2013 | Larry Napoli lnapoli1990@gmail.com

**Nancy (Abdelshahid) Baker** recently began working as a Senior Chemist for the Manatee County Government. Her work impacts the citizens of the county, ensuring access to clean water. **Sal Carfagna** was married in November 2018. He and his wife, Abigail, live in Westerville, Ohio, where he works as an Account Manager for Applied Medical in Columbus. As well, he works with his family business, Carfagna's Inc., helping with marketing and advertising. The business has been around since 1937, where they operate an Italian market and restaurant in Columbus. **Jillian (Dismas) Zaczyk** recently moved to Erie, Pennsylvania and began working as Faith Formation Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Erie. She started on July 1, 2019 and encourages anyone in the diocese to reach out! **Kayla Naticchioni** and Anthony Webb were married on September 1, 2018 at the Italian Cultural Gardens in Cleveland. **Anna Bobby** got engaged to **Drew Schwanitz '14** at Mill Creek Park in Youngstown on April 20, 2019. The couple is eagerly planning their wedding at some point during 2020. **Rob Bellusci** and Emily Brown were engaged on May 4, 2019 during a black tie gala at the Omni Hotel in Dallas. They are planning a summer 2020 wedding in Philadelphia. **Dan Burke** started at Qr8 Health back in March of 2019. The startup company develops software as a medical device primarily for the assessment of neurological diseases. Dan is in charge of worldwide expansion for their multiple sclerosis assessment application and manage their intellectual property. **Maribeth Keppler** and Michael Herrilko were engaged at Oakhill Trailhead in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park on December 22, 2018. The couple developed their passion for hiking together and it is their favorite hobby. They were married on October 4, 2019, her parents' anniversary. The ceremony was at St. Pat's Cathedral in Ohio City and the reception was at Lago Custom Events in the Flats in Cleveland. Two of her brothers, **Freddy Keppler '15** and **Mark Keppler '18**, served as groomsmen. **Emily (Gorndt) Kaiser**,

and her husband, Vitus, welcomed their first child, a daughter, Anne Marie Kaiser, on March 11, 2019. She was born weighing 10 lbs., 4 oz. and measuring 22.5 inches long. Her godmother is Emily's college roommate, **Julia (Adams) Hays '13**. Lizzie Trathen began as the Manager of Detroit Lions Charities on February 1, 2019. She oversees the team's grant making and fundraising efforts, along with coordinating events for their charity partners. **Ellen Day** got engaged to **Connor Suba '12** at The Arcade in downtown Cleveland on February 23, 2019. They are planning a wedding on June 6, 2020 at St. Michael Catholic Church and a reception at the Tremont City Side Ballroom in Cleveland. The couple met through a mutual friend, **Amber Schmidt '13**. Ellen is currently living in Detroit pursuing a PhD in Clinical Psychology. Many fellow John Carroll graduates will be serving as bridesmaids and groomsmen: **Emily (Day) Grace '12**, **Elissa Day '16**, **John Cobos '13**, **Andrew Schafer '12**, **Kevin Nycz '12**, **Joe Grace '12**, **Matt Tusick '14**, and **Dan Nageotte '12**. **Lauren Vine and Steve Siemborski** were engaged during Easter of 2019 in his parents' backyard in Gates Mills. They will be getting married on June 6, 2020 at Church of the Gesu in University Heights, while the reception will take place at the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club in Gates Mills.

**2014 | Desiree Tercek**  
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**2015 | Bri Lazarchik**  
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Hey 2015! Isn't it wild that the next JCU reunion weekend is ours? Hope to see all of you there, and remember to fill out the form sent by the alumni office if you want to be involved with the planning amidst our crazy lives! It was a beautiful and busy spring and summer for our vibrant class. As fall unfolds, it's exciting to report that **Janine Jennings** is the CEO of JP Tax Service and Cultural Differences Salon, **Scott Stewart** is working as a Target investigator in Las Vegas, and **Tyler Lendzion** has just started earning his Master's degree at the Harvard Business School. In more academic news, **Chris Casey** has just begun the journey to an MBA at the Ohio State University Fisher College of Business, **Freddy Keppler** graduated from the Ohio State University College of Dentistry and his starting his orthodontic residency at Ohio State, and **Megan Boyk** graduated from medical school at Oakland University in Detroit and is starting her residency in South Bend, Indiana. **Drew Kostiuik** graduated from med school as well and just moved to Pittsburgh for his residency. In January 2019, **Cortney Freshwater** departed for Bolivia for a three and a half year journey as a Maryknoll Lay Missioner, and this past May, **Joshua Cochrac** was ordained a deacon by Bishop Nelson Perez. Furthermore, celebrations of love were in full swing this summer. A special shout out to our three Class of 2015 couples: **Valerie and David Hendrickson**, **Nicole and Adam Tome**, and **Kayla and Dan McNamara**. Nikki and Adam had many Blue Streaks in their wedding party, including **Mary Mazzola**, **Colleen Reilly**, **Sean Calhoun**, **Zach Comi '14** and **Ben Rossi '13**. Kayla and Dan were

married by Fr. Bernie at Gesu, and were so thrilled to bring their relationship full circle to the place where they met. **Aryn Giffi Scibona and Rosario Scibona '13** were also wed this summer at Gesu, with many Blue Streaks in attendance. Please check out the photos section of the magazine for photos of these beautiful celebrations. And don't worry, there will be more wedding photos to come, as **Sean Calhoun** proposed to **Marisa Carlone** this summer in Cleveland. Many, many congratulations to everyone for saying "yes" to life's wonderful journeys. Keep the updates coming, and stay inspiring! Faithfully, Bri

**2016 | Madeline Sweeney**  
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What is shakin' Blue Streaks?! It was a hot and litty summer for the Class of 2016, so let's get into it. I know there were a few cliffhangers last time, so I wanted to tie those loose ends up first. **Will Fitzgerald's** cat does have a name - it's Garfunkel, "and he got fat." Additionally, **Bryan Thomas** is still looking for a girlfriend, and yes, you can still find him on LinkedIn. **Emily Burt** gave birth to a very special babe and future Blue Streak, Leland Andrew Burt. Born on April 3, 2019, Leland is looking healthy and beautiful (just like his mama). **Joel Baker '14** has been working as an anesthesiologist assistant for three years in Mansfield. He bought a retail paintball business last June that now has a storefront as well as online sales. Additionally, he just bought a house, and by the time this article is published he will have a brand new baby boy! Congrats, Joel! **Corinne Hendrock** graduated with her Master's in Public Health from The Ohio State University and will begin her position as a clinical research associate in Dallas, TX, this August. She's also been traveling the world and making us all very jealous on her insta. I'm very happy to announce that **Olivia Ruse and Tim Schifferle** are engaged and will be getting married August 1, 2020. Also engaged and with a set wedding date for December 28, 2019, **Sara Kaminski will marry Kevin Cope** from the Class of 2015. This gives me chills and makes me want to cry because I remember becoming friends with Sara at Kevin's house on Okalona Rd. in college. I cannot wait to see you both soon and give you a big squeeze. Congrats, sweet friends! **Kirsten Biddle** moved to sunny Charlotte, North Carolina, and is working as a marketing strategist for Axcelinno, "an awesome tech firm," in her words. **Tanner Patsko** worked with Cardinal Health on their inside sales team and eventually moved on to CME as a four-state account manager in medical/capital equipment sales. He's currently living in Pittsburgh, PA, and recently bought a house. "Loving life!" Save the frogs! It's been an awesome experience catching up with people this time around. Some big life events are starting to hit our class, and it's truly beautiful to see. I actually ran into **Sam Stein** yesterday at our volleyball league - I didn't even know she was living in Columbus. She's currently in PA school at Ohio Dominican University, and I'm so excited to have re-met an old friend and classmate. We are everywhere. Go Streaks!

**2017 | Christine Gaab**  
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**Karis (Laurito) Comiskey** was married to **Matthew Comiskey** at the end of 2018 in Pittsburgh, PA. Karis and Matt met in Philosophy 101 and dated for two years at John Carroll. All of their siblings also attended JCU and their wedding was filled with JCU Alumni. Attendees of their wedding represented various classes including 1989, 1997, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017! **Jordan Conrad** has relocated to Chicago where she has been studying and working since graduation. Last year, she graduated with her Master's in Digital Media and Storytelling from Loyola University of Chicago. For Jordan's capstone project, she traveled all over the Midwest to interview people with invisible disabilities and illnesses. She used her design skills to illustrate their feelings via photography and graphic design. Recently, she has just landed a new job working as a Digital Account Executive for Edelman in Chicago. After completing her undergrad in 2017, **Erica Pollice** is currently enrolled in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling graduate program at John Carroll. She has gained much experience in the field with various internships including Moore Counseling and Case Western Reserve University's Health and Counseling Services. Erica hopes to continue her career in a college counseling center or enter into private practice upon graduation. When she is not studying, she also works at Athleta as a Community Coordinator. Through this position she plans events for the store and helps to raise money for non-profit organizations. **Deane Stillwagon** has stayed in Cleveland and has been working in his field since graduation. Most recently, he has been working at a new job with KeyBanc Capital Markets as an Analyst in the Mergers and Acquisitions department. Recently engaged JCU couple is **Rob Popik '18 and Kaylee Quanbeck**. Rob and Kaylee met at a JCU basketball game in 2016 and dated for some time throughout college. For almost a year and a half, the two would sit at a table in The O'Malley Center before classes and study together. Rob proposed to Kaylee one day when they decided to head over to the East side and take a walk through campus. When Kaylee walked into O'Malley, she noticed that there was a candle and rose set up on their table where they spent so much time together. Kaylee is currently working as an Event and Marketing Coordinator for Providence House in Ohio City. Please reach out and contact me with any news and life updates to be included in future articles! Until next time, Christine Gaab.

**2018 | Mike Andelbradt**  
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## *In Memoriam*

*John Carroll University extends condolences to the families and friends of our recently departed community members. We apologize for any omissions. Death notices from July 2018 to July 2019.*

Marge Sansone '37	11.14.18	Albert Kelling '57	5.21.19	Thomas Swope '70	9.19.18
Olga Horvath '38H	1.22.19	Harry VandeVelde '57	12.31.18	Richard Nopper '70	4.11.19
William Higgins '41	4.25.19	Charles Atten '57	11.18.18	Carl Locke '70G	5.1.18
Jack Smith '48	7.14.19	J. Patrick Keenan '57	8.9.18	Joseph Haus '71	1.18.19
Bernard Rink '48	11.29.18	George Holzheimer '57	5.12.18	Peter Hamm '71	3.29.19
Jane Pfeiffer '49	3.5.19	Francis Proch '58	3.2.19	Peter Pikus '71G	2.28.19
Albina Aspell '50	4.11.19	Charles Jacobson '58	3.16.19	Jacqueline Tinsley '71G	10.31.18
Charles Ely '50	6.30.19	Bernard Campbell '59	5.17.19	Donald Fisher '72	1.2.19
Andrew Spellicy '50	6.30.19	James Hirotsu '59	2.22.19	Walter Kelly '72	6.27.19
George Stead '50	11.1.18	Eileen Donahue '59	6.5.18	Patrick Hoak '72	10.5.18
Henry Grosel '50	8.5.18	David Callahan '60	6.21.19	Norman Bender '73	9.24.18
Charles Koster '50	9.19.18	James Vogel '60	10.6.18	Daniel Pietragallo '73	3.1.19
Ray Helvey '50	2.2.19	Michael Sweeney '60	2.18.19	Edward Floyd '73	2.8.19
Norman Jones '50	4.8.18	Jerome Widmer '60	6.23.19	Coletta O'Brien '73	1.25.19
Henry Skowronski '50	6.8.19	Craig Mercier '61	11.21.18	Douglas Dura '73	10.23.18
Robert Hornyak '51	7.10.19	Edmond Heffernan '62	1.29.19	Mildred Kraus '73	8.17.18
George Hughes '51	4.26.19	John Fagan '62	1.4.19	Nancy Welchans '73G	11.9.18
Leonard Dybzinski '51	2.28.18	Jack Kahl '62	12.30.18	James Grodek '74	12.5.18
Joseph Murphy '51	10.17.18	John Crilly '62	9.21.18	Richard Anter '74	6.20.19
William Walston '52	5.19.19	Timothy Leiden '62	8.29.18	Lois Markt '74G	12.1.18
George Englehart '52	4.12.19	Ronald Reuss '62	6.17.19	John Bundy '77	7.28.19
Michael Gavin '52	2.10.19	Joseph Ellis '62	6.26.19	Gregg Pill '77	6.20.19
Peter Carlin '52	9.18.18	Donald Grazko '62	7.20.19	Ernest Seech '77	4.30.19
Patrick Cullinan '53	4.18.18	Ronald Nelson '62G	6.25.18	Jeffrey Shadburn '77	3.25.19
Robert Monroe '53	10.28.18	James Dailey '63	3.7.19	Cynthia McCormick '79	5.11.19
Eugene Wetzel '53	9.21.18	Philip Collin '63	1.30.19	Drew Haynam '80	2.26.19
Roger Sargent '53	7.10.18	Joseph Harsa '63	2.8.19	Robert Trebar '80	10.2.18
Joseph Mersol '53	7.24.19	Robert Wright '63	1.19.19	Janice Farmer '83	10.5.18
Donald Davidson '54	2.24.19	Harold Jenks '63	3.29.19	Susan Wilcox '83G	10.18.18
Thaddeus Zelek '54	1.23.19	Anne Butz '64	1.18.19	James Yuhus '84	9.24.18
Vic LaJeunesse '54	12.12.18	James Nickels '64	2.12.18	Pamela Sweeney '84	9.16.18
Leo Kotte '54	4.3.19	Kenneth Bodle '64	10.9.18	Lisa Abood '86	6.28.19
John Scherzler '54	5.22.19	Jerome Bohumolski '64	6.9.18	Edward Shingary '86	7.16.19
George Thomey '55	4.17.19	A. Alexander Budzinsky '64	8.6.18	Joseph Timko '86	9.15.18
Richard Mulac '55	1.21.19	Carl Smocinski '64	5.10.19	Maureen Schaeffer '87	7.31.18
Frederick Kovar '55	3.2.18	Ronald Sterbank '65	8.8.18	Ronald Barron '87G	4.16.19
William Boyle '55	10.9.18	Frank Bruening '65	4.20.19	John O'Rielly '90	10.1.18
David Bresnan '55	10.6.18	George Richards '65	2.22.19	Judith Mally '91G	2.26.18
Thomas Hoffart '55	10.3.18	Wolfhart Schubach '65	3.15.19	Katherine Wolfe '91G	5.9.18
Earl Thomas '55	8.22.18	James Redmond '65	8.8.18	Edward Mularz '93	9.3.18
Aloysius Mullee '55	5.2.19	Daniel Stein '66	2.9.19	Brian Meister '93	4.8.19
Thomas Phelan '56	3.11.19	William English '66G	8.21.18	Erin Manley '95	9.16.18
Lawrence Nichta '56	4.1.19	Gary Gwozdzik '68	6.25.18	Deborah Kreuz '95	3.9.19
Robert Gonnella '56	5.16.19	John Sherwin '68	7.13.19	Jacqueline Kulbago '96	3.20.18
James Knechtges '56	5.19.18	George Maloney '68	6.18.19	James Lucas '00	5.18.19
Joseph Kost '56	2.19.19	Robert Stojetz '68G	3.6.19	Marin Kos '04	9.21.18
Peter Jenkins '56	11.14.18	Andrew Yaronczyk '68G	11.1.18	Troy Smith '05	4.1.19
Joseph Bokar '56G	12.24.18	Gregory Geller '69	10.30.18	Caitlin Kacher '08	4.11.19
Albert Kelling '57	5.21.19	George Coghill '69	3.27.19	Crystal Steinbeck '08	5.30.19
Allan Burnett '57	6.16.19	Kenneth Banks '69	10.30.18	Darcy Egan '13, '15G, '16G	9.19.18
Donald Kaump '57	8.19.18	Robert Stern '69G	1.12.19		

*Editor's Note: The following op-ed includes commentary and research provided by Terry Babic '67, a class columnist and United States Army veteran who served from 1967-69 during the Vietnam War. If you are a Vietnam-era veteran from John Carroll and would like to contact Mr. Babic to share your story, please email wjcuterry@hotmail.com. The publication of this op-ed does not represent an endorsement of any commentary by either Onward Magazine or John Carroll University.*

# A Tribute to John Carroll's VIETNAM VETERANS

**J**ohn Dagil '67 asked me if it was possible to acknowledge the John Carroll students who served their country during the Vietnam War era. I said that that would be a nice tribute; maybe late, but important.

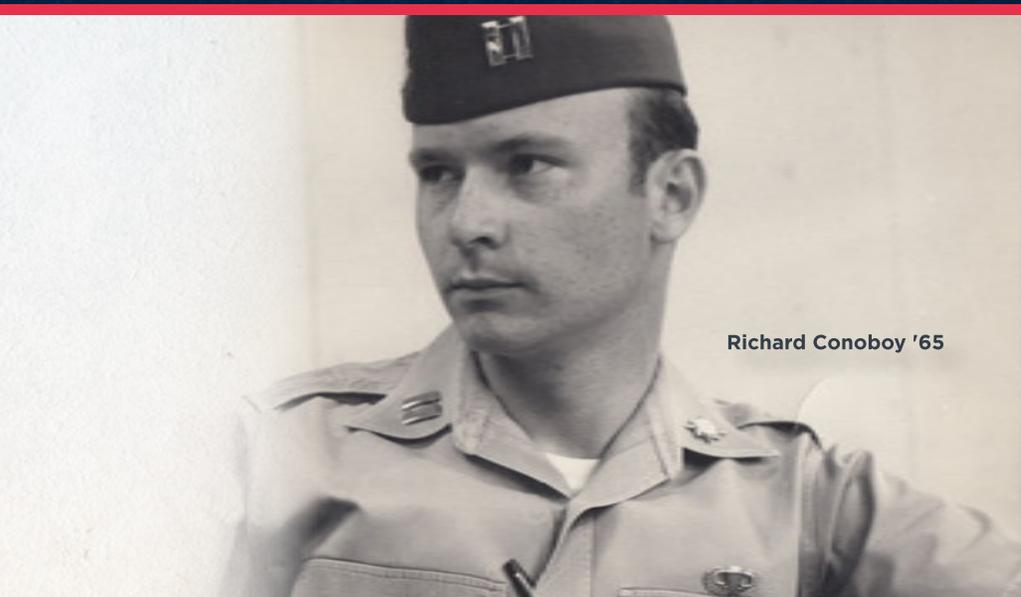
We see them now often wearing their caps and jackets that identify themselves as one of a very special group: Vietnam veterans. Now they draw attention to themselves in a

way that they could not have in the 1960s and 1970s. They were looked down upon as attendees of a very unpopular war, one which in most cases, had very little to do with their choice. The war, which started long before, but officially started in late 1955 and ran until April of 1975, was a war that we entered and basically lost and in the process, sacrificed the lives of many good men.

These men did their duty; they answered the call. More often than not they never received the gratitude they so richly deserved; let's now thank them and say "welcome home." We tried to compile a list of John Carroll students that served this country during this unsettled time of our history, the Vietnam War era. If we missed someone, we are truly sorry; we acknowledge your sacrifice, courage, and your service to us all. Here are the faces of heroes:

- **Alan Adam '64** served as finance corps. advisor to the South Vietnam government.
- **John Arko '74** served in the US Army after graduating from Euclid High (Cleveland) from 1967 to 1970. John served in Chu Lia, Vietnam as an armorer for the 23rd Infantry Division and lives in Florence, KY.
- **Fredrick Barr '65**, accounting major, went through the ROTC program and was a Captain in the Army from 1966 to 1968 in Camron Bay, Vietnam in truck/transportation units. He is a retired finance officer living in Mayfield Hts., OH.
- **Paul Becka '67**, accounting major, served as a 1st Lt. from Officer's Candidate School (OCS) from 1968 to 1970 as a platoon leader for the II Corps. in Vietnam. He is a CPA living in Strongsville, OH.
- **Mike Brooks '68** is one of the several men who was drafted into the Army, but we found only this information.
- **James E. Brown '64**, 7th Cavalry Division.
- **Harry Byer '58** served 22 years in the Army with several tours in Viet Nam. Major Byer was an advisor in Da Nang and while Assistant Professor of Military Science in Pennsylvania, he had the awesome responsibility of notifying the next of kin of fallen soldiers in the central Pennsylvania area.
- **Richard Byrne '67** served as a 1st Lt. in South Vietnam, 9th Infantry Division. He now lives in Garfield Heights, OH. and works for Penske Logistics.
- **Albert J. Camma '63** went to Medical school and did another two years of surgical training before serving as an aircraft carrier ship's surgeon and lieutenant in the Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam. Albert was advised, that for his own safety, he not wear his uniform home due to the anti-war sentiment which was at an all-time high. Albert has performed neurosurgery in Zanesville, OH, for nearly 40 years.
- **Sal Casarona '59** completed ROTC and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. He reached the rank of Major spending most of eight and a half years in the Army flying military aircraft and training in Vietnam where he earned the Bronze Star and Air Medal for exemplary service. Sal retired after 30 years flying with TWA.
- **Don Cernansky '68** was another that we learned of his service, but no other details.
- **Major Richard Conoboy '65** served in the U S Army from 1965 to 1978 in various posts from Germany to West Point and held various jobs through his Army career. He spent 17 years after his service in the Defense Intelligence Agency. Dick lives in Bellingham, Washington.
- **Bill Cook '64** served as a physician in Vietnam.
- **John Curry '63** was a history major that served various positions with the Army after graduation.
- **John Dagil '67** was commissioned as a Marine officer upon graduation. After receiving his Master's degree, John served as executive officer for the Marine Detachment, USS Little Rock, Sixth Fleet Flagship. Then in 1971, John was a rifle company commander at Ft. Lejeune. John currently lives in Chagrin Falls, OH.

- **Jim De Camp '67** was an English teacher before and after his duty as Specialist 5 in the 2nd of the 27th in Cu Chi, Vietnam. Jim was awarded the CIB, ARCOM and Air Medal. Jim wrote a book, "Blue Devils in Vietnam" from which here is a quotation: "On our shoulder we carried the burden of an un-won war, one America decided not to win, and chips of various sizes .... We gladly, if not always smoothly, slipped back into the lives we had left behind. Most of us went from important roles in the military with life and death consequences to much less vital and exciting civilian ones."



Richard Conoboy '65

- **Jim DeClerck '61** was commissioned in the Army Transportation Corp. and assigned as TC Officer in Mannheim, West Germany. Jim retired in 1990 as a Lt. Colonel from the Army Reserve and Kodak in 2003. He lives with his wife in Huntington Beach, California.
- **John DePerro '64** earned a commission through the John Carroll ROTC program, attended graduate school and flight school and was a helicopter pilot with the 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam. Lt. Colonel DePerro had assignments in Korea and Germany and was the first Carroll grad to teach men and women cadets at West Point Military Academy. John lives in Virginia and is the founding curator of the Cold War Museum. There were 72 lieutenants, according to John, who graduated in the class of 1964. Most of them probably headed to Vietnam; our hats are off to those gentlemen.
- **Joe Ellis '62** went through the ROTC program at Carroll and spent 29 years in various command capacities in Korea, Vietnam, England and Germany. Brigadier General Ellis served in the Senior Army Europe Headquarters Staff. Joe lives in Spring, Texas near Houston.



- **Laurence Feasel '64** was another ROTC officer to head to Vietnam after graduate school. He returned with a Bronze Star only to transfer to the Army Reserve from which he retired as a Colonel. He had a long teaching career in Rochester, NY. Laurence also was ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Rochester and is a minister at a suburban parish.

- **Philip Giacinti '68** earned a Marine Corps. Commission after graduation but received a deferment from active duty to attend law school. Philip withdrew from law school when he learned that his friend and classmate, Fred Hartman '68, was killed in Vietnam. Philip commanded a Hawk Missile platoon in Yuma, AZ then became missile battalion legal officer. Philip spent 40 years practicing law in California. He was instrumental in making sure that Fred Hartman received the Carroll Champion Award.
- **Jerome S. Gladysz '64** was a helicopter pilot for the 1st Cavalry Division from 1966 through 1967 earning a Bronze Star and Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal. In civilian life, he worked in various Marketing Services positions and retired in 2002. He is an aspiring action novel author.
- **Mike Grady's** name came to my attention, but I got no other information.
- **Thomas Grimes '67** spent 11 years at various posts in Vietnam and the United States from 1967 to 1978 after going through the ROTC training. Tom earned the rank of army captain. His political science major at Carroll helped the Army decide to assign him to various positions including civil affairs and military intelligence jobs. Tom lives in Arizona with his wife.
- **Jim Gulley '67** attended OCS at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia in 1968 and in 1969 and 1970 served with the 1st Infantry Division and 1st Air Cavalry in Vietnam.
- **David Haas '64** was a transportation corps. member, but no other information was available.
- **James Hehnen '67** finished Engineer Officer Candidate School in 1969. James earned a Bronze Star in service in Vietnam; after discharge in 1971, he worked in the Labor Relations Board in Cleveland where he now resides.
- **John Horne's** name came to my attention, but I could find no other information about his service.
- **Frank Jeskulski '67, '68** was drafted into the US Army in 1969 and served as an interrogator with the 525 Combat Evaluation Group near Saigon; he earned the rank of E-5. Frank worked for Bethlehem Steel, is now retired and living in Pennsylvania.
- **Lawrence Kandrach '66, '68**, originally from Cleveland, was a captain with Military Intelligence at MACV HQ in Vietnam from August 1969 to August 1970. Lawrence lives in Virginia now, retired and spent much time working for the federal government, mostly with the DEA.
- **Jerry Klug '67** was another classmate we learned about, but we found no other details.
- **Frank Kocevar '68** served in the Marines.

- **Terry Leiden '62** served in Vietnam in 1966.
- **Gary McKillips '67** completed the four year ROTC program at Carroll and served as Captain with the 4th Infantry division in AnKhe and Pleiku, Vietnam in 1969 and 1970. His position was public information officer there. Gary now lives in Atlanta and has had various public relations jobs and does freelance writing.



- **Thomas Timmes '74** received a Master's Degree in American History from John Carroll while he served on the ROTC staff. He spent 28 years in the US Army with various leadership positions including a tour in Vietnam where he earned a Bronze Star. Thomas retired as a Colonel then went to work for the Department of Defense; retired now, Thomas is an author living in Lakeland, Fla.

- **James Mlinac '69** was a 1st Lt. in the US Army from 1969 to 1971 with the 321st Transportation Co. in Long Binh, Viet Nam. James is a retired manufacturing manager living in Mayfield Village, OH.

- **Peter Trentadue '62** served in the Marines as a 1st Lt. in the 1960's as a communications officer for a communications company at Camp Lejuene until 1966. Peter is a retired real estate broker in Oldsmar, Fla.

- **Dan Raleigh '66** served in the Army Airborne Division in Vietnam.

- **Ken Urban '67** served as a naval combat information center officer on a destroyer off the Vietnam coast. Ken was a political science major at Carroll. Ken served as a Lieutenant from 1967 to 1970.

- **Bill Ryan '67** was commissioned in the Marine Corps. He was a Rifle Platoon Leader and Executive Officer for B and C companies 1st Bn, 3rd Marines in Vietnam. Due to injuries received, Bill was retired in 1969 with a Silver Star and Navy Commendation with Valor suffix. Bill later earned his MBA and Juris Doctorate and was and is involved with many veterans' programs.

- **John Volpi '73** was a finance student who served in the Air Force from 1966 to 1970 with the 509th bomb wing. He reached the rank of E-4.

- **Tom Ruh '67** was a hard-working, fun-loving, loyal guy that somehow made it through Marine boot camp and wound up in Vietnam; he was awarded the Naval Achievement Medal with combat "V". Tom passed away while in a VA facility in 2015, but Tom's stories will continue among his friends.

- **Bill Ward '69** was a Captain in the Marines from 1969 to 1972 with the 1st Engineer's Batt. and an advisor in Saigon. He earned the Combat Action Medal, Bronze Star, and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. Back home, Bill spent 10 years as a teacher and policeman for 21 years.



- **Ed Sandrick '70** is a US Marine Corps retired Colonel who earned awards including Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals.

- **Art Shantz '64** was drafted then enlisted and served as an attorney with the JAG in Vietnam and now resides in Ohio.

- **Captain Jack Winch '65**, an ROTC graduate, originally from Lakewood, Oh., served in the Army from 1965 to 1976. He served in Vietnam in 1967 and was wounded there. He returned to the states to fill command positions at various posts and ended up at Ft. Lewis, Washington. He is a CPA married with four children and lives in Tacoma, Washington.

- **Mike Shean '62** was a dental assistant at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. from 1965 to 1967 attaining a rank of Specialist 4. Mike retired from North American Coal in Cleveland; he lives in Lyndhurst, Oh with his wife of 51 years.

- **Ray Smith '61** was in the ROTC program at Carroll; he served in France with transportation detachments and followed up with the Army Reserves reaching the rank of Captain. Ray retired as a teacher in grade schools and college in Ohio, was active in politics and helped build the Lake County Transit System to its successful position in Ohio as chairman of the board.

## Sadly, there were several of our friends that were killed in action in Vietnam:

- It was reported to me that 1st Lt. **Leonard Dadante '62**, an ROTC graduate, was killed in a helicopter crash in Vietnam in 1965.

- **Charlie Sutherland Hymers '65**, a helicopter unit commander pilot from Erie, Pa. died in 1967 in a helicopter crash.

- **Captain Anthony P. Quint '67**, an amphibious craft officer, was tragically killed in 1971 by a building that collapsed in a typhoon just weeks before he was scheduled to leave the area of Chu Lai to head for Da Nang. The 26-year-old Captain was awarded the Bronze Star and Soldier's Medal for heroism. He will be remembered for his sacrifice always as his name appears on the Vietnam Memorial Monument in Washington, Panel O2W, Row 49.

- **Captain Gerald James Winch '63** was an infantry unit commander killed in Vietnam in 1968.

- **Fred Hartman '68** would have been entitled to a draft exemption as an only child in his family. Fred chose to join the Marine Corps; after completion of the PLC program, 2nd Lt. Hartman led his rifle platoon in Vietnam. He took the point position that day in April 1969 putting the needs of his men before his. A sniper's bullet ended Fred's career. Fred was posthumously awarded two Purple Hearts, Vietnam Legion of Merit, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and Combat Action Ribbon. Fred was awarded in 2009 the JCU Champion Shield, which is awarded for bravery and heroism. Fred's portrait is displayed in the Military Science Building on campus. The Hartman Fund was established by Fred's classmates to acknowledge an outstanding John Carroll student who enters the military following graduation.

Unfortunately, many lives were needlessly lost in a war that couldn't be won. Those men that fought in that war were simply doing their duty. Most of us would rather have been home doing what other folks were doing. A lot of Americans looked down upon us as if we had a choice. Now is the time to thank our classmates, our John Carroll family for having done their duty to preserve our freedom that we all enjoy.

Thank you, guys and thanks to anyone we might have missed. Sorry that it took so long to say we appreciate your sacrifice for us.

Thanks to **John Dagil** who helped make this tribute possible.

## October 2019

**11-12**

*Cleveland -*  
MCCARTHY SOCCER WEEKEND



**12**

*Columbus -*  
FOOTBALL TAILGATE



**19**

*Chicago -*  
FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY

**22**

*Detroit -*  
ALUMNI RECEPTION

## November 2019

**2**

*Chicago -*  
FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY

**5**

*Pittsburgh -*  
ALUMNI RECEPTION



**13**

*Chicago -*  
ALUMNI RECEPTION

**19**

*Columbus -*  
ALUMNI RECEPTION

**21**

*Cleveland -*  
GRADUATES OF THE LAST  
DECADE BOOKS AND BREWS

## December 2019

**4**

*Cleveland -*  
CHRISTMAS RECEPTION



**7**

*Buffalo -*  
CHRISTMAS MASS AND SOCIAL

**7**

*Boston -*  
HOLIDAY SERVICE EVENT

**8**

*Cleveland and Chicago -*  
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**14**

*New York City -*  
MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S  
AND BRUNCH



**14**

*Dayton -*  
HOLIDAY SOCIAL

## January 2020

**3**

*Pittsburgh -*  
JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR AT  
THE BENEDUM CENTER

**25**

*Cleveland -*  
JCU NIGHT AT THE  
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

## February 2020

**7**

*Cleveland -*  
CARROLL COUPLES EVENT



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