DEAR FRIENDS,

It goes without saying that these are unprecedented times in our world, our families, and at John Carroll University. Drafting our 2019-20 Annual Report provided us with an opportunity to reflect on life at John Carroll prior to the pandemic, and also to acknowledge the incredible pivot and effort that our community made in response to it. Our fiscal year began as the Class of 2019 entered the workforce. It ended with an empty campus, two months of virtual learning, and a daily list of decisions that protected the safety of our community while also impacting our bottom line.

COVID-19 has affected our daily way of life and accelerated decisions related to our budget and future. Through it all, we’ve been encouraged by the resilience, patience, and flexibility of our community. We are making important decisions on a daily basis and anticipating what the next day might bring. One thing remains clear: we will not compromise the John Carroll University experience for our students. Fulfilling our Jesuit mission and delivering the outstanding education and experience that our students expect remains our focus.

The story of our fiscal year cannot be told without the backdrop of the pandemic. For the first time in more than 130 years, students at John Carroll were “fully remote.” In a matter of days and weeks, we invested millions of dollars and countless hours preparing for virtual learning. We long for our community to be back together, in person, while acknowledging that the steps we took to prevent the spread of the virus on our campus and in our community were essential.

Our most recent fiscal year was filled with highs and lows. With many great achievements for our University by our tremendous students, faculty and staff, John Carroll has much to be proud of when we look back on the past year. We also recognize that the ending of this period was an unprecedented shift in our learning and campus lifestyle.

In the face of adversity, we find opportunity at John Carroll. I am excited to share the outstanding work done by our campus community during the 2019-2020 academic year. Our thanks go to our community, whose unwavering support allows us to grow and evolve as an institution.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM P. DONNELLY ’83
Chair, Board of Directors, John Carroll University

MICHAEL D. JOHNSON, PH.D.
President, John Carroll University
2019-2020 HIGHLIGHTS

JOHN CARROLL TRANSITIONS TO REMOTE LEARNING

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and out of an abundance of caution for the health and well-being of students and faculty on campus, John Carroll made the difficult, but necessary, decision to transition to an online learning environment on March 16, 2020. Students were required to vacate the residence halls and return to their permanent addresses. All classes were transitioned to remote learning. John Carroll took the steps needed to slow the spread of the virus on campus and in the students’ home communities. As is deeply ingrained in our Jesuit tradition, John Carroll continued to set forth policies in response to the pandemic as men and women for and with others for the greater good.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Lauri Strimkovsky joined John Carroll University in September 2019 as the Vice President of Finance and Administration. Most recently, Strimkovsky served as Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer at Ohio Wesleyan. She is responsible for leading and managing the university’s finances and budget, treasury operations, investment management, human capital, information technology, facilities, purchasing, risk management and external properties functions.

Tiffany Galvin Green, Ph.D. joined John Carroll University as the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. In her role, Dr. Green oversees the new Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, bringing together and enhancing existing campus offices and efforts including the Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion (CSDI), the Student Accessibility Services Office, the Title IX Office, and faculty and staff DEI training and development. Dr. Green has more than 20 years of progressive experience in higher education, with a specialization in leadership, diversity and inclusion, organizational behavior, and business management.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS LEADERSHIP CHANGES

William P. Donnelly ’83 was announced as chair of John Carroll University’s board of directors, effective June 1, 2019. Accordingly, Michael Merriman ’78 completed his term as chair, but remains on the Board of Directors. Seven new board members were also announced, including:

- 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 Cavanagh ’84, founding partner, Cavanagh Law Group
- 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, founder, chairman, president and CEO, CardinalCommerce
- Christine O’Brien Kramer ’86, a CPA, board member at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens and the First Tee of Cleveland, and together with her husband, Richard Kramer ’86, namesakes of the Kramer School of Accountancy and Information Sciences in the John M. and Mary Jo Boler College of Business at John Carroll University.

Five were elected to Director Emeriti Status:

- Evelyn Jenkins Gunn, Ph.D. ’73
- Annette Haile ’74
- Robert E. Hetzel, Jr. ’70
- Richard J. Kramer ’86
- Raymond E. Smiley ’51

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JCU WELCOMES TWO NEW DEANS

Dr. Bonnie Gunzenhauser officially began her position as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at John Carroll University on June 29, 2020. She joins John Carroll University from Roosevelt University, where she served in the same role for the last seven years and was a catalyst for innovations and enhancements.

As Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at John Carroll, Gunzenhauser will provide administrative leadership for its academic programs and will also be responsible for developing and leading the college’s strategic plan, implementing dynamic new programs, and continuing to advance the College as a passionate advocate for the strong outcomes that result from JCU’s Liberal Arts based Jesuit education. The University community thanks Dr. Peter Kvidera for his service as the Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences through the unique challenges of this past year.

Dr. Rebecca Drenovsky was unanimously recommended by the Graduate Studies Search Committee for the position of Dean of Graduate Studies at John Carroll and she officially began her duties as Dean on June 8, 2020. In addition to her support of JCU’s current graduate programs, she
has worked to increase the University’s graduate marketing and enrollment and developed new graduate programs. Under her direction, a new structure for the Graduate Studies Office has been established and the University has seen increased graduate revenues and operating efficiencies because of her work and the work of her colleagues. Drenovsky has served the JCU community as a member of the faculty and in administrative roles since 2005. For her efforts, she received the 2020 Distinguished Faculty Award, the highest honor that John Carroll University bestows on a member of its faculty.

CAEP RECOGNIZES JCU’S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) announced that John Carroll University is one of 42 providers from 23 states and the District of Columbia to receive accreditation for their educator preparation programs. The spring 2019 review by the CAEP Accreditation Council resulted in 42 newly-accredited EPPs, bringing the total to 238 providers approved under the CAEP Teacher Preparation Standards – rigorous, nationally recognized standards that were developed to ensure excellence in educator preparation programs.

ADDITIONAL RECOGNITIONS FOR JCU

John Carroll University was named one of the 159 best colleges in the Midwest according to The Princeton Review’s Best in the Midwest honors. The 2020 Best Colleges: Region by Region list includes a total of 656 colleges that The Princeton Review recommends over five regions: Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, West, and International. The colleges that made the “Best in the Midwest” list are located in twelve Midwestern states. JCU was also named to the Kiplinger’s Personal Finance list of the 400 Best College Values for 2019. John Carroll earned the 153rd spot on the magazine’s list of best values and the 48th spot among private colleges and universities.

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT NAMES JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY #2 REGIONAL UNIVERSITY IN MIDWEST

John Carroll University once again earned the #2 spot among the Best Regional Universities in the Midwest according to the 2020 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Rankings. John Carroll also ranked as the top institution in Ohio and the top-ranked Jesuit institution on the Midwest list. The distinction marks the second consecutive year that John Carroll has been ranked second and the 32nd consecutive year that JCU has been recognized in the top-10 of the Midwest rankings.

John Carroll University also received strong rankings in the Midwest in a variety of categories including:

- #1 in Best for Veterans
- #3 in best Undergraduate Teaching
- #6 in Most Innovative Schools
- #16 in Best Value
- #65 in Top Performers in Social Mobility
- A+ Schools for B Students
- JCU was recognized nationally in the following areas:
  - #24 in Service Learning
  - #157 in Undergraduate Business
JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY'S MULDOON CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP RECEIVES VERIZON GRANT TO ENRICH CLEVELAND'S BUCKEYE-LARCHMERE NEIGHBORHOOD

The Muldoon Center for Entrepreneurship at John Carroll University received a $50,000 grant from Verizon to support new programs and projects that empower middle school children and local residents to build a stronger, more connected community in Cleveland's Buckeye-Larchmere neighborhood.

The projects will be a collaboration between John Carroll stakeholders, including the Muldoon Center, the Donnelly School for Leadership and Social Innovation, and the Boler College of Business, as well as Cleveland community leaders and neighborhood champions. The Muldoon Center’s mission to give students the tools and resources to explore their own possibilities aligns with Verizon’s mission to improve confidence in students from under-resourced communities, making it a natural partnership.

The $50,000 grant is the second awarded to the Muldoon Center by Verizon, following a $120,000 grant for Muldoon to host a 3-week Verizon Innovative Learning camp during the summer of 2019.

JOHN CARROLL CAMPUS MINISTRY RECOGNIZED BY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER NETWORK

The Catholic Volunteer Network recognized John Carroll's Campus Ministry Department as a top program in the Midwest region of their network.

The criteria for being named a top school of service was detailed as: “These campus professionals walk with students, help them engage in service, and help them to consider how to incorporate Spirituality & Social Justice into their lives post-graduation. Through this work, they help both their students and our member programs to share in the Vision Statement of the Catholic Volunteer Network: “Through service rooted in faith, all will know the opportunity to impact the world and be transformed.”

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Shula, originally of Painesville, Ohio, is the NFL's all-time leader in wins by a head coach (347). He is the only John Carroll graduate enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Shula is survived by his wife, Mary Anne Stephens, and his five children: Dave, Donna, Sharon, Anne, and Mike.

Shula’s time at John Carroll was highlighted by his accomplishments as a tailback. Paired with another JCU Hall-of-Fame runner, Carl Taseff, the back set a Blue Streaks mark with a 6.6 yard-per-carry average and was named an All-Big-Four honoree during his time on campus.

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His legacy lives on at John Carroll University through Don Shula Stadium, the Shula Chair in Philosophy, and the incredible legacy of fellow Blue Streaks in the NFL’s coaching and front office ranks.

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JOHN CARROLL LAUNCHES JCU JR. INITIATIVE

The Office of Alumni Relations launched a new virtual program focused on the youngest members of the Blue Streak community during the summer of 2020. Children of JCU alumni, faculty, staff, and friends were invited to explore space, science, writing, and baking as part of JCU Jr., an online program developed to engage and enrich the minds of future Blue Streaks.

JCU Jr. online programs included:

• “Exploring Space with a NASA Astronaut,” presented by Col. Carl Walz ’79G, a veteran of four NASA space shuttle missions and one international space station expedition

• “Manatees - Peaceful Giants of the Caribbean,” presented by Dr. Steve Herbert, John Carroll’s provost and academic vice president

• “Baking for Kids,” presented by Chelsea McTigue ’14, ’16G

• “Poetry for Kids,” presented by Dr. Phil Metres, an award-winning poet, professor in the Department of English, and director of the Peace, Justice, and Human Rights program

• “Chemistry for Kids,” presented by Dr. Mark Waner ’91, associate professor of Chemistry

2020 FACULTY AWARDS

Distinguished Faculty Award
Rebecca E. Drenovsky, Ph.D.

Lucrezia Culicchia Award for Teaching Excellence
Colin Swearingen, Ph.D.

Wasmer Outstanding Teaching Award
Lindsay Noble Calkins, Ph.D.

Curtis W. Miles Faculty Award for Community Service
Debra J. Rosenthal, Ph.D.

Outstanding Part-time Faculty Member Award
Nancy Conrdy, Ph.D.
Heinrik Hellwig, Ph.D.

2020 STUDENT AWARDS

ACCOUNTANCY

Allyn Adams Award for Excellence in Accounting
Erick Jones
Leah Steirer

BMF Sophomore Award
Christian Hayes

Ciuni & Panichi Firm Junior Award
Nicole Johnson

Cleveland Public Accounting Senior Award
Constance Liederbach
Jordan Rust
Andrew Sandor

Cohen & Co. Sophomore Award
Thomas Russo

Deloitte Alumni Junior Award
Jennifer Kuhar

Deloitte Alumni Sophomore Award
Madison Sherwood

EY Outstanding Junior Award
Loreto Iafelice

EY Outstanding Senior Award
Rachel Duska

EY Sophomore Award
Jared Mattei

Grant Thornton LLP Junior Award
Joshua Piarr

Grant Thornton LLP Junior Award
Brian Synek

Grant Thornton LLP Sophomore Award
Garrett Clark
Benjamin Nist

HW&Co Junior Award
Jacob Shook

Institute of Internal Auditors Junior Award
Harrison Richardson

Jarosz Family Foundation Senior Award
Antonia Piazza

KPMG LLP Junior Award
Brett Clarke

KPMG LLP Senior Award
Sara Friesmoth

KPMG LLP Sophomore Award
Jack Bennett
Sarah Sahlani

Lubrizol Corporation Junior Award
Carleen Ellerbruch
Kevin Gartner

Lubrizol Corporation Senior Award
Katelyn Hamilton
Katelyn Hamilton
Maloney + Novotny Sophomore Award
Lincoln Chiller

Marcum LLP Outstanding Sophomore Award
Mallory Gifford

Meaden & Moore Junior Award
Matthew Lindholm

Meaden & Moore Junior/Senior Award
Nicholas Yerick

PwC Junior Award
Marisa Johnson

PwC Senior Award
Bradley Smith

PwC Sophomore Award
Kendall Gessner

Robert T. Sullens Excellence in Taxation Award
Megan Dugan
Victoria Webinger

Robert Walsh Award for Outstanding Service
Emily Bischoff
Rachel Kerling

RSM LLP Sophomore Award
Kerry Gramlich

William J. Cenker Outstanding Graduate Student
Brittany Erickson

ATHLETICS

110% Award - Winter
Dani Carlson
Emily Yoos
Clyde A. Lamb Award
Mason Beck
Maddie Dolce
Female Individual Sport MVP
Gwyn Ledrick
Female Newcomer of the Year - Fall
Sydney Jenko
Female Newcomer of the Year - Spring
Megan Reese
Lucia Cannata
Female Newcomer of the Year - Winter
Ashley Lynch
Female Play/Game/Match/Meet of the Year - Fall
Sydney Jenko
Female Play/Game/Match/Meet of the Year - Winter
Olivia Nagy
Female Team Sport MVP
Olivia Nagy
Jaclyn Audino
Male Individual Sport MVP
Deven Ward
Male Newcomer of the Year - Fall
Alex Phillip
Male Newcomer of the Year - Spring
Charlie Shaver
Mitch Midea
Male Newcomer of the Year - Winter
Liam McDonnell
Patrick McGraw
Male Play/Game/Match/Meet of the Year - Fall
Keishawn Colmon
Alex Phillip
Male Play/Game/Match/Meet of the Year - Spring
Hayden Snow

Male Team Sport MVP
Will Turrittin
Ryan Berger

Miss John Carroll
Jennifer Patterson

Mr. John Carroll
Cam Gerard

BIOLOGY

Biology Leadership Award
Sally Makki Abed Al-Qaraghuli
Lauren Phillip
Brendan Sieber

Excellence in Biology Award
Jonathan Bastick
Madelyn DeBene
Madison Juszczak
Rachel Marciano
Josef Mikhail
Brendan Sieber
Alexandra Taylor
Troy Williams
Daniel Wood

Fenton D. Moore Award for Outstanding Biology Graduate
Andrew Benos

Outstanding Biology Scholar
Jonathan Bastick
Kledio Janku
Patrick Jungling
Madison Juszczak
Lauren Phillip
Diana Rios Gurro
Brendan Sieber
**BOLER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

Boler College of Business Favorite Teacher Award
Mark Sheldon

Boler Outstanding Academics Award
Antonia Piazza

Boler Outstanding Service Award
Antonia Piazza

Intern of the Year
Victoria Price

**CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Beaudry Award
Brendan Sieber

Schell Award
Vincenzo Giovannitti

**CHEMISTRY**

American Institute of Chemists Award
Erica Truong

Analytical Chemistry Award
Larick Morgan

Biochemistry Award
Dale Baker

Chemical Principles Award
Abdullah Ali
Morgan Larick

General Chemistry Award
Jared Hinton
Catherine Maas
Patrick McGraw
Cole Morell
Nicholas Silva

Lubrizol Scholarship Award
Lyla Graham
David Sprenger

Mary and Peter A. Lambros Scholar Award
Aysener Musaogullari
Paige Wnek

Organic Chemistry Award
Madison DeTullio
Robert Fogle
Izma Khaliq
Kaitlin Tortorete

Physical Chemistry Award
David Sprenger

Reverend George J. Pickel, S.J. Award
Brendan Sieber

**CLASSICAL & MODERN LANGUAGES & CULTURES**

Robert Corrigan Award in Spanish
Vincenzo Giovannitti

The Bishop Anthony M. Pilla Award for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement in Italian Studies
Philip Quinn

The Rev. Joseph A. Kiefer, S. J., Award for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement in Classical Languages
Mary Rose Flynn

**COMMUNICATION**

Academic Achievement Award
Jenna Noce

Alan R. Stephenson Scholarship
Alexander Rowe

Austin J. Freely Award
Deborah Cha
Aiden Keenan
Michael Roth

Dean's Cup for Debate
Michael Roth

Druckenbrod Award for Communication Ethics
Maria Knepshield

Fred McClure Scholarship for Most Promising Communication Major
Gavyn Martin
Anna Meyer

General Electric Scholarship
Michael Ulishney

James Broslin/WEWS Scholarship for Media Production
Maria Knepshield

Joan L. Cunniff Award in Communication
Anabelle Nietupski

Kathy Dolan Award
Jenna Noce

Lee Andrews Award
Brandi Sutton

Mary Beadle Scholarship
Brandi Sutton

Michael Mansmann Award for Creative Writing in Communication
Natalia Pozuelo-Arbide
Kaitlyn Ryan

Outstanding IMC Creative Award
Molly Killeen
Olivia Stein

Outstanding Senior Award
Megan Frankenberger

Outstanding Speaker for Forensics
Megan Frankenberger

Patti Rosenfeld Award
Samantha Ubalde-Fay

Plain Dealer Scholarship
Ella Schuellerman

President's Cup for Debate
Deborah Cha

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Deborah Cha
Society of Professional Journalists
Sophia Maltese

WJCU Bookstore Award
Noah Tylutki

COUNSELING

2020 Dr. Christopher M. Faiver Award for Excellence in Counseling
Claudia McKinley
Denise Seyranian

CSSA

Charles J. Ping Award
Nick Hubca

George B. Sweeney Endowed Campon Award for Service
Ray Flannery
Maguire Tausch

Newman Civic Fellowship Award
Caroline Maltese

EAST ASIAN STUDIES

The Fr. Richard J. Schuchert, S.J., Memorial Prize in East Asian Studies
Blaise Sypen

ECONOMICS

John Marshall Gersting Award
Sean O’Grady

Joseph & Nina Bombelles Award in Economics
Edward Jenkins IV
Jordan Rust

Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE) Junior Honors Award
Dominic DeSalvo

Sonia S. Gold Economics Achievement Award
Edward (Eddie) Jenkins IV

EDUCATION AND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. William P. Hoffman Scholarship
Helen Fisher

Father Joseph Owens, S.J. Award
Delaney Burns
Joseph Clark

Francis Ted Huck Award for Excellence in Education - Adolescent Young Adult
Julia Antonelli

Francis Ted Huck Award for Excellence in Education - Early Childhood
Katherine Marusic
Kelly Robinson

Francis Ted Huck Award for Excellence in Education - Middle Childhood
Mariel Hayes
Michelle Ritchey

Golden Apple Award - Adolescent/Young Adult
Julia Antonelli
Nicholas Bayda
Julia Ferrando
Leslie Gair
Nathaniel Prijatel

Golden Apple Award - Early Childhood
Caillan Fitzsimmons
Renée Hilditch
Katherine Marusic
Kelly Robinson

Golden Apple Award - Middle Childhood
Kala Marshal
Sara Martin
Michelle Ritchey

J. Joseph Whelan Leadership in Service Award
Juliana Booth
Calvin Chmura

ENGLISH

David LaGuardia Fiction Award
Andrew Gilkey

Joseph Cotter Poetry Award
Sauharda Sedhein

Rev. Francis Smith, S.J. Senior Essay Award
Francesca Mancino

Richard W. Clancy Outstanding Senior English Major Award
Elizabeth Marcelli
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Outstanding Junior Award
Heather Lewis
James Reese

Outstanding Senior Award
Antonia Piazza
Owen Carpenter

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (IBLC)

Outstanding Senior Academic Award
Matthew Hallgarth

Outstanding Senior Service Award
Noah Paulsen

FINANCE

A.J. Clifford, S.J., Outstanding Senior in Finance Award
Lauren Kardohely

David M. Benacci Award for Promising Investment Managers
Jenna Alpuche
Terry Bechakas
Brandon Callison
Noah Johnston
Mitchell Kotheimer

Finance Faculty Student Service Award
Anthony Lunetta

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MINOR

Outstanding Student in the Leadership Development Minor
Emily Bischoff
Marissa Haas

MARKETING

Junior Award
Christian Harwood

Senior Award
Alyssa Troyer

MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Award for Academic Achievement in Computer Science
Ashley Gianguzzo
Lindsey Herman
Ryan Houghtaling
Segrue Kelsey
Jonathan Lee
Morgan Migh
James Millard
Matthew O’Donnell
Rome Ogeto
Danny Pham
Truc Tran

Award for Academic Achievement in Data Science
Eric Andrews
Yohan Joo

Eugene R. Mittinger Mathematics Award
Colin Corcoran
John Heisterkamp

Fr. Raymond W. Allen, S.J. Teaching Mathematics Award
Nicholas Bayda

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award
Ryan Houghtaling

MHR

Junior Award
Kristin Bricker

Senior Award
Amit Nandwani

MILITARY SCIENCE

Professor of Military Science Award
Cory Beam
John Selep

NONPROFIT ADMINISTRATION

Nonprofit Leader of Tomorrow
Danielle Drake
Collin Ries

PEACE, JUSTICE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Outstanding Undergraduate Major
Kendra Cundiff
PHYSICS
The Joseph L. Hunter Award
Taylor Clark
Kyle Blasinsky
The Lawrence J. Monville, S.J. Award
Crew Weunski

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Exemplary Service Award
Elizabeth Marcelli
Rachel Schubert
John V. Czerapowicz International Relations Award
Yohan Joo
Harim Ochaeta
Kathleen L. Barber Scholastic Achievement Award
Sally Makki Abed Al-Qaraghuli
Michael Brody
Ivan Hladni
Bryce Marshall
Megan Parker
Dorothy Swagler

PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAM
The Terrence H. Ahearne, SJ Award
Brendan Sieber

PSYCHOLOGY
Psi Chi Inductee
Brianna Boyko
Sophia Bruno
Shannon Callaghan
Amanda Cheravitch
Victoria Criswell
Sydney Darrick
Hannah Djakovich
Jamie Gatesman
Suzanna Goodman
Alexandria Iemma
Bethany Jewell
Julia Kashuba
Caitlin Kenney
Natalie Larkman
Jasmine McCallum
Patyn Nicolosi
Alana Okuley
Thora Reagan
Kiera Reilly
Sarah Rodriguez
Derek Rymers
Jonathan Sandstrom
Katherine Satler
Sarah Skuhrovic
Mary Stepanek
Abigail Wille

The Nicholas DiCaprio Award for the Distinguished Graduate in Psychology
Rebekah Altonen
Juliette Keepke

The Psychology Scholastic Achievement Award
Sana Ghiba
Juliette Keepke

SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY
John R. Carpenter Criminology Award
Adelyn Burns
Robert B. Carver: Junior Achievement Award
Ashley Ambrose
Paige Betley
Robert B. Carver: Senior Achievement Award
Brianna Sweeney
Ruth P. Miller Human Service Award
Autumn Franz
Timothy J. Fenske Award
MacKensie Adams

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
Leadership Legacy Award
Sally Makki Abed Al-Qaraghuli
Kaylee Bowersock
Vincenzo Giovannitti
Tom Korsa
Jennifer Patterson
Outstanding Student Leader Award
Bri Chlosta
Ayoub Harb
Edward Jenkins IV
Caitlin Kenney
Megan Lane
Alana Okuley
Lucy Peloso
Katy Zoller

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
Junior Award
Victoria Price
Senior Award
Alexis Chupper
Outstanding Graduating Senior Award
Nicholas Holoman
JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY has a strong balance sheet and investments. This past year saw University net assets at $360 million, which is the same as the previous year.

REVENUE
Total undergraduate enrollment decreased 2% from last year to 3,017 due to a 14% decrease in the incoming freshman class. Consistent with industry trends, our discount rate continues to rise keeping our net student fee revenue flat. The University’s student fee revenue was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic this year. The revenue impacts from the pandemic include issuing student refunds for Spring 2020 housing, dining and parking fees, and lost revenues due to event cancellations. Fundraising remained consistent at $172.4 million, but due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, total revenue was $97 million, which was 5% lower than the prior year.

OPERATING EXPENSES
Operating expenses remained consistent at $97 million compared to prior year. Salaries and benefits increased $1.8 million this year, but that increase was offset by reduced costs associated with a disciplined cost focus and the campus shut down that began in early March 2020 due to COVID-19.

ENDOWMENT
The University’s endowment portfolio increased by $5 million to $229 million. This performance was driven by investment gains of $10 million and additional contributions of $6 million offset by net endowment support for operations of $11 million. The portfolio return for the endowment was 5.2%. The John Carroll endowment has produced compound average returns of 5% over the past three years. The endowment portfolio remains well diversified with 61% in domestic and international securities, 1.3% in fixed income, and 26% in alternative strategies including private equity and real asset funds.

CREDIT QUALITY
Excellent liquidity levels continue to bolster the University’s credit quality. Monthly Days Cash on Hand was 429 days in 2020. Total debt outstanding declined to $66 million from $67 million in 2020 while Spendable Cash and investments to Total Debt remained stable at 1.9 times coverage.

ZOOM AND THE MOVE TO REMOTE LEARNING
When JCU closed campus in March 2020 due to COVID-19, the move to remote learning and operations was smooth. ITS rolled out a campus license for a new web-based communication platform, Zoom, giving all JCU students, faculty, and staff access to Zoom Pro accounts. ITS also integrated Zoom with the Canvas Learning Management System to ensure students and faculty would be able to leverage the tool for their courses within canvas for ease of use. After learning that other universities were experiencing security incidents involving Zoom in late spring, ITS responded quickly by increasing security and education for instructors and participants to minimize the impact.

FLEXIBLE HYBRID LEARNING (HYFLEX) MODEL
ITS and Centréity (Instructional Design Consultant) teamed up as an Instructional Design Help Desk and pushed out tips and suggestions to faculty. When the spring semester ended, Centréity created an Ignatian Pedagogy Design Workshop: a series of four-week bootcamps that focused on building HyFlex courses using a template based on Quality Matters standards. Combined with skills-based courses to complement the training offered by ITS and the Center for Digital Media, faculty and staff engaged in over 58,968 professional development hours completed through summer.

The HyFlex model was chosen for the flexible delivery options. Initially, the model focused on the flexibility for students: by building courses for the worst-case scenario, you build a robust experience that other universities were experiencing security incidents. Faculty member Malia McAndrews created a HyFlex learning group. Webinars were offered by the Provost’s office, Faculty, ITS, and Centréity to prepare for faculty return.

“...the result of this effort was truly a transformed experience for John Carroll students when we began the fall semester. While this was a very challenging transition, it was an amazing display of the cura personalis that is the hallmark of Jesuit education.”

- Todd Bruce, Assistant Provost
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